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Teaching Games for Understanding

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AIESEP Conference in Chile
4th - 7th July 2023

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This is the March 2023 newsletter of the TGfU Special Interest Group (SIG) keeping you connected with the developments in our field. The TGfU SIG is a globally representative group of associations and individuals committed to the promotion and dissemination of scholarly inquiry around ways of knowing, learning, and teaching through game-based approaches (GBAs).

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Naoki Suzuki

Latest SIG Developments

Current Initiatives: We are continuing to work on developing our strategic plan and will be providing updates shortly. We are in the process of organizing a pre-conference event at the 2023 AIESEP Chile conference- see below for details. Our 8th International TGfU conference will be held in Auckland, New Zealand and will be providing updates shortly.

For full details of our on-going work please watch our Town Hall Meeting from the 40th Anniversary Conference- available [here](#)

Leadership Recognition Honors

We would like to recognise and honor Dr David Gutierrez for all his hard work on the TGfU SIG Executive Board and IAB over the past several years. It has been a great pleasure working with you.

We would also like to recognise all of Ellen Gambles' work for the organisation and management of the 40th Anniversary Celebrations and Conference, and her continued commitment to the TGfU SIG in her role as Treasurer and Communications Coordinator

New TGfU SIG Chair Elect

We would like to welcome Dr. Aspasia Dania as the new Chair Elect of the TGfU SIG Executive Board.

Dr. Aspasia Dania is an Assistant Professor at the School of Physical Education and Sport Science, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, Greece. She lectures on "Teaching in Physical Education with a focus on Pedagogy" at an undergraduate and post graduate level. She has many publications in peer-reviewed journals and edited books and presentations in many national and international PE conferences. Her research interests focus on Physical Education Teacher Education, game-based learning, professional development of teachers and coaches, qualitative research methods, and curriculum planning, all with a focus on social justice.



Summary: 40th Anniversary Celebration

2022 marked the 40th anniversary of the publication of the Teaching Games for Understanding (TGfU) model by David Bunker and Rod Thorpe in 1982. To celebrate this milestone and the field of GBAs, the TGfU SIG hosted a variety of events and initiatives throughout the year. We would like to showcase all the successes and increased GBA momentum in our brief summary below of a few key events. For more information visit <http://www.tgfu.info/40th-anniversary.html>

Webinars

Throughout the year, the TGfU SIG have hosted **25 webinars** encompassing different topics within GBAs. These webinars attracted 430 to 450 participants from across the globe.

- February/March- "Assessing in GBAs" webinar series
- April- "Using Technologies to Promote Game-Based Approaches: Specific Case Studies" Webinar
- May- "TGfU and The Spectrum of Teaching Styles" Webinar
- June- "Equity in GBAs" webinar series
- July- "Global Lesson Study" with Naoki Suzuki and Mr Yasutaka Abe
- August- "Commonalities and Differences among the Various GBAs" Symposium
- September- "Games Based Pedagogies: Theory and Practice" Webinar
- September/October- IAB Professional Development webinar series
- October- "The Joy in Inventing Games" Webinar
- November- "Teacher Reflection" Webinar
- December- "Global Lesson Study" with Naoki Suzuki and Mr Kentaro Kubo
- November/December- "Learner-oriented teaching and assessment in GBAs" webinar series

To view the recordings please visit: <http://www.tgfu.info/40th-anniversary-webinars.html>

2023 Online Conference

The conference was a big success showcasing the most current research and practice in the field of GBAs with attendees from Australia, Brazil, Canada, Colombia, Germany, Greece, Iran, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Malaysia, the Netherlands, Portugal, Singapore, Spain, Sweden, UK and the USA.

Len Almond Award- the inaugural Len Almond award was presented to Professor Linda Griffin. This award recognizes and celebrates outstanding scholarly and/or professional practice in Game-Based Approaches across the lifespan. Congratulations Professor Griffin!

Edited Book "*Teaching Games and Sport for Understanding*" : Edited By Shane Pill, Ellen-Alyssa Gambles, Linda Griffin

Available for pre-order on April 11, 2023. Item will ship after May 2, 2023

This new book brings together leading and innovative thinkers in the field of teaching and sport coaching pedagogy to provide a range of perspectives on teaching games and sport for understanding. Teaching Games and Sport for Understanding engages undergraduate and postgraduate students in physical education and sport coaching, practicing teachers, practicing sport coaches, teacher educators and coach developers. The contributions, taken together or individually, provide insight, learning and opportunities to foster game-based teaching and coaching ideas, and provide conceptual and methodological clarity where a sense of pedagogical confusion may exist. This innovative new volume both summarizes current thinking, debates and practical considerations about the broad spectrum of what teaching games for understanding means as well as providing direction for further practical, pragmatic and research consideration of the concept and its precepts and, as such, is key reading for both undergraduate and postgraduate students of physical education and sport coaching as well as practicing teachers and sport coaches.

AIESEP Conference- Chile

When: 4 – 7th July 2023

Location: Santiago De Chile

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

PRE-CONFERENCE

TEACHING GAMES FOR UNDERSTANDING SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP (SIG)

Global perspectives and developments in Game-Based Approaches:

Enhancing the games teaching practices of educators and coaches

The **TGfU Special Interest Group** is a globally representative group of associations and individuals committed to the promotion and dissemination of scholarly inquiry around game-based approaches to knowing, learning and teaching. The SIG is involved with the organization of international conferences every four years, in addition to a one-day symposium held prior to AIESEP World Congresses. **This year the [AIESEP World congress](#) will be organized in Chile from 4-7 July**, with the TGfU pre-conference being scheduled on the 4th of July. This opportunity is a great time to connect with our own professional learning community!

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

We invite presenters to submit an abstract of up to 400 words. The abstract includes:

- Title of the presentation
- Subject of the presentation with a description of the content
- Presentation format. This could be a practical session (75 minutes), or traditional oral research presentation (20 minutes).

Following submission, each abstract will be reviewed by the SIG, and authors will subsequently be notified by email of our decision as to whether we accept your submission.

Please submit your abstract by 21st April 2023 to Jeroen Koekoek, jh.koekoek@windesheim.nl

TIME SCHEDULE

1. Registration opens	Friday 31 st March 2023
2. Close of call for abstracts	Friday 21 st April 2023
3. Authors notified of decision	Friday 5 th May 2023
4. Final programme announced	Friday 2 nd June 2023

<https://aiesep2023.com/>

Social Media



The TGfU Sig have a monthly blog introduced in May 2019. Each month we have a guest blogger who writes a post: this can be about their research, any projects they are currently working on or any particular area of interest they may have in this field.

- **December 2022 blog** was by Ellen Gambles with contributions from members of the TGfU SIG Executive, IAB and community; David Gutierrez, Stefan König, Steffen Greve, Sanmuga Nathan, Jose L. Arias-Estero and Teng Tse Sheng. The blog discussed “40th Anniversary- Reflections on a milestone year”

To read these interesting contributions, check out <http://www.tgfu.info/blog>

We are currently looking for contributions to our guest blog for each month throughout 2023. If you would be interested in sharing your research and/or practice, please contact Ellen at tgfu.info@gmail.com



With our aims of trying to increase our visibility and promotion of games-based approaches, the TGfU Sig has been wanting to engage with our community. We have become more active on our Twitter account, so please follow us and send us any interesting games-based approaches tweets.

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Check out: Nuevos modelos de enseñanza en Educación Física e iniciación deportiva (New approaches in Physical Education and sport pedagogy)

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