Olympic-related conferences and academic events

2026-2027 selection

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We invite you to keep us informed about any conference missing from the list. Please send all related information to studies.centre@olympic.org.

Thank you!

MAY 2026

04-05.05.2026	THE SPOT 2026: Shaping the New Realities of Sport, Together	The SPOT	Lausanne, SWITZERLAND
11-15.05.2026	26th Annual International Conference on Sports: Economic, Management, Marketing & Social Aspects: A Microsymposium on "Rethinking Mega Sport Events: Impacts, Legacies, and Future Directions"	Athens Institute, Sports Unit	Athens, GREECE
11-15.05.2026	26th Annual International Conference on Sports: Economic, Management, Marketing & Social Aspects: A Microsymposium on "New Idea of Olympic Games: Venues, Sport and Timing – Athens Institute"	Athens Institute, Sports Unit	Athens, GREECE
13-17.05.2026	29th TAFISA World Congress: "Sport for All: Building Bridges for Inclusion, Equity, and Harmony"	TAFISA	Prague, CZECH REPUBLIC
17-24.05.2026	19th International Session for NOAs and NOCs Delegates. Main topic: "Empowering Inclusion, Integrity and Responsibility for Every Athlete"	International Olympic Academy	Olympia, GREECE
25-27.05.2026	Safe Sport International Global Conference 2026	Safe Sport International, Sport for Social Change Network, African Union Sports Council (AUSC), University of Cape Town	Cape Town, SOUTH AFRICA

JUNE 2026

4-7.06.2026	XXIII Panathlon International Congress: 75 Years Inspiring Unity Through Sport	Panathlon International	Ghent, BELGIUM
6-18.06.2026	66th International Session for Young Olympic Ambassadors. Main topic: "Empowering Inclusion,Integrity and Responsibility for Every Athlete"	International Olympic Academy	Olympia, GREECE
11-12.06.2026	Seventeenth International Conference on Sport & Society: Innovation, Transformation, Contestation: Can Sport Keep Up with Society's Future?	Sport & Society Research Network	Lillehammer, NORWAY *and online streaming*
12-13.06.2026	Colloque "L'héritage du stade et des Jeux olympiques de Montréal: 50 ans de mémoires populaires à rassembler"	L'atelier de chronotopies urbaines (ACU), Le Centre des mémoires montréalaises (MEM) & l'Université du Québec à Montréal (UQAM)	Montréal (Québec), CANADA
15-18.06.2026	Responsibilities and responses of sport in contemporary society 2026	European Association for Sociology of Sport (EASS); International Sociology of Sport Association (ISSA)	Jyväskylä, FINLAND
15-19.06.2026	2026 AIESEP World Congress "Dialogues on Knowledge across Cultures"	International Association for Physical Education in Higher Education (AIESEP), in collaboration with National Taiwan Normal University and The University of Melbourne	Taiwan, CHINESE TAIPEI
16-18.06.2026	29th International Congress of the European Committee for Sports History (CESH 2026): "Discrimination and Inclusion: The Organisation of Sport and Physical Education in Europe from Antiquity to Modern Times"	European Committee for Sports History (CESH)	Rouen, FRANCE
24-26.06.2026	Sport&EU 2026 Annual Conference: "Voices in Motion: Leadership, Gender Justice and Safe Sport"	Sport&EU, hosted by the Olympic Studies Research Centre for Safe Sport and Human Rights at Canterbury Christchurch University (Canterbury, Kent, UK)	Canterbury, GREAT BRITAIN
29.6-3.7.2026	Summer School on Integrity and Sustainability in Sports	University of Lausanne – The School of Criminal Justice (ESC), the Institute of Sports Sciences (ISSUL) and the Department of Geography and Sustainability (IGD)	Lausanne, SWITZERLAND

JULY 2026

3-25.07.2026	33rd International Seminar on Olympic Studies for Postgraduate Students. "The Olympic Games and the Olympic Movement: Past, Present and Future - An Analysis from the Historical, Philosophical and Social Perspectives"	International Olympic Academy	Olympia, GREECE
07-10.07.2026	European College of Sport Science (ECSS) Annual Congress	European College of Sport Science (ECSS) Congress, in collaboration with the University of Lausanne (UNIL) and Ecole Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne (EPFL)	Lausanne, SWITZERLAND
09-11.07.2026	IWG Global Summit	International Working Group (IWG) on Women and Sport	Birmingham, GREAT BRITAIN

AUGUST 2026

20-21.08.2026	2026 INDR Conference: "Contested Perspectives on Doping & Anti-Doping"	International Network for Doping Research (INDR)	Aarhus, DENMARK

SEPTEMBER 2026

09-11.09.2026	Diplomacies, Diplomats, and Sports, 19th–21st Century	Raphaël Benbouhou and Patrick Clastres (UNIL) and Sylvain Dufraisse (Nantes Université, Institut universitaire de France)	Lausanne, SWITZERLAND
29.09.2026	Gender Equality and Sport+ Conference: Measure to Matter	Global Observatory for Gender Equality & Sport	Lausanne, SWITZERLAND

OCTOBER 2026

14-16.10.2026	15th Meeting of the Transnational Working Group for the Study of Gender and Sport - "20 Years of Gender in Sport – Progresses and Backlashes"	Transnational Working Group for the Study of Gender and Sport (TWG–G&S), Georg-August-Universität Göttingen	Göttingen, GERMANY

DECEMBER 2027

1-3.12.2027	8th IOC World Conference on Prevention of Injury and Illness in Sport	International Olympic Committee	Monaco, MONACO