

List of Members for the UNESCO ICM Special Advisory Group

Editorial Advisory Group

Above all members of the Special Advisory Group, UNESCO ICM organizes an Editorial Advisory Group consisting of 5 members(subject to change), based on their experience, specialty, and field of expertise to receive periodic comments about creating periodicals that are in alignment with the policies, trends, and strategies of UNESCO.

For 2020, the members are as the following:

2019-24 / Brian Moore

Mr. Brian Moore has extensive academic qualifications and is currently completing doctoral studies at Macquarie University, Australia. Mr. Moore gained a B.A. from the University of Sydney and has multiple postgraduate qualifications in education and psychology. With a professional background as a registered psychologist and primary/secondary educator, he has significant experience in working with children and adolescents. He is committed to promoting child and adolescent mental health as an important outcome in its own right and due to the impact mental health has on related factors such as educational achievement. Mr. Moore has varied research interests and has published on topics including bullying, inclusive education, martial arts, mental health and resilience. He is passionate about promoting mental health in schools and developing an evidence base to support this. During 2019, Mr. Moore's research had widespread popular media exposure, reaching an audience of over 600,000 people.

2018-5 / Carlos Gutierrez-Garcia

His teaching and research areas include sport sciences in general, and more specifically martial arts and combat sports, physical education, teacher education and bibliometrics. He has written six books, more than 40 book chapters and more than 50 papers, many of them in high impact academic journals. He is Editor-in-Chief of the Revista de Artes Marciales Asiáticas and member of the Board of Ido Movement for Culture. Journal of Martial Arts Anthropology.

2020-6 / Eileen Hoffer

Senior non-profit manager and consultant with extensive experience in strategic planning, organisational leadership, policy development and operational implementation. Particular experience of establishing, supporting, monitoring and evaluating volunteer run projects, community engagement and community based education. Practiced in developing and maintaining relationships with a variety of stake-holders. Committed to facilitating client led sustainable change and development.

2019-14 / Jackie Lauff

Jackie Lauff is the co-founder and CEO of Sport Matters, an international NGO based in Australia that uses sport to promote development and peace in Australia, the Pacific, Asia and Africa. Sport Matters is a powerful voice for sport for development and peace and has hosted two international conferences in Australia. Jackie also works with the Oceania National Olympic Committees and UNESCO Asia-Pacific on the design of a regional framework for sport policy and education to harness the contribution of sport to sustainable development in the Pacific. This includes a new regional capacity-building project to raise the voice for sport in eight Pacific Island Countries and develop mechanisms for influencing national and regional policy development processes.

Youth Representative / Sethsamprathna Yeang

Prathna is a young professional working to advocate around the issue of youth participation, social inclusion, gender equality and well being . He has become UNESCO's Youth & Sport Task Force in 2017 while he was leading a sport based program called "Sports for Social Change" to combat gender stigma and promote peace building between Cambodia and Vietnam. Prathna is well known for founding a youth network called "Joint of Youth-Cambodia" and his contributions to the youth development in Cambodia through the role on the UN Joint Program on Youth Employment Steering Committee and three year tenure as an active advisory member of the UN Youth Advisory Panel. He is actively involved in public sharing and training on GBV(Gender Based Violence) and IPV(Intimate Partner Violence) awareness, Sport based & Adolescent Gender related Program Design, and Peace Leadership Education across Cambodia and Southeast Asia region. Currently Prathna is working as Technical Specialist for Adolescent Youth and Gender at World Vision International in Cambodia to ensure and improve the quality of adolescent technical program implementation.

Special Advisory Group Members

In order of appointment. This list only shows information of Special Advisors who have agreed to share their profile online.

