

2023 Safe Sport International Global Safe Sport Conference

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18th - 20th September 2023
London, UK

List of Sessions and Speakers / Presenters

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Monday 18th September 2023 - Day

Research Symposium

18th September
09:00 – 16:00
*Loughborough
University London,
Queen Elizabeth
Olympic Park*

Organised by the **International Research Network on Violence and Integrity in Sport (IRNOVIS)** in collaboration with **Safe Sport International** and hosted by **Loughborough University London**.

Includes over 30 presentations by delegates from 14 different countries including a panel session from leading researchers in the field, five in five presentations and poster presentations.

Monday 18th September 2023 - Evening

Welcome Reception

18th September
17:15-20:00
*The Guildhall,
City of London*

The **City of London Corporation** in association with **Safe Sport International** and **UK Sport** will host a welcome reception for the SSI2023 Global Safe Sport Conference.

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Hope, Healing, and Transformation Through Sport

18th September
Safe Sport Speaker
17:45

Maclean Atsu Dzidzienyo, Gogetdem Wheelchair Racing Club, Ghana

Introduced by:
Yetsa Tuakli-Wosornu PhD

My story as a physically challenged young para-athlete from Ghana. There are very few athletes in history who have come from so little to accomplish so much. I am one of those few who are striving to achieve that dream. I spent the first nine years of my life with my parents in a town called Ashongman in Ghana. My parents worked in farming and trading. My legs became paralysed when I was only nine years old as the result of a wrong injection by a doctor. The only way I could move was by crawling with my hands.

At that time, my situation could only be perceived and described as a curse by my family and the society in which I lived. I survived by trapping fish to sell in the markets, and hunting and weeding for people as another way to live.

In my presentation I will share:

- How I acquired my disability,
- How I survived after the disability at that tender age
- How I managed to enroll in school and become an accountant officer by profession
- The challenges I faced after my National Service, not getting a job as a result of the inaccessible nature of job places in my country
- How my life was transformed through being introduced to sport and by becoming a professional athlete in wheelchair racing, now representing my country
- How I am now able to use my position to challenge perceptions of disabled people in my community and give back to the younger generation - hopefully inspiring others not to give up their dreams.

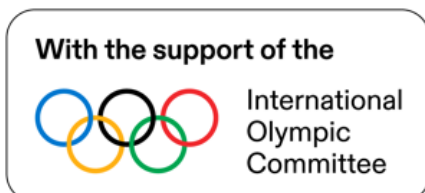
Tuesday 19th September 2023

Conference Day 1 Opening

19th September
Day 1 Opening
09:30
Clifford Chance,
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Keynote – Mary Cain

19th September
Opening Keynote
10:00-11:00
Main Auditorium

Keynote Speaker – **Mary Cain**, CEO of Atalanta NYC, Track and Field, Board Member for The Army of Survivors

Introduced by: **Anne Tiivas OBE** Q&A: **Julie Ann Rivers-Cochran**

This keynote will cover Mary's lived experience as a professional track athlete who came forward about her abusive sports environment in a 2019 New York Times opinion piece. In her talk, Mary will share some of the rarely-discussed aftermaths of coming forward with stories of abuse and how she has learned a lot about the importance of finding community while navigating the retraumatizing work of safeguarding. She will also share some of her thoughts on how we build a safer system for all athletes, which includes reframing "coachability", institutional courage, and truly supporting whistleblowers.

Morning Refreshments

11:00 - 11:30

Coffee, Tea, Water

Healing, Transformation, and the Safeguarding Process

19th September
Panel discussion
11:30-12:30
Main Auditorium

Panel Chair – **Julie Ann Rivers-Cochran**, Executive Director, The Army of Survivors

Panel Members – **Dr Mike Bennett**, Director of Player Wellbeing, Professional Footballers Association. **Joanna Maranhão**, Network Coordinator, Sport and Rights Alliance (SRA)

In keeping with this year's conference theme, the opening panel will explore healing and transformation within the athlete safeguarding process. Specifically, panelists will share their perspectives on what safeguarding looks like from an athlete survivor point of view as well as a union's.

