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### Editorial

Dear AEJeST members,

We would like to share this newsletter with you again, with the aim of reflecting some of the actions we have carried out in the last months. AEJeST keeps moving forward in its international projection and also in actions that have an impact on AEJeST members.

In this second stage of the current Council Board, we continue to move forward to make the AEJeST a network of networks of institutions and people involved in the safeguarding of Traditional Games and Sports.

From an internal point of view, since the last assembly we have offered recognition to several collective, individual and honorary members; we have also been present at different events organised by some members of the AEJeST, showing our support. The winter meeting of the Council Board held in Almunia de Doña Godina, Aragón, Spain, deserves special attention.

At the same time we have continued to be very active in activities of international projection. We have more followers on social networks and we are more visible. We continue to participate in international European projects. We have also formalised agreements in Portugal, South Korea, as well as with the African Association of Traditional Games and Sports. Finally, the AEJeST has been present in the launch and in the two online Forums organised by the Worldwide Network of Teachers and Researchers in Traditional Games and Sports, which has the AEJeST support. In the same way, through ITSGA, we are supporting the creation of the Asian Traditional Sports and Games Association.

Now, we are very pleased to celebrate the AEJeST General Assembly in Verona, on the occasion of the 20th edition of the Tocati festival, which this year is going to receive the official response from UNESCO to be recognised as a good practice of safeguarding the TSG as intangible cultural heritage.

For all these reasons I would like to express my satisfaction and pride for representing the AEJeST and for having the privilege to carry on working in favour of this network of networks.

**Pere Lavega Burgués**  
*President AEJeST*

### ACTIVITIES AEJeST

#### **AEJeST GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

From 21 to 24 October took place in Svetvinčenat, Croatia, the meeting of the OPPORTUNITY Erasmus+ project partners, the 5th International Pljočke Festival, the General Assembly of AEJeST, as well as the Extraordinary General Assembly where the new Council Board for the period 2021-2025 was elected.

The 21st and 22nd were mainly dedicated to the OPPORTUNITY Erasmus+ Project. There were meetings of the participating partners and workshops on traditional games and sports with various schools in the area, as well as demonstrations of the game of Pljočke adapted for people with different disabilities. Both activities were well attended, not only by the participants but also by locals and tourists who were even able to take part in the games.

Another highlight of the programme was the international scientific conference held in the main hall of Svetvinčenat Castle. It focused on the role of traditional games and sports in the development of local communities in the context of sustainable tourism.



#### **ORDINARY AND EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

The Ordinary General Assembly took place on Saturday, October 23rd and covered, among others, the following items: the President's report, information on upcoming meetings, approval of the 2020 financial year and the 2021 budget... But we highlight the recognition of AEJeST to organizations and individuals for Good Practices in the safeguarding and promotion of traditional games and sports, being presented the awards of 2020 - since the meeting could not be held due to the pandemic - and 2021.



The 2020 awards went to:

- Individual category: Pierino Daudry (FEST).
- Collective Category: Coordinadora Intercomarcal de Bitlles i Birles
- Member of Honour: Pierre Parlebas (CEMÉA)

The 2021 distinctions went to:

- Individual Category: Guido Van Alsenoy (VlaS)
- Collective Category: Iparraldeko Joko eta Herri Kirol Federakuntza
- Member of Honour: Erik de Vroede (Sportimonium)





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During the course of this assembly, the admission of the following new members was also approved:

- Association of parents of the mentally handicapped La PAZ-ADISPAZ
- Cantabrian Sports Federation for the Intellectually Handicapped - FCDDI
- Traditional Wrestling Federation of North Macedonia-FPBM/TWFNM
- Clube de actividades de Lazer e Manutenção - CALMA
- Federation of Canarian Shepherd Jumping
- Federation of Canarian Wrestling
- Federation of Canary Islands Lateen Sailing Federation

After the general meeting, the Extraordinary General Assembly was held with a single point, the election of the new Council Board for the period 2021-2025. The members of the AEJeST approved the candidature presided by Pere Lavega Burgués and formed by: Nicolae Dobre - Guy Jaouen, José Ángel Hoyos Perote - Rafael Ángel Luchoro Parrilla, Fernando Diestro Gómez - David Abascal Monte, Giorgio Paolo Avigo - Milivoj Pacenti, Paulo Coêlho de Araujo - Christiana Leonidou, Alain Bovo - Fabrizio Vierin, Biel Pubill Soler - Kazimierz Waluch, and Carmen Fernández Amat - Fernando Maestro Guerrero.



