

# Playing into the Future – surviving and thriving

## Call for abstracts and proposals



The 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary world conference  
of the International Play Association

4 – 7 July 2011, Cardiff, Wales

[www.ipa2011.org](http://www.ipa2011.org)

**The International Play Association has its roots in Scandinavia, where it was founded in 1961. For 50 years the Association has worked across borders to raise awareness of the critical importance of play to all children across the world.**

In the 1980s IPA helped ensure that play was included in article 31 of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child and continues to strive for the right to play to become a reality. In 2002 Wales was the first country in the world with the foresight, commitment and sense of adventure to adopt a national policy for play. Those qualities link us directly to the origins of IPA 50 years ago. We look forward to welcoming you to Cardiff for the 18<sup>th</sup> IPA World conference.

**Theresa Casey, President, International Play Association**

## Speakers

### **Brian Sutton-Smith PhD**

Forthcoming publication, *Play as Emotional Survival*.

### **Bob Hughes**

Author of *Evolutionary Playwork* and *Reflective Analytic Practice*.

### **Wendy Russell and Stuart Lester**

Authors of the IPA concept paper, *Children's Right to Play:*

*An examination of the importance of play in the lives of children worldwide.*

### **Sudeshna Chatterjee PhD**

Distinguished scholar and urban designer working in India, an editor of the *Children, Youth and Environments* journal.

Find out more about conference speakers and contributors as they are confirmed at [www.ipa2011.org](http://www.ipa2011.org). Keep up with news on the conference on the IPA 2011 Facebook Group and Twitter.

## International Playwork Camp

1 - 3 July 2011

We are offering a two night camp in mid-Wales for 50 IPA members (who have registered as delegates for at least two conference days between 4 and 7 July). The number of UK delegates is restricted so as to ensure this is a truly international event. Booking starts 1 September 2010 - there is an additional registration fee for this event, find out more at [www.ipa2011.org](http://www.ipa2011.org)



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**How do we create a future where playing is valued and where every country and neighbourhood upholds all children's right to time, freedom and a safe enough environment for playing in their own way?**

The 18<sup>th</sup> conference of the International Play Association offers four days to share with colleagues from around the world:

- evidence of the value of playing
- evidence of the value of providing for play
- experience and examples of good practice in promoting and supporting children's play

Contributions are welcomed from disciplines and policy backgrounds that have an interest in, or an impact on, playing children and young people – for example, education, health, play provision, youth provision, play therapy, urban and landscape design and planning.



**Saesneg yw iaith cynhadledd fyd-eang yr IPA, ond mae Chwarae Cymru wedi ymrwymo i gefnogi siaradwyr Cymraeg i gyflwyno papurau neu weithdai yn eu hiaith eu hunain.**

## Themes

### Play – Individual and Social

- Play and its contribution to adaptation, healing, resilience, risk-management, social wellbeing, emotional literacy and learning
- Play deprivation, bias and extremes (the effects on children of having no opportunity to play, or only being able to play in a very limited or extreme way and how these effects might be overcome)
- Play and identity
- Play and the playwork approach
- Play and the reflective practitioner

### Play – Environment and Space indoor, outdoor, virtual, urban or rural

- The environment, space and time within which playing occurs – is promoted or inhibited – whether planned by adults or not
- Providing environments where children and young people can create and manage risk and uncertainty
- The influence physical and/or emotional environments have on play

### Play – Society and Culture

- Play and policy making
- Freedom to play and the structures of society and communities – social divisions, material divisions, mobility and inequality
- Play cultures and folklore
- Playing, ethnography and children's geographies
- War, conflict and play

Please go to [www.ipa2011.org](http://www.ipa2011.org) for further information and guidance on abstract and proposal submission and to download the submission form for completion.

The language of IPA world conferences is English, however, Play Wales is committed to supporting Welsh speakers to present papers or workshops in their own language. Contributions from non-IPA members are welcome.

The IPA 2011 Programme Advisory Group invites the submission of abstracts and proposals under the conference themes for:

- Paper presentations at workshop sessions (30 minutes)
- Paper presentations to the full conference (30 minutes)
- Workshops (one hour including delegate participation)
- Symposia (90 minutes, groups presenting on a chosen theme with delegate participation)
- Poster presentations and non commercial exhibitions, including mobile play provision to be exhibited in the conference venue car park
- Film presentations

The deadline for submissions is **10 November 2011** – abstracts and proposals will be peer reviewed by the Programme Advisory Group and should be submitted by email using the forms available on the conference website at [www.ipa2011.org](http://www.ipa2011.org). Successful submissions will be notified in January 2011.



# Contact

If you cannot find answers to your queries on the conference website:

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If you are a commercial or not for profit organisation wishing to take this exciting opportunity to hire exhibition space in or outside the conference venue please contact Kathy Muse at Play Wales [kathy@playwales.org.uk](mailto:kathy@playwales.org.uk) or +44 (0)29 2048 6050.

Find out more about your branch of the International Play Association and how to join at [www.ipaworld.org](http://www.ipaworld.org)

## Registration - I'll be there

**Conference registration (delegate booking) opens online from 1 September 2010. All delegates and contributors need to register and pay for a conference delegate place through the conference website at [www.ipa2011.org](http://www.ipa2011.org)**

All fees include a conference pack and bag, lunch and refreshments, evening social events with food, and trips.

Please note, speakers and contributors who have submitted abstracts or proposals by 10 November 2010 can register at the early bird rate until 28 February 2011 – successful abstract or proposal submissions will be confirmed in January 2011.

These prices are for guidance only. Please check [www.ipa2011.org](http://www.ipa2011.org) on or after 1 September 2010 for confirmed registration fees for all events.

Four day conference attendance	Early Bird Registration by 31/12/10	Registration on and after 01/01/11 to 01/06/11	Registration after 01/06/11
IPA Members	£425	£450	£550
Standard delegate	£475	£500	£600
Daily rate (minimum 2 days)			
IPA Members	£140 per day	£160 per day	£180 per day
Standard delegate	£150 per day	£175 per day	£200 per day

The International Playwork Camp is for IPA members only – the guide price is £120 for two nights – this may change up to 1 September 2010.

Registration closes 1 July 2011. Please read the terms and conditions for payment and registration at [www.ipa2011.org](http://www.ipa2011.org)

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