Brazilian Olympic Swimmer, Researcher, and Advocate, Joanna Maranhão will share her experience with abuse including how the safeguarding process within her sport, or lack thereof, impacted her and her healing journey while also propelling her, as a fierce and accomplished advocate, into safeguarding policy development and reform worldwide.

Dr. Mike Bennett, Director of Player Wellbeing, will share how the Professional Footballers Association has transformed their safeguarding programming into one that centres athletes and athletes with lived experiences of abuse by being fully committed to empowering footballers to recognize their value as people, not just players – and for life, not just during their athletic career.



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Lunch, Networking and Exhibitor Stands

12:30 - 14:00

Buffet Lunch, Coffee, Tea, Water

The Athletes Voice – finding healing in advocacy

19th September

Option 1

14:00-15:30

Main Auditorium

Panel Chair – **Sue Ravenlaw**, The Football Association,

Presenters/panel members - **Jamie Cartwright**, **Ellie Guedalla**, **Fahmida Faiza**, Founder & Global CEO

Join this panel to hear from Ellie Guedalla and Jamie Cartwright, former footballers with lived experience of non-recent child sexual abuse in English football, alongside Sue Ravenlaw, Head of Safeguarding at The English FA and Fahmida Faiza former Head of Safeguarding at the South Asian Football Federation.

The focus will include Ellie and Jamie's journeys in football, the impact that childhood sexual abuse has had on their lives and wellbeing, the support they've been able to access since coming forward and the work they contribute to in English football now, alongside the English FA. Hear how the English FA sought to respond after hundreds of survivors came forward to the Police from November 2016 onwards, following the lid being lifted on the horrific abuse that had been suffered by them for decades. Find out how this deeply challenging crisis has helped to strengthen and build on the English FAs already well-established safeguarding framework, that started in 2000.

Discover the ways in which Ellie, Jamie and others with lived experience (some who have waived their anonymity, and some who haven't), are empowered and supported to influence and contribute to the strategic approach to safeguarding, as well as projects such as the English FA's [Play safe campaign](#), the development of a [course to raise awareness](#) for parents and carers and multiple conferences and events to raise awareness.

Bringing a different perspective to the Panel, Fahmida will talk to her work with the South Asian Football Federation, developing national safeguarding policy for seven countries, as well as establishing a regional policy framework to underpin safeguarding. Learn how she led safeguarding activities across the Federation, built partnerships and introduced the first strategy for the region.

Learning into Practice – international perspectives on leading change

19th September

Option 2

14:00-15:30

Room 1n2 (First floor)

Panel Chair – **Kirsty Burrows**, Safe Sport Unit, International Olympic Committee

Panel Members – **Claudia Villa Hughes**, former Head of Safeguarding at Commonwealth Sport, **Anne Vermaak**, Operations Manager of GolfRSA & Director of Vermaak Sport Solutions, **Malebo Raditladi**,

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This illuminating and insightful panel discussion will delve into the intricacies of implementing safeguarding policies and procedures, shedding light on the pivotal challenges encountered in translating these policies into actionable practices.

You will gain valuable insights into the strategic development of educational, policy, and procedural frameworks, even in the face of limited resources and support.

Additionally, this panel will discuss another pertinent scenario: the application of safeguarding standards within the context of a Major Sporting Event (MSE). Panelists will discuss implementing, integrating and upholding these standards amid the multifaceted environment of an MSE.

Attendance will offer the opportunity to gain insights from thought leaders and practitioners who continue to navigate the complexities of safeguarding policy implementation across the sporting world.

