



Knowledge Exchange Commission Membership

The Knowledge Exchange Commission is a dedicated team of global experts, practitioners, and leaders working to advance the Sport for All movement through research, collaboration, and innovation. Below is the list of esteemed members and their areas of expertise.

Chair

Aurélie Van Hoyer

Contact: aurelie.van-hoyer@univ-lorraine.fr

Areas of Expertise: Participative research on organized sport; complex intervention evaluation

Research Disciplines: Public Health

Relationship to Sport for All: Health promotion in organized sport

Aurélie Van Hoyer is an Associate Professor at the University of Lorraine, member of the Public Health Laboratory INSPIRE. Her research interests are focused on supporting coaches and PE teachers in their role, especially regarding their health promotion activities and motivational climate, as well as more indirectly through the study of health enhancing physical activity policies. She leads, with Susanna Geidne, the Promoting Health and Physical Activity in Sports Clubs working group of the Health Enhancing Physical Activity network of the WHO European Office. Additionally, she works on the evaluation of physical activity interventions, especially on the implementation process evaluation using mixed methods.

Members

Associate Professor Sjaan Gomersall

Contact: s.gomersall1@uq.edu.au

Areas of Expertise: Physical activity

Research Disciplines: Public health

Relationship to Sport for All: President-Elect ISPAH

Sjaan Gomersall is Associate Director and Principal Research Fellow at the Health and Wellbeing Centre for Research Innovation at School of Human Movement and Nutrition Sciences and a Teaching and Research academic in Physiotherapy at the School of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences at The University of Queensland. She is an expert in physical activity, sedentary behavior and health. Her research has focused on understanding, measuring and influencing physical activity and sedentary behavior using a variety of methods and with a range of populations, with a focus on adults, the prevention and management of chronic disease and physical activity promotion in healthcare settings. She has a strong track record for multi-disciplinary collaborations and industry partnerships, with specific expertise in partnering with healthcare organisations to build capacity in research and physical activity behavior change, to evaluate the impact of healthcare services and to co-design and test innovative solutions to gaps in service delivery.

Henry Cordero Daut

Contact: henry_daut@yahoo.com

Areas of Expertise: Sport Leadership & Management; Program Planning and Development, Coaching Education, Traditional Sports and Games, Sports for All, Physical Education

Research Disciplines: Traditional Sports and Games, Coaching Education, Physical Education

Relationship to Sport for All: Vice President Asian Traditional sports and Games, Vice President Mindanao Sports for Peace and Development

Henry Cordero Daut is a retired faculty of the College of Sports, Physical Education and Recreation (SPEAR) at Mindanao State University, Philippines. Former Dean of the College of SPEAR and Former Deputy National Director and Dean of the Philippine Sports Institute, Philippine Sports Commission (PSC) from 2016-2021. He was a Consultant of PSC on National Grassroots Development (2016-2021), developed the SMART ID program (Talent Identification Program) and the National Coaching Certification Course of the Philippine Sports Commission through the PSI. He was Founder and Director of Project H.O.P.E. through Sports - a Sport for All program catering to the underserved members of the communities, particularly the children and youth to include the Indigenous Peoples, out of school youth, communities affected by armed conflicts and natural and man-made disasters. Presently, he is Sports Consultant of the Bangsamoro Sports Commission, of the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao, Philippines, Vice President of the Asian Traditional Sports and Games Association (ATSGA), a physical educator, athlete, coach, international speaker, researcher and a sports missionary.

Keith George

Contact: k.george@ljmu.ac.uk

Areas of Expertise: health, exercise research, and impact

Research Disciplines: cardiovascular health

Relationship to Sport for All: TAFISA Board member

Keith George is a Pro-vice Chancellor for Research and Knowledge Exchange at Liverpool John Moores University. He is an active researcher and administrator with an interest in cardiovascular health through sport and physical activity. He has experience in impact development and assessment. He has worked with TAFISA and IOC as well as other organizations on the Global Active Cities project.

