CEREPS summit in Prague with the topic "Quality Criteria and outcome standards for Physical Education and School Sport"

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CEREPS (Conseil européen des recherches en éducation physique et sportive) is a non-governmental and non-commercial organisation, that was founded in Luxemburg in the autumn 2015. The vision and purpose of this research council is to serve as a communication base and open consortium for advanced studies in cross-border collaboration of different national and regional institutes of sport sciences across Europe and for mainly EU-based associations and federations which focus on physical education, youth sport and other physical activities to enhance an active lifestyle for children and adolescents.

The council aspires to include important stakeholders of different institutes, associations and societies to enhance collaborative partnerships across borders of each institute, association or society which focus on research for a holistic well-balanced individual development of body, will and mind for young people. CEREPS wants to become a major address for research applications and exchange of research items of PESS on inter-institutional and inter-cultural level of their members and for different partner bodies on a common EU level.

CEREPS sets up a website with a detailed menu of research-based items. CEREPS sets up working groups: research & application committee, teaching & coaching committee, and a grant & sponsorship committee. CEREPS select members and appoint honoury members as special advisers for the committees. CEREPS has a General Secretary who will network between the three committees and with external partner organizations. CEREPS builds partnerships in research consortiums with international/EU based umbrella organisations.

CEREPS organizes in regular intervals meetings/ conferences/ symposia on selected research topics and other common items of interest with a comparable EU-based view. CEREPS offers their expertise for satellite/invited seminars/symposia for their partner organisations (e.g. EUPEA, ENGSO Youth, FIEP Europe, HEPA Europe et al.). CEREPS publish final reports of research studies, separately and in conjunction with partners. CEREPS will attract the EC-Commission and EACEA to become a collaborative research partner for quality PE and grass-root sports development for children and adolescence. CEREPS work as an EU-based service point and centre of higher learning institutes across Europe to support the future development and exchange of research and expertise in PE, HEPA, and youth sports studies.

There exist no research consortium of PESS cross-culturally or cross borderline in the EU. Many national and EU-based bodies of PESS do not have a research consortium. EU-based application policies of EACEA are more demanding strategic and collaborative partnerships between EU-stakeholders in PESS & grass-root youth sport. Promotion of PESS (quality & quantity) on national and EU-level needs evidence-based research results to raise funding and more awareness for better support of PESS in the near future through policy-makers.

Networking and partnerships on local, regional, national and EU-level are progressing for applied PESS for various reasons (time allotment for daily PA, bio-psycho-social benefits, personnel, material and financial resources) which means a challenge for researchers in PESS. Legitimation and justification of PESS must be better linked with research outcome of teaching to achieve a holistic, balanced well-being approach of development for pupils' current and future needs. Threats for PESS on different levels and in different settings of delivery are visible across the EU.

The first CEREPS summit took part in Luxemburg 2016, the second in Brussels 2017, the third in Lisboan 2018, the forth in Prague 2019 and the fifth will organised in Budapest 2020. The main topic in Prague 2019, organized at Charles University through Faculty of Physical Education and Sport in Carolinum, was "Quality Criteria and outcome standards for Physical Education and School Sport". 14 European countries took part at this event, there presented 17 active experts and attend other 7 passive participants. Subtheme were: Health behaviour (habits, attitudes ...), Motor development (skills, abilities ...), Knowledge of physical culture (rules, history, successes, equipment, warm up ...), Psycho-social qualities (well-being, self-concept, motivation, cooperation ...). We offer to the reader of Acta Universitatis Carolinae Kinanthropologica some selected contributions from CEREPS conference in Prague in this volume.