NO	Name	Expertise
2018-3	Alex Channon	Sociology of Sport, Physical Education Pedagogy, Gender Studies, Violence Studies, Martial Arts and Combat Sports
<p>Dr. Alex Channon is an academic lecturer and researcher who specializes in the sociology of sport and physical education. As senior lecturer in Physical Education and Sport Studies at the University of Brighton, his research focuses on martial arts and combat sports, exploring themes such as gender relations, media representation, athlete safety, and violence and its prevention. Dr. Channon is the co-founder of the martial arts-based anti-violence project, Love Fighting Hate Violence (www.lfhv.org), which aims to use martial arts to educate young people about violence, respect, and consent.</p>		
NO	Name	Expertise
2018-5	Carlos Gutierrez-Garcia	Sports Sciences, Martial arts, Combat sports, Judo, Physical Education, Teacher training, Documentary studies, Bibliometrics
<p>Head of the Department of Physical and Sport Education and of the Research Group Documentary Studies in Physical Activity and Education Sciences, Dr. Carlos Gutierrez-Garcia is Associate Professor at the Universidad de Leon. His teaching and research areas include sport sciences in general, and more specifically martial arts and combat sports, physical education, teacher education and bibliometrics. He has written six books, more than 40 book chapters and more than 50 papers, many of them in high impact academic journals. He has practiced judo for more than 20 years and holds the level of 3rd Dan.</p>		
NO	Name	Expertise
2018-6	Lona Abeiro	Karate, Journalism and Mass Communication, News Writing and Reporting, Public Relations
<p>Lona Abeiro is a martial arts instructor and athlete. Her aim is to use Karate as a tool of creating peace and reducing crime in Kenya for the women, youth, and the most vulnerable people being affected. Her main focus is to ensure these people a better future in terms of education, health, and creating employment for them. Her main area of activity is the Slums in Nairobi, Kenya where crime and criminal activity rates are high. She has participated in the 2018 Martial Arts Research Initiative for Experts and is writer for the ICM yearly periodical ICM Insight for 2018.</p>		

NO	Name	Expertise
2018-7	Carlos Avino	Physical Education, education, teaching, lifeguard
<p>Carlos Avino is a Sports Sciences Graduate at the University of Valencia and judo teacher at the club Ronin. One of the first candidates for the Martial Arts Research Initiative for Experts in 2017. Writing and publishing for the UNESCO ICM since then. At the same time, Avino has been working for the Spanish air force as a firemen and improving his academic formation in the University of Valencia. Avinio is currently working in Valencia and Catalonia as Physical Education teacher.</p>		

NO	Name	Expertise
2019-1	Daniel Hakim	Martial Arts Education, Managing non-profit organizations
<p>Danny Hakim is the founder and chairman of Budo for Peace since its establishment in 2004. Budo for Peace is a non-profit educational organization based in Israel that uses traditional martial arts values and philosophy as a platform for empowering children and youth while promoting social harmony between communities and peace in the middle east. Participates in activites related to bringing peace in areas where conflict is prevalent.</p>		

NO	Name	Expertise
2019-3	Aya Noguchi	Sport for Development and Peace, Gender and Sport
<p>Aya Noguchi is Assistant Professor at the Juntendo University Faculty of Health and Sports Science and Researcher at the Japanese Research Center for Women in Sport. Her expertise is in Sport for Development and Peace(SDP) and Gender and Sport.</p>		

NO	Name	Expertise
2019-3	Zubaidullo Ubaidulloev	Sport and International Relations, Sport and Politics, Sport and Foreign Policy, Sport Diplomacy, Sport and Peace
<p>Prof. Dr. Ubaidulloev's professional experience includes several years' work at the Institute of Oriental Studies and Written Heritage of the Tajikistan Academy of Sciences as a researcher (1998-2007). He has served as the Head of International Affairs Department of the Presidium of Tajikistan Academy of Sciences (2006-2007). Since 2011 he has been working at the University of Tsukuba, Japan in different academic positions. He is active in the Olympic Movement and Sport World and contributes to various international sport-related events as a speaker. Prof. Dr. Ubaidulloev was also a member of UNESCO's Expert Working Group at the Sixth International Conference of Ministers and Senior Officials Responsible for Physical Education and Sport (MINEPS VI) in July 2017 in Kazan, Republic of Tatarstan, Russia and continues to network with UNESCO. He has received prestigious awards such as Ambassador For Peace, UPF in 2017 and Nakasone Yasuhiro Award from IIPS in 2012.</p>		

