

## ABOUT OUR QUADRENNIAL CONGRESS OF THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND SPORT FOR GIRLS AND WOMEN

The **18th IAPESGW Congress** under the theme **Women and Girls in Sport. Research to Action** organized in Miami, USA, May 18th to 20th, 2017 at Barry University was an excellent occasion to once more promote academic debates about scientific, cultural, economic, historical, and political foundations and challenges of women / gender and sport in national and internationally context. In total we had participants from 33 countries.

In this occasion 3 keynote presentations:



As well as oral presentations, posters, exhibitions, symposium and workshops





Symposium of the book – *Women and Sport in Latin America*. Left to right: María González (Spain), Helena Atmann (Brazil), Rebeca Oropeza (Venezuela), Gladys Bequer (Cuba), Luz Amelia Hoyos (Colombia), Luisa Velez (Puerto Rico), Beatriz Ferreria (Brazil), María Ozols (Costa Rica). At the back: Tansin Benn (England), Darlene Kluka (USA) and Rosa López de D’Amico (Venezuela)

We also had the chance to have an enriching cultural exchange with the participants. We had wonderful presentations and as usual the Japanese delegation surprised us all with wonderful dance presentations and the lessons they leave to the audience, it is possible to keep active though all the life time!



Our sincere appreciation to Prof. (Dr.) Anneliese Goslin, president of the Scientific Committee, who did an extraordinary work. To the co-chairs Dr. Kathryn Ludwig and Dr. Bridget Lyons, leaders of the local Organizing Committee, to the wonderful volunteers, as well as to the authorities of the university. And definitely to Prof. (Dr.) Darlene Kluka who introduced Barry University to the IAPESGW Board and promoted the hosting of the event in this venue.

The congress provided many chances to share with the participants. We had excellent Board members who were very supportive. The new Board has many plans in progress. There are challenges that this group together with the country representatives will be working together to promote exchange and collaborative work as we recently had the experience with the IAPESGW *Continent Book Series* and the book *Women and Sport in Latin America*

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Special reference I want to extend to the awardees. IAPESGW has a nice history of the awards we present, particularly because they all represent excellent women leaders (eponym) in the field and who supported the ideals of IAPESGW. So every quadrennial congress we pay respect to them, as we remember their work, but at the same time we honour some women who by their extraordinary work and/or commitment they fulfil the ideals of any of the awards. It is a difficult task as many deserve it and we always appreciate all those who submit the name of candidates. In this occasion the awardees are excellent examples of the legacy that is represented what each one of the awards represents. The readers can have a more detail information about these wonderful recipients in our web page

**Honorary Life Member: Tansin Benn  
(England)**



**Honorary Life Members: Gertrud Pfister  
(Germany)**





**Dorothy Ainsworth Research Award:  
Anneliese Goslin (South Africa)**



**Lynn Vendien International Leadership:  
Carole Oglesby (USA)**



**Audrey Bambra Legacy Award: Makoto  
Takahashi (Japan)**



**Chiyo Matsumoto Dance Development  
Award: Elba Maria Kerr (Venezuela)**



The **Margaret Talbot Award** was approved in 2017. It was a proposal presented to the Board by Tansin Benn which was approved unanimously. It is a president's award that should be given for 'Outstanding Contribution to the Association'. Margaret Talbot was a lifelong advocate and activist for equity in sport, physical activity and physical education. She was President of IAPESGW from 1997 – 2005 and contributed to international networking, collaboration and cooperation for the enhancement of opportunities for girls and women, particularly in deprived regions of the world. During her long career in the field Margaret was a teacher, researcher, professor and visionary leader who made a difference in the lives of all who met her. She continued in international leadership as President of ICSSPE from 2009 until her death in 2014, with gender always holding a central place in the actions, declarations and publications she influenced. In her final months she continued contributing to equity work with UNESCO, MINEPS and other

leading world associations. Her legacy lives on in the lives of all who follow in her footsteps

**Susi-Kathi Jost (Switzerland)**



**Eliana Ferreira (Brazil)**



**Gladys Bequer Díaz (Cuba)**



**Doreen Solomons (South Africa)**



**Maryam Jahromi Koushkie (Iran)**



**Rohab Shahrian (Iran)**



**Canan Koca (Turkey)**





There were other important recognitions that were presented



Beatriz Ferreira received the Women's Sports Foundation Research Award. It was presented to her by Darlene Kluka  
Left to right: Darlene Kluka, Beatriz Ferreira and Kathy Ludwig



IAPESGW presented to Barry University's Provost, Dr. John Murray a certificate to acknowledge the organization of the IAPESGW World Congress



Kari Fasting (Norway) received Carole Oglesby award on her behalf



Barry University presented to Lesley Visser and Rennae Stubbs the Women in Sport Achievement Award



A special token of appreciation was presented to four of our retiring members from the board  
Anneliese Goslin, Tansin Benn, Darlene Kluka and Karin Lofstrom. Four wonderful women who have done a fantastic service for IAPESGW for many years. We know that they are retiring from their positions, but they are always there to continue supporting IAPESGW as member and mentoring new generations. Thank you ladies for your great support.  
You are not retiring; you are still part of the team!

In the closing ceremony besides all the awards and recognitions presented, also was a wonderful chance to participants to exchange and enjoy



We sincerely appreciate the effort of all those who participated in the congress and to all those who could not come but tried their hardest to make it. It was a challenge to deal with visa to some of our members and we thank you for the effort you did.

We are very pleased to announce that in 2018 there will be a Regional IAPESGW congress in Varadero – Cuba (for more information contact Gladys Bequer) and in 2019 will be a very important Regional IAPESGW congress in which we will celebrate our 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary, this congress will be in Madrid – Spain (for more information contact Gerardo Bielons or Maria Dolores Gonzalez).

In the closing event it was also announced that 19<sup>th</sup> Quadrennial congress that will take place in Japan 2021. We are very fortunate to have all this planning ahead and more over to have people from many places of the world supporting the work we all do at IAPESGW. Once more our sincere thanks to all those who participated, to all the sponsors but particularly to Barry University for all the work that was done.



Prof. Kazuko Takahashi inviting all to participate at the IAPESGW World Congress in Japan August, 2021 - See you in Tokyo

Rosa López de D'Amico - IAPESGW President