

University of Northern Iowa
School of Health, Physical Education and Leisure Services
Global Forum for Physical Education Pedagogy 2010 (GoFPEP 2010)
Delegates' Reflections

I am writing to commend you for your vision and execution of the extraordinary successful Global Forum. It was an impressive undertaking that not only addressed important educational and health issues, but also showcased the entire university. I really enjoyed interacting with your distinguished visitors ~ your international visitors in particular, at the dinner. Thanks for thinking big and pushing all of us to think big!

Benjamin Allen, President
University of Northern Iowa
USA
June 2, 2010

Certainly all who attended were affected very positively by the discussions, presentations, and professional conversation that were of the highest quality. Those of you responsible for the conceptualization of this event, and for the planning and extraordinary implementation, are to be accorded the highest praise and thanks from all. The conversations and interactions stirred a great deal of thought, and I am sure that each of us will be willing to respond quickly to the work still needed on the Consensus Statement. Following a period of reflection, I want to share a broad set of issues to be considered in the completion of the Consensus Statement, and in the planning of a similar forum that will allow us to continue the necessary tasks that have been put before us. Please consider the attached statements to be my thoughts, and I would welcome any response to these statements. It is in the continued conversations that we can all work together to design the work of our profession in such a way that will benefit young people and adults throughout the world. Please be as critical to my comments as you may be, and feel free to expand the conversations in ways that may be appropriate. I greatly appreciate the opportunity to meet and work with you during our time in Grundy Center, and hope that we can continue this important work.

Tom Loughrey
University of Missouri
USA
June 2, 2010

Thanks for inviting me to speak at the closing dinner and congratulations on an amazing achievement in hosting the Global Forum. I am honored to represent UNI in Congress.

Congressman Bruce L. Braley
House of Representatives
USA
June 2, 2010

I would just like to say thank you once again for the wonderful opportunity to participate in GoFPEP. It was truly a once in a lifetime chance and I appreciate you thinking about me and giving me this opportunity. I met a lot of great individuals that I will continue to try and stay in touch with. This event has really motivated me to make a difference and get involved and also maybe directed me into a new career path. Since this event I have been looking into graduate schools to try and become a Dean like Dr. Edginton so I can make a difference and change our world. Please continue to stay in touch and I hope to be seeing you in the fall.

Chris Conger
Student Volunteer
USA
June 2, 2010

I thought I would wait until the dust had settled a bit to contact you. It was an honor and pleasure to attend the Global Forum. I was in awe at the organization and hospitality shown to all at every turn. I hope to see you again in the near future.

Sharon Warren
Polar Electro, Inc.
USA
June 2, 2010

My sincere thanks for your efforts and contribution for keeping interest and research focus on Physical Education Pedagogy. I'm sure that the Global Forum will have an effect, eg. in terms of political aspects and in terms of opening up new areas of research and collaborations. In 2013, my institute is celebrating its 200th anniversary, as the worlds oldest still functioning institute of PETE-education. I would like to come back to you, to discuss a "next" Global Forum! Once again, many thanks for an inspiring event and a very interesting visit to UNI. I also like to add that the staying in a host family was perfect. It gave a certain touch of what it is to be a human being, to meet across cultures and nationalities. Impressive organisation - all in all.

Suzanne Lundvall
The Swedish School of Sport and Health Sciences (GIH)
SWEDEN
June 1, 2010

I sincerely thank you for an outstanding conference and your hospitality. Last week I had a chance to report about the successful conference to Provost and Chairpersons of my university. University of Tsukuba has the largest research faculty and organization related to Physical education and sports sciences in Japan (<http://www.tsukuba.ac.jp/english/>). We are going to organize Tsukuba Summer Institute for Physical Education and Sport coming July 25-31, with cooperation of University of Queensland and Ohio State University (<http://www.siit.jp/>). This year is a special year for us, the 150th anniversary of Jigoro Kano who was the first president of the predecessor of University of Tsukuba and the first IOC member in Asia. He is the person who developed 'Judo' as well as established 'Taiiku' (meaning Physical Education) in school education. If you come to Tokyo in Japan and have some time, please visit University of Tsukuba as it is located near Tokyo and Narita. We can arrange university guest rooms for you if you let me know when you visit. You are always welcome. We would like to network with you and talk about the future of Physical Education and Pedagogy.