NO	Name	Expertise
2019-5	Dean Dudley	Physical education, Health education, Physical literacy, School health, Learning assessment, Evidence-based pedagogy
<p>Dr. Dudley has held numerous funded grants, totalling more than \$800K in research grants and contracts as a Principal Investigator. He has published over 40 articles in peer-reviewed journals since 2010. He currently serves on the editorial board of BMC Public Health and is an Associate Editor of the Journal of Teaching in Physical Education. Dr. Dudley has a multidisciplinary program of research, involving physical literacy, school-health, learning assessment, physical activity, and nutrition. Broadly, he is interested in the association between health and education, with a specific interest in the role that learning plays in the health and quality of life of children. Internationally, he is recognized for his work in physical education, pedagogy, and physical literacy. In 2018, he was appointed as an Affiliated Scientist of the INCH lab at the University of Toronto (Department of Kinesiology and Physical Education) and McMaster University (Family Medicine).</p>		

NO	Name	Expertise
2019-7	Lilian Lagat	Kenpo Karate, Taekwondo, Financial support for international Non-governemntal organizations
<p>As Kenpo Karate martial arts expert with purple belt degree in African Kenpo Federation, Lilian Lagat is currently a Regional Grants Assistant at Kenya Red Cross Scoeity. She is especially intersted in supporting challenges faced by youth and women.</p>		

NO	Name	Expertise
2019-8	Ernest Edmond	Non-Profit administration, Fundraising, Program development, Grant Writing, Event Planning
<p>Ernest Edmond Jr. develops innovative ideas and ambitious projects in the not-for-profit sector, striving towards creating a better world for all. A basketball coach, he co-founded and continues to lead the not-for-profit Les Ballons Intensifs. The organization offers free athletic training sessions to disadvantaged youth, so they can become engaged citizens and create positive changes in their communities.</p>		

NO	Name	Expertise
2019-10	Obadele Kambon	Assako(African Combat Capoeira), Capoeira, African Combat Sciences and Arts
<p>Obadele Kambon is a senior reasearch fellow at the Institute of African Studies, University of Ghana. He has expertise in Capoeira. He has participated at the 2018 1st African Regional Martial Arts Congress and had made presentation on the fundamental discourse process about the need for Africans to revive and promote its own indigenous heritage of physical combat and wellness forms.</p>		

NO	Name	Expertise
2019-11	Michael Mustapha	Policy design, implementation, monitoring and evaluation, Sport for Development and Peace, Traditional Sport & Games
<p>Michael Mustapha is deputy director of sports at the Ministry of Sports, National Sports Authority, Sierra Leone. He has graduated from University of Sierra Leone, has a certificate in logistics and warehouse operations from Sydney, is building a better response certificate from Harvard humanitarian academy and have completed in February 2019 a postgraduate certificate in leadership from Pukyong National University, Busan, Korea. He was pivotal in the review of the National Sport Authority Act of 2018 which was approved by House of Parliament & Head of State, and in its roll out stage, and also coordinated the designing of the Sierra Leone SDP National strategy in 2015/16 together with the Commonwealth Secretariat. He has work experience with the King Boudoin Foundation and Nike as Jury Member for Nike Red Project 2010, Sport for Change- Australia, Australian Sports Commission, Badminton Confederation of Africa, Mano River Union, House of Lords UK, Sierra Leone Olympic Committee and UNESCO TSG Ad Committee as liaison person for Africa.</p>		

