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**PD. Dr. Stephan Wassong** is Senior Lecturer at Liverpool Hope University. He joined the Department of Sport Studies in January 2007, having previously worked at and received his Ph.D. thesis and his habilitation from the German Sport University Cologne. His major fields of research relate to Pierre de Coubertin, the founding process of the modern Olympic movement, Olympic education and several non-Olympic topics including American sport culture, outdoor sports and the history of adventure education. The English version of his German book on the US-American influence on Pierre de Coubertin's early educational campaign is available at the website of the Amateur Athletic Foundation of Los Angeles ([www.aafila.org](http://www.aafila.org)). His latest book, published in 2007 deals with the cultural links between the US-American and German/European playground movements at the end of the 19<sup>th</sup> and beginning of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. For the last four years he has been editor of the *Journal of Olympic History*. *The Official Publication of the International Society for Sport Historians*. In addition to this he has performed various roles in national and international committees on sport and sport history. At the European Committee for Sports History (CESH) he is currently president-elect and will become president in 2007. He is a member of the German Pierre de Coubertin Committee and responsible for its research section. In 2005 and 2006 he was member of the IOC's Postgraduate Research Grant Programme.