Etsushi Hasegawa
Graduate School of Comprehensive Human Sciences
University of Tsukuba
JAPAN
May 28, 2010

Many thanks for the wonderful three days in Grundy Center. It was a delight to meet and get to know so many fabulous people. The hospitality and organization superb, presentations stimulating, and conversations both thought provoking and confirming. Thanks especially to all my square dance partners & yellow dot group members! The forum was an excellent opportunity to share visions and see some real examples of quality physical education in Grundy Center and around the world. Thanks to the all the sponsors (thanks especially to HopSports for stepping up as title sponsor and the local companies for their contributions) and vendors. I look forward to sharing the consensus statement with many others.

Dolly Lambdin, Ed.D.
University of Texas at Austin
USA
May 25, 2010

It was a great pleasure meeting everyone this past week in Iowa. Seeing the different Physical Education programs across the world opened my eyes to new avenues of keeping students fit and healthy. In our breakout sessions with my group we had discussed the idea of better using technology to reach a new age of students. I couldn't help but think of some of the things we here at Motion Fitness do with Exergame technology to use game play as an outlet for kids to exercise. If you are unfamiliar with us please do visit our site at www.exergamefitness.com. Our products have a unique way of helping students with academics, social development, and health and fitness. Our goal is allowing students to have an alternative to traditional fitness equipment but at the same time maximizing full participation within a classroom. In having a Physical Education background myself I believe it important to offer a variety of options for each individual student to find something they like to keep them fit and healthy. When students participate in our games they become SO ENGAGED they forget their exercising! We want them to understand that being fit can be FUN! I hope everyone can see the benefits of interactive gaming and to using technology in schools. We need to take the time to embrace these new technologies in hopes that we can reach out to a generation that is getting larger and larger every year. We need to now look at technology as an answer, not the problem. Thank you so much for your time and PLEASE if you have any questions or would like to know more about everything we do here at Motion Fitness and Exergame Fitness contact me directly! I look forward to hearing from you and exploring how we can work together in allowing technology to being part of the solution in fighting our obesity epidemic!

***Parker Johnson
Project Manager
Motion Fitness / Exergame Fitness
May 25, 2010***

I wanted to thank you for your hospitality and a successful conference at Grundy Center. I was very happy to be there. Best wishes. ***Dear all participants*** - It was nice to meet you at Grundy Center. Thank you so much for all. Best wishes.

***Giyasettin Demirhan
Hacettepe University
School of Sports Sciences and Technology
TURKEY
May 24, 2010***

It was an honor and privilege to attend GoFPEP 2010 and have the privilege of speaking. What a tremendous job of organization, and what an outstanding representation of leadership from across the globe of committed individuals, both within and allied to physical education. I am sorry that my schedule did not permit me to stay beyond the lunch presentation, but the news reports and the responses of attendees clearly affirm the great success. I look forward to continuing to be involved in the transformation process. Thanks to all who had a role in preparing, presenting, and attending.

***Pat Gadelmann
Special Assistant to the President/Board & Government Relations
University of Northern Iowa
USA
May 24, 2010***

Thank you for inviting me to The Global Forum for Physical Education Pedagogy 2010. I can't express enough how impressed I was with the attendees, the people of Grundy Center, and everyone from Northern Iowa. I would like to offer whatever assistance Sagamore can provide to GoFPEP 2010 for the Proceedings from the conference. I would also wonder if a Journal based on the discussions at the conference would be something to consider. Again, thank you for the invitation. The conference was a mind opening event.

***Peter Bannon
Sagamore Publishing
USA
May 24, 2010***

From a cold South Africa a very warm word of thanks to everybody for such a fantastic event and also for your hospitality and friendly reception at Grundy Center. You made us feel very welcome from the first minute we arrived at the airport and it was a privilege for me to meet all the fantastic colleagues from all over the world and to be part of this stimulating event.