NO	Name	Expertise
2019-14	Jackie Lauff	International NGO, Sport for Development, Sport for Peace
<p>Jackie Lauff has an undergraduate degree in Occupational Therapy from the University of Sydney, a Master of International and Community Development with Deakin University in Australia and an Erasmus Mundus Master of Adapted Physical Activity from the Norwegian School of Sport Sciences. She is passionate about creating opportunities for everyone to be active, healthy and included in their community through sport and is based in Sydney, Australia.</p>		

NO	Name	Expertise
2019-16	Douglas Gleddie	Master of Arts, Faculty of Physical Education and Recreation, PhD, Department of Secondary Education, Faculty of Education
<p>Associate Professor at the Department of Elementary Education, and Acting Vice Dean and Associate Dean of the Faculty of Education at University of Alberta, Douglas Gleddie has a BA, BEd, MA, PhD in Physical Education. He has been awarded numerous awards, such as the Provost's Award for Early Achievement of Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching, from the University of Alberta, and is Co-Chair of the 2021 International Scientific Conference, International Association for Physical Education in Higher Education (AIESEP), and is Member of the National Standards (Physical Education) Advisory Committee, Physical and Health Education Canada, Ottawa, ON.</p>		

NO	Name	Expertise
2019-17	Ruadhán MacFadden	Historical Research, Folk-Wrestling and Grappling, Cultural Geography, Writing, Teaching, Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu
<p>Originally from Ireland but now living in Germany, Ruadhán has an M.A in Comparative Literature and a B.A in Geography & English. His first experience with martial arts came via amateur boxing and MMA, and he subsequently developed a deep interest in Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu and other grappling styles. In recent years, he has trained and taught grappling in over a dozen countries. Ruadhán is the founder and host of “The Hero with a Thousand Holds” (www.thousandholds.net), a podcast that explores the history and culture of grappling styles from all around the world.</p>		
NO	Name	Expertise
2019-19	Ahmet Erman Aral	Intangible Cultural Heritage, Education, Cultural Diplomacy
<p>Research assistant at Ankara Hacı Bayram Veli University, Department of Turkish Folklore since 2013, Aral is member of the team that established “UNESCO Chair on Intangible Cultural Heritage in Formal and Informal Education” in 2017 at the university. He has been serving as one of the members of sub-working (ad-hoc) group for “Intangible Cultural Heritage Education” that was formed by Turkish National Commission for UNESCO in 2018. Working as “managing editor” of the scientific journal “Milli Folklor” in 2018, and in the process of planning and execution of activities at Ankara Intangible Cultural Heritage Museum since 2013. Participates in numerous international meetings related to Intangible Cultural Heritage and published scientific articles internationally.</p>		
NO	Name	Expertise
2019-21	Ralil Salaomao	Capoeira, Martial Arts Education, Business Management
<p>Ralil Salaomao is Grand Master of Capoeira and founder of Raizes do Brasil which has branches in all 24 states of Brazil, several European countries, and United States. With the goal of empowering the city’s under-represented children and adults, Mestre Ralil participates in social outreach projects in partnership with the city, state and federal governments. As a teacher and activist, it is always his objective that Capoeira is recognized as an avenue for creating social change, wherever it is practiced.</p>		

NO	Name	Expertise
2019-22	Dylan Sung	Intercultural Communication, Cross-Cultural Studies, Sports Administration, Ju-Jitsu
<p>Dr. Dylan Sung is an assistant professor of applied linguistics at Chung Yuan Christian University in Taiwan. He has published about 30 journal articles and conference papers combined in the area of intercultural communication and foreign language acquisition. Dr. Sung is a 6th degree red and white belt master of ju-jitsu and a black belt holder in various other styles of martial arts. His teaching experience includes instructions to the police force, Army Academy, military police, and government employees. He has also conducted several ju-jitsu seminars in several countries in Asia. In the area of international sports administration, Dr. Sung served as a Vice-President of the Ju-Jitsu International Federation from 2010 to 2016. Dr. Sung was the Ju-Jitsu Technical Delegate to the World Games 2009 Kaohsiung. In addition, he was the Ju-Jitsu Technical Delegate to the 2016 Cheongju World Martial Arts Masterships, which he worked closely with the organizing committee in the preparation for the inaugural event. Currently, Dr. Sung serves as a vice-president of the Chinese Taipei Ju-Jitsu Association.</p>		

