

Conference Review

Association for the Advancement of Applied Sport Psychology 11th Annual Conference, October 16-20, 1996 Williamsburg, Virginia

The Association for the Advancement of Applied Sport Psychology (AAASP) held its 11th annual conference in Williamsburg, Virginia, October 16-20, 1996. The theme of the conference was "The Year of Internationality", a theme visible in the large international attendance and participation. The conference was the largest ever with 634 people representing 23 different countries in attendance. Tara Scanlan, Past-President, organized the conference with the help of Judith Lacertosa, Conference Manager. Neil Widmeyer (Senior Section Head and Social Psychology Chair) was the program chair, and was assisted by John Heil (Health Psychology Chair), John Salmela (Intervention/Performance Enhancement Chair), and Christine Buntrock (Student Representative). Laura Finch organized the continuing education program.

The international focus was evident throughout the conference. At the opening session, the Year of Internationality was kicked off by Lew Hardy, University of Wales, United Kingdom, presenting the Coleman Griffith Lecture entitled "Three Myths about Applied Consultancy Work in Sport Psychology." Dr. Hardy also was presented with the first

Distinguished International Scholar Award. Adding to the spirit of internationality was the "Role Call of Nations" during which student ambassadors greeted guests from each country with a formal greeting in that country's national language. The opening ceremony concluded with a fife and drum procession to the Opening Reception.

The international theme of the conference was further reflected in the three keynote presentations. Neville Owen, from Deakin University in Australia, presented the Health Psychology keynote address. Dr. Owen addressed physical inactivity in terms of psychological theory and population behavior change in his talk "Psychological Theory and Population Behavior Change: Physical Inactivity." The Social Psychology keynote address, "Multiple Forms of Social Efficacy," was presented by Dr. Stephen Zaccaro, from George Mason University. Cal Botterill, from University of Winnipeg in Canada, presented the Intervention/Performance Enhancement keynote address. Dr. Botterill's presentation was "Cornerstones and Challenges in Performance Enhancement: Looking at Emotions in Sport."

Two prestigious annual award lectures at the AAASP conference are the Dissertation Award and the Dorothy V. Harris Young Scholar/Practitioner Award. The Dissertation Award is awarded for excellence in a doctoral dissertation conducted in applied exercise and sport psychology. The Dissertation Award Lecture was given by Thomas Raedeke for his dissertation conducted at the University of Oregon under the direction of Dr. Maureen Weiss, "Is Athlete Burnout More Than Just Stress? A Sport Commitment Perspective." The Dorothy V. Harris Young Scholar/Practitioner Award is given in recognition of the efforts of an AAASP scholar/practitioner in the early stages of his or her career. Judy Van Raalte, Springfield College, was the recipient of the 1996 Dorothy V. Harris Young Scholar/Practitioner Award. Dr. Van Raalte addressed the importance of relationship between her practical experi-