



# THE UNIVERSITY of EDINBURGH

## Academy of Sport

AOS (23/24): Minutes 2  
25 January 2024

Minutes of the Academy of Sport on **Thursday 25 January 2024 at 10.00am- 11.00am**

**Objective:** To report state of play on Road Map for 2023-24.

To consider sport and climate change research and knowledge exchange.

**Present:** Davies Banda, Liz Grant, Andrew Murray, Justine Mclean, Walker Ross, June Yuxu, Junjay Lin, Ross Walker, Grant Jarvie, Fan Hong.

**Apologies:** Corinne Reid, Gui Nothen, Gavin Reid, Neil Spiers, Jung-Woo Lee, Jake Barrett, Stuart MacDonald, Paul Widdop, Wray Vamplew, David Bell.

### MINUTES

#### 1 Preliminaries and Welcome New Members

- The Board **approved** minutes of 23 September 2023 (Paper 1)

#### 2 Road Map for 2023-24

- The Board **reported** progress against Road Map for 2023-24 (Paper 2) and noted:
  - (i) The appointment of 3 research assistants
  - (ii) The joint Business of Football knowledge exchange partnership with University of Edinburgh Business School.
  - (iii) The SWPL (Women's Football) research project.
  - (iv) Joint event with the Scottish Council of Global Affairs.
  - (v) Progress against Sport, Covid and Youth in Canada and Scotland project
  - (vi) The publication of the collaborative article on sport and climate change in British Journal of Sport and Exercise Medicine.
  - (vii) Involvement with Olympic Movement in Asia Congress (Indonesia).
  - (viii) Launch of Eric Liddell MOOC and involvement with Paris Olympics 2024.
  - (ix) The need to note other planned activities around the Paris Olympics.

- (x) Early work on briefing paper on the role of sport and physical activity in the rehabilitation of child soldiers.

### **3 Sport and Climate Change**

- The Board **received** an oral report from Dr Walker Ross on the origins, work of and opportunities to work with The Sport Ecology Group and noted:
  - (i) The mission and vision of The Sport Ecology Group.
  - (ii) The research themes covered by Dr Ross's research.
  - (iii) The AOS support for Book Launch of book on sport and climate change.
  - (iv) The opportunity to work collaboratively around sport, climate change and physical activity.
  - (v) Links to research and AOS members in Australia China, USA.
  - (vi) The role of indigenous people as leaders on knowledge of climate change on the land.
  - (vii) A discussion on the key research questions that needed to be asked and how we could help answer them.
  - (viii) The need to make the case on the positive role of sport in influencing the broader climate change narrative.

### **4 Members Update**

- The Board **noted** updates from members.
- The Board **supported** the call for members help with a short report on positions of influence held by AOS members and associates.

### **5 End of Term Board Meeting**

- 18 June 2024 10.00am UK Time Teams

#### **Recent Sport Matters Blogs:**

[Sport and the Reintegration of Child Soldiers.](#)

[Sacrifice, Compassion and Inspiration: Eric Henry Liddell, 100 Years A Timeline and Tribute.](#)

[Breaking Boundaries: Voices form Danhiko.](#)

[Confucius Institutes and Sport: Voices from China.](#)

[Social Enterprise in Sport for Social Change.](#)