

# WADA Social Science Research Expert Advisory Group (SSREAG) Meeting

# **Meeting Outcomes**

22 February 2022

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The meeting of WADA's Social Science Research Expert Advisory Group was held virtually on 22 February 2022. The main focus of the meeting was to provide an update on developments since the last meeting, agreeance on the 2022 Work Plan, and to discuss "hot topics" for the upcoming in-person meeting.

The outcomes and key summary of agreements made by the Social Science Research Expert Advisory Group are outlined below.

- 1. Chair Rob Donovan formally hosted the meeting and welcomed all members, WADA staff and the Observer.
- 2. The Social Science Research Expert Advisory members declared no issues with the conflict of interest and confidentiality forms that have been signed and submitted.
- 3. The SSREAG were presented with an overview of the 2022 SSREAG Work Plan for the Group. This included the delivery of the proposed initiatives through sub-Working Groups.
  - a. Review Panel (responsible for review and analysis of the applications to the WADA Grant Program)

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- i. Rob Donovan thoroughly went through the Social Science Research Grant review process. All applications will be ranked for funding eligibility that will then be discussed in detail at the next SSREAG meeting before being presented to the Education Committee for final funding recommendations.
- ii. SSREAG was briefed on the high-level status of the 2022 SSR Grant Program. The Review Panel members and external reviewers are currently assessing submitted projects, the deadline for submission of reviews is 24 March.

#### b. Research Dissemination Group

- Research dissemination is one of the key priorities of the SSR Strategy in 2022. The workplan is described as retrieving accessibility of readily available research, creating access to high impact projects.
- ii. Translation of the research will look at a two-page summary report, a one-page infographic that will be collated all together as a clean sport insight and will be shared and circulated to our stakeholders.

## c. Regional Development Group

 A group consensus was concluded for more regional webinars to promote the SSR Grant Program. Changes to the regional webinars will be based on a review of the 2022 grant applications.

## d. University Development Group

- i. An update was shared with the SSREAG on the Clean Sport Academies project, a proposal to develop a small network of universities focusing on supporting Clean Sport issues. The first phase of the project is a feasibility study currently being conducted by AISTS in Lausanne. Switzerland.
- 4. Publication of the first phase of the Vulnerabilities Project will be made by the end of the first quarter. The next phase of the project will investigate individual sports that may have higher vulnerabilities on a sport-by-sport profile.
- 5. WADA is seeking to commission a research project to review the ADO Research Package to reflect the introduction of the International Standard for Education. Members of the SSREAG will be engaged to support the commissioning process.
- 6. An update on the Prevalence Project was provided and noted as a key WADA initiative, led by the WADA Working Group on Doping Prevalence. WADA's Prevalence Project will conduct a more robust measure for doping by developing an indirect survey as part of a 'Toolbox' for stakeholders to support them in measuring the behaviors of doping.
- 7. The SSREAG was provided with an update on the developments of the SSR Collaboration Platform. The Collaboration Platform is an informal community of practice of international organizations seeking to increase the visibility of social science research in sport integrity issues.
- 8. SSREAG was debriefed on the status of a joint funding initiative between FRQ and WADA. Topics have now been agreed between the two organizations on which to fund projects and will now move to the phase of establishing the funding mechanism for selecting research projects.

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9. It was confirmed to the SSREAG that the WADA Global Education Conference will be held 20-22 September 2022, in Sydney Australia, subject to public health protocols.

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