Hans de Ridder
Director ~ School of Biokinetics, Recreation & Sport Science
North-West University
SOUTH AFRICA
May 24, 2010

After my return to Germany and a very busy week in my department I finally get the time at home to express my sincerest thanks for all your efforts and my wonderful experiences with the Global Forum in Grundy Center. Also, I am still impressed by your HPELS school, the faculty work your team is doing and the facilities you show us. When we met at breakfast at this Tuesday morning for the first time it seems to me that we both know each other for many years, because of the warm reception and the so friendly talks we have had during the days in Cedar Rapids and Grundy Center. I am looking forward for an ongoing cooperation in revitalizing health and PE on local levels. With Ming-kai I will stay in contact as well to further progress the step for the next Global Forum 2012 in Germany.

Roland Naul
University of Duisburg-Essen
GERMANY
May 23, 2010

Just to join in this mutual admiration festival, I would add my thanks for a very stimulating and collegiate event. I believe that it illustrated the need for further dialogue and international discussion, not least between the different national organisations. ICSSPE will be drafting its position statement on physical education, for discussion by its International Committee for Sport Pedagogy, at its meeting in Havana in July. I hope that we will be able to secure all the complementary statements from international NGOs (including UN and IOC) which we have been promised. If we do, this should become a useful policy lever for people working to improve the delivery of physical education in countries across the world. Hopefully, the Consensus Statement will support and confirm it, while being focused slightly differently. We must stay in touch to make sure!

Professor Margaret Talbot, PhD OBE FRSA
President, International Council of Sport Science and Physical Education
UNITED KINGDOM
May 22, 2010

What can I say? Or how should I say it? Thank you, thank you, thank you for an incredible and successful conference! As we would say in Jamaican lingo, "I love you mon!" I truly wish to thank you for the invitation to travel to Grundy Center for GoFPEP 2010, and for making such dreams and adventure possible. I can see more clearly your vision and motivation for starting Camp Adventure. It was intended not only to benefit kids but in some inexplicable way to extend into the adult world and providing inestimable benefits as well. What an adventure man, what an adventure! You have that knack, that magic touch of bringing people together and fulfilling dreams. A visionary and genius I'd say!

Hey Chris, how would you feel about being an adopted father and mentor to a black guy? Well I hope your response is in the positive, because that is my humble proposal, appeal or request to you. I am appropriating and embracing you as my surrogate father, coach, mentor and advisor. I am a diamond in the rough, an untapped potential that has been providentially placed in the skilled and talented hands of the brilliant Master. Like the Apostle Paul I feel I have been given, at least hopefully, a potential or possible opportunity to sit at the feet of greatness, the eminent El Professor and Rabbi, Gamaliel. In this case Chris the eminent Dr. El Professor is you

(Acts 5:34, 22:23). I believe our encounter in Korea was not a random event but a divinely orchestrated and closely guided opportunity.

The GoFPEP conference or forum, though immaculately planned and brilliantly and successfully executed was more than a single or parochial experience for me. Without a doubt I experienced all of that. And I am eternally grateful for all the friendships forged, and the unforgettable kindness and mid-western hospitality of the Iowan hosts, Grundy Center Schools, and UNI staff. However, the trip was also a significant spiritual experience and journey for me. The opportunity and experience opened a window into the potential and possibilities of a future where Destiny wants to take me and by extension us.

The reality is that I leave Grundy Center a better person and with two primary benefits in mind. One, the incredible people I have met and the unforgettable friendships I have been lucky to develop will last a lifetime. In addition, the opportunity to sit in the Grundy Center Auditorium and participate in the global interchange and exchange of ideas on HPE pedagogy, as well as health and wellness promotion has equipped me with not only a life altering mission but a life saving message to take back to my church parishes and congregations, neighbourhoods, communities, schools, co-workers, universities and governments. I anticipate the opportunity and cannot wait to access and harness the invaluable resources that will emerge from the conference and made available to all.

Two, and more importantly, after mingling with all the wonderful dignitaries and with you and your circle of friends, including Ming Kai, Chris I leave Grundy Center with the strong conviction that God has charted the course, written the script and determined the outcome that our paths should intersect. It is amazing that three strangers would meet under such unlikely circumstances, or apparent random situation in Korea, shared common interests (our faiths) and conversations (how we met our spouses), and recognized that Destiny and a Higher Power has brought us together. This is unusual, and absolutely amazing! I have never been more convinced that I am in the hands of Destiny and that there is a mission for me to pursue and accomplish. I believe you have a major role to play and Ming Kai too probably engaged in a lesser more supporting function.

