

Study Group Name - Sociology of Sport Study Group

Year 2013 – 2014

1. Established: 1995

2. Current Membership Figure: 111

Members BSA/ Non Members BSA - approximately 3/4s BSA

3. SG Expenditure: £496

SG Income: £0

SG Balance: £496 (January 2014)

4. Aim/s of SG:

To promote research and scholarship in the sociology of sport; represent, in appropriate fora, the professional interests of those engaged in the sociology of sport; raise the profile of expertise in the sociology of sport in public debate and within appropriate user constituencies; generate links and liaison with appropriate national and international groups with complementary scholarly interests.

5. Review of Year:

Following the creation of the JISC mailing list ('Sport Study Group') the group has continued to attract a steady flow of new recruits. At the business meeting held at the annual conference in April 2013 it was decided to allow non-BSA members to join the group and so this may partially have led to the increase in membership numbers since last year. An incentive for BSA members of the group was the introduction of an occasional book competition sponsored by Sage.

6. Key Activities during year 2013 - 2014:

The group organised and funded a stream plenary at the annual conference in London in April 2013 and held a forum for postgraduate students in September 2013. The group also supported, via publicity, an event hosted by the University of Brighton in September 2013. A planned event on 'Sport and Protest' had to be postponed owing to work commitments of the organiser, but this is now likely to be staged in 2015.

7. Concluding Remarks:

The study group remains lively and active. The business meeting will take place during the annual conference in Leeds in April. Cardiff University will host the 2014 PG Forum in September, organised as ever by local postgraduate and early career researchers. Other study groups have expressed an interest in working together with the group in the future (e.g. Scottish Studies; Medical Sociology) and we look forward to holding discussions about appropriate topics for events.

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