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# Sustainability of Major Sports Events: Challenges, Innovations, and Future Paths

*CIRSport Research Day 2025*

## Call for Abstracts

May 22, 2025 | University of Lausanne, Switzerland

The [Center for Interdisciplinary Research on Sport \(CIRSport\)](#) at the University of Lausanne is excited to invite submissions for its upcoming research event “Sustainability of Major Sports Events: Challenges, Innovations, and Future Paths.” This half-day event will take place on May 22, 2025, at the University of Lausanne, bringing together researchers and experts to explore the environmental, social, and economic impacts of large-scale sports events. The event is co-organized with the research project “[Sports for the Planet? Analyzing the Sustainability of Major Sports Events](#),” funded by the Swiss National Science Foundation (SNSF). The event will also include a book launch of *Integrity and Sustainability in Sport Business: Environmental and Social Goals* ([Routledge](#)), edited by Argyro Elisavet Manoli and Ioannis Konstantopoulos.

### Theme

In recent years, hosting major sports events has come under increased scrutiny due to concerns about their environmental impact, the welfare of local communities, the overall economic benefits, and the object of frequent controversies, for example, around human rights and corruption. From the Olympics to regional competitions, organizers face growing pressure to incorporate sustainability into their planning and execution. By bringing together diverse disciplinary perspectives, this research day aims to foster a dialogue on how sports events can achieve more balance between environmental responsibility, economic viability, and social welfare.

We encourage submissions from various disciplines, including but not limited to themes such as:

**Sustainability and Environmental Aspects:** Sustainable event management, carbon footprint analysis, and resource utilization.

**Equity and Inclusion:** Community engagement, stakeholder satisfaction, equity, and inclusivity.

**Economics and Policy:** Cost-benefit analysis, legacy planning, policy frameworks, and governance.

**Management:** Best practices in sustainable event organization, innovation, and technology.

**Urban/Regional Planning and Architecture:** Infrastructure design, sustainable transportation studies, and venue sustainability.

**Media and Communication:** The role of media in shaping sustainability discourse and communication strategies.

We also welcome abstracts on topics not listed here, provided they relate to sustainability in sport.

### Submission Guidelines

1. **Abstract Length:** 200–400 words (excluding references).
2. **Format:** Abstracts should be structured with distinct, labeled sections in the IMRaD format (i.e., Introduction, Methods, Results, Discussion). Please include the title of your presentation, full name(s) of author(s), and institutional affiliation(s).
3. **Submission Deadline:** Abstracts must be submitted by **March 1, 2025**.
4. **Notification of Acceptance:** You will receive an email confirming acceptance by **March 10, 2025**. The program and schedule will be shared on the same date.

### How to Submit

Please send your abstract (Word or PDF) to [cirsport@unil.ch](mailto:cirsport@unil.ch) with the subject line: “*Submission – CIRSport Research Day.*”

### Key Dates

- **Abstract Submission Deadline:** March 1, 2025
- **Notification of Acceptance:** March 10, 2025
- **Event Date:** May 22, 2025

### Contact

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Join us in exploring how major sports events can become forces for positive and sustainable change. Your research, insights, and experiences will help shape the future of global sports events. We hope to see you in Lausanne!