At the conference you trumpeted the benefits of reflection. As you know reflection is a process that creates synergy of the selves, spirit soul and body. Well don't think I have forgotten to write to you. That would never happen. I have been engaged in deep reflection. I save the best for last. So here it is. I hope it makes sense to you.

Thank you for the wonderful letter. I want to let you know how much I appreciate your kind gesture. Believe me the memories will never be forgotten. They will last a lifetime! Just want to give a shout out to your personal administrator, Carol Bean. I have had the pleasure of meeting her at the conference. What an adorable, efficient and helpful person she is. She took time out of her busy schedule to make sure I was provided with copies of the presentation. She personally took my USB as you suggested, secured and returned it with the presentations available at the time. I wanted you to know her kindness to me. She made me feel so welcome and at home. I know you have been taking good care of her and will continue to do so. She extolled you as a wonderful person and boss. Please convey my best wishes to her. May God's grace, mercy, and strength continue to rest upon you and guide you in all your travels and endeavors. I pray that you and your family have a fantabulous summer. I look forward to hearing from you soon.

*Rev. Morris Bartley
Director/Founder
International Ministry Development & Health Promotion
JAMACIA
May 22, 2010*

Congratulations to you and your teams on a very successful conference. Thank you also for sending the photos – what great mementos of our time together exploring the future of physical education. Fizika Group is proud to have been a sponsor of this conference. We look forward to working with you and your organizations to advance the practice of health and physical education worldwide.

*Martha Lester Harris MPA
Fizika Group, LLC
USA
May 21, 2010*

It was a great time for me in Global Forum. Thank you for providing this chance for me.

*Jane Zhou
Zhejiang University
THE PEOPLES REPUBLIC OF CHINA
May 20, 2010*

Gracefully I want to thank you and Bet Kirkpatrick very very much for making it possible that there is such a tremendous attribute to the town, your school and the people of Grundy Center Iowa. Congratulation for such a great success of the GoFPEP Conference. I tip my hat for all people involved in making this great conference happen. The messages are clear from around the world what needs to happen in redrafting to a New PE/PA as you demonstrate, here and abroad. Both of you are greatly respected, not only by me, but by countless professionals and Citizens around the World! I truly want to thank you for your willingness to have Kevin and I at the conference last week and was happy to contribute to the conference what I could. Without both of you as **PILLARS in this New PE/PA movement**, this conference could not have happen.

I also want to thank the Professionals from the University of Northern Iowa for there great input and phenomenal support in this conference as well as all the sponsors. One Group I missed and have wondered why they were not present. It would have made sense to me to have seen also some officials from the PE4Life Organization present at that conference, besides all of **you PILLARS** from the great town of Grundy Center. As I can see it, they would be the ultimate beneficiary from a signing/licensing and spreading the word point of view, but since I am an "outsider" I perhaps may see it wrong too.

As you both know, Laura and I have helped many schools around the country to better their PE/PA programs, but now we have put about ten schools together in the Cleveland area, which are in or going into this New PE/PA movement. We are happy to spearhead this movement on a philanthropy basis as we discussed almost three years ago after some of these schools through us out at first. Perseverance is the key to success. We specifically have progressed with one school specifically but the others follow quite well. We are in process of organizing fundraisers and work together with large foundations. Again, thank you so much and look forward to seeing both of you again soon.

*Edmund Leopold
T-Bow
USA
May 20, 2010*

Thank you for all the work that you did to make GoFPEP a marvelous experience - every aspect of it. The host families were so generous and kind to us - makes us want to duplicate that kindness in our own locales. This was truly an outstanding professional conference. Look forward to being part of the implementation process. Hopefully much good will come from all this work and great ideas.

*Barbara Lockhart
BYU
USA
May 20, 2010*

I just wanted to send you an email thanking you for the opportunity to be a part of GoFPEP 2010. That was an invaluable experience for me. It was so neat to be a part of. You did a fantastic job and it could not have gone better! Your hard work paid off. I also appreciate the fact that you said thank you to all of us volunteers. It means a lot to me to have you notice our hard work as well. I really do hope that you keep me in mind to possibly be a part of other conferences that you organize. I love to travel and experience other cultures firsthand. And what better way to do it than to volunteer at a health conference! Enjoy your summer and thank you again, it was a pleasure working with you.

