14th ITTF Sports Science Congress

and

5th World Racquet Sports Congress

Second announcement and call for papers

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WELCOME

The 14th Sports Science Congress of The International Table Tennis Federation and 5th World Racquet Sports Congress will be held at Soochow University, Suzhou, Jiangsu province, China. The meeting will begin on Thursday morning 23th April and end on Saturday afternoon on the 25th April, 2015. It will be jointly organized by the Chinese Table Tennis Association, the Organizing Committee of the 53th World Table Tennis Championships and Soochow University.

The congress will concentrate on the factors which substantially influence the results of competitive table tennis and other racket sports such as badminton, tennis, and squash, and will concern scientific fields regarding coaching, biomechanics, ergonomics, expert system, fitness testing, injuries and their prevention, nutrition, physiology, psychology, rehabilitation and training and so on.

Scientists, professors, coaches, doctors, psychologists, physiotherapists, sociologists, historians and anyone who is interested in racquet sports researches are all welcome.

Soochow University, located in Suzhou, an ancient city popularly called “the Paradise on Earth”, is a key comprehensive provincial university in Jiangsu Province and also one of China’s top 100 universities under the “Project 211” directed by the Ministry of Education. Welcome to Soochow University. For detailed information, please visit the websites below:
Suzhou: http://www.classicsuzhou.com/
Soochow University: http://eng.suda.edu.cn/

Authorizations
International Table Tennis Federation

Co-Host
Chinese Table Tennis Association
ITTF Sports Science and Medical Committee

Organizer
Organizing Committee of 53rd WTTC

Co-organizer
Soochow University, Suzhou, Jiangsu province, China
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Congress theme: “Improve the results of competitive Racquet sports and spread to the whole world”

Including:
- Biomechanics
- Children in table tennis/tennis/badminton/squash
- Coaching and teaching
- Doping
- Fitness testing
- Management
- Match analysis
- Medical aspects of table tennis/tennis/badminton/squash
- Nutrition
- Physiology
- Players’ adaptation to rules changes
- Psychology
- Racket design and performance
- Selection and talent identification
- Social science aspects
- Stress
- Training
- Women in table tennis/tennis/badminton/squash
- Sociology / economics / development
- Training at School level
- Age issues related to table tennis/tennis/badminton/squash
- Equipment design
- Skills and skill analysis in table tennis/tennis/badminton/squash

Forms of presentations
- Guest speakers
- Podium presentations
- Poster presentations

Conference language
The official language of the conference is English.

Congress dates
First announcement and call for papers 10th June, 2014
Second announcement 1st November, 2014
Deadline for receipt of abstracts 1st January, 2015
Notification to authors 15th February, 2015
Deadline for receipt of manuscripts 1st March, 2015
Call for ABSTRACTS

Abstracts for presentation are currently being accepted. Abstract topics are preferably invited on the Congress theme, but also on any of the basic or applied sciences related to the science of table tennis or other racket sport.

Abstracts should be no more than one A4 page in length and written in English. Diagrams and references (if any) should be reduced to a minimum with full reference details given alphabetically at the end. For the layout, please refer to the template for abstract. Each submission should be original work that has not been previously published. The scientific committee will review abstracts prior to acceptance. They will be grouped thematically either in free communications or poster sessions, or as related to guest speaker presentations.

All accepted abstracts will be published in the conference proceedings.

The congress will invite some guest speakers for whom free accommodation will be provided.

Travel
Participants will be met at the Shanghai airports. The shuttle buses provided by the organizing Committee will leave every 2 hours from 10am on 22th. Participants are kindly requested to schedule their travel and let us know beforehand.

Further information
Please contact the Congress Organizer by email: ittfss2015@126.com. All information you can get also at ITTF official web site – www.ittf.com.

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