

In December 2013, IRNISTS's first international symposium was held in Lille (France). The objective of the International Research Network In Sport Tourism (irnist.com) is to study local sustainable development thanks to sport tourism, bringing together the actors, academics, professionals, public and private decision makers, mingling various scientific spheres and the different interests.

The present publication gathers communications from the Lille symposium selected for their quality and originality. Seventeen countries were represented, among which the United States, China, Australia, Qatar and numerous countries from Central and Eastern Europe. Aside from the conferences, many ideas and opinions were shared, a recurrent question being the very definition of sport tourism.

This book will be of great interest to everyone interested by sport tourism and local sustainable development studied with a multidisciplinary approach.

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