

Robert (Bob) N. Singer

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Third ISSP President

International sport psychology would have a very different development without Bob Singer. He combined his high scientific qualities that made him one of the most prolific and well-known authors in our field with a unique character, social skills, and leadership qualities.

From 1968, in Washington, USA, to 2013 in Marrakesh, Morocco, Bob didn't miss any ISSP World Congress. In 1977, in Prague, he was elected for the first time to the Managing Council and successively re-elected for the following 3 terms. He became president in 1985-1989 and again in 1989-1993. His last term was 1993-1997 serving as Past-President, but he was asked by the MC to lead the Society in 1994-1995 as Interim President due to the unexpected death of President Denis Glencross one year after his election.

ISSP was deeply shaped by Bob. The Italian Ferruccio Antonelli had mobilized professionals and scientists internationally that were interested in the psychological side of sport and founded ISSP. The Czechoslovakian Miroslav Vanek had the difficult task of coping with a political crisis inside the Society and spent a lot of energy to make bridges between representatives from the Eastern and Western blocks. Bob Singer stabilized the ISSP, promoted it worldwide, gave it a functional structure, and focused its mission in the scientific and educational development, using publications and conferences as means. The following presidents and MC's have found their tasks facilitated. May Robert Singer rest in peace. He will be truly missed by his colleagues in the International Society of Sport Psychology.