



The 19th Quadrennial IAPESGW World Congress:

8-10 September 2021

With Tianjin University of Sport, China

Closing Statement

Promoting Leadership, Empowerment and Sustainability through Physical Education, Sport and Physical Activity

The virtual China IAPESGW Congress was attended by about 1800 viewers (208 delegates) delegates from 41 countries and areas representing all continents of the globe, in the time of a global pandemic. We believe this is the first time a women's academic sport organisation has organised such an event in China in which it was possible to unite East and West.

Congruent with the presentations we have heard from the 19th IAPESGW World Congress in Tianjin, China, the Closing Statement highlights the following recurrent aspects discussed:

1. The International Association of Physical Education and Sport for Girls and Women supports human rights for all and particularly supports all efforts to increase the participation of girls and women across physical education, sport, dance and physical activity.
2. IAPESGW rejects all forms of discrimination against girls and women and encourages international sports federations and associations to show their commitment to inclusion by increasing female participation in their sport and by growing the numbers of women in various leadership roles, particularly in coaching.
3. IAPESGW calls on all sports respect for religious belief, including the wearing of religious costume, of women in sports.

4. IAPESGW encourages governments, education and health organisations to take action to increase levels of physical activity across all ages, as sedentary lifestyles impact on fitness and health.
5. IAPESGW encourages active research on women in sports and encourages research into transgender participation in sports.
6. Pre-schools and both public and private schools should endorse and support physical education across their curriculum.
7. IAPESGW endorses the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals , particularly:
 - SDG:3 Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages
 - SDG:4 Ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all
 - SDG:5 Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls

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