Science and Racket Sports past, present and future

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- origins of S&RS
- past achievements
- present status
- future prospects



UNESCO

United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation

ICSSPE

International Council of Sports Science and Physical Education



World Commission for Sports Science



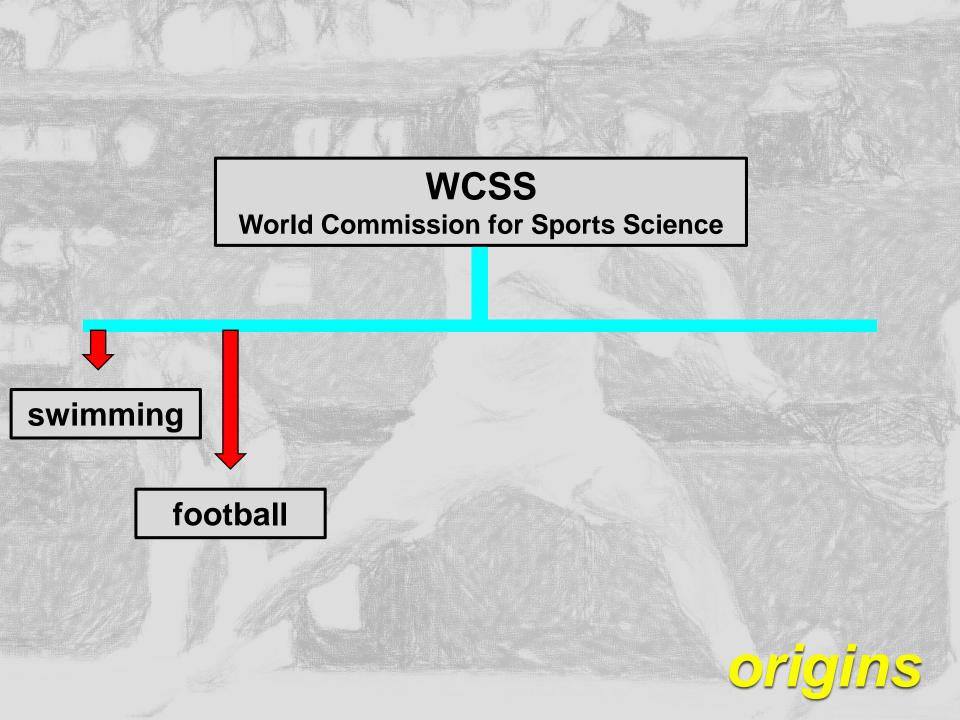
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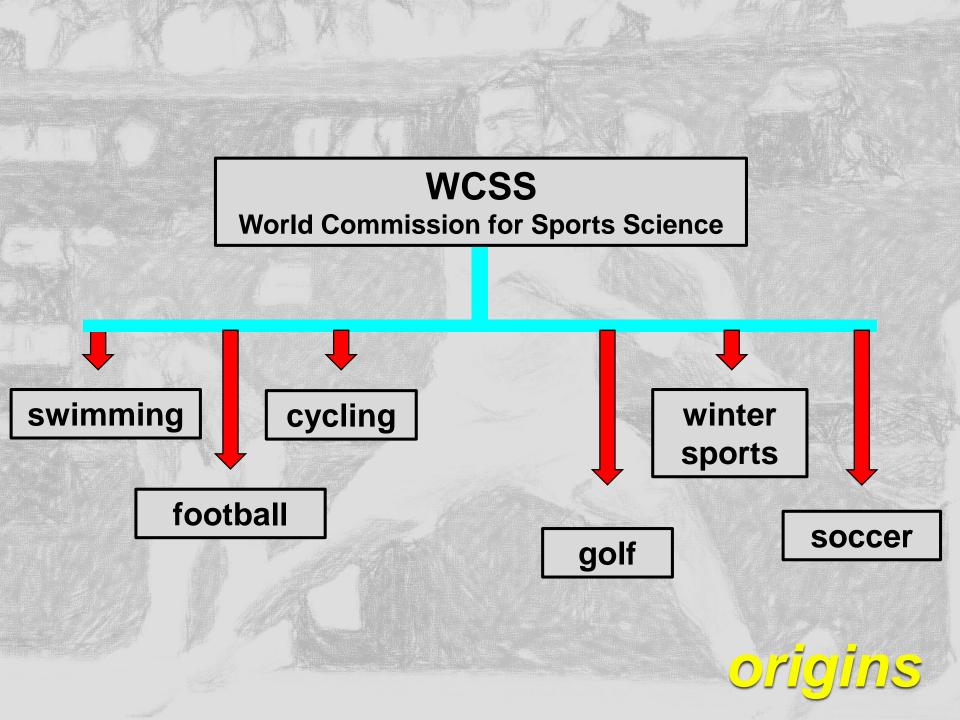
To bring together scientists and practitioners whose interests lay in specific sports and the current scientific information on those sports

