CASE STUDIES IN SPORT AND EXERCISE PSYCHOLOGY
Announces a New Editor in Chief: Robert Schinke

After producing two volumes under the direction of Stewart Cotterill, Case Studies in Sport and Exercise Psychology (CSSEP) has acquired a new editor in chief, Robert Schinke of Laurentian University, to guide its next steps in growing as a fledgling journal.

Q&A With Robert Schinke

What are you most excited about as CSSEP Editor in Chief (EIC)?

“I feel blessed and humbled in my new role as EIC of *Case Studies in Sport and Exercise Psychology*. Several years ago, I was part of an AASP (Association for Applied Sport Psychology) EBoard. We met with Human Kinetics to discuss the creation of a new case studies journal for the field of sport and exercise psychology. At the time, we all recognized that this field is research based though meant to be highly practical. The objective through CSSEP is to effectively and richly bridge science and practice, contextualized into applied settings. Just as group-level scholarship and generalized findings are essential for this field, equally, researchers and practitioners across levels of experience will benefit from effectively constructed case studies that bring contexts and the implementation of scientific principles to life within idiosyncratic contexts. Each case study affords new practical lessons, and those lessons are gained as much from understanding athletes, coaches, sport-science providers, physical activity participants, and stakeholders as how and to what avail a consultant and/or researcher engages with them.”

What are your goals and aims as you begin your CSSEP tenure?

“CSSEP is a relatively new journal to the field. This journal was launched 3 years ago and has yet to gain the foothold necessary for it to become the teaching and learning tool that it will become. Journals do take at least 3 years to gain their credibility. There will be a drastic increase in submissions, beginning this year and throughout my first term as EIC. We will achieve this process with the support of a highly capable editorial board, by encouraging submissions from experienced and emerging authors. Already, only 1 week into my term, I have begun to correspond with several potential contributing authors from the various active continents, spanning Asia, Africa, Europe, Australia, and North America. The editorial board has also been asked to consider a personal case study and share their novel experience with CSSEP’s readership. Presently, there is a call for a special issue focused on athlete mental health. This call has been featured in Human Kinetics journals and also tweeted more generally.

“I have also reached out to our editorial board. As an experienced Editor and Guest Editor, I have found that the quality of services experienced by authors drives quality and quantity of submissions. This term, the editorial board and I will work diligently on delivering efficient, high-quality reviews. These reviews will be framed to build author capacity while concurrently enhancing the overall quality of

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accepted manuscripts in CSSEP. With increased quality and efficiency, we will experience elevated citations, which in turn will enhance the popularity of a wonderful journal.

“Finally, the editorial board will continue to develop in composition. This journal will be highly inclusive of international editorial board members and guest reviewers. There is a breadth of knowledge in this field, and the coverage of topics will be enriched by diverse international perspectives and, also, gender balance.”

Are there any types of specific papers or topics you are hoping to encourage for submissions?

“Previously mentioned, there is now a special-issue call focused on athlete mental health. This topic is low-hanging fruit, given its popularity in the field. I have begun to discuss further topics with editorial board members, though these discussions are formative. This journal will not only follow thematic and emerging trends. The intention will be to become a trendsetter and position ourselves ahead of the thematic curve, not only by ensuring that forthcoming special issues are innovative. Moreover, we will give considerable thought and effort to identifying scholars who will present their case studies in novel ways, previously uncharted.”

Learn more about Robert Schinke