

Announcement

2nd International Seminar on Psychology & Welfare in Olympic and Paralympic sport

Brussels • 18 June 2026



Team Belgium and the Brussels Olympic Research and Education Centre invite you to the **2nd International Seminar on Psychology & Welfare in Olympic and Paralympic Sport**. After its successful first edition in Tokyo in 2025, this second International Seminar will once again join **world-level experts** on psychology and welfare support services from **Australia, Canada, China, Japan, United Kingdom, the United States of America and Belgium**. The program will consist of presentations by heads and lead experts from the **Australian Institute of Sport, the Canadian Olympic Committee, the National Team Psychological Support Program of China, Japan Institute of Sports Science, the UK Sports Institute, the United States Olympic & Paralympic Committee and Team Belgium**.

A panel of speakers will also interact with the public in a Q&A session on psychology and welfare service support provision to athletes, coaches, staff and entourage members in Olympic and Paralympic sport.

Australia • Kristine Dun, National Performance Support Lead, Australian Institute of Sport

Belgium • Paul Wylleman, Expert Psychology, Team Belgium/Brussels Olympic Research and Education Centre & Olav Spahl, director Elite sport, Team Belgium

Canada • Natalie Doucette, Mental Health Clinical Manager with Game Plan/Team Canada, Canadian Olympic Committee

China • Yingchun Wang, head National Team Psychological Support Program Milan-Cortina 2026 Olympic Games, Beijing Sport University & Yang Ge, national team figure skaters Milan-Cortina 2026 Olympic Games, Beijing Sport University

Japan • Kuniko Sekiguchi, clinical sport psychologist Team Japan Milan-Cortina 2026 Paralympic Games, Japan Institute of Sports Science & Itsuko Yamaguchi, Japan Women's Rugby Sevens Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games, Japan Sport Council

United Kingdom • Amanda Gatherer, Mental Health Lead ParalympicsGB 2020 Tokyo Paralympic Games & Mental Health Expert Panel, UK Sports Institute & Ann-Marie Davis, UKSI Mental Health Lead, UK Sports Institute

United States of America • Julia Cawthra, Lead Psychological Services Provider, United States Olympic & Paralympic Committee & Sean McCann, Lead Coaching Psychological Services Provider United States Olympic & Paralympic Committee

Date & time	Thursday 18 June 2026 • 9h00 – 15h00
Venue	Hotel Novotel Brussels Airport in Brussels
Registration	Please register via this link before June 10 th 2026