### A SPECIFIC PROJECT AROUND HOPSCOTCH TRADITIONAL GAMES FAMILY

In recent weeks we have been present at online conferences in Colombia, the Philippines and Turkey. In the last months we formalised a collaboration agreement with an organisation in South Korea. As a result of this agreement, we have received a grant to carry out a specific project around hopscotch traditional games family.

Several schools from Korea, Mongolia and Spain have participated. From the AEJeST, the school of Joseba González Porras (individual member) and the faculty of the University of Zaragoza have participated with the collaboration of several schools of Aragon coordinated by Carmina Fernández Amad.

### THE WORLD NETWORK OF TEACHERS AND RESEARCHERS IN TRADITIONAL GAMES AND SPORTS



#### Worldwide Network of Teachers and Researchers on Traditional Games and Sports

Promoted by INEFC with the cooperation of ITSGA and AEJeST



According to our action program, we continue to advance in the international projection of the AEJeST. On this occasion, we have been the organization that has led, together with INEFC and the support of ITSGA, the creation of the World Network of Teachers and Researchers in Traditional Games and Sports.



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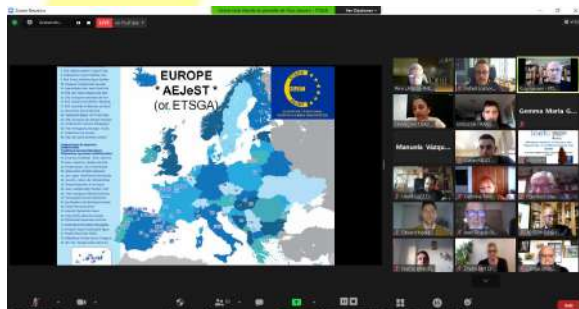
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This global network was presented on January 25th, and around 200 people (professors and researchers) from all over the world have shown interest in it. Among these people, we highlight the participation of 20 members of the AEJeST.

In the Verona declaration of 2015 and also in other declarations of international organizations, the need to generate actions in the educational context was mentioned. The need to generate evidence to demonstrate the contribution of TSG in all areas of knowledge is also indicated.

We think that we have been in a very special action, with the participation of people from the five continents. We are very pleased to be a leading organization in this European and international movement.

He received the award for having considered that he has exerted a great international influence on the academic and scientific community in the generation of scientific knowledge on traditional sports and games.



In these links you can see the content of the two sessions:

<https://youtu.be/bxyS6503fzc>

<https://youtu.be/r9T3A1-tTq8>

### EXTRAORDINARY RECOGNITION TO PERE LAVEGA

Pere Lavega, president of AEJeST participated in the 5th Ethnosport Forum organized by WEC in Baku, Azerbaijan. There were 140 participants from 45 countries, including Ministers and high-level politicians from countries in Asia, Africa and America. At this meeting he had the honor of receiving recognition as an outstanding academic.

### 1ST WORLD FORUM OF TEACHERS AND RESEARCHERS IN TRADITIONAL GAMES AND SPORTS

On Saturday, April 2, the World Network of Teachers and Researchers in Traditional Games and Sports held the 1st Forum with 125 participants from 32 countries from 4 continents. Speakers from Belgium, Portugal, Spain, Tunisia, Iran, Mexico and Argentina showed examples of good practices related to research, applications and materials.



