

WADA Social Science Research Expert Advisory Group (SSREAG) Meeting

Meeting Outcomes

23 February 2023

MEMBERS

Rob DONOVAN (Chair)
Thierry ZINTZ
Gretchen LOWERISON
Sian CLANCY (apologies received)
Kim NOLTE
Andrew HEYES
Derwin CHAN
Susan BACKHOUSE

WADA

Tony CUNNINGHAM
Kelsey MARTIN

Observer

David Pavot (apology received)

The meeting of WADA's Social Science Research Expert Advisory Group (SSREAG) was held virtually on 23 February 2023. The main focus of the meeting was to provide an update on developments since the last meeting, agreement on the SSR Grant Program review process, and to update on main elements of the proposed initiatives that will form the 2023 SSREAG Work Plan.

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.
2. The Social Science Research Expert Advisory members declared no issues with conflict of interest and confidentiality forms that have been signed and submitted.
3. The SSREAG were presented with an overview of the 2023 SSR review process and timeline with expectations from the sub-groups. This includes the responsibility of the Review Panel and Regional Development Group to review and analyze the applications to the WADA Grant Program.
 - i. SSREAG was briefed on the high-level status of the 2023 SSR Grant Program. The Review Panel members and external reviewers are currently assessing submitted projects, the deadline for submission of reviews is 17 March.

- ii. Rob Donovan thoroughly went through the Social Science Research Grant Program 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.
4. SSREAG members discussed points to explore pertinent items for the in-person meeting in March, including the roles of members, the WADA Grant Program and emergent topics within the SSR area.
5. SSREAG members brought up reflections and comments regarding the review process that will be further discussed and elaborated on during the next in-person meeting. These reflections will be future amendments to improve efficiency of the 2024 SSR Grant Program. Furthermore, examples of different funding programs will be brought to the meeting in March 2023.
6. SSREAG members were briefed with updates of current applications and the review process. Members also provided reflections on the review process, as a precursor to the in-person meeting in March where these reflections will be explored further.
7. SSREAG members were updated on a number of ongoing projects outside of the Grant Program, including:
 - a. ADO Research Package Update Project
 - b. Inadvertent Doping Project
 - c. Prevalence Program
8. The SSREAG was provided with an update on the developments of the SSR Collaboration Platform. The Survey Report will be published shortly following members approval. WADA is now at the final stages of having a web page for this group, with the goal of raising the visibility of research opportunities and funded research projects.
9. It was confirmed to the SSREAG that the next WADA Global Education Conference will be held in one year's time in February 2024 in France.
10. SSREAG was presented with a draft outline of the following meeting's agenda. The SSREAG will meet for two days in-person in Montreal. The third day will consist of a half day in conjunction with the Education Committee. The outcomes of the Grant Review Program review process will be presented and discussed. The Education Committee will subsequently make recommendations for funding to the WADA Executive Committee.