**David Hassan, PhD**

*Professor of Sport Policy and Management*

**Introduction**

David Hassan has a distinguished history of collaboration with professional sports organisations, including strategic advisory roles with governing bodies, national leagues, and international federations. His work has spanned policy development, event management, and athlete welfare initiatives, positioning him as a key contributor to the advancement of sport locally and globally. Notable partnerships include engagements with FIFA, the Gaelic Athletic Association (GAA), the Irish Football Association and several Olympic Committees.

**FIA Engagement**

David Hassan has collaborated extensively with the Fédération Internationale de l'Automobile (FIA), focusing on advancing governance and sustainability in motorsport and mobility. His work with the FIA University includes research on key issues relevant to a fair and open sporting environment. It also includes advising on global policy frameworks, promoting inclusive practices, and driving innovative programmes that emphasise good governance, executive leadership and environmental stewardship within the motorsport community.

**Awards and Honours**

* **Principal Fellow** of the Higher Education Academy (2021)
* **Fellow**, Academy of Social Sciences (FAcSS) (2021)
* **Elected Member**, UK Government’s DCMS Expert Advisory Group for Festival UK (2022)
* **Visiting Professorships** at the University of South Australia, Griffith University, and Loughborough University (2019 onwards)
* **McNamee Award Nominee** for Irish Book of the Year – 2010
* **NASSH Book of the Year** contributing author – 2009
* **Distinguished Research Fellowship**, Ulster University – 2006

**Key Achievements in Academic Leadership and Administration**

* **Strategic Recruitment.**
* **Programme Development**.
* **Scholarship Initiatives**.
* **Governance and Committees**

**Research Excellence**

* **Publications**: 183 peer-reviewed outputs, including 15 leading academic books with total sales of 1,307 units.
* **PhD Supervision**: Successfully guided 13 PhD and 3 MPhil candidates to completion.
* **Funding**: Secured £356k in research funding to date.
* **Editorial Leadership**: Deputy Executive Academic Editor, *Sport in Society*; Series Editor, *Foundations in Sport Management* (Routledge).

**Educational Innovations**

* Founding Director of the **Special Olympics Regional Research Collaborating Centre** for Europe-Eurasia.

**Previous Roles**

* **Associate Dean (Development and Partnerships)** Ulster University
* **Associate Dean (Global Engagement)** Ulster University
* **Head**, Ulster University Research Graduate School (LHS)
* **Provost**, Belfast Campus
* **Head, School of Sport and Exercise Sciences**
* **Chair**, Ulster GEMS Building and Infrastructural Working Group

**Academic Credentials**

* **PhD** in Sport and Policy Studies – November 2001
* **MSc** in Sport and Exercise Science – November 1998
* **MEd (with Distinction)** – June 2022
* **BSc (Hons)** Sports Studies (First Class) – June 1997

David Hassan exemplifies academic leadership, merging research excellence with strategic vision to enhance education, governance, and global collaboration.