



From: South American Society of Sport Psychology – SOSUPE
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To: ISSP Managing Council

Dear ISSP members,
Dear colleagues,

I have high positive emotions and memories in the moment I am writing this letter on the occasion of the ISSP's 50th Anniversary.

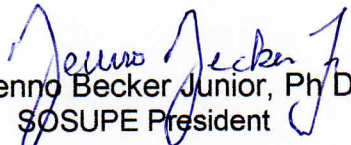
In Europe, in 1975, I met a number of colleagues who had presented research papers at the first ISSP World Congress in Rome, 1965. One of them was Dr. Frederico Balagué, from Barcelona, who kindly gave me the phone number of his daughter, Gloria Balagué – who would become a key-person in the international sport psychology – in order to arrange a meeting to let me know what was going on in this new field for me. That meeting with Gloria triggered my motivation to attend the ISSP World congress to be held in 1977, in Prague.

My experience in that congress motivated me to work for the promotion of sport psychology in Brazil and South America. Thus, the Brazilian Society of Sport Psychology (SOBRAPE) was founded in 1979 and the South American Society of Sport Psychology (SOSUPE) in 1986. I am also very honored to have been a ISSP Managing Council member in two consecutive terms (1989-93 and 1993-97) which helped me in the cooperation between SOSUPE and ISSP.

On behalf of SOSUPE, in this important occasion I wish to greet ISSP as well as its managing council and members. SOSUPE expresses its best wishes that sport psychology may be developed in every region of the World, using accessible educational materials, especially in what concerns the countries of the Third World. May every psychologist's intervention follow the ethical principles that were so well expressed in the 1982 ISSP Position Stand on this topic.

SOSUPE will work together with ISSP on expanding our field. Although sometimes geographically distant, we will continue with great passion the work of helping the development of sport psychology among students and professionals in the South America countries.

Porto Alegre, Brazil, March 8, 2015


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