<https://youtu.be/M9KZi3Ryqe4>



### AEJeST PARTICIPATES IN THE OPPORTUNITY PROJECT IN PORTUGAL

Between April 20 and 22, the European Association of Traditional Sports and Games, as a member of the Opportunity European Project, has participated in the meeting of partners in Coimbra (Portugal). During this meeting, on 5.21.22, it signed a memorandum of understanding with the Lousã Council and the Lousã School Group in favour of safeguarding the Freguesia Games.



The AEJeST witnessed the XVII edition of the Freguesia Games in Lousã (Portugal), promoting traditional sports games as a tool for inclusion. The European Opportunity Project promotes traditional sports games as an instrument to promote social inclusion, gender equality and care for intellectual disabilities.



Through this Project, an APP has been designed that will allow assessing the positive impact of traditional games on social inclusion, with attention to gender equality and intellectual disability. In Lousã, and as a first appearance, the first results of this APP were obtained.

### 52nd COUNCIL BOARD OF AEJeST

On May 7<sup>th</sup>, took place in Almunia de Doña Godina (Spain) the 52nd Council Board of AEJeST meeting where the activities of the 9 projects of the AEJeST Council Board members were discussed, as well as an action plan for the near future.



### RECOGNITION OF GOOD PRACTICES

The European Association of Traditional Games and Sports, from Project 9 (Social Projection and Documentation), has organized the Recognition of Good Practices in the Protection and Promotion of Traditional Games and Sports.

Once the voting deadlines were over, the following results were obtained:

Individual recognition 2022:

M. Norberto Gonçalves

Collective Recognition 2022:

Associazione Giochi Antichi (AGA)

Honorary Member 2022:

M. Jacques and Jocelyne Regourd

The trophies will be delivered to those interested on September 17, 2022 at the AEJeST General Assembly, to be held in Verona.

Congratulations to the awardees!



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### XVI EUROPEAN BALL SHOOTING CHAMPIONSHIP



With a magnificent organization, from May 27 to 29, the XVI European Ball Shooting Championship was held in the Hamburg region (Germany), in four modalities: on the road, volley, ramp and on grass, male and female. Teams from several countries attended the event: Holland, Germany, Italy and Ireland, and a delegation representing the AEJeST as a guest. There was a cordial welcome and great harmony among all the delegations. As the Italian ABIS team belongs to FIGeST since 2018, and therefore AEJeST, our association was also represented in sports.

### II FORUM OF THE WORLDWIRE NETWORK OF TEACHERS AND RESEARCHES IN TRADITIONAL GAMES AND SPORTS

Last Saturday, June 18, we organized the II Forum of the Worldwide Network of Teachers and Researches in Traditional Games and Sports.

We are enormously satisfied since there were more than 130 registered from four continents, and during the telematic meeting there were 80 participants.



One of the highest authorities in this field, Pierre Parlebas, began the interventions with the paper "Jeu, tradition et Culture. Une approche de l'Ethnomotricité". This was followed, among others, by the presentations of various experiences, such as the one carried out by the Spanish-Korean transnational team on the children's game Pita/Calderetas/Sabangchigi, the Opportunity Project of the AEJeST, within the framework of Erasmus+, in which researchers from Europe and Africa are linked

You can view the forum through this link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=671VYDQcdSw>

### MALLET INDIVIDUAL BOWLING CHAMPIONSHIP OF FRANCE

Great success of this 26<sup>th</sup> edition, organized in Barcelonne du Gers by Quilles School of Maillet de l'Adour, in which four Spanish delegations have participated in an extraordinary way: Bitlles from Lleida, Mirles from Sant Mateu, Birles from Reus and the 6 coneyos of Asturias.







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### AGREEMENT BETWEEN AAJST AND AEJeST

Protocol of agreement between the African Association of Traditional Games and Esports and the European Association of Traditional Games and Sports on cooperation in traditional games and sports.



We are pleased to inform you about the latest publication of Professor Parlebas, honorary member of AEJeST, co-authored with Professor Michael Boutin.

### TRADITIONAL SPORTS AND GAMES IN THE CONTEMPORARY WORLD: THE NEW FACE OF SPORT?

Bartosz Prabucki presents a captivating story about traditional sports and games in the current world. It moves from Denmark to the Basque Country and to Scotland, exploring traditional games in their local contexts. It highlights the numerous, practical functions of traditional games, showing that these games are very valuable, necessary, and actually adjusted to the needs of our times!

