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Sports and Islands

Cagliari

April 16-17, 2021

This year, for the first time, the Italian Society of Sports History will celebrate its national conference in Cagliari. And precisely in homage to the land that will host the speakers, from 16 to 17 April 2021, the theme chosen for the 2021 edition is: "Sport and islands".

Sardinia, an island in past centuries considered strategic for the control of the Mediterranean, has suffered numerous attacks, often passing from hand to hand. If on the one hand the dominations constituted a yoke for the spirit of the islanders, always unwilling to allow themselves to be "colonized", from another point of view, as Grazia Deledda did write: «We are Sardinians. We are Spaniards, Africans, Phoenicians, Carthaginians, Romans, Arabs, Pisans, Byzantines, Piedmontese. We are the gorse of yellow gold that fall on the rocky paths like great lighted lamps. We are the wild solitude, the immense and profound silence, the splendour of the sky, the white cistus flower ", (the latter symbol was recently relaunched by Cagliari Calcio to combat the phenomenon of racism on the curves). The Sardinians are therefore the result of many passages of profoundly different cultures, which have helped to shape what they are today and therefore also their way of practicing and following sport.

Starting from Sardinia, moreover on the fiftieth anniversary of the victory of the Cagliari championship in 1970, the SISS conference will be an opportunity to study, reflect and discuss the diffusion, development and circulation of sport in the Italian islands, and in general of the Mediterranean, and to deepen the biographies of island champions such as Duilio Loi and Gavino Matta, among others, up to the point of sketching figures such as Eric Cantona, Nicolino Locche, expression of the happy redemption of Sardinian emigration, up to champions such as Gigi Riva, who found a new home on the islands. Historical works will be considered that focus on:

- The history of sport in the Mediterranean islands.

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- Insular and continental sport relationships and influences.
- Insular sport in the Italian national context: champions, managers, associations, etc.
- Sport as an element of political, economic and social development in the Mediterranean islands.
- Gender perspectives in the history of island sport
- Image, communication and literature of island sport.
- Archives and sources for the history of sport in the Mediterranean.

Priority will be given to research dealing with case studies related to Sardinia.

The abstracts, of a maximum of 300 words, accompanied by a short biography, must be sent to the email: siss@storiastore.com and mariofadda77@gmail.com by 10 January 2021 to be examined by the Scientific Committee which will notify interested parties by 25 January 2021.

Participation in the conference will be free for SISS and CESH members.

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