

Global Forum for Physical Education Pedagogy 2012 (GoFPEP 2012)

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The Willibald Gebhardt Research Institute at the University of Duisburg-Essen (WGI) will host the Global Forum for Physical Education Pedagogy 2012 (GoFPEP 2012). The event will be staged at the historic and rustic Sport Castle Hotel and on the HCSC Andreas School campus in Velen, Germany, May 9 – 11, 2012. The theme of GoFPEP 2012 “Revitalizing Health and Physical Education through Community Based Networking” will address threats to physical activities for children and youth within their living settings, particularly at school and in the community. In addition, GoFPEP 2012 will emphasize the spirit of local community partnership models, the importance of networking and the application of technology.

Distinguished delegates from 60 countries around the world have been invited to participate in the forum. Individuals will represent their local schools, universities, national and international based sport associations, national and continental PE teacher and sport science associations, including businesses, government agencies and some other organizations interested in promoting the wellbeing of children and youth. Delegates will be in attendance from the following countries: Austria, Belarus, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, China, Colombia, Costa Rica, Croatia, Cuba, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, England, Finland, France, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Hong Kong, Hungary, India, Iran, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Korea, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Macao, Malaysia, Mexico, Mongolia, New Zealand, Nigeria, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Russia, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Taiwan, Thailand, The Netherlands, Turkey, Ukraine, United States and Venezuela.

GoFPEP 2012 will build on the previous forum held in the United States in 2010 and focus on the international outcomes found in recent studies, publications and concerns expressed regarding the threats to wellbeing of children and youth. To counteract current trends of physical inactivity, poor nutritional habits, increased screen time and a de-emphasis of physical education in the schools, new concepts of health-enhanced physical education will be explored. In

addition, GoFPEP 2012 will examine the need for new partnerships with sport clubs and community departments of education, health, sport, leisure and social affairs.

The GoFPEP 2012 program has been arranged to accentuate the theme of the event and organized in several different formats including: keynote presentations; workshops; on-site clinics emphasizing best practice; discussion groups; and poster presentations. Leading experts from Europe, North America and China will offer keynote lectures including Prof. Brian Martin, MD MPH, University of Zurich, Switzerland; Prof. Tom McKenzie, San Diego State University, California, USA; and Prof. Dr. Mingkai Chin, Hong Kong, China, HOPSports. Five workshops will be offered focused on the topics of Exercise is Medicine, Technology in Physical Education; Teaching Physical Education; PE Teacher Training and finally, establishing a new common "Global Network of Healthy Schools". All delegates will be encouraged to share their experiences and provide recommendations as related to the five workshop topics, in poster and small discussion group sessions.

A common element in both GoFPEP 2010 held in the United States and GoFPEP 2012 in Germany will be the direct examination of programs which reflect best practice in health and physical education. Delegates will be provided with the opportunity to view practical school lessons two Velen Primary Schools (Germany) and one Winterswijk Primary School (The Netherlands) with the local program head, nutrition and physical education teachers.

GoFPEP 2012 will craft a document to assist institutions at the local, state/provincial, regional, national and international levels in formulating policies in support of advancing physical education and physical activity in the school and in the community. The dialog will center on how schools, sports clubs, other social agencies and communities can work in partnerships to advance health and physical education programs.

In order to involve and encourage the participation of each distinguished invited delegate in the pre forum activities required to produce the declaration, a process of gaining insight has been designed. The designed process of sharing will involve receiving suggestions and recommendations from each of the distinguished invited delegates. In turn, these suggestions and recommendations will be formatted into individual poster presentations and will be available for group discussion and dialog during the forum.

Delegates have been asked to formulate strategies or best practices of: 1) School Physical Education, Sport Clubs and other Community Programs that are Linked to Enhance Frequent Physical Activities for Children and Youth; 2) School Physical Education which are Linked and Networked with Community Partners to Support Healthy Active Lifestyles; and 3) Innovative Strategies Identifying Ways in which the GOFPEP Movement can Support a Healthy Schools Network in Local Communities. Delegates will meet in small discussion groups and in one final

assembly to discuss outcomes/recommendations of how to build the future dimension of networking to benefit physical education for children and youth.

GoFPEP 2012 has been endorsed by about 40 national and international organizations including: Agita Mundo; American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance; American College of Sports Medicine; Asian Council of Exercise and Sport Science, International Association for Physical Education in Higher Education, European Fair Play Movement; European Non-Governmental Sports Organisation; European Physical Education Teacher Association; European College of Sport Science, German Association of Sport Science, International Association for Physical Education in Higher Education; International Association of Physical Education and Sport for Girls and Women; International Association of Sport and Leisure Infrastructure Management; International Council of Sport Science and Physical Education; International Federation of Adapted Physical Activity; International Physical Activity Projects; International Society for the Advancement of Kinanthropometry; International Society for Comparative Physical Education and Sport; the World Leisure Organization and several national Olympic Committees and Academies.

GoFPEP 2012 promises to be an outstanding international event focusing on innovations in health and physical education pedagogy. The GoFPEP movement aims to build an international network between schools, sports, PE teacher and sport science associations, universities and communities, to share important new ideas, concepts and programs reflecting best practice as well as address emerging issues and concerns in promoting health enhanced physical activities and sport for children and youth.

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