NO	Name	Expertise
2019-23	Emerson Franchini	Judo, Evaluation in Sport, Sport Physiology, Training Methods Applied to Combat Sports, and Technique and Tactic Analysis in Combat Sports
<p>Emerson Franchini is an associate professor at School of Physical Education and Sport, University of São Paulo, Brazil. He is the coordinator of the Martial Arts and Combat Sports Research Group, which conducts cross and multidisciplinary investigations on these topics. His main research topic is combat sports physiology, training and sport-specific test development. He has written nine books, more than 50 book chapters and more than 300 indexed articles (216 Web of Science and 263 Scopus indexed articles); most of them related to martial arts and combat sports. He has reviewed papers for more than 30 international sport sciences journals. He taught judo to 7 to 10 year-old children for three years and for adolescents for two years. He also has worked with high-level judo athletes, including Olympic and World Championship medal winners, concerning their training organization. He holds a 2nd dan black belt in judo since 2002.</p>		

NO	Name	Expertise
2020-1	James Scambary	Communal conflict, peace-building, informal security groups, policing, organized crime, governance
<p>Dr James Scambary is a lecturer in the School of Management at RMIT University, Melbourne. After many years working in the field of information for development with a focus on community radio, over the last decade James has been conducting research on communal conflict, peacebuilding and governance in Timor-Leste. In addition to his academic roles, he has also conducted research consultancies for a range of agencies including the World Bank, the New York Social Science Research Council and the Asia Foundation.</p>		

NO	Name	Expertise
2020-2	Thomas Aaron Green Jr	Cultural Anthropology, Africana Studies, Religious Studies, Folklore
<p>Thomas A. Green is Professor of Anthropology and Folklore at Texas A&M University, College Station, Texas, USA. Author of over three dozen works on the martial arts, his publications include Martial Arts of the World: An Encyclopedia (2001), Martial Arts in the Modern World (2003), Martial Arts of the World: An Encyclopedia of History and Innovation (2010), "Sick Hands and Sweet Moves" (2012), "White Men Don't Flow: Embodied Aesthetics of the Fifty-two Handblocks" (2010), and "I Am the Greatest Boxer: Articulating Group Identity Through Chinese Folk Drama," (2018). His recent research focuses on African, Chinese, and African-American vernacular martial culture.</p>		

NO	Name	Expertise
2020-3	Marc Theeboom	PhD Sport and Movement Sciences, Martial arts research, Sport for development
<p>Marc Theeboom holds a PhD in Sport and Movement Sciences and a Master's degree in Adult Educational Sciences. He works as a full professor at the Faculty of Physical Education and Physiotherapy and at the Faculty of Psychology and Educational Sciences of the Vrije Universiteit Brussel, Belgium (VUB). He is chair of the Research Group Sport and Society (SASO). His research primarily focuses on policy-related and developmental aspects of sport in general and in relation to specific vulnerable target groups in particular (e.g., youth not in education, employment or training – NEETs; people in socially deprived situation). He has a special interest in the analysis and evaluation of 'Sport for Development' programmes in which sport is regarded as a means of personal, social and community development ('sport-plus'), as well as in martial arts research. His research has been extensively published in international peer-reviewed journals and books on these topics. Marc Theeboom has coordinated various policy oriented studies in Flanders with regard to grassroots sport and personal development. He has collaborated in, as well as coordinated, several international research projects (at EU level) on the contribution of sport on social issues. He has acted as a chair, presenter or co-organiser during international meetings, conferences and working groups on the topic of sport and social integration. He has been frequently asked to act as an advisor in steering groups and as a member of scientific committees with regard to the social value of sport and of policy oriented initiatives on different national and international levels.</p>		

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