



Biennial Report 2017-2019 of Research Network 28

1. Name and Number of RN

Research Network 28 Society and Sport

2. Names and email addresses of:

a. outgoing Coordinators and board members (past term)

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b. incoming Coordinators and board members (new term after this year's conference)

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3. Activities:

Mid-term conference 2018

In 2018, the network held its mid-term conference, as usual as part of the larger annual EASS conference (that year – *Sport, Discriminations and Inclusion: Challenges to Face*, University of Bordeaux, 23rd-26th May). ESA was mentioned in all communications as co-sponsor of the conference. Honorata Jakubowska, the coordinator of ESA RN28, was a member of the Scientific Committee of this conference. ESA RN28 has proposed 3 special sessions and organized one of them: *Forced Migration and Sport*. Its members were actively involved in 6 other sessions. They presented

4 papers and chaired 3 sessions. Although the representation of RN was not numerous, it was visible and offered an important contribution to the conference.

ESA Conference 2019

In 2019, at the Manchester conference, RN28 organised 8 sessions, including 2 joint sessions (with RN15 and RN20) and delivered 29 papers. Stacey Pope was invited as keynote speaker giving her lecture titled *Gender and Football: A New Age for Media Coverage of Women's Sport and Future Research Agendas*. During the business meeting, the strengths and the weaknesses of RN28's functioning were discussed, and the new board was built.

Newsletter

RN28 has its own newsletter distributed through a mailing list. As for the content, it provides information on the RN28 members' last publications, ongoing research projects as well as call for papers. Until now, three issues were provided.

Social media

RN28 does not have its own website, however, it has its own Twitter and Facebook accounts.

Publications

The publications of RN28 members are listed in the RN newsletter. Some members are very active in this field, publishing not only in their national languages but also in English in the most important sport related journals. Common publications were encouraged and produced.

Collaboration within ESA with other RNs

In the continuity of the previous ESA congresses, RN28 organized joint sessions with other RNs. As for the last congress, with RN15 (Global, Transnational and Cosmopolitan Sociology) and RN20 (Qualitative Methods). Honorata Jakubowska, as a coordinator of RN28, was invited for the RN20 mid-term conference (2018, St. Gallen, Switzerland). She also collaborates with RS Sociology of Knowledge, while Alessandro Porrovecchio, the new coordinator (2019-2021), acts with RN33, Women and Gender Studies. Some of RN28's members were also active participants of RN16, Sociology of Health and Illness' sessions. As for the future, we are planning to improve the collaboration with some other RNs.

Finances

ESA's funding was 2505 euro. 2000 euro were spent on mid-term conference according to the agreement between ESA and ADRSHSS, Bayonne. 505 euro (the agreement between ESA and Polish Sociological Association) was spent for the invitation of the keynote speaker (conference fee, travel and accommodation) and a small amount was used for indirect costs related to the bank account.

Any action to be taken to improve participation of PhD students and early career researchers?

We will discuss with the board members the possibility of organizing a PhD workshop, with a prize for the best presentation. The PhD workshop will ideally be organized during the midterm conference, during the annual EASS conference in Southampton.

Any action to be taken to expand membership, especially from countries with overall weaker ESA membership? Also, are there members from outside Europe?

At the present time there is just one member from Israel, while RN28 is overall composed of 22 members. Organizing a PhD workshop will probably encourage early stage researchers to become members of the RN.

Any action to be taken to improve opportunities for publication of papers presented at the RN meetings and sessions?

As for the 2017-2019, some common publications were encouraged. Among the publications, probably the most significant was a special issue of the Society Register journal 2(1), edited by the RN28 coordinator, Honorata Jakubowska.

At the present time we are looking for a journal to publish another special issue on some specific topics that will be discussed within the board.

Any other important activities undertaken by your RN?

Nothing significant

Any plans for further activities of your RN?

What emerges from the very first discussions within the RN28 board is the will to organize a PhD workshop, to promote some other common publications and to encourage some research and teaching collaborations among our members through our constant interaction. Together with these intentions, we will boost our social media presence to gain more visibility and encourage participation and get new members.
