

## World Congresses of Science and Football

The World Congresses of Science and Football are held every four years (after beginning in 1987) and aim to provide a scientific forum for researchers and practitioners within all football codes in which to present their recent work, to advance the use of science in football. All discipline areas are represented: biomechanics, coaching, exercise physiology, match analysis, motor behavior, performance profiling, psychology, sports medicine and training. Proceedings of each conference have been produced and are available for purchase. For the most recent (2015) Congress the link to the proceedings is available at: <https://www.routledge.com/Science-and-Football-VIII/Bangsbo-Krustrup-Riis-Hansen-Ottesen-Pfister-Elbe/p/book/9781138947061>.

1987: Liverpool (England)  
1991: Eindhoven (the Netherlands)  
1995: Cardiff (Wales)  
1999: Sydney (Australia)  
2003: Lisbon (Portugal)  
2007: Antalya (Turkey)  
2011: Nagoya (Japan)  
2015: Copenhagen (Denmark)

**WCSF 2019: The 9th World Congress for Science and Football will be held at Victoria University, Melbourne, Australia. When the website for the conference is fully operational it will be posted here: [www.wcsf2019.com.au](http://www.wcsf2019.com.au)**

## Science and Soccer Conferences

The Science and Soccer Conferences are held every two years (after beginning in 2008) and have the same aim and discipline areas as the World Congress, but are dedicated (primarily) to soccer, rather than all football codes.

2008 Liverpool (England)  
2010 Port Elizabeth (South Africa)  
2012 Ghent (Belgium)  
2014 Portland (USA)  
2017 Rennes (France)

**Please note:** In future years when the larger **World Congress of Science and Football** is scheduled, **Science and Soccer** will be incorporated within this conference. Therefore, after 2017, the next (standalone) Science and Soccer conference will be in 2021, and every four years following.

## ANNOUNCEMENT

Bids for the 2021 Science and Soccer congress are now called for: the closing date will be January 31<sup>st</sup> 2019. Please see the information below regarding how to submit a bid.

## Guidelines for Conference Bids

1. The bid should provide a rationale for the hosting of the event. This should include a description of the strengths of the organising institution and the facilities to be used. It

should be signed by the Vice Chancellor, Rector or Principal of the University/Institution concerned.

2. Personnel nominated to serve on the Organising Committee and proposed members of the Scientific Programme Committee should be listed.
3. There should be a detailed business plan presented, indicating financial 'break even' numbers for delegates.
4. The programme should afford opportunity for participation of personnel with research interests in all of the codes within the specific sports area.
5. Arrangements for publication of the Conference Proceedings in conjunction with the specific International Steering Group should be explicit. Normally these arrangements should be with a recognised publisher.
6. Provisional dates, venue and any links with national/local related sports events should be specified.
7. Supplementary material may be included to support the application.

Conference bids should be sent to the Chair of the Steering Committee for Science in Football by the specified date, and the Steering Committee will consider the bids and produce a short list: these persons/organisations will then be invited to present their bid in person to the Steering Committee at the current conference, and then the successful bidder for the next conference will be announced on the closing day. Therefore, bids for the 2021 Science and Soccer Conference will be called for in the last quarter of 2018, those short listed will be invited to present their bids in person to the Steering Committee during WCSF 2019 in Melbourne, and the successful bidder for 2021 will be announced on the closing day. Following on, bids for the 2023 World Congress of Science and Football will be called for in the last quarter of 2020, those short listed will be invited to present their bids in person to the Steering Committee during Science and Soccer 2021, and the successful bidder for 2023 will be announced on the closing day.

### **Contact Details**

Professor Brian Dawson  
Chair of Science and Football Steering Committee

School of Human Science (Exercise and Sport Science) M408

The University of Western Australia  
35 Stirling Highway,  
Crawley, 6009  
Western Australia  
Australia  
Ph: 618 64882276  
Fax: 618 64881039  
Email: [brian.dawson@uwa.edu.au](mailto:brian.dawson@uwa.edu.au)