



## Biennial Report of Research Networks

### 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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- Lucie Fortié, Université Toulouse III, lucie.forte@univ-tlse3.fr
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#### b. incoming Coordinators and board members (new term after this year's conference)

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### 3. Activities:

The past two years have been very successful for RN 28 Sport and Society. After the network was revamped in 2009, courtesy to Davide Sterchele, the network has consistently been growing, perhaps not as much in numbers but more in terms of consistent presence at conferences, establishing working relations with other networks, and establishing procedures and protocols for good governance.

In 2015, at the ESA Prague conference, a new board was established consisting of 10 members, among them - PHD/ECR representative. Unfortunately, no vice-coordinator could be found. Nevertheless, the board functioned well during this period. All board members were actively involved and all necessary decisions were made. Research Network's board was presented on the old ESA's website (*Who is Who*) and has created a Facebook page of RN: <https://www.facebook.com/ESARN28/>.

In 2016, the network held its mid-term conference, as usual as part of the larger annual EASS conference (that year - *Sport in the City – Urbanity, Mobility and Social Change*, University of Copenhagen, 4<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> May). ESA was mentioned in all communications as co-sponsor of the conference. A business meeting was held as well as an interesting and well visited session on Sport-events. This session delivered the input for a report on Sportevents that was put together by the Mulier Institute for the EU sport-presidency of the Netherlands.

In 2017, at the Athens conference, RN28 delivered 38 papers, 7 of which in joint sessions with other RN's (RS12, RN33 and RN35). Most sessions drew crowds of 20-30 people and resulted in very lively debates. The general feeling was that Athens 2017 once again showed that sports generates considerable interest from sociologists, both from within the network itself as from other networks. Especially successful was the RN28 key-note session. This key-note session was well attended (30-40 people). Dominic Malcolm delivered the key-note, and Dino Numerato and Oli Williams acted as co-referents. Both the key-note and the shorter reactions from both referees elicited a very lively debate on the future of the sociology of sport. The general feeling was that this format deserves repeating.

Business-wise, the 2015-2017 was successful. Due also to the preceding key-note session, the 2017 business meeting drew a respectful crowd of some 25-30 people. At the business meeting, decisions were made on the statutes of the network and a new board was elected. The board now consists of a coordinator, a vice-coordinator, a past-coordinator and 6 regular members (see 2b.). Four board members stopped, three new board members could be welcomed. Financially, from the budget of 1720 euro, 1515 euro were spent. It is suggested to transfer the remaining 205 euro to the new period.