

The International Symposium of Sport Science in Athletes with Spinal Cord Injury in Wakayama, Japan.

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Sport science and sport medicine can help to improve daily activities and performance. In patients and athletes with SCI, few specialized research groups around the world are investigating issues related to applied physiology, nutrition, coaching and sports management in these unique population groups. The outcomes of these various research areas represent the foundation for evidence-based support to improve daily activities, athletic performance and quality of life in SCI. To use the existing knowledge more efficiently, it seems important to offer researchers an opportunity to meet across different research strands. In this way, scientific data can be presented and experiences exchanged on an interdisciplinary level. We believe that the discussions in this meeting will not only benefit persons with disabilities but also able-bodied persons and the research community.

In light of the Tokyo Olympic and Paralympic Games in 2020, we propose to conduct a mini-symposium in Wakayama, Japan. The committee of the mini-symposium will invite a number of experts in the field to provide an opportunity to develop sports science and sport medicine.

We further aim to strengthen the collaborative links and deepen the friendship between these researchers.

