

The first year of current issues in sport science (2016) – journey has started

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About a year ago we introduced CURRENT ISSUES IN SPORT SCIENCE (CISS) as a new journal with the aim to cover the entire field of sport science to celebrate the identity of a very interdisciplinary field of scientific activities by providing a modern open access approach for publishing high quality research (Kopp, 2016). In addition to reports of original research, the journal aims to publish review articles, reports (including case studies, short communications, theoretical or practical reflections), invited commentaries and target articles.

This framework for furthering sport science research paradigms was supported by the Sport Scientific Societies of Austria and Switzerland and was provided by the Journal founders with establishing the sections biology & medicine, biomechanics & informatics, movement & exercise science, pedagogy & history, psychology & philosophy and sociology & economics.

Now, at the beginning of the 2nd year of CISS, it seems necessary to reflect the first months of this new approach.

After the formal start grounded on decisions of the Sport Scientific Societies of Austria and Switzerland, a team built up comprising six section editors and one copy editor around an editor of chief, surrounded by advisory boards from Austria and Switzerland as well as an international advisory board spiked with excellent experts from all fields of sport science. Together with the publisher 'innsbruck university press (iup)', we developed layout for the articles and design for the website based on the

ABSTRACT

CURRENT ISSUES IN SPORT SCIENCE (CISS) has started by building an international team with experts from all fields of sport science around an editorial team of six section editors and one editor in chief. After finding a publisher and the development of layout and website, the formal outbreak in 2016 led to one target article about quiet eye research with 15 commentaries. Out of nine original submissions, two were published in 2016, some more are in the pipeline. Overall, for sure not a rash start but a sound development of a long-term project, which now is dependent from high quality submissions of sport scientists.

open journal system for handling all editorial processes including publication.

When focusing on original articles, we received nine submissions, in more detail one in biology & medicine, one in biomechanics & informatics, two in movement & exercise science, one in pedagogy & history, three in psychology & philosophy and one in sociology & economics. Two of those are already published (Ruedl, Benedetto, Fink, Bauer & Burtscher 2016; Schnyder & Hossner, 2016), two are accepted and will appear soon, one is under revision before being resubmitted, three are under review (first round), one was retracted from the authors because they felt difficulties revising their manuscript successfully, and one was rejected following the recommendations of our reviewers.

Overall, the good news is that all sections of CISS were addressed by submissions what seems to be a proof for this selection. However, the number of submissions was low in the first year. Reasons may be found in the availability of many Journals, which are already listed with an impact factor in the *Web of Science* citation reports and the high pressure of researchers publishing their work in this – at the moment – more 'visible' magazines. However, increasing the number of submissions will be the primary aim of CISS in the future.

The highlight of the first year was the target article from Vickers (2016a) edited by Hossner (2016) with 16 commentaries from

very famous researchers in this scientific field (Baker & Wattie; Causer; Davids & Araujo; Farrow & Panchuk; Foulsham; Frank & Schack; Gegenfurtner & Szulewski; Helsen, Levin, Ziv & Davar; Klostermann, Vater & Kredel; Mann, Wright & Janelle; Rodrigues & Navarro; Schorer, Tirp & Rienhoff; Spering & Schütz; Watson & Enns; Williams; Wilson, Wood & Vine, 2016) and a response from Vickers (2016b). In our opinion, continuing the approach of target articles is an important point to increase visibility and popularity of CISS for the future. It seems to be a sound and honest strategy to involve well-known experts of different sport science fields to contribute within our Journal.

Summing up, our departure was not hasty but as we want to establish a marathon project, from a sport science point of view, we have made a good start into this long-distance venture. Nevertheless, we will try to increase speed within the next years but we are piggyback on colleagues sending their work to CISS. Therefore, we want to encourage all of you to submit to CISS very soon, qualitative submissions are oxygenating this young but promising sport science approach!

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