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Researchers to meet in Malmö at Sustainable Sports Conference

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More than 2,000 researchers are expected to attend the European College of Sport Science (ECSS), one of the leading conferences in sport science, which will be held in Malmö in 2015 under the auspices of Malmö University. The theme of the conference is sustainable sports, and this will be reflected in every aspect of this event from presentations to the selection of beverages.

According to Aage Radmann, assistant professor at the Sport Sciences Department, who serves as project co-ordinator of ECSS, together with Professor Susanna Hedenborg, sustainability includes issues with a broad scope, such as how to organize huge sporting events in a sustainable way, as well as questions regarding how each individual should exercise to develop and maintain a body that will function well over an entire lifetime, whether that individual is an elite athlete or just a jogger

Bikes and tap water

The 20th European College of Sport Science (ECSS) will take place on 24-27 June 2015, but the programme needs to be largely ready by the 2014 conference, which will be held in Amsterdam.



The sustainability theme should permeate the 2015 conference, ranging from its keynotes address, sessions and papers to ensuring environmentally-friendly conference amenities (e.g., no bottled water at lunch).

The organizers are also using their efforts to secure a sponsorship agreement that will provide bicycles for the conference delegates. After all, Malmö is truly a bike-friendly town.

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Broad scientific scope

The ECSS is arranged in cooperation with the Department of Health Sciences at Lund University and the Department of Nutrition, Exercise and Sports at the University of Copenhagen, together with World Village of Women Sports. The ECSS is responsible for half of the conference programme, with the universities organizing the remainder.

Aage Radmann explains that Copenhagen University is in charge of the physiology and the sports medicine content, while Lund University will organize biomechanics topics. The Sport Sciences Department in Malmö will highlight the social science and humanities perspectives, according to Aage Radmann. As sport science and the ECSS are dominated by natural science and medical perspectives, it's important for us to highlight our areas of expertise.

What do you want to take this opportunity to emphasize sport science research at Malmö University?

“We have a fine track record in the fields of social science and humanities, and we're good at research in the areas of sport for children and young people, sport management and sport governance. Of course we're hoping to put Malmö University on the map in the field of sport science”, Aage Radmann declares.

What does it mean to arrange one of the major conferences in the field of sport science?

“We are aware of the importance of this event. Liverpool, for example, attracted more students and found it easier to recruit staffs after having organized the ECSS”, Aage Radmann concludes.

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