

## Pro Safe Sport for Young Athletes (PSS) project

### Closing Conference

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Conference venue:

Scuola dello Sport CONI Servizi - School of Sport  
Centro di Preparazione Olimpica "Giulio Onesti"  
Largo Giulio Onesti, 1  
00197 Roma  
Italy

### Speakers' biographies



**Rossana CIUFFETTI**

Rossana Ciuffetti has been Director of the School of Sport - CONI Servizi since September 2013. Before she was Director of the CONI Sport and Olympic Programme Department, Head of the CONI "International Relations & Olympic Sponsors" Office, Chief of Staff of the European Olympic Committees and Member of the "Olympic Games" Commission of the European Olympic Committees. She was a staff member of the Organizing Committee of the Athletics World Championships in Rome in 1987 and responsible for the organisation of the IAAF Congress and for the International Athletics Foundation's fiftieth anniversary in 1986 and 1987. Rossana Ciuffetti took part in the Olympic Games of Atlanta in 1996, in Sydney in 2000, in the Mediterranean Games of Bari in 1997 and in Tunis in 2001 as a member of the Italian delegation. She was Chief of Mission for the first edition of the 2010 Singapore Youth Olympic Games and first edition of the Innsbruck Winter youth Olympic Games. She was Deputy Chief of Mission of the Italian delegation for the Winter Olympic Games of Salt Lake City in 2002, Turin in 2006 and Vancouver in 2010, and for the Summer Olympic Games of Athens in 2004, in Beijing in 2008 and in London in 2012.

### **Thomas A. CRISP**

Thomas Crisp is a consultant in Sport and Exercise Medicine working in the academic department at Queen Mary University of London and running sports injury clinics in London. He has travelled widely with national and international teams working at Olympic and Paralympic Games in US, Sydney and at London Olympics in 2012. Until the end of last year he was Clinical Director of Musculoskeletal Services at Bupa. Thomas Crisp has been part of the medical team at FISU (International University Sports Federation) since 1997 and now acts as co-ordinator of anti-doping. He has attended 20 University Games and numerous World University Championships, and has acted when required as Team doctor supporting athletes attending dope testing, doping control officer and has helped to create a dope testing distribution plan for an international sport federation. He serves on the Council of Faculty of Sport & Exercise Medicine, and is at present Chairman of the National Sports Medicine Association BASEM, also acting as Chair of the Management Committee of the British Journal of Sports Medicine. He is a past President of Barts and The London Rugby Club and cared for various elite rugby teams over many years. Apart from this he has a special interest in treating Achilles tendon problems.



**Agata DZIARNOWSKA**

Agata Dziarnowska is a Policy Officer in the Sport Unit, Erasmus+, DG Education and Culture of the European Commission. She graduated at Warsaw University obtaining a degree in law. She continued her education path in the College of Europe, MA in European Interdisciplinary Studies. Since 2009, she has been working in the Ministry of Sport and Tourism of the Republic of Poland as an expert on EU affairs as well as education in sport, development of dual career of athletes and EQF/NQF in sport. Agata Dziarnowska was a representative of Poland in the EU Council Working Party on Sport, EU Expert Group on Good Governance in sport, EU Expert Group on Education and Training in sport and Erasmus+ Committee. Moreover, under the Polish Presidency in the EU Council, she was a Chairperson of the EU Council Working Party on Sport. In 2014 Agata Dziarnowska started the new chapter of her professional career as a Policy Officer in the Directorate General for Education and Culture in the European Commission. Her main tasks are education and training in sport, social inclusion as well as relations with Council and Presidencies. Agata Dziarnowska was for many years a handball and beachhandball player in Poland.



**Kari FASTING**

Kari Fasting is a Professor Emerita at the Norwegian School of Sports Sciences. She is past president and honorary member of the International Association for Sociology of Sport, and a founding member and past president of WomenSport International (WSI). She represents this organisation in the International Working Group for Women in Sport (IWG), a task she has had for many years. Kari Fasting's research has been concerned with various aspects related to "equality" in sport. During the last twenty years her research has been centred on sexual harassment and abuse. Based on her research projects in Norway, Czech Republic and Greece she has published extensively internationally in this field. She has also worked as an expert consultant in this area for major organisations, including the International Olympic Committee, the Norwegian Olympic, Paralympic and Confederation of Sports, the Czech Olympic Committee, UNICEF and recently the EC, and her empirical work has been applied to programmes nationally and internationally for preventing sexual harassment and abuse from occurring.