Navigating the Evolving Landscape of Safe Sport Research

19th September
Option 3
14:00-15:30
Room 30.1 (30th floor)

A panel discussion with **Professor Sylvie Parent, Ph.D.**, Université Laval, Full Professor, **Clinical Professor Dr. Margo Mountjoy MD, PhD**, IOC Consensus Statement Expert Writing Group, **Dr Tine Vertommen**, Researcher at Thomas More University of Applied Sciences

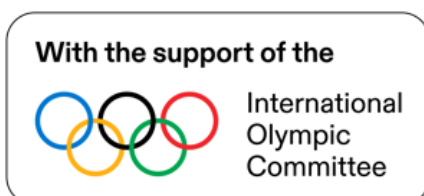
Join us for a captivating panel session featuring three distinguished researchers at the forefront of the safe sport field. Our panelists, Professor Parent, Professor Mountjoy, and Dr. Tine Vertommen, each bring unique perspectives and expertise, offering a comprehensive view of how safe sport research has evolved over the past two decades.

- **Professor Parent:** A renowned sport scientist holding the prestigious Research Chair in Safety and Integrity in Sport (SIMS) at Laval University in Quebec. Professor Parent's insights have greatly influenced policy and practice development.
- **Professor Mountjoy:** A seasoned sports medicine practitioner and researcher with extensive experience collaborating with athletes and international sport federations to shape safeguarding policies.
- **Dr. Tine Vertommen:** A distinguished criminologist specializing in measuring the prevalence of interpersonal violence in sport. Dr. Vertommen leads the International Research Network on Violence and Integrity in Sport, driving significant advances in our understanding of safe sport.

During this engaging session, our panelists will delve into their personal journeys, reflecting on their backgrounds and training that led them to this vital field. They will share intriguing anecdotes about their entry into the world of safe sport research and the challenges they faced along the way.

Key Highlights:

- Each panelist will present pivotal research findings that have had a profound impact on safe sport policies and practices.



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- Discover their latest work and initiatives aimed at advancing safe sport research.
- Gain insights into the future of safe sport research, as our experts discuss emerging trends and the challenges that lie ahead.

The session will also provide an opportunity for active participation. Attendees are encouraged to share their own insights, ask questions, and engage in a dynamic exchange of ideas, fostering collaboration and networking among researchers, practitioners, and policymakers dedicated to ensuring the safety and integrity of sport. Don't miss this unique opportunity to hear from and interact with leaders in the field of safe sport research. Join us for what promises to be an enlightening and forward-thinking panel session.

Abuse Through Technology – the problem

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 Option 4
 14:00-15:30
 Room 30.2 (30th floor)

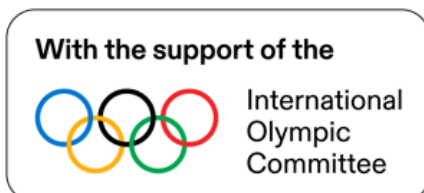
Panel Chair – **Marcella Leonard MBE**, Director, Leonard Consultancy
 Panel Members – **Dr Emma Kavanagh**, Senior Lecturer, Bournemouth University, **Shailey Hingorani**, Head of Policy, Advocacy and Research, WeProtect Global Alliance

One of the most challenging aspects of assessing safeguarding concerns has been the increase of technology in every day life. Therefore there is a continued expectation of sports governing bodies to have a greater awareness of how their members are kept safe through their and other's use of technology. The ever emerging platforms and apps creates challenges in maintaining knowledge of how each can be utilised to commit abuse such as cyber – bullying, cyber-violence, online coercion, stalking and image sharing. Alongside this there needs to be a greater understanding of the implications for users of the impact of extensive technology use such as addiction and impact on mental health and wellbeing.

The learning gained from victims of online exploitation has sought to challenge the pre-existing perception of the level of harm experienced as compared with victims of face to face abuse. Victims of technology facilitated abuse have provided greater insight into the specific dynamics of this form of abuse and consequently on the need for a more tailored safeguarding response by sports organisations. Hearing and sharing the voices of young people and their life online provides us with a wealth of knowledge from which to recognise and respond appropriately when technology facilitated abuse is discovered.

Developing a trauma informed safeguarding approach to technology facilitated abuse requires ongoing knowledge on the ever emerging online spaces, the merging of the virtual and physical spaces and both the positive and risk aspects of these spaces. This workshop aims to provide a platform to explore these challenges and assist sports organisations in developing and enhancing their response to abuse through technology.

