



# INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH NETWORK IN SPORT TOURISM

## 9th IRNIST Conference

### Sport Tourism Development: Local to Global Perspectives

05<sup>th</sup> – 07<sup>th</sup> June 2023, Berlin (Germany)

#### Call for Communications

Sport tourism is one of the fastest-growing sectors within the global tourism industry (United Nations World Tourism Organization, 2020). Within this geopolitical context, small-scale sport tourism events offer a wealth of opportunities for local host cities and communities (Melo, Sobry & Van Rheenen, 2021). Many cities, countries, and regions seek to capitalize on the local and global opportunities of sport tourism. However, as one of the fastest-growing sectors in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century, the global tourism industry has been challenged to confront the ethical and legal mandates regarding sustainability.

The notion of sport tourism as an innovative tool for sustainable territorial development or “vectors for sustainable development” (Pickel-Chevalier, 2015) has gained recent purchase within the literature (Mazza & Sobry, 2022; Melo, Sobry & Van Rheenen, 2021; Naria et al., 2022; Van Rheenen & Melo, 2021). These territories have emerged in numerous locations globally, islands of commerce and touristic experiences within nation-states and natural environments (parks, mountain ranges, etc.) that traverse traditional borders and boundaries.

The 9th IRNIST Conference invites papers included in the ongoing IRNIST research project analysing sport tourism on small islands from a global perspective, as well as papers focusing on the main topics of the current Special Issue of *Sustainability* ([https://www.mdpi.com/journal/sustainability/special\\_issues/YWZR69TGB6](https://www.mdpi.com/journal/sustainability/special_issues/YWZR69TGB6)). In addition, we also encourage authors to submit papers focusing on sport tourism as a factor in the development of a territory or place and/or as a niche market.

Topics for the conference include:

- Sport Tourism on small islands;
- Sport Tourism and (running) events;
- Novel ways of understanding (knowing and doing) sustainable sport tourism;
- Conceptual models regarding sport tourism and sustainable development;
- Critical innovations in sport tourism;
- Territorial development of sport tourism and local sustainable practices;
- Green or ecolabeling and branding linked to sport tourism;
- Best environmental management practices for sport tourism;
- New media and emerging technologies linked to sport tourism and sustainability;
- Critical ecopedagogy and sport tourism development;
- Stakeholder collaborations in eco-friendly sport tourism activities or events;
- Other relevant topics related to the subject.

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## Author information

Please send your proposed communication title, the name of author/s and an abstract of no more than 3000 characters including a maximum of three references (cited below the abstract following the APA style to Alexander Hodeck (alexander.hodeck@ism.de) by 15th February 2023.

All presentations will be held in English; presentations will be 15 minutes, followed by 5 minutes of questions and answers (Q&A).

The best conference paper among Ph.D. candidates will be awarded.

## Timeline

25 <sup>th</sup> November 2022	Opening of the Call for Communications
15 <sup>st</sup> February 2023	Deadline for Abstract Submissions
28 <sup>th</sup> February 2023	Answer of the Reviewers about acceptance
15 <sup>th</sup> April 2023	End of Early Bird Registration
20 <sup>th</sup> May 2023	Final Date for Registration
05 <sup>th</sup> -7 <sup>th</sup> June	IRNIST Conference in Berlin

## Keynote Speakers (invited):

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## Registration

Registration will be accepted from 01<sup>st</sup> February 2023 online via: [www.servicesport.org](http://www.servicesport.org)

Fees include participation in all facets of the conference, welcome package, electronic conference proceedings, coffee, and lunch breaks as well as Come Together and Gala Dinner. The Sightseeing Tour must be paid separately.

Fees	Before 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2023	From 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2023
<b>Professor or Professional</b>	325€	375€
<b>Students or PhD Students (with proof)</b>	225€	275€
<b>Sightseeing Tour</b>	40€	40€

## Payment:

After the registration process You will have to pay the fee directly to the bank account of the International Research Network in Sport Tourism (IRNIST).

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