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# Game, Drama, Ritual in Martial Arts and Combat Sports

1<sup>st</sup> IMACSSS International Conference



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## GENERAL PRESENTATION

The International Martial Arts and Combat Sports Scientific Society (IMACSSS), the Unione Italiana Sportpertutti Area Discipline Orientali (UISP ADO), and the Laboratorio di Ricerca Sociale - Dipartimento di Scienze Motorie e della Salute Università di Cassino, Italy, propose the **1<sup>st</sup> IMACSSS International Scientific Conference** with a focus on *Game, Drama, Ritual in Martial Arts and Combat Sports*. The Conference will take place from 8 - 10 June 2012 in Genova, Italy.

The organizers firmly believe that this initiative will provide a valuable opportunity to promote, enlarge, and strengthen the scientific community developed around the investigation of martial arts and combat sports (MA&CS). The central focus of the Conference will be the scientific interpretation of the fundamental connections among socio-cultural categories of game, drama and ritual in the context of MA&CS. These modes of interaction can be found in all kinds of sports, but, in the specific context of MA&CS, they are even richer in socio-cultural meanings than in the context of other physical activities. In fact, the analysis of these behavioral genres also applies to research in very different fields ranging from religious studies to medicine, from expressive culture to applied studies.

The Conference also will be the inaugural event of an interactive show, to be held in the same venue throughout June 2012. The show will be dedicated to the famous French painter and judoka Yves Klein, on the occasion of the fiftieth anniversary of his death.

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## CONFERENCE TOPICS

The main theme of the Conference will be developed in the keynote speeches. Presentations (10-15 minutes) based on accepted abstracts will be categorized on the basis of thematic affinities. Six general subtopics are listed below to facilitate abstract submission. Titles, number and a list of the sessions will be based on the total number of abstracts accepted. This information will be communicated in subsequent announcements.

### Guidelines for topics:

- 1) Philosophical conceptions, general theories, terminology and systematics in MA&CS
- 2) Pedagogy and didactic methodology in MA&CS
- 3) Kinesiological and physiological aspects of MA&CS
- 4) Technical and tactical issues in MA&CS
- 5) Psychological, artistic and spiritual dimensions of MA&CS
- 6) Historical and socio-cultural aspects of MA&CS.

## CONGRESS WEBSITE

The Conference website is available at [www.uisp.it/liguria](http://www.uisp.it/liguria).

## OFFICIAL LANGUAGE

The official language of the Conference will be English.

The Organizing Committee is pleased to offer a simultaneous translation into the Italian language.

## LOCATION

Genova is an ancient Italian town with an extraordinarily rich cultural heritage, signified by the inclusion of its historical centre in the UNESCO World Heritage listing (<http://www.genova-turismo.it>).

The Conference will be held in the Palazzo Ducale ([www.palazzoducale.genova.it](http://www.palazzoducale.genova.it)). Constructed in the 13th Century and noted for its political and artistic significance, it is now dedicated to multi-cultural activities.

## EDITORIAL PATRONAGE

Archives of Budo (Poland)

[www.archbudo.com](http://www.archbudo.com)

Electronic Journals of Martial Arts  
and Sciences (Canada)

[www.ejmas.com](http://www.ejmas.com)

Ido Movement for Culture. Journal of  
Martial Arts Anthropology (Poland)

[www.idokan.pl](http://www.idokan.pl)

International Journal of Wrestling  
Science (USA)

<http://inwr-wrestling.com/international-journal-of-wrestling-science/>

Journal of Asian Martial Arts (USA)

[www.journalofasianmartialarts.com](http://www.journalofasianmartialarts.com)

Journal of Chinese Martial Studies  
(China)

<http://www.martialstudies.com.hk>

Journal of Sport Sciences and  
Medicine – Combat Sports Special  
Issues (Turkey)

[www.jssm.org/combat.php](http://www.jssm.org/combat.php)

Lancillotto e Nausica, Critica e storia  
dello sport (Italia)

[www.lancillottoenausica.it](http://www.lancillottoenausica.it)

Revista de Artes Marciales Asiáticas  
(Spain)

[www.revistadeartesmarciales.com](http://www.revistadeartesmarciales.com)

## CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

The participants who intend to submit contributions – oral presentations or posters – are required to send their abstracts to the address indicated below **by 31st January 2012**. Abstracts received after this deadline will not be considered. The notification of the abstract acceptance will be **by 20th February**. All communications must be sent by e-mail.

Structured Abstracts should be in English. The abstract must not exceed 2 A4 pages – Word processed, Word type Times New Roman, font size 12, 1.5 line spacing and 3 cm margins.

Proposals must include: heading with the name(s) of the author(s); home institution(s); e-mail and telephone; the title (centred); key words in English (3–6, and should not come from the title); the body of the text including: problem identification, methodology/design, results, discussion/conclusion, and alphabetic references at the end of the text. The Harvard or Chicago system of documentation (author-date) is suggested.

The abstract must be explicit regarding the contents of the presentation, and it will be included in the Congress documentation to be delivered to the participants.

Evaluation criteria for abstracts are divided into General (Topic Relevance, Originality, General Structure, Coherence, Clarity) and Specific (Problem Identification, Methodology/Design, Results, Discussion/Conclusion, Basic References). The organizers and the scientific committee encourage researchers to present high quality, complete and well-structured abstracts, as this is key for the oral presentation<sup>s</sup>/poster selection process.