In summary this workshop will consider the implications of keeping people safe online focusing on:



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- The nature of virtual worlds and their ever-merging interaction with the physical space
- Sports focused typologies of harm caused through the use of technologies
- Developing a trauma informed response for victims / targets of mediated violence
- Safeguarding responses specific to technology facilitated abuse

The Forensic Interview – a pathway to protecting victim’s stories, healing and justice

19th September

Option 5

14:00-15:30

Room 1c4-6 (First floor)

Presenter – **Crimson Barocca**, LCSW-C, is the Manager of Forensic Interview Research & Education (FIRE) at Center for Hope.

This workshop will review the components of a forensic interview and how it can provide a supportive space for victims to talk about their experiences. Participants will learn how this process has benefits for athletes and those conducting investigations. New promising methods like tele-forensic interviewing will be discussed as a way to provide a trauma informed approach.

You will leave this workshop understanding the value of forensic interview techniques and how they can help you feel confident in obtaining reliable information while also letting the victim take the lead.

Afternoon Refreshments

15:30 - 16:00

Coffee, Tea, Water

Institutional Courage

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Afternoon Keynote

16:00-16:45

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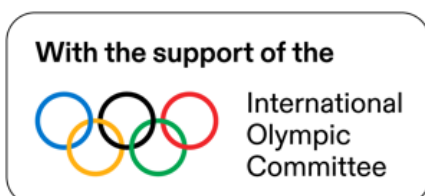
Keynote Speaker – **Jennifer M. Gómez, Ph.D.**, Assistant Professor: Boston University, School of Social Work; Faculty Affiliate: Boston University Center for Innovation in Social Work & Health and Center for Antiracist Research

Introduced by – **Anne Tiivas**

Abuse in sports a widely known problem. What is less clear is how to effectively make institutional and cultural change that results in: 1) responding to incidents of abuse in ways that promote accountability, healing, and change; and 2) ultimately eliminating abuse altogether.

The goal of this talk is to provide concrete strategies of institutional courage that can promote change.

First, Dr. Gómez will briefly detail some of the aspects of the sociocultural context that promote abuse in sports: racism, intersectional oppression, cultural betrayal, and sexual abuse. This context necessitates that as a foundation, sports organizations must be



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culturally competent and trauma-informed. Dr. Gómez will then introduce the framework of institutional courage (created by Dr. Jennifer J. Freyd, founder of the Center for Institutional Courage). From her book, *The Cultural Betrayal of Black Women & Girls: A Black Feminist Approach to Healing from Sexual Abuse*, Dr. Gómez will detail steps of institutional courage, such as operating with transparency and cherishing the whistleblower, that individuals can use to transform sports organizations and culture.

Finally, Dr. Gómez will draw from her book to discuss the difficulty in measuring progress towards the change we are so desperately working towards ending with hope that true change is both necessary and possible.

Informal Reception

19th September
17:00-19:00
Room 30.1 (30th floor)

Safe Sport International invite all attending to a drinks reception and light bites on the 30th Floor of our Clifford Chance conference venue to enjoy lively conversations, stunning views overlooking the River Thames and the City of London, and to reflect on the presentations and panels from the day.

Presentation of Safe Sport Awards

19th September
Evening Reception
17:30
Room 30.1 (30th floor)

The Safe Sport Awards are presented to athletes, academics, professionals, groups, and organisations in recognition of their outstanding work, and to encourage excellence.

INROVIS Research Award

SSI Young Professionals Essay Competition Winner

SSI Athlete Voice Award

SSI Kari Fasting International Research Award

SSI Celia Brackenridge Award for Service to Safe Sport

Wednesday 20th September 2023

Early start session – Gender-balanced Leadership

20th September
Day 2 Early start session
08:00 – 09:00
*Clifford Chance
Room 1c4-6 (First floor)*

Guro A. Johnsen, CEO and founder SheSkillz Global, **Gloria Viseras**, senior project manager of the IOC safe sport unit.



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The World Economic Forum has concluded with more than 130 years before Gender equality, Paris 2024 will be the first Olympics in history to achieve numerical gender parity on the field of play. How many years do you think it will take before the leadership/support team around the athletes will have gender parity, more or less than 130 years?