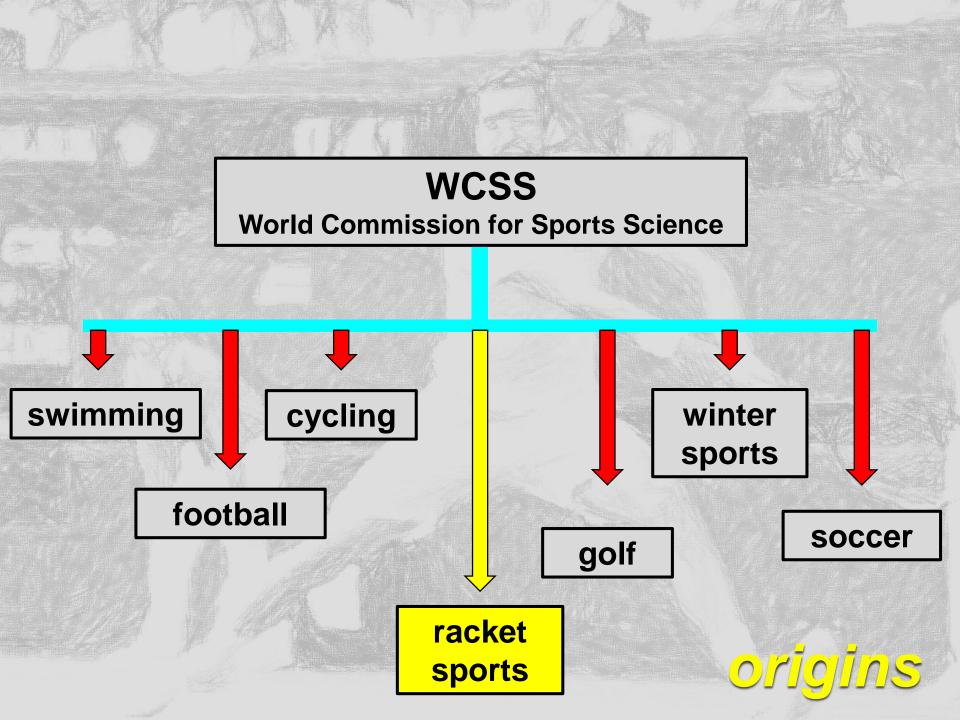
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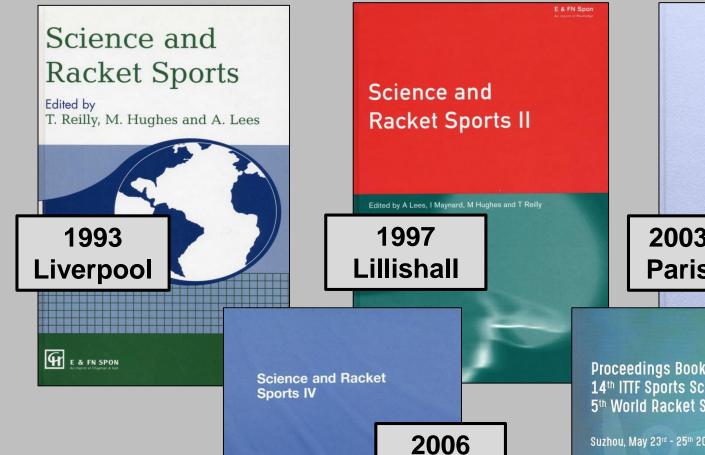
To ensure that the scientific findings presented at each gathering were made widely available and easily disseminated to both scientist and practitioner











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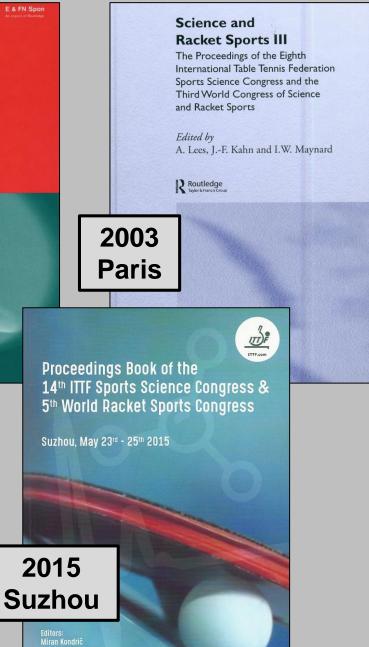




Table 1. Past congresses

	Congress	Date	Location	published papers
	1	1993	Liverpool, UK	44
	2	1997	Lillishall, UK	40
	3	2003	Paris, France	44
	4	2006	Madrid Spain	42
	5	2015	Suzhou, China	31

Table 2. Domicile of principle author of published papers

	Liverpool UK	Lillishall UK	Paris France	Madrid Spain	Suzhou China	TOTAL
Europe	30	34	36	39	17	156
Asia	8	2	6	5	14	35
N. America	3	3	2	0	0	8
Africa	3	0	0	0	0	3
S. America	0	1	0	0	0	1
Middle East	0	0	0	0	0	0