Abstracts should be sent by e-mail, in electronic format, to:

[sergio.raimondo@uisp.it](mailto:sergio.raimondo@uisp.it)

## YOUNG RESEARCHERS AWARDS

IMACSSS establishes the IMACSSS Young Researchers Awards as a way to facilitate the integration of young researchers into the MA&CS scientific community and the recognition of high quality research.

### Eligibility

MA&CS researchers under 35 years old. Master or doctoral level students, or awarded with PhD not earlier than 5 years before the conference takes place. Only one application for the IMACSSS Young Researchers Awards per author will be accepted. The applicant must be the first author and also present it at the Conference.

### Procedure

- Applicants for IMACSSS Young Researchers Awards will follow the same instructions and procedures as other researchers taking part in the Conference.
- The evaluation of the applicants will be based on the quality of the abstract submitted to the conference and the quality of the presentation (oral or poster), both rating 50% each of the total.
- There will be a maximum of four IMACSSS Young Researchers Awards, recognizing the best contributions in Social Sciences and Humanities as well as Biological and Experimental Sciences (two awards for oral and poster presentations, respectively). Each of these awards requires a minimum of four applicants. If this number is not attained the number of awards will be proportionally reduced.
- Award-winning research will be announced at the closing ceremony of the Conference.

### Awards

- The winning authors will be awarded a diploma.
- The name of the winning authors will be posted on the IMACSSS website.

## REGISTRATION AND CONFERENCE FEE

Registration and payment of the Conference fee is required for all Conference participants and accompanying persons. The **Participation Card** is available at [www.uisp.it/liguria](http://www.uisp.it/liguria) and also at the end of this announcement. The Participation Card and proof of payment must be sent **only** by e-mail, before the deadline of March 15<sup>th</sup> 2012, to [adoliguria@uisp.it](mailto:adoliguria@uisp.it).

The conference fee is **€ 300** for European teaching and research staff, and **€ 200** for non-European teaching and research staff, university students, UISP members and companions (assistants not presenting oral or poster presentations). Scientific Committee members are relieved from the Conference fee.

It **includes** participation in all sessions, Welcome Dinner (Friday 8<sup>th</sup>), Farewell Dinner (Saturday 9<sup>th</sup>), coffee breaks, working lunches on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 9<sup>th</sup>, transportation to and from the lodging to the conference site, the Conference documentation and book of abstracts. It also **includes** participation in all social activities: guided tour to Yves Klein interactive exhibition; Judo for disabled practitioners and demonstrations; Judo kata demonstrations; Genoese stick demonstrations; boat tour of the ancient harbour.

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**IMPORTANT DATES TO  
REMEMBER**


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**31st January 2012**

Deadline for sending  
abstracts

**20th February 2012**

Notification of  
abstracts acceptance

**15th March 2012**

Deadline for  
registration

**8th-10th June 2012**

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## Payment

Payment in Euros without any charges to the beneficiary should be made by bank transfer to:

**Bank name:** Banca Prossima

**Bank address:** filiale 05000 Milano

**Beneficiary:** Organizing Committee First IMACSSS International Conference c/o UISP Comitato Regionale Ligure

**Iban:** IT36 N033 5901 6001 0000 0015 974

**Bic:** BCITITMX

**Concept:** Registration fee for (name of participant)

## CERTIFICATION

**All registered participants** will be awarded a certificate of attendance. **Only registered authors** will receive a certificate of oral/poster presentation.

## ACCOMODATION

The conference registration fee **does not include** accommodation. Participants are asked to book their lodging according to their interests. We have selected various hotels in Genoa close to the congress venue and at special rates for IMACSSS Conference participants.

### List of recommended hotels:

#### **Columbus Sea Hotel** \* \* \* \*

Via Milano 63 . Tel. +39 010 265051 - Fax +39 010 255226. [info@columbussea.com](mailto:info@columbussea.com). [www.columbussea.com](http://www.columbussea.com)

\* Scientific Committee will lodged in this hotel

#### **NH Marina** \* \* \* \*

Molo Ponte Calvi, 5. Tel. +39 010 25391 - Fax: +39 010 2511320. [nhmarina@nh-hotels.com](mailto:nhmarina@nh-hotels.com).

[www.nh-hotels.it/nh/it/hotels/italia/genova.html](http://www.nh-hotels.it/nh/it/hotels/italia/genova.html)

#### **Hotel Cairoli** \* \* \*

Via Cairoli, 14/4. Tel. +39 010 2461454 - +39 010 2461524. [info@hotelcairoligenova.com](mailto:info@hotelcairoligenova.com)

#### **Hotel Helvetia** \* \* \*

P.Zza Della Nunziata ,1. Tel. +39 010 2465468 - Fax +39 010 2470627. [booking@hotelhelvetiagenova.it](mailto:booking@hotelhelvetiagenova.it)

[www.hotelhelvetiagenova.it](http://www.hotelhelvetiagenova.it)

#### **Ostello di Genova / Youth Hostel**

Via Giovanni Costanzi 120. Tel. +39 010 2422457. [hostelge@iol.it](mailto:hostelge@iol.it). [www.ostellogenova.it](http://www.ostellogenova.it)

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