Lack of gender-balanced leadership in sports affects organisational culture, including how we behave, trust and support each other. To reach the goal "A right to engage in 'safe sport'", is there any other way to reach this goal than through a more gender-balanced sports organisation?

What have we achieved since the SSI conference in Madrid In 2018, and what is still to be done? From 'survivor' to leadership role in the IOC. To find her voice and use it in her daily work for a safer sport, not only for athletes but all involved. What empowerment from other women worldwide and other survivors have meant for her journey until today.

A conversation between Guro Askheim Johnsen, CEO and founder SheSkill Global, and IOC's senior project manager of the safe sport unit and survivor of child sexual abuse, Gloria Viseras.

Conference Day 2 Opening

20th September
Day 2 Opening
09:15 – 09:45
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Trauma Informed Legal Practice – supporting survivors seeking remedy

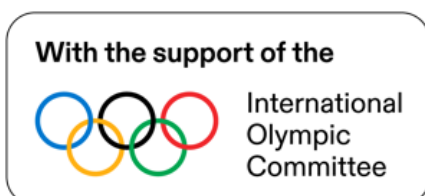
20th September
Panel discussion
9:45-11:00
Main Auditorium

Panel Chair - **Julia Lewis**, International Tennis Integrity Agency, Legal Counsel

Panel Members - **Richard Bush**, Partner, Bird and Bird LLP, London UK, **Miles Benjamin**, Clifford Chance, **Kat Craig**, CEO, Athlead, **Joanna Maranhão**, Network Coordinator, Sport and Rights Alliance (SRA)

This panel (Kat Craig, Richard Bush, Joanna Maranhão and Miles Benjamin) will look at the various types of legal and quasi-legal models of remedy available to athlete survivors seeking justice, and discuss the benefits and shortcomings of each (taking into account broad complexities posed by (i) cross-jurisdictional discussion and (ii) the lack of a uniform or autonomous global sporting structure).

Panellists will discuss what 'remedy' means for victims and survivors, the opportunities presented by different forums (including criminal, civil, disciplinary, and safeguarding), and practical steps which can be applied and followed in any process to ensure survivors



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are safely included and supported through it in a trauma-informed way. They will also discuss what models of restorative justice look like and how restorative redress can or should operate in addition to traditional models of redress.

Morning Refreshments

11:00 - 11:30 | Coffee, Tea, Water

Safeguards for All – principles and practice for transforming sport

20th September
Panel discussion
11:30-12:30
Main Auditorium

Chair - **Sandra Kirby PhD O.C.**, Professor Emerita, Department of Sociology, University of Winnipeg

Panel Members - **Mark Mungal**, Sport and Development Consultant & SSI Inclusive Safeguards Committee Chair, **Liz Twyford**, Sport Programmes Specialist, UNICEF UK, **Lucy Trochet**, Safeguarding Consultant, World Archery

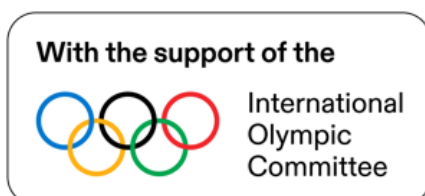
In this session, panelists Lucy Trochet, Liz Twyford & Mark Mungal will explore the role of standards and benchmarks in promoting safeguarding in sport. There are a number of existing benchmarks which cover different communities in sport. In the search for a platform for safeguarding for all, the panel will first set the stage by looking at some of the gaps in safeguarding and risks to participants, particularly those young athletes in day-to-day sport who may quickly find themselves on the talent pathway. Second, as a way to address child abuse in sport, the International Safeguards for Children in Sport were established. Are they sufficient. Are they enough? Then, to support the protection of adults in sport, a challenge raised by Kari Fasting in SSI, the SSI Adult Safeguards were developed. When launched, will they move us along the goal of a seamless' approach to safeguarding everyone in sport?