Karim Abu-Omar

Contact: karim.abu-omar@fau.de

Areas of Expertise: Physical activity promotion, sport and planetary health

Research Disciplines: Sociology, sport science

Karim Abu-Omar is a senior lecturer at the Department of Sports Science and Sport at Friedrich-Alexander-Universität Erlangen-Nürnberg (FAU), Germany. He is also Co-Director of the WHO Collaborating Centre for Physical Activity and Public Health at FAU since 2014. He is currently focusing his research on the interrelations between physical activity promotion, climate change, and planetary health.

Mickey Scheinowitz

Contact: mickeys@tauex.tau.ac.il

Areas of Expertise: Exercise and cardiovascular physiology

Research Disciplines: Sports technology, performance monitoring and enhancement

Relationship to Sport for All: Membership in the Development Committee in ICSSPE

Mickey Scheinowitz is a full professor in the Department of Biomedical Engineering and School of Public Health at Tel Aviv University. He was the Founder and Director of Sylvan Adams Sports Institute. He is a former member of the Healthy Israelis 2020 Initiative and Medicine of the American College of Sports Medicine, a current member of the Israel Sports Cardiology Forum, and a National representative of the Global Observatory of Physical Activity initiative.

Dr Nana Adom-Aboagye

Contact: nadom-aboagye@sun.ac.za

Areas of Expertise: Gender and sport, women and sport policy

Research Disciplines: gender/women and sport; sport policy, sport for development and marginalized groups in sport

Dr Nana Adom-Aboagye (phonetic pronunciation: Ah-Dom Ah-bwaa-jee) is the Head of the Centre for Sport Leadership at Maties Sport at Stellenbosch University. She is a member of the Education and Culture Commission of SASCOC (South African Sports Confederation and Olympic Committee) as well as the Global Observatory's Expert Group on Violence Against Women and Girls in PE, PA and Sport. She has also worked with African Union Sports Council Region 5 and the South African National Department of sport on women and sport-related projects. Her research focuses on issues about gender/women and sport; sport policy, sport for development and marginalized groups in sport. She is also a 2022 recipient of Stellenbosch University's Deputy Vice Chancellor's Top 20 Postdoc award for Research Excellence in recognition of excellence in research, scholarship, and contribution to the academic community.

Stuart Biddle

Contact: stuart.biddle@unisq.edu.au

Areas of Expertise: Health psychology, behavior change

Research Disciplines: Psychology, public health

Stuart Biddle is a research professor in the Centre for Health Research at the University of Southern Queensland, Australia, working part time. He has a particular interest in physical activity and sedentary behavior change and has been involved extensively in the development of national and international guidelines. He is a highly cited research author and has been the lead author of the book 'Psychology of Physical Activity' since 1991.

Mabliny Thuany

Contact: mablinysantos@gmail.com

Areas of Expertise: ecological systems, endurance sports

Research Disciplines: Sports Science

Mabliny Thuany is an Associate Professor in the Department of Sports at the State University of Pará, Brazil. She has experience as a Principal Investigator in various multicenter research projects, focusing on understanding human behavior using ecological systems as frameworks. She leads the Research

Group on Performance and Health in Sports and the “Running Group,” which aims to promote physical activity in the community through running. At TAFISA, she is interested in contributing to the development of evidence-based interventions that promote sports using a context-driven approach.

Marloes de Brabandere

Contact: marloes.debrabandere@ugent.be

Areas of Expertise: Fitness influencer marketing and the impact on adolescents' mental and physical health.

Research Disciplines: Communication Sciences

Marloes de Brabandere holds a master's degree in communication sciences, specializing in communication management. For her master thesis, she conducted research on influencer marketing, more specifically on micro-influencers. Since September 2021, she started her PhD research at the Department of Communication Sciences. She will conduct research on how fitness influencers can have an impact on adolescents' mental well-being and exercise behavior at the Center for Persuasive Communication (CEPEC). She is also involved with several ongoing projects from the center.

