The Science and Practice of Racket Sport for Improved performance and Health

Special Focus on Table Tennis
25-27th April, 2018, Halmstad University, SWEDEN
Innovations at work – Explore Sports – With the Future In Mind!

The WTTC 2018 organisation is, in close partnership with the Halmstad University, and with full support from international sporting bodies, proud to bid Welcome to the Sport Science Conference: The Science and Practice of Racket Sports for Improved Performance and Health, Halmstad University, Sweden April 25-27, 2018. The conference is supported by the ITTF and the BWF – two international federations joining forces to explore and examine the many interesting mysteries and future opportunities connected to racket sports.

The conference will be held in English 25-27 April, just a few days ahead of LIEBHERR World Team Table Tennis Championships in Halmstad Arena the 29 of April to the 6 of May 2018.

THREE MAIN TOPICS
Three topics will be in focus: a) High performance, b) Health and Innovation, c) Sport sciences. Thus, we expect the Conference to provide an excellent possibility to discuss interdisciplinary perspectives on health and racket sports focusing on keywords such as adapted physical activity, promotion, prevention, treatment and evaluation.

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS AND EXPERTS
A blend of leading expert’s keynote speakers representing the Nordic countries, as well as international well-known speakers and experts in the field representing different racket sports and disciplines such as sport and exercise psychology, sports pedagogy and sports medicine and other scientific disciplines. This will stimulate critical thinking and provide the basis for enhanced discussions about sport science and racket sports.
THE PROGRAMME IN SHORT – HIGHLIGHTS

WEDNESDAY 25 APRIL
16:00  Registration Opens
18:00  Social activity and opening ceremony, "Halmstad Padel Center"

THURSDAY 26 APRIL
08:00  Registration phase 2
09:00  Welcome Official Opening at Halmstad University, Vice Chancellor Stephen Hwang
09:15  Anders Hansen. is a licensed physician and medical specialist in psychiatry educated at Karolinska Institutet. He is also the author of the book “Brain Power” and will speak about the importance and long lasting positive effects that regular exercise can have on the brain functions. Join us to listen to one of the hottest speakers in Sweden at the moment. See more of Anders Hansen: https://youtu.be/a9p3Z7L0f0U

14:00  The town hero – World Champion and honorary Doctor at the Halmstad University Jörgen Persson is joining the conference to perform a technical and tactical development workshop. He will also discuss flow of techniques and training methods.

16:00  Mads Brink Hansen. The time has come to dive into the more physical side of racket sports by listening to Mads Brink Hansen from the Danish Elite Sport Institute Team Denmark speaking on the topic “Performance optimization in Danish elite badminton (Badminton Denmark) with special emphasis on strength and conditioning”

20:00  Conference Banquet
FRIDAY 27 APRIL

09:00 Prof Tsung Min Hung, member of the ITTF Sport Science and Medical Committee is bringing a wealth of knowledge to the conference by discussing the relationship between participation in table tennis and cognitive functions.

10:30 The former student at the Halmstad University, Johan Fallby is establishing himself as one of the most promising Sport Psychologist working in Sweden, also engaged professionally with the premier Danish soccer club F.C. Copenhagen. He is an ex professional table tennis player, representing Sweden at youth, junior and senior level. The topic of his presentation is centered around the importance of “Good parenting” in youth sports.

13:00 Time for an interesting theme based discussions on the life and progress of racket sports in the ever more competitive global sporting environment. On stage we hope to find leading experts and representatives from National Associations in Table Tennis, Badminton and Tennis.

14:00 On stage, Irene Faber, member of the ITTF SCI presenting the always hot topic of talent development, ”Diamonds in the Rough” Guidelines to identify and develop high potential in youth racquet sport players

15:00 Shared closing statement of the conference, Halmstad University Deputy Vice-Chancellor Associate professor in Educational Sciences Anders Nelson presenting the Halmstad University viewpoints on future opportunities for international cooperation and Dr Miran Kondric, the chair of the ITTF SCI with his views and opinions on the importance of Sport Science in general and for International Table Tennis specifically.

WORKSHOPS AND POSTER PRESENTATIONS
The full programme also includes a number of very interesting practical workshops. Scheduled to make an appearance is the successful Swedish National Coach for Para Table Tennis – Daniel Ellerman, who together with top Para athletes will showcase both the current training methods and the tactical approach applied to high performance Para Table Tennis.
The complete workshop schedule features presentations connected to the three conference focus areas:

A) High performance
B) Health and Innovation
C) Sport Sciences as well as selected poster presentations.

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REGISTRATION AND ENTRY PROCEDURES
Please log onto the official conference website and follow the instructions: https://goo.gl/Wjdaik

HOSPITALITY OPTIONS
Halmstad has a number of hotels situated 10 minute’s walk to Halmstad University. If you need assistance and guidance in finding a place to stay, please contact Lena Thimon, Project Coordinator for the LIEBHERR World Table Tennis Championships, responsible for all requests regarding hospitality. Contact information: lena@wttc2018halmstad.com

CONFERENCE FEES:
(payable to Halmstad University)
PARTICIvation Fee, VAT included in all Fees:
Early Bird: 2,700 SEK,
After February 1st: 3,000 SEK

ONE-DAY CONFERENCE Fee:
Early Bird: 1,350 SEK, After February 1st: 1,500 SEK
Dinner fee, April 26th: 650 SEK
(Lunch Thursday and Friday is included in the conference fee.)

LIEBHERR WORLD TABLE TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS — INFO AND TICKETS
Full info: wttc2018halmstad.com

ABOUT HALMSTAD UNIVERSITY
Halmstad University is a modern and dynamic university in Sweden. About 9,100 students follow our programs and courses. The university recruit's students in the area of sport and health from the whole Scandinavia and also hosts many foreign exchange students.

THE CONFERENCE ENVIRONMENT
The Conference will be held in modern facilities in the Visionen building (Building J) and in the University Sports Arena “Högskolehallen” (Building I) as well as the newly installed Health lab and Digital Laboratory Center (DLC). This provides the participants with a fresh and dynamic environment for lectures, presentations and practical workshops. Your participation in the discussions, your poster presentation and overall contribution to the Conference will determine its success.

WELCOME TO THE NEXT LEVEL!
Professor Urban Johnson, Head of the Scientific Committee
PhD Lars Kristén, Secretary General Organizing Committee
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