Safeguarding needs to protect the human rights of all in sport - the athletes, the coaches, the entourage, the volunteers, the sport administrators and so on, whatever their age or role. To more fully understand safeguarding for all, the panel explores these issues in more depth, addressing the roles of benchmarks, implementation issues and some potential solutions for safeguarding.

Lucy has recently worked with two International Sport Federations and she will bring safeguarding insights from her recent studies on child athlete participation in elite sport in the context of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child and from her experience of child athlete participation on the talent pathway.

Liz, the Coordinator for the International Safeguards for Children in Sport, will reflect on the role these have played in driving good practice over the last 10 years.

Mark is the lead on the SSI Safeguarding for Adults project and will outline some of the key insights gleaned during the process of developing the International Safeguards for Adults in Sport.



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12:30 - 13:30

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Organisational Safeguarding Through a Trauma Informed Lens

20th September

Option 1

13:30-15:00

Main Auditorium

Presenters - **Pam Shriver**, Pro Tennis, **Mathilde Grenet**, Founder and President, En Garde

Mathilde Grenet, former tennis player, Safe Sport specialist, founder of the safeguarding consulting firm EN GARDE, will speak about her resilience journey as a survivor of sexual abuse in tennis and what she learned from it. How she went from the status of a victim to the status of a safeguarding advocate and consultant. Mathilde will also share 10 practical tips for sports organisations (NOC, Federations, Clubs) to implement in order to facilitate the athlete survivor journey.

Finally, she will interview the tennis legend Pam Shriver, winner of 133 WTA and 22 major titles who will also speak about her own story and give some great insights into what is happening on the WTA in regard to Safeguarding.

Trauma Informed Coaching – lessons from athletes and athlete survivors

20th September

Option 2

13:30-15:00

Room 30.2 (30th floor)

Presenters - **Julie Ann Rivers-Cochran**, Executive Director, The Army of Survivors, **Dr Danielle Moore**, The Army of Survivors

Coaches play a key role in creating safe sporting environments, healthy team cultures, and in preventing abuse in sports. During this session, participants will learn about The Compassionate Coach curriculum which was developed by The Army of Survivors in partnership with athletes and athlete survivors of abuse as well as leading experts in institutional courage, trauma-informed care, and player-centered coaching.

The program educates coaches on understanding trauma, how it affects child athletes, how to recognize it, and how to appropriately adjust their coaching style to create a safe and secure sporting environment. By coaching in a trauma-informed way, coaches have the opportunity to provide a safe and secure environment for athletes who have experienced trauma with the goal of continuing training without the risk of re-traumatization. Coaches will also be able to more easily identify athletes who may have experienced trauma and learn how to respond if they see abuse themselves.

This presentation will provide lessons learned from athletes and athletes survivors and will be further supplemented with guidance on how trauma-informed coaching can

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enhance pre-existing coaching methodologies to support athlete resiliency and create institutionally courageous athletic environments.

The Future of Safeguarding Research In Sport

20th September
Option 3
13:30-15:00
Room 30.1 (30th floor)

Presenters - **Dr Daniel Rhind**, Chartered Psychologist and Reader in Psychology at Loughborough University, **Yetsa Tuakli-Wosornu MD MPH**, Sports Equity Lab, **Dr Dikaia Chatziefstathiou**, Canterbury Christ Church University, Founder & Head of Sport, Human Rights and Safeguarding Research Group

This session will consider the future of research on safeguarding in sport. We will discuss how this can promote hope, healing and transformation. We will begin with 2 presentations which will summarise the key findings of recent reviews:

- Recommendations from the IOC Consensus Statement on interpersonal violence in sport – Dr Yetsa Tuakli-Wosornu and Dr Daniel Rhind
- Results from a delphi study on future research priorities conducted by the International Research Network on Violence and Integrity in Sport – Dr Sylvie Parent

Dr Dikaia Chatziefstathiou, Head of a Research Group on Sport, Human Rights and Safeguarding at Canterbury Christ Church University, Kent will then outline their commitment to produce interdisciplinary, translational research that aims to address key global challenges of the sports ecosystem, especially in the Global South. To enhance the effectiveness of future safeguarding research, Dikaia will argue that greater collaboration between researchers, sports organizations, and governing bodies is crucial. By integrating the expertise of various disciplines, such as sports science, psychology, sociology, management and medicine, researchers can gain a more comprehensive understanding of the factors contributing to athlete safety.