*Alyssa Reichelt
Student Helper
May 20, 2010*

THANKS Chris for all your vision and hard work! It was a most successful event!

*Gloria Gibson
Provost
University of Northern Iowa
USA
May 19, 2010*

Please accept my sincere thanks for an outstanding conference and brilliant program. We are indebted to all who toiled to make this such a pleasant and informative experience. A special thanks to Cass Murra and her staff, the Grundy Center volunteers, and the children who tolerated our intrusion into their classes. "It takes a village to raise a child" and Grundy Center is about the process with your attention to the core of children and youth needs - their physical, social and cognitive capacity to experience life to its fullest. Thanks for sharing this with all of us from around the globe. Finally, when I look at what constitutes a "healthy community" it is clear that Grundy Center and UNI are two very good examples of focused energy. The outcomes to attest to your impact. Keep making a difference.

*David Compton
Chair, Dept. of Recreation, Park and Tourism Studies
Indiana University-Bloomington
USA
May 19, 2010*

Thank you for having welcome me in IOWA University. The organisation and the atmosphere, the contacts, the discussions and the meetings with colleagues and the community teachers has been a very interesting and fruitful experience. I believe that the statement will be on great importance for the development of PE for every child and young person in the world.

*Rose-Marie Repond
EUPEA President
Bern University of applied sciences
Federal Institute of Sport
SWITZERLAND
May 19, 2010*

THANK YOU, it was an experience that I will not forget. Thank you for the inspiration we all felt and received by just being among people with a passion for physical education and the health of the children around the world. I am overwhelmed at the work and the extraordinary possibilities that are ahead of us! Grundy Center, your hospitality was absolutely amazing and wonderful!

*Julie Grundstrom
Physical Education -Lake Middle School
USA
May 19, 2010*

Thank you for the photo and the organization of a terrific conference. I thought the presenters were great, but even better was the organization of the conference. You and Chris should be proud of your achievement. Thank you for all of your hard work -- It truly was a great experience and your hospitality was unsurpassed. I and those in attendance really appreciated what you did. It was creative, well organized, and the program was excellent -- I believe it will make a difference in our profession. Thanks again.

Ron Feingold
Dept Chair, Health Studies Physical Education & Human Performance Science
Adelphi University
USA
May 19, 2010

Thank you for the wonderful opportunity that you gave us movement majors. I really learned a lot at the conference and I will remember this for the rest of my career. I really learned a lot about how we need to think more about physical activity as a whole outside of school. I also learned that we can be more responsible by using modern equipment to show data. Beth Kirkpatrick really opened my eyes to the importance of using heart rate monitors. I also learned how Globally, modern equipment is not available and is not the key to getting people to see the importance of physical education and leisure services. The representative in Nigeria pointed out that they often don't even have electricity; in this case it would take creativity and outdoor use to get the most out of Physical Activity. I also loved the new equipment that Hops sports presented. Thank you again for giving me the opportunity to learn about my major in a worldly view! Thank You so much.

Amanda Rosalez
Student Helper
USA
May 19, 2010

Thank you so much for the wonderful Forum you organized and delivered at Grundy Center. It was truly a global experience topped off by the wonderful folks from UNI and Grundy Center. Everyone was so hospitable and welcoming. You should be proud of everyone involved in the planning of this event.

Brad Strand
North Dakota State University
USA
May 19, 2010

I just wanted to send you a brief note to thank for the invitation to GoFPEP 2010. I must congratulate you and your organizing team for doing an outstanding job of organizing and coordinating the events and activities making sure everything happened without incident. Absolutely amazing. Well done! For me it was an incredible and unforgettable experience! The people, the presentation, the friendships, the tours, the quality of resources and information, the host families, the food, what can I say....it was all worth the trip. Thank you, thank you, thank you! I will be in greater discussion and follow up with you and Chris. Hope you are getting some needed rest and preparing for an enjoyable summer. I will be in touch. God's richest blessings on you and family.

