# The role of a research association for the cultural and scientific promotion of Physical Education

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#### Four questions

- Who are the international research associations in the field of the sports sciences?
- What are they doing for the society?
- How does it work?
- So what?

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# So many organizations

- Local to worldwide
- Specific to interdisciplinary
- Unilingual to multilingual
- Scientific field to multiple contexts

International Federation of Sports Medicine (FIMS)

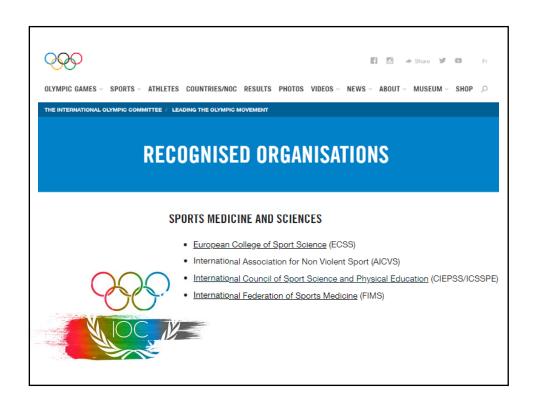
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European Federation of Sports Medicine Associations (EFSMA)

Société Francophone de Médecine et des Sciences du Sport (SFMSS)

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# Examples of concrete actions



- Collaboration with IOC/FIMS
- Involvement in MINEPS\*
- Partnership with UNESCO
- Collaboration with WHO

# Actions to international stakeholders



\*Int'l Conference of Ministers and Senior Officials Responsible for Physical Education and Sport



## Examples of concrete actions

- International Charter of Physical education, Physical activity, and Sport (2015)
  - Invitation by ICSSPE + UNESCO





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- Implementing QPE in Madagascar (2016)
  - Invitation by ICSSPE
  - Collaboration with IFAPA and IAPESGW





#### Examples of concrete actions



- AIESEP Position Statements
  - 2009 AIESEP Position Statement on Continuous Professional Development
  - 2012 AIESEP Position Statement on Sport Pedagogy
  - 2014 AIESEP Position Statement on Physical Education Teacher Education
  - 2019 AIESEP Position Statement on Physical Education Assessment

https://aiesep.org/scientific-meetings/position-statements/

### Examples of concrete actions



- Participation to international projects (WADA)
- Support to associated projects
  - UNESCO Chair in 'Physical Activity and Health in Educational Settings' (Univ. of Basel – Prof. Pühse)









#### What can contribute to success?

- Size
- Dynamism of the officials
  - \* Regular attendance to (international) meetings
  - Availability for collaborations
- Professional structure
- Quality of the involvement
  - Evidence based
- Networking/Lobbying/Marketing

#### What are the risks?

- Confusion between personal and collective interest
  - Impact factor
  - Priority to the affiliation





### A difficult balance

- Research associations are fundamental agents of cultural changes
- Their influence is determined by internal factors that would need professional approaches
- One of the most important challenge is to find the balance between personal and collective goals

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