**Ilaria FAVERO**

Ilaria Favero is Sport for Development Specialist at UNICEF Regional Office for Europe and Central Asia, based in Geneva. She has been working in the field of international development for thirteen years, with experience in Angola, Somalia and Brasil. As the Coordinator of UNICEF's Sport for Development (S4D) Programme in Brasil, Ilaria managed key programmatic partnerships with the world of sport, including with Flamengo Football Club, FC Barcelona Foundation and Brazil's Network of Athletes for Citizenship. Her work in partnership with the government of Brasil focussed on the development of safe and inclusive sports programmes, with a focus on children with disabilities. Specifically, she provided policy and technical support to the Brazilian government on the elaboration of a national child protection strategy and specific child protection plans in the 12 World Cup host cities. In Brazil, she also coordinated UNICEF's activities within *International Inspiration*, the Social Legacy Programme of the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games. In Geneva, she is currently working on UNICEF's partnership with the Baku 2015 European Games.

### **Wendela KUPER**

Since 2013 Wendela Kuper has been the Chair of the Governing Board of the Enlarged Partial Agreement on Sport (EPAS), which is the intergovernmental platform of co-operation of the Council of Europe on sports policies. Next to that she is working as a programme leader in sport, security and international affairs at the Ministry of Health, Welfare and Sport of the Netherlands. She is responsible for topics like integrity of sport, match-fixing and international affairs. Before working at the ministry, Wendela Kuper had various positions in healthcare organisations and NGO's.



**Sergio LARA-BERCIAL**

Sergio Lara-Bercial is a Senior Research Fellow of the Global Coaching Office of the International Council for Coach Education at Leeds Metropolitan University (UK). After a short professional career as a basketball player in both Spain and England, Sergio coached high performance basketball for eight years in the English Women First Division and was a Team GB Coach for five years, going to five European Championships. In 2008, he started working for Sports Coach UK consulting for governing bodies and working to develop coaches. At Sports Coach UK he also led the development of the Coaching Children Strategy and the Coaching Children Curriculum. Sergio moved to Leeds Beckett University to work within the International Council for Coaching Excellence office as a Senior Research Fellow. His main responsibility is around the development of the International Sport Coaching Framework (ISCF).



**Vlad MARINESCU**

Vlad Marinescu has been Director General of SportAccord since July 2013. He comes from an international background having been born in Romania, raised in the United States of America and obtained his higher education in Budapest from Oxford Brooks University. Vlad Marinescu's connection with martial arts started as soon as his first steps. This was the beginning of a life molded by Sport and for Sport. He practiced and studied several types of martial arts having won several titles, including having been seven times American Champion. Vlad Marinescu started his career in International Sport seven years ago when he became European Judo Union Assistant to the President. After two years, he accompanied Mr Vizer, assisting him in the presidency of the International Judo Federation, later becoming Director of the Presidential Office of the International Judo Federation. During these years, he was deeply involved in all activities of the Federation including TV, sponsorship, marketing and the organisation of more than fifty major judo events amongst which Grand Prix, Grand Slams, World Masters, World Championships and Olympic Games.



**Giovanni MEDUGNO**

Giovanni Medugno is the President of the Italian Bridge Federation (FIGBI) as well as a FIGB Coach and Trainer. He is a Bridge Champion.

World Champion, gold medal (2013)

Currently 3 hearts

Gold World Championship Italy Team Captain

Bronze Double team Juniores

Palmares:

World Championship	Bali/Indonesoa 2013 Gold
Championship	Double Team Bronze
1990	1° category



**Angela MELO**

Angela Melo entered UNESCO in March 2009 and is currently the Director of the Ethics, Youth and Sport Division of the Social and Human Sciences Sector. In the past Angela Melo hold a number of different positions in the Mozambican Ministry of Justice, including as Criminal Prosecutor, representative of the Attorney General for criminal matters at the Supreme Court and Supervisor for National Juridical and Jurisdictional Service. She was also a Technical Member of the Technical Council of the Ministry of Justice, National Coordinator for drafting legislation and regulation about drugs and money laundering, Technical Member of the Mozambique Delegation for Negotiations on the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court and its Rules of Procedures, headed Mozambique's delegation at the negotiations on the protocols of the Southern African Development Community (SADC) and was a Technical Member of the delegation of the Mozambique World Bank for negotiations on Judicial and Legal Reform. She was also Senior Legal Counsellor on public and private international law to Mozambique's Minister of Justice, with special responsibility for issues related to international human rights and criminal internal law. From 2001 to 2007, Angela Melo was Vice-President of the African Commission on Human and People's Rights (ACHPR) and Special Rapporteur to the ACHPR (African Union organ). She was the President of the ACHPR's Working Group on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights and for the Working Group on Specific Issues related to the Works of the ACHPR, including on the Review of its Rules of Procedure.

