
EDITORIAL

I first published in *The Sport Psychologist* in 1999 when the Editor, Peter Crocker, accepted my two linked 'Butterflies' manuscripts with Graham Jones examining directional interpretations of anxiety. An invitation to join the Editorial Board followed and then in 2002 I was asked by Vikki Krane, the Editor at the time, to take over from Mark Andersen as the Professional Practice Editor. First working with Vikki and subsequently Ian Maynard I have found this role to be extremely rewarding. As a result of this longstanding relationship with the journal, I feel a strong personal attachment to *TSP* and privileged to have the opportunity serve as its Editor from January 2013.

There are some exciting developments with *TSP* from 2013 onwards. First, the journal is changing to a larger print format (8.5 x 11). This means two or three additional manuscripts will be published per issue reducing the publication lag (at the time of writing) to less than three issues from the date of acceptance. Also, *TSP* recently launched its 'In Press' section on the front page of the website and the aim is that manuscripts will appear within two months of acceptance (see <http://journals.humankinetics.com/tsp>). We appreciate that authors want to see their work in the public domain in a timely manner and these developments mean that the readership of the journal will have access to new applied and professional practice research, knowledge, and information as soon as possible.

Another positive development for *TSP* is the increased page allowance that was introduced a couple of years ago for certain types of manuscript (see <http://journals.humankinetics.com/submission-guidelines-for-tsp>). Importantly, both Applied Research and Professional Practice manuscripts should not exceed 25 pages, but for multi-study or in-depth qualitative material pages may run to a maximum of 35 on the initial submission. We have found an increased richness of data in these papers since this development and hope authors appreciate the scope this provides in reporting such manuscripts.

Inevitably, with a new Editor come some changes to the Editorial Board structure. I'd like to express my appreciation to Craig Hall, Gloria Solomon and Diane Whaley who are leaving the Board and to thank them for their considerable

years of service and support for the journal. Jennifer Cumming is also stepping down temporarily but will hopefully re-join the Board in the future. Krista Chandler is taking over the Professional Practice role and Richard Neil replaces Stephen Mellalieu as the Bulletin Board Editor. Masato Kawabata, Elsa Kristiansen, Eva Monsma and Ross Roberts have also agreed to join the team; a very warm welcome to you all! At this point I'd also like to thank the remaining Board members for their continued commitment to *TSP*: Britton Brewer, Robert Brustad, Joanne Butt, Jean Cote, Robert Eklund, Lynne Evans, Burton Giges, Daniel Gould, Stephanie Hanrahan, Chris Harwood, Ken Hodge, Nick Holt, Michael Kellmann, Göran Kenettä, Vikki Krane, Ailsa Niven, Artur Poczwadowski, Andrew Sparkes, Judy Van Raalte and Robert Weinberg.

I am delighted to say that Sandra Short, Dave Smith and Tim Woodman are continuing as Associate Editors as is Andrea Becker (Book and Resource Editor) and Rebecca Wood (Editorial Assistant). I'd personally like to mention the contribution of Professor Ian Maynard who has served as Editor for the last eight years. Ian, on behalf of Human Kinetics and the Associate Editors and Board members past and present, thank you. I am pleased to confirm that Ian isn't leaving the journal completely and, with Stephen, has agreed to accept a Board position for the coming year.

Finally, from my previous experience of editing *TSP* an appeal please to all those intending to submit a manuscript of any kind for consideration. In order to facilitate a timely and effective review of your work please make sure that you follow the journal submission guidelines and that the manuscript adheres precisely to the *Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association* (6th edition), 2009 (www.apa.org). For those who haven't read the manual, please do so before submission as it provides very clear and excellent assistance on important ethical considerations authors are responsible for, advice on writing for publication and how to prepare a manuscript for review.

I look forward to reading your work and hope that you will consider sending your highest quality research to *TSP*.

Sheldon Hanton
Editor