Table 3. Sport focus of published papers

	Liverpool UK	Lillishall UK	Paris France	Madrid Spain	Suzhou China	TOTAL
Tennis	20	14	14	20	4	72
Table Tennis	0	9	18	5	19	51
Badminton	8	3	4	11	3	29
Squash	7	10	5	3	1	26
others	0	0	0	1	4	5

Table 4. Scientific topics addresses by published papers

	Liverpool UK	Lillishall UK	Paris France	Madrid Spain	Suzhou China	TOTAL
physiology	15	14	10	13	8	60
performance analysis	5	11	13	9	11	49
psychology	7	10	7	5	0	29
biomechanics	5	3	6	3	4	21
medicine	6	1	4	4	3	18
equipment	5	1	4	0	2	12
sociology	0	0	0	6	1	7
coaching	1	0	0	2	2	5
TOTAL	44	40	44	42	31	

Table 5. Physiology themes

	Liverpool UK	Lillishall UK	Paris France	Madrid Spain	Suzhou China	trend
Aerobic capacity e.g. direct, indirect from HR	9	5	2	3	2	I
Heart Rate e.g. %max, recovery	8	5	9	3	5	↓
Biochemistry e.g. blood, plasma parameters, biopsy	4	2	1	2	0	1
Hydration e.g.fluid intake, weight loss	3	3	2	3	0	I
Training e.g. interventions	1	2	1	0	0	I
Anaerobic capacity e.g. blood sample, Wingate test	9	4	1	5	5	-
Biometrics e.g. body fat, mass, composition	6	2	1	6	2	-
Diet e.g. nutrition, supplements	2	2	1	3	0	-
Performance e.g. sport related, speed agility tests	1	4	6	5	1	
Fitness e.g. speed, strength, power, flexibility	4	3	3	5	3	1
Perceived exertion e.g. RPE, Borg scale	1	2	2	3	2	1



25 years growth in:-

- research and educational opportunities
- technological capability
- media coverage of racket sports
- participation across age, gender, ability and disability
- coach education and professionalization

present status

BWF Research Grant programme

BWF Research Grant Topics	2014 (n=7)	2015 (n=5)	2016 (n=6)	2017 (n=5)
testing- fitness and agility	2		1	
training and performance	2		3	1
Physiology -fatigue	1			1
-nutrition/hydration	1			1
-health		1		
Biomechanics -muscle strength		1		
-technique	1	1		
psychology -anticipation			1	1
notational analysis			1	1
player development		2		

present status





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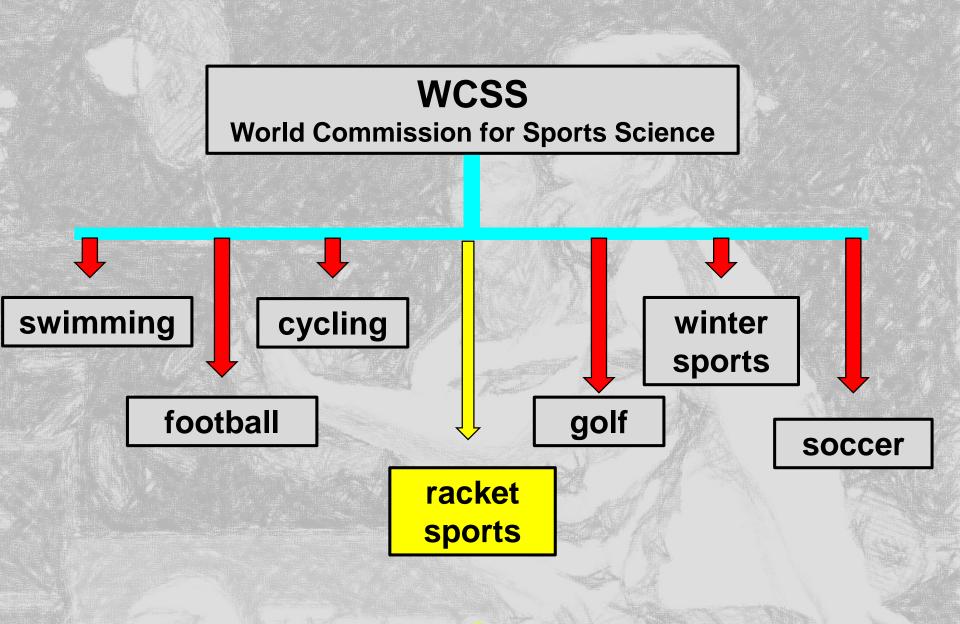
Science and Racket Sports future prospects

Science and Racket Sports in the future:-

- 25 year legacy of research communications
- large and diverse research base
- International Federation supported research

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future prospects



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options for the future:-

- Science and Racket Sports Steering Group
- Membership Society
- World Commission for Science and Racket Sports

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