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### JEUX SPORTIFS, JEUX DE SOCIÉTÉ ET CLASSIFICATIONS

**Jeux sportifs, jeux de société et classifications**  
Pierre Parlebas, Michel Boutin

The activities classically known as «games» are very popular in all parts of the world. Some of them involve motor first foremost performance (sports games) and others cognitive activity (as in many board games). Can we detect any overall coherence in this proliferation of games? Can we identify operational characteristics that have endowed these games with psychological or cultural meanings? The most important classifications that have emerged in recent centuries are presented here.

One of the problems posed by all games is the place given to the pleasure of living together, to the relationship between cooperation and opposition. A better knowledge of play mechanisms will help to better understand in a lucid and non-ideological way this place. What is and what will be the choice of our societies on this subject?

**Pierre Parlebas**  
is a Doctor of State, Professor Emeritus of Sociology, Honorary Dean of the Faculty of Human and Social Sciences - Sorbonne - Paris V and Doctor Honoris Causa of the University of Lérida and of the University at Campinas.

**Michel Boutin**  
is an independent researcher in the field of board games.

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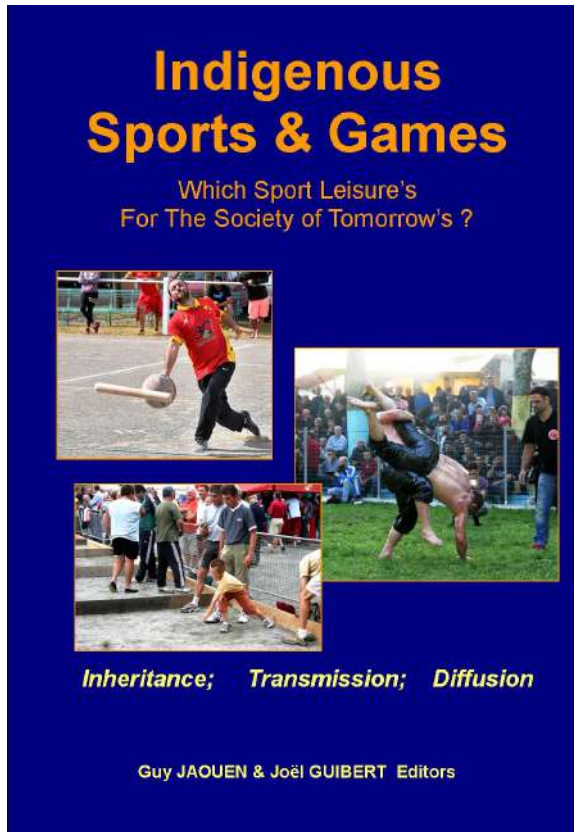
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### INDIGENOUS SPORTS & GAMES



This book has been published by ITSGA in collaboration with AEJeST. Its objective is to propose the debate on the place and the societal role of Indigenous sports and games in the society of tomorrow, that one which will have to be built after the climate crisis. The texts are those of well-known sociologists, historians and anthropologists on this subject. The book will be given at international meetings.

### XVI TRADIJOC



On May 19, the sixteenth edition of Tradijoc (meeting of 1st year ESO students from the Ribera d'Ebre and Terra Alta counties) took place in Móra d'Ebre (Catalonia).

The objective of this meeting is to live and get to know each other, for a day, practicing traditional games of the area. On the occasion of this games festival, the Lo Llaüt cultural association from Ascó has published a book that collects the 29 traditional and popular games that have been made throughout all these years. The book, which is in Catalan, Spanish and English, has been made possible thanks to the support of Lo Llaüt and CERE (Centre d'Estudis de la Ribera d'Ebre). You can check in <http://lollaut.blogspot.com/>

### SCHEDULE

- **General Assembly 2022:** 16-17 September in Verona. Organized by: AGA on the occasion of the 20th anniversary of Tocati.

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