Rev. Morris Bartley
Director/Founder International Ministry Development & Health Promotion
JAMACIA
May 18, 2010

Thank you very much for your kind letter of appreciation. I enjoyed being part of the Global Forum for Physical Education Pedagogy 2010 (GoFPEP 2010) in Grundy Center, Iowa. The two-day event was truly a remarkable one and significant in advancing future of physical education pedagogy in the 21st Century. I strongly believe inactive is a serious problem in today's society here in the United States and worldwide. Discussions and movements to discuss how to promote lifelong physical activities similar to the GoFPEP 2010 are basically essential and critical to the welfare of our future generations. I am so proud of both of you and I applaud the tremendous efforts you have made in organizing this powerful event. Thanks again for inviting me to the GoFPEP 2010. I hope the successful completion of GoFPEP 2010 didn't mark the end of this important effort, but the start of a new Physical Activities and Health movement.

In addition, I am writing to answer your call to continue my commitment in this important effort. Please keep me in touch regarding any future events or activities. I would love to support your future endeavors. Should there is anything I can do to help in joining your effort in the near future, please do not hesitate to contact me at any time.

Jason Lau
Co-Founder & CEO
Global Competency Consulting LLC
USA
May 18, 2010

I too would like to thank you for organizing and implementing this very successful event. What an honor to participate in sharing global concerns, suggestions and initiatives with an impressive group of international colleagues. Let's hope the final Consensus Statement will provide a platform for all of us to continue communication and support for our profession in the future. Enjoy the upcoming summer.

Vicki J. Worrell
Associate Professor
Dept. of HPER
Emporia State University
USA
May 18, 2010

Thanks so much for the opportunity to attend the Physical Education Forum at Grundy Center. I really enjoyed the opportunity.

Rob Goldsmith
Legislative Assistant
Congressman Bruce Braley
USA
May 18, 2010

It was a sincere pleasure to join the GoFPEP 2010. I am so grateful for the opportunity and shared all my enthusiasm with my staff upon my return. This is truly a global campaign now and I want to thank you, Dr. Edginton and everyone else for your leadership in this space. I eagerly look forward to seeing you in just a short couple of days. Thank you for all that you do.

Tom Root
Founder/CEO HOPSports
USA
May 18, 2010

It was a great conference. Congratulations to all involved.

Bill Calhoun
Vice President for Marketing and Advancement
University of Northern Iowa
USA
May 18, 2010

I wanted to personally thank you for all you did for our friends from around the world and here in the US - the hospitality and support you showed is a reflection of your awesome University. You should be proud of what you have accomplished by allowing Dr. Edginton and Ming Kai Chin to share their vision and passion for their good works. YOU are truly blessed. More to come from HOPSports rest assured.

Cindy Sisson Hensley
President, HOPSports Inc.
USA
May 18, 2010

TQ very much for the letter. I am indeed honoured to be part of GoFPEP 2010 and appreciate the opportunity that was given to me to travel to Iowa and met many experts from all over the world. TQ and hope this program will achieve the goals that have been set.

Wee Eng Hoe
MALAYSIA
May 18, 2010

The conference was outstanding and the quality of the presentations was excellent! I am back on campus trying to pay catch-up. It is now summer term on the WVU campus.

Dana D. Brooks, Ed.D.
Dean and Professor of Physical Education
West Virginia University
USA
May 18, 2010

I appreciate the excellent staging of the conference and now receiving the thank you letter attached to my mail. Thank you and God bless. This is to congratulate you on the successful hosting of the GoFPEP 2010. Thank you.

Grace O. Otinwa, Ph.D.
University of Lagos
Department of Human Kinetics & Health Education
NIGERIA
May 18, 2010

It was a pleasure to meet you and participate in GoFPEP. I will stay in touch about travel and presentations in the Pacific rim. A very sincere thank you to you and Dr. E, Cass, and the Grundy community for the time, energy, enthusiasm put forth for this amazing endeavor. Safe travels and stay in touch.

JoAnne Owens-Nauslar
GeoMotion Group, Inc.
USA
May 18, 2010

Thanks again for a Great Conference; a Very Nice program, and your Wonderful team! I look forward to working with you in some fashion in the future.

Kevin Steele
Chairman, Medical/Scientific Board for Performance Health Systems
USA
May 18, 2010

This conference was one of the greatest I have ever experienced. With my special thanks

Jeong Myung Gim
Director of Korea Somatics Institute
REPUBLIC OF KOREA
May 17, 2010

I wanted to extend my “thank you” once again for a fantastic opportunity and experience in your town. Your kindness and hospitality was wonderful. Additionally, to those that traveled to make this event historic – it was nice to meet you and I truly hope your travel back home was safe. I look forward to seeing the future results from our work together.

