

Study Group Name - Sociology of Sport Study Group

Year 2016 – 2017

1. Established: 1995

2. Current Membership Figure: 202 (180 in 2016)
Members BSA/ Non Members BSA - approximately 50% BSA

3. SG Expenditure: £68.95
SG Income: £00.00
SG Balance: £114.35

4. Aim/s of SG:

To promote research and scholarship in the sociology of sport; represent, in appropriate fora, the professional interests of those engaged in the sociology of sport; raise the profile of expertise in the sociology of sport in public debate and within appropriate user constituencies; generate links and liaison with appropriate national and international groups with complementary scholarly interests.

5. Review of Year:

The Sport Study Group has continued to attract a steady flow of new recruits – up from 143 (February 2015) to 180 (February 2016) and now stands at 202 (February 2016). The decision to allow non-BSA members to join the group via the jisc mail list may explain the increase in membership numbers. From 2015 the study group has been co-convened by John Horne (UCLan) and Mark Doidge (Brighton). From April 2017, Mark Doidge will be the lead convenor.

6. Key Activities during year 2016 - 2017:

The group held its business meeting at the 2016 Annual Conference at Aston University in Birmingham and this was well attended by over 15 delegates. We also held our forum for postgraduate students at York St John University in September 2016. The University of Lincoln will host the 2017 PG Forum on 1st September. This continues a long tradition and key role of the study group in supporting postgraduate students. In February 2017 the Sport Study Group held a one-day workshop on 'Research & Teaching in the Sociology of Sport' at the BSA meeting rooms in London attracting 25 people.

7. Concluding Remarks:

The study group remains lively and active in its 22nd year. The business meeting will once again take place at the annual conference in Manchester in April 2017. The Postgraduate event will be held by Lincoln University in September 2017. A key outcome of the February 2017 workshop was the identification of the isolation of sport sociologists and a desire for the collecting of examples of teaching best practice. A related teaching-focused workshop will thus be held at the University of Northampton in 2017- 2018.

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