## Håvard B. ØVREGÅRD

Håvard B. Øvregård has worked at The Norwegian Olympic and Paralympic Committee and Confederation of Sports since 2007. He was Project Manager for the project “With Sport Against Homophobia” from 2007 to 2010, and later Advisor in the Sport Development Department. He is currently responsible for a wide portfolio of ethics- and human rights-related topics (including sexual harassment and abuse, LGBT-policies, racism, bullying, alcohol, tobacco, ethical trade). He has an extensive experience from NGOs at national and international levels, including among others work on anti-racism for The Norwegian People’s Aid, Bureau Member of the European Youth Forum (1998-2002), President of The Norwegian School Student Union (1994-1995), Bureau Member of the Norwegian Youth Council (1996-1998) and President of the Norwegian Language Society (2009-2013).



**Leonardo RAFFAELLO**

Leonardo Raffaello is a rowing Champion:

OMRI, knight in 2004

2 Golden World Championship “M4-”

1 Bronze Olympic Games Athens 2004 “M4-”

He was also Commentator for Italy National Broadcast during the Olympic Games of London 2012.

Palmares:

Olympic Games Athens 2004 Bronze

Mondiali (M4+) Indianapolis 1994 Golden

Mondiali (M4+) Tampere 1995 Golden

Mondiali (M4+) Siviglia 2002 Bronze

Mondiali (M8-) Kaizu 2002 Silver





**Eleni RAPTI**

Eleni Rapti is a Member of the Greek House of Parliament and has been a Member of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe since October 2012. She is a Member of the Group of the European People's Party. Eleni Rapti is a full member of the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development of the Parliamentary Assembly and an alternate member of Nikolaos Nikolopoulos in the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination. She is the Coordinator of the ONE in FIVE Campaign to stop sexual violence against children in Greece.



**Virginie ROZIERE**

Virginie Rozière is a Member of the European Parliament. She is from the Parti Radical de gauche (center-left) and has been elected MEP in the France Southwest region at the 2014 European elections. Virginie Rozière has done her military service in the Navy as an Officer on the surveillance frigate "Nivose" based in Noumea, New-Caledonia. She obtained an engineering degree in 2002 and became project manager in the General Delegation for Armaments of the Ministry of Defence, and then joined the Agency for Development of Electronic Administration (ADAE) in the services of the Prime Minister (2004-2007). She became an expert in the field of administrative modernisation and was appointed head of department at the National Pay Operator to the Department of Budget in 2007 and deputy director of the mission "one-stop shop for business creation" to the Ministry of Economy, Finance and Industry in 2009. From 2010 to 2012, she was an administrator in "Internal Market and Consumer Protection" committee to the European Parliament, which is responsible for the free movement of goods, services and professionals and consumer protection. In 2012 she joined Sylvia Pinel, French Minister of Crafts, Trade and Tourism as an Advisor in charge of crafts and trade. She became Deputy Director of Cabinet in November 2012, until February 1, 2014, effective date of her resignation.





**Bogdan WENTA**

Bogdan Wenta is a Member of the European Parliament and Member of the Committee on Culture, Education and Sport. He is also Vice-Chair of a Sports Intergroup. Bogdan Wenta was a Professional handball player in Poland, Spain and Germany, a Handball trainer and a Business and motivational trainer. He was also a Member of the Council of Trainers at the Polish Handball Federation (PHF) and a Member of the Board of the International Liaison Committee of the Polish Olympic Committee.

#### **Tiziana ZANNINI**

Tiziana Zannini is a second level Executive and Coordinator of the Service for Social Affairs in the Office for International Affairs and Interventions in the Social Field - Department for Equal Opportunities of the Italian Presidency of the Council of Ministers. She is also a Lecturer in the training path on the protection of human rights, within the framework of the training activities promoted by the Italian Presidency of the Council of Ministers. Tiziana Zannini has been a Technical and Scientific Coordinator of the Observatory for the Fight against Paedophilia and Child Pornography and a Coordinator of the Technical Secretariat of the Coordination Committee for Government Action to combat Trafficking in Persons. She is representing the Lanzarote Committee of the Council of Europe in the Conference.