Lisa Hansen, Ph.D.
Co Director USF Active Gaming Research Labs
The University of South Florida
USA
May 17, 2010

Congratulations on hosting an outstanding event "GOFPEP 2010" held at UNI and Grundy Center Community Schools. I am sure all persons involved will keep wonderful memories of these days in Iowa and of an exciting experience both professionally and personally. You were remarkable hosts! Thank you so much for this great international networking opportunity. We are now looking forward to working together on the final draft on the Consensus Statement.

Gudrun Doll-Tepper
Vice President, German Olympic Sport Confederation
GERMANY
May 17, 2010

Both Jean and I are now in Cedar Rapids airport and getting ready to fly back to Taiwan in an hour time. We have enjoyed spending time with you through GoFPEP 2010. Please take care and we look forward to seeing you again soon in Singapore, we will arrive on 24 May 2010. For GoFPEP 2010, we thank you for your great effort, contribution and leadership, a most delightful event in history.

Peter Chen
Professor Emeritus
NEW ZEALAND
May 17, 2010

I just wanted to say what a wonderful conference experience you provided for everyone last week. It seemed to run like clock work and I know everyone I talked with was treated so well I don't think they wanted to leave. What a wonderful job you and your committees did! Congratulations on a real success!! Thank you for including me in this experience.

Carol Phillips
University of Northern Iowa
USA
May 17, 2010

I just wanted to say that you were absolutely fantastic and brilliant to pull this off. All along, you said this could be done. It went flawlessly and was such a dignified and honorable event. I know that the writings will be also terrific and that you and Dr. E will put it all together. We are very fortunate that you have put your energies into this project and into our lives. I am personally grateful to know you as a life friend and it will be so wonderful to continue all of our work together! Bin was so terrific as well as were all those who you inspired to help with this global event. It was just an amazing week. Thank-you so much

Beth Kirkpatrick
Polar, Director of Education
May 17, 2010

Many congratulations on such a successful first Global Forum. The organisation, atmosphere and hospitality were faultless. Great job! I am slowly getting conditioned into speaking American - it simply was awesome!

Derek Casey
Chairman, World Leisure Organization
UNITED KINGDOM
May 16, 2010

The past week has been incredible. I would like to thank each of you for trusting my parents to be apart of the forum. I just got off the phone with my Mother and one of the many things that she said that made me think deeply was, "I have never had so many people thank me for doing such small tasks, your dad and I are very thankful for the chance to be up in Grundy Center for that event. They really made us feel good." I hope each of you know how much that means to me. What a great event for many people in different walks of life. Have a great rest of the year. Once again, thanks!

Bev Ahern
Master Physical Education Teacher
Grundy Center (Iowa) Community Schools
USA
May 16, 2010

I believe life is about relationships. As is teaching, and you make my life better. I love to work with passionate and visionary people. You are all of these things and MORE. I am humbled and appreciative of your support to make the Global Forum a reality. I trust we met your expectations as I want to help others reach their goals in life, I find great joy in that and it is what fulfills me as a person. I have seen this quote and believe in it and it reminds me of what you helped to provide us here in Grundy Center this past week. "If someone gives you a privilege, you owe them responsibility" Please rest assured I feel you gave me the privilege to be apart of this conference due to your vision and leadership. I will be forever grateful for this life changing experience. I like to live by this quote as I journey through life..."make where you go better because you were there." We in Grundy Center are better because of all the people you brought to our town and I hope they feel they are better as a result of being here too.

I think that having those delegates who stayed with host families write up a paragraph about their experience here in Grundy Center with that family would be powerful for us to place on our website or disperse to our community in some way. It would be a small "thank you" to them for their hospitality. The buzz is quite profound right now. Would this be possible to ask in an email to have them send these to someone? Just a thought... Thanks again

Rick Schupbach
Master Physical Education Teacher
Grundy Center (Iowa) Community Schools
USA
May 16, 2010

Thank you so much for organizing such a fantastic event for us. Every single detail was working extremely well and we participants felt so welcomed to Grundy Center. Hope for collaboration in the future.

Pilvikki Heikinaro-Johansson
University of Jyvaskyla
FINLAND
May 15, 2010