Mr. Kervin Jean

Contact : kervin.jean@dec.uwi.edu

Areas of Expertise: Policy, Governance, and Strategic Development

Research Disciplines: Sport Policy and Practice

Relationship to Sport for All: Ensuring that there is holistic sport development through proper policies, procedures, and operational practices

Kervin Jean currently heads the University of the West Indies' (UWI) Global Campus Academy of Sport, one of four academies which make up the UWI Faculty of Sport. He holds a first degree in Sport Management, a MSc in Public Sector Management, and is currently a PhD candidate reading for a PhD in Social Policy, emphasis on Sport Policy Evaluation. He is an avid sport administrator with over fifteen years of experience working with national sport administrations. He is also a lecturer across several areas of sport academia, most notably sport and public policy, sport governance and history and origins of sport. Mr. Jean focuses on the policy and strategic development, having developed and reviewed several national policies on sport for Caribbean territories, and strategic plans for regional and national sport serving bodies.

Lynne Boddy

Contact: l.m.boddy@ljmu.ac.uk

Areas of Expertise: measurement of movement behaviors, PA and health outcomes, evaluation

Research Disciplines: physical activity and health, public health

Relationship to Sport for All: Contributions to GAC, other PA and Sport for All advocacy, and development programs/projects

Lynne Boddy is a Professor of Physical Activity and Health and leads the Physical Activity Exchange at Liverpool John Moores University. Her research interests are the measurement of movement behaviors, surveillance, evaluation, and intervention research. She works with children, young people, and a range of different groups including clinical populations and disability groups. She has been involved in international PA and Sport for All advocacy and development for approximately ten years.

Mr. Stacey Cateau

Contact: scateau@yahoo.com

Areas of Expertise: Sport Tourism Management

Research Disciplines: Innovation among sport organisations, including collaboration and Value Chain Management

Relationship to Sport for All: The belief that knowledge can be transferred to the benefit of all categories of sport development

Stacey Cateau is a senior instructor at the University of Trinidad and Tobago, Centre for Kinesiology Physical Education and Sport. His work experience at the tertiary level has facilitated gaining knowledge in a wide range of areas related to the Management of Sport. He holds a Master's Degrees in Sport Science and Business Administration. In addition to 12 years' experience as a university teacher, he also has significant experience working with the Trinidad and Tobago Olympic Committee as the coordinator of the "Shape the Community Sport Development Programme".

Dr. Sara Almalik

Contact: saralmalik@gmail.com

Areas of Expertise: Sports for All - Culture

Research Disciplines: Humanities and Sports

Relationship to Sport for All: Head of Research for Sport for All

Dr. Sara Almalik is the leading researcher at the Saudi Arabian Sports for All Federation. Her role is to connect cutting-edge academic research with the operators of community sports events. Her background is in the study of cultural hegemony, which fueled her interest in the intersection of sports, community, and societal impact. She leverages this interdisciplinary expertise to facilitate the transfer of knowledge between researchers and grassroots sports practitioners, ensuring that community-based initiatives are informed by the latest evidence and insights. Through this work, she strives to amplify the power of sports to drive positive change at the local level.

Kwok Ng, PhD

Contact: kwok.ng@lsu.lt

Areas of Expertise: adapted physical activity, physical activity health promotion

Research Disciplines: health promotion and adapted physical activity

Dr Kwok Ng holds the docent title of Health Promotion and Adapted Physical Activity. He has joint positions at the University of Limerick, University of Turku, and Lithuanian Sports University. He is currently the Vice President of the International Federation of Adapted Physical Activity and Assistant Editor of the European Journal of Adapted Physical Activity.

