The IAPESGW European Regional Congress took place in Madrid – Spain at the Universidad Europea from Madrid. It coincided with the celebration of IAPESGW 70th anniversary. We were fortunate enough to enjoy a variety of activities and to enjoy a very rich academic program. The opening ceremony took place at Salón Real – Edificio de la Panadería in downtown Madrid and we were fortunate enough to enjoy the welcome speech of Sofía Miranda, councillor and responsible for sport of Madrid city and we also had the chance to exchange with Marisol Casado, member of the IOC and Chair of the IOC Gender Equality Review Project.

The following day the academic program started with the kind words of the Dean of the School of Science from Universidad Europea de Madrid Dr. Francisco López Varas and the Chair of the LOC Gerardo Bielons. It was an exciting program that included keynote presentations, oral presentations, poster, panel and practical workshop sessions. The event had representatives from 27 countries and around 100 full participants from the following countries: Australia, Austria, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Brazil, Canada, China, Colombia, Czech Republic, England, Germany, Greece, Iran, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Malaysia, Morocco, Philippines, Portugal, Romania, Russia, Spain, Switzerland, Taiwan-China, Turkey, USA and Venezuela.
There were also opportunities to other activities, such as the visit to the well-known Santiago Bernabeu stadium.
We had four keynote speakers who represent the history of IAPESGW. **Gertrud Pfister** who is one of the co-author of the book *Honoring the Legacy ‘fifty years of IAPESGW’* that was published in 1999. **Christine Shelton**, former IAPESGW vice-president and organizer of the congress that took place at Smith College to celebrate the 50th anniversary of IAPESGW in 1999. Darlene Kluka who was IAPESGW president 2005 – 2009 and life member. **Tansin Benn**, president of IAPESGW 2009 – 2013 and author of the recent book *Continuing to Honour the Legacy – International Association of Physical Education and Sport for Girls and Women 1999- 2019*. All four academics have given great service to IAPESGW for years and the four of them have been distinguished with IAPESGW distinctions in the past. The following picture includes the last three IAPESGW presidents
It was also a unique occasion to gather several generations of IAPESGW members, some of them have been around since the 70s. The academic program was very rich and presented a great variety of research from different areas but also exciting workshops, we sincerely appreciate the hard work of María Dolores (Marilín) González, Board member, and Chair of the Scientific Committee, well-done. For all those who stayed until the end, we enjoyed a unique workshop of flamenco dance, thanks Olga, and Olé!

A great appreciation to the Spanish Olympic Committee (Comité Olímpico Español - COE) where the IAPESGW Board was received and we had a two hours visit and a good meeting with Victoria Cabezas (Secretary General of the COE), and all Gender & Equality Commission of the COE: Isabel García (president of the Gender & Equality Commission), Begoña Fernández (Handball Federation), Natalia Orive (Futsal Federation), Inés González (Lifesaving Federation), Araceli Castaño (Dance Federation), Fé Robles, and Sara Martín. Thank for your kind welcoming to IAPESGW and for participating in one of the panels at the event.

We appreciate all those who joined us in the closing dinner; the chance to get together, to celebrate the 70th anniversary with old and new friends was a unique moment. Thanks to ICSSPE and the ISHPES board members who came along to share with us. A new introduction to IAPESGW is an Instagram account #IAPESGW thanks to the initiative to some of our new members, young generation. In the photo bellow you can find this interesting groopus ‘instagramer’ who are from: Brazil, Iran, Philippines, Italy, Taiwan-China and Germany/Argentina! Thanks to this young fellows!
Last, but not least, thanks to Board for all the patience in the long hours of our meetings and the many decisions, projects and challenges in the years to come.

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