Learn about the latest evidence on the health benefits of football and sport for health. Discuss the ‘reality or rhetoric’ of mega sports events legacy programmes and how well they increase participation in community sports and physical activity.

Leading scientists, representatives from international, national sports organizations and governments from over 20 countries will share perspectives on how to maximize the contribution of sport to improve health and wellbeing. Delegates will have the opportunity to debate, share knowledge and experiences from research, policy and practice in community-based sport for health across diverse global contexts.

4th Annual meeting of Football is Medicine:
Four sessions dedicated to the scientific evidence on the benefits of football to healthy ageing, prevention and management of noncommunicable diseases, positive mental health, and engaging young people in being more physically active. Presenters from the Football is Medicine research consortium will share research results and discuss knowledge translation and future research needs. Two practical workshops, on Day 1 and 2, will explore with on-site participants how to offer safe, effective and enjoyable ways to be more active and improve health for people at any age and ability (more details available on registration).

Community sport for health:
Three sessions provide opportunities for delegates to learn practical insights from implementing community-based programmes across different sports and to discuss the best practice in delivery and evaluation of sport mega events (SME) legacy to increase sport and physical activity participation. Speakers from across international sporting organizations will identify key actions and partnerships necessary to strengthen SME legacy policy and evaluation and build sustainable community sport-health programmes globally.

Delegates may attend in person or join virtually online.
For registration details for the Sport for Health Conference and 4th FIM meeting:
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DAY 1: OCTOBER 4, 2022

9:00 - 10:30
OFFICIAL OPENING OF WISH PLENARY SESSION

11:00 - 12:30
Football is Medicine: Oral Presentation I (to be announced)

13:30 - 15:30
OPENING SESSION
Welcome and Introductions
Keynote 1: Peter Krustrup (Denmark) Prescribing football for global health promotion
Keynote 2: Matthew Philpott (UK) Healthy Stadia: how can sports venues contribute to raising levels of physical activity amongst populations?
Keynote 3: Nasser Al Khori (Qatar) A case study of football for development & Qatar WC legacy

16:00 - 17:30
SESSION 1.1: FOOTBALL AND CHRONIC DISEASES
1. Jennifer Frediani (USA) Kicking heart disease with football
2. Peter Krustrup (Denmark) Team Sports against hypertension
3. Maysa de Sousa (Brazil) Football as treatment of type 2 diabetes
4. Susana Póvoas (Portugal) Team sports as prevention and treatment of lifestyle diseases

19:00 - 22:00
WORKSHOP I: Introduction to football as an exercise prescription for health practitioners (details to be confirmed)

DAY 2: OCTOBER 5, 2022

9:30 - 11:00
Football is Medicine Oral Presentations II (to be announced)

11:30 - 12:30
SESSION 1.2: FOOTBALL AND HEALTHY AGING
1. Magni Mohr (Faroe Islands) Football training and skeletal muscle training for older adults
2. Ioannis Fatouros (Greece) Football as anti-inflammatory treatment
3. Adam Field (United Kingdom) The demands of walking football in older adults

14:00 - 15:30
SESSION 1.3: FOOTBALL AND MENTAL HEALTH
1. Nikos Ntoumanis (Greece) Motivation for sustained behaviour change: what is it and why does it matter?
2. Karim Chamari (Qatar) Effects of COVID-19 on football: attitudes and mental state of the players while in lockdown and preventative measures for games’ resumption
3. Corinne Reid (Scotland) Scottish Football Association Mental Health Action Plan

16:00 - 17:30
SESSION 1.4: FOOTBALL FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH
1. Morten B Randers (Denmark) Organizing fun and effective football for children
2. May-Britt Skoradal (Faroe Islands) Effects of the 11 for health school sport programme on fitness and well-being
3. Malte Nejst Larsen (Denmark) Football programmes for children in schools and institutions for children with special needs
4. George Nassis (UAE) Physical activity and health promotion through football in the Middle East

19:00 - 22:00
WORKSHOP II: Introduction to community football programmes for young people (details to be confirmed)

DAY 3: OCTOBER 6, 2022

13:15 - 14:15
FINAL SESSION - PANEL DISCUSSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS
Panel members to be announced
Key reflections and recommendations on next steps to strengthen globally the delivery of community-based sport for health programmes and SME legacy including evaluation, capacity building, R&D, knowledge transfer and financing.

14:15 - 14:30
CLOSING AND THANKS

14:30 - 16:00
WISH CLOSING SESSION and OPENING OF THE STREET CHILD WORLD CUP DOHA 2022