

Robert “Bob” Singer

After receiving his Ph.D. from Ohio State University, Bob was on the faculty at different universities, most notably Florida State University for 17 years and then the University of Florida for 16 years. He served as Chair of the Department of Exercise and Sport Sciences at that university, and is presently professor emeritus in the Department of Applied Physiology and Kinesiology. He has taught graduate classes and advised many doctoral students on topics related to motor learning and sport psychology. His research in general has dealt with cognitive processes and learner/performer strategies involved in acquiring skill as well as performing at a high level of skill. Publications include 17 books, over 200 research, scientific, and professional articles, and 27 chapters in books. Of his many activities in applied sport psychology, Bob has served as Head of the Sport Psychology Division of the first Sports Medicine Committee of the United States Olympic Committee. For 6 years, he was on the scientific committee of the United States Tennis association. Furthermore, he has consulted with a great number of athletes, teams, and organizations representing many different sports. Bob has been elected President of the Division of Exercise and Sport Psychology of the American Psychological Association as well as President of the American Academy of Kinesiology and Physical Education. As Past-President of the International Society of Sport Psychology for 8 years, he was very actively involved in international developments and the advancement of sport psychology. He has made over 370 presentations in 47 countries over a number of years. Among many treasured recognitions he has received is the Distinguished Contributions to the Science of Exercise of Sport and Exercise Psychology award in 1999 (the first of its kind) by the Division of Exercise and Sport Psychology of the American Psychological Association, the Distinguished International Sport Psychology award in 1997, the third of its kind, by the International Society of Sport Psychology in addition to his recognition as Distinguished Scholar of NASPSPA in 2008. Personal hobbies include participating and competing in a number of sports through the years.