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QATAR'S orthopaedic and sports medicine hospital Aspetar announced a three-year partnership with the European College of Sport Science (ECSS).

The tie-up was made after the annual ECSS Congress held in Amsterdam, the Netherlands, last week.

As part of the agreement, Aspetar and the ECSS will launch an Excellence in Football Research Award. The aim is to attract and support novel, applied research projects that have potential applications in football. The top six projects will be awarded the illustrious accolade.

In addition, Aspetar will also serve as a gold partner of the conference for the next two years.

Aspetar Director General Dr Khalifa Al Kuwari said, "It's with great pleasure that we announce the three-year partnership between ECSS and Aspetar. By collaborating with the ECSS, Aspetar will demonstrate its dedication towards doing more research works and this'll help athletes around the world fulfil their potential."

The 19th ECSS Congress comprised symposiums, oral and e-poster presentations, meetings, workshops as well as satellite sessions.