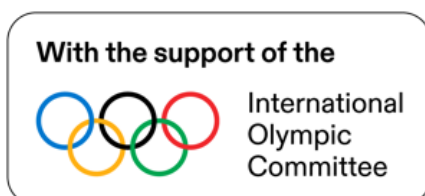
The second half of the session will then be a 'world café' style event in which we have guided group discussions to consider how we can all work together to address the key research questions in the field. We aim to achieve a broad consensus at the end through identifying a list of priority areas and short term goals to facilitate collaboration (e.g., preparing grant applications, collaborating on journal papers etc.).

The plan would be to re-visit these themes in a similar session at a future SSI conference to report back on progress and agree new priorities to support an on-going, productive and impactful global collaborations amongst researchers working on areas related to safeguarding in sport.

Emerging Practice at the National Level - reporting and responding to concerns

20th September
Option 4
13:30-15:00

Panel Chair – **Anne Tiivas OBE**, Chair Safe Sport International
Panel Members - **Marie Claude Asselin**, Chief Executive Officer, Sport Dispute Resolution Centre of Canada (SDRCC), **Emily Cameron-Blake**,



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Member of the Maltreatment in Sport Sanctions Council SDRCC, **Sarah-Eve Pelletier**, Sport Integrity Commissioner SDRCC, **Dr Paul Oliver** Head of Sport Engagement, Sport Integrity Australia (SIA) **Emma Gardner**, Acting Director Safeguarding, SIA.

Sport organisations around the world have been, for far too long, reactive to child abuse allegations. Historically, the lack of proactive safeguarding frameworks and practice has been uncovered by national inquiries, royal commissions and cultural reviews, shining the light on the gaps in safeguarding, particularly for children and young people. There remain barriers to athletes and participants coming forward with their lived experiences within sport, for myriad reasons, not least the lack of function, of processes and of independence.

But this is changing, with several countries (including Australia and Canada) establishing national agencies to try and break down some of those barriers. They have clearly defined prohibited conduct and responsibilities for sport participants and have established an independent complaint management process which is removed from the sport organizations, with a focus on mediation and conflict resolution led by independent professionals. They also invest in education, prevention and other initiatives to address systemic issues and instil a culture change in sport.

This session will feature expert speakers from two agencies that are breaking new ground in how harassment and abuse complaints are managed: Sport Integrity Australia and the Abuse-Free Sport program of the Sport Dispute Resolution Centre of Canada. They will talk about their respective organisation’s journeys on how they came to be, the challenges and successes along the way, the partnerships and collaboration needed to be effective, and athletes’ contributions to the process.

The Role of Technology in Safeguarding

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Option 5

13:30-15:00

Room 1c4-6 (First floor)

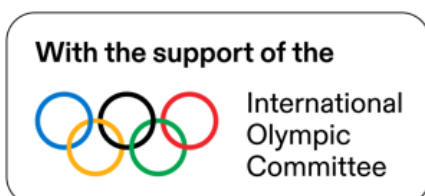
Panel Chair – **Chiel Warners**, Vice Chair Safe Sport International

Panel Members - **Blake Davidson**, Executive Vice President, Real Response, **Phil Suddick**, Head of Sport, Clue, **Kath Bennett**, Safeguarding Manager for the England Rugby Football Union, **Jonathan Hirschler**, CEO, Signify AI

In this panel, leading safeguarding technology companies and end-users from prominent sports organisations will explore the pivotal role of innovative software in enhancing athlete safety and creating safer sporting environments.

Discover the potential of technology to foster trust in reporting concerns, unearth valuable insights, identify risks from vast data volumes, enhance intelligence sharing transparency, and streamline safeguarding investigations.

Join this session to delve into cutting-edge safeguarding technology and its significant contribution to safer sports through prevention-led approaches. Don't miss the opportunity to stay at the forefront of safeguarding advancements.



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