

Call for papers – Special issue on ‘Skill Acquisition: Research and Practice’ in the Journal of Sport and Exercise Science (JSES)

About the Australasian Skill Acquisition Network (ASAN)

The Australasian Skill Acquisition Network (ASAN) brings together skill acquisition, motor learning and motor control researchers, coaches, and practitioners from Australia, Asia and New Zealand. During its yearly conference, both students, established researchers, and coaches/practitioners present work on topics relevant to these fields. Given the increasing popularity of the annual meeting, and the excellent work done by researchers and practitioners in attendance, the Journal of Sport and Exercise Science, the official journal of Sport and Exercise New Zealand, is calling for manuscripts for a special issue on ‘Skill Acquisition: Research and Practice’

About the special issue

The call for papers for this special issue aims to tackle the implementation of skill acquisition science in sport and exercise. Skill Acquisition is an integral subdomain of Sport and Exercise Science, and deals with the measurement and acquisition of motor skills in athletic and non-athletic populations. This special issue invites submissions on projects presented at the ASAN meeting in Waikato, NZ, on a wide range of topics related to skill acquisition such as motor learning, motor development, decision-making, talent identification and development etc. The submission deadline for this special issue is Wednesday the 1st of April.

The journal

The Journal of Sport and Exercise Science (JSES) is a peer-reviewed online journal that publishes original research articles, reviews, invited commentaries, and letters to the editor, in the broad context of sport and exercise science. This includes, but is not limited to the fields of biomechanics, psychology, coaching, skill acquisition, exercise science, physiology, nutrition, injuries and rehabilitation.

The guest editors

Dr Job Fransen. Dr Job Fransen is a senior lecturer in Skill Acquisition and Motor Control at the University of Technology Sydney. His work focusses on many aspects of skill acquisition including talent identification and development, collective skill acquisition and the measurement and development of decision-making in athletes and sport officials.

Dr Clare MacMahon is a Senior Lecturer in Motor Learning and Skilled Performance at La Trobe University. Her research addresses development and performance in complex perceptual-motor skills, including the impact of cognitive fatigue on physical performance, talent identification and development, generally, and judgment and decision making in athletes and officials.

Dr Gert-Jan Pepping is an Associate Professor and Head of Discipline (Exercise Science) at the Australian Catholic University in Brisbane, Australia. He performs research into psychology, perception and action-, skill acquisition-, and decision-making in sport, exercise and healthy ageing.

The submission process

Instructions for authors

In the first instance, authors may submit their paper in any scholarly format or layout. Manuscripts must be submitted as a single Word file through the Journal's online portal <https://sesnz.org.nz/journal/submit-a-manuscript/>, where authors can specify that they are submitting a manuscript as part of the special issue: 'Skill Acquisition: Research and Practice'. It is suggested that authors use the available template to facilitate submission. Figures and tables should be placed within the text and should be of sufficient resolution to enable easy review.

- There are no strict formatting requirements, but all manuscripts must contain the essential elements needed to evaluate a manuscript: Title page with author affiliation(s), abstract, introduction, methods, results, discussion, figures, tables, funder information, and references. Further details may be required if the paper is accepted for publication.
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- Spelling can be US or UK English so long as usage is consistent.

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Manuscripts that do not fall within the scope and mission statement of this special issue or fail to comply with the submission guidelines will not enter the formal review process. The corresponding author is required to nominate at least three potential reviewers of the manuscript who have suitable expertise in the area addressed by the manuscript. The journal is under no obligation to use any of the nominated reviewers. The review process will usually take 4-8 weeks.