Professor Zoe Knowles

Contact: z.r.knowles@ljmu.ac.uk

Areas of Expertise: Psychosocial determinants of physical activity, public engagement

Research Disciplines: Psychology, physical activity and health

Relationship to Sport for All: Contributions to GAC, other PA and Sport for All advocacy and development programs/projects

Zoe Knowles is a Health and Care Professions Council Registered Practitioner Psychologist in Sport and Exercise and Public Engagement Specialist. She works with qualitative and creative methodologies for

intervention design and evaluation and have a keen interest in the use of green and blue spaces for treatment of mild to moderate mental health conditions.

Rebecca Morton Doherty

Contact: rebecca.morton@olympic.org

Areas of Expertise: Impact measurement and policy advocacy, sport and sustainable development

Research Disciplines: sport for development, prevention and control of non-communicable diseases

Relationship to Sport for All: Impact and Advocacy lead for Olympism365 - IOC's strategy to increase access to safe, sustainable and inclusive sport participation as an enabler for sustainable development

As Senior Manager for Impact and Advocacy with the IOC's Olympism365 department, Rebecca Morton Doherty is leading a strategy to measure the collective impact and efficacy of the IOC's global portfolio of programs that use sport as an enabler for the UN Sustainable Development Goals. Program priorities include health, equality and inclusion, sustainable livelihoods, and peace and safe communities through sport. She has 18+ years of experience in social impact programs, strategic partnerships, and monitoring and evaluation of multisectoral projects in low- and middle-income countries. She holds a BA in Political Sciences and MSc in Gender and Development.

Ben Jones

Contact: benj@activexchange.co.uk

Areas of Expertise: Whole system approaches to reducing physical inactivity, Data/technology for sport/physical activity development

Research Disciplines: Movement data & technology in Sport for All

Ben Jones has more than 25 years' experience working across the voluntary, public, and private sectors in community sport and physical activity, locally, regional, nationally & internationally. He began his career leading a sports social-inclusion project, working with children and young people excluded from school, then moved into further and higher education. After this, he spent 16 years at a regional sport & PA development organisation, 9 of which as CEO. He currently leads the work in Europe for a global sports data intelligence company, growing a network of sports organisations and governments using data and intelligence to inform decision-making and prove impact.

Tshepang Tshube

Areas of Expertise: Sport Psychology

Relationship to Sport for All: Researcher/Academic

Dr. Tshube is an Associate Professor in the Department of Kinesiology and Health Promotion at the University of Kentucky. He has published in the areas of youth sport, life skills, and mental health. He has attracted funding and conducted several presentations at national and international levels.

Hank Jwo

Areas of Expertise: Exercise Psychology, Cognitive-behavioral approach to exercise

Research Disciplines: Psychology of physical activity

Hank Jwo is a retired professor of the Department of Physical Education and Sport Sciences, National Taiwan Normal University. He has been actively training graduate students empirically examining effects of cognitive-behavioral approach to promote exercise behavior in older adults in community. He also serves as expert for a national project for physical activity and prevention of disability in older adults in Taiwan.

Tomohiko Yoshida

Areas of Expertise: Sport for All Governance

Research Discipline: Sport Sociology

Relationship to Sport for All: Board member of TAFISA Japan

Tomohiko Yoshida is a dedicated individual with a thorough understanding of sports administration by practical and evidence base in local communities through 23 years of professional experience at Sasakawa Sport Foundation.

Rachel Mait, TAFISA

Contact: mait@tafisa.org

Areas of Expertise: Sport for All, Monitoring and Evaluation

Relationship to Sport for All: TAFISA Project Impact Manager

Rachel Mait is originally from the USA but now lives in Germany, and since January 2024, she has been serving as a Project Impact Manager at TAFISA. She completed her bachelors in Kinesiology at the University of Maryland in the US. Her background includes experience in senior fitness. She recently completed a master's degree in Physical Activity and Health from FAU Erlangen, and applies the skills acquired to develop and evaluate programs and activities at TAFISA.