

Report on the outcomes of a presentation and participation in a Dissemination Conference¹

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Grantee name: Summer Courts

Conference Details

Conference title: 26th Board Game Studies Colloquium

Conference web-page: <https://boardgamestudies.jimdofree.com/>

Conference venue²: PAIDIA Living Lab of Play* (in NOKIA ARENA - 3rd floor-, Kansikatu 3, Tampere)

Conference start and end date: 23/04/2024 to 26/04/2024

Accepted oral contribution details

Title of the presentation: GameTable Panel: Challenges and Opportunities for Researching Games with AI

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This was a leadership panel wherein Core Group members of GameTable shared information about the network and engaged in recruitment activity.

Outcome of the conference participation

Description of the outcome of the conference presentation, including contacts made and potential for future collaborations.

(max.500 word)

The GameTable panel emerged as a prominent fixture during the concurrent workshops session at the conference, capturing the attention of the largest audience among the available workshops. This reception underscored its significant appeal and importance within the community, eliciting enthusiastic responses from all participants.

In my capacity as Science Communication Coordinator, I delivered a presentation during the initial hour of the GameTable panel, focusing on GameTable's communication and dissemination strategies. I delineated our current and forthcoming publications, outlined our public communication strategy, identified target audiences, and highlighted our social media

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platforms. This segment of the session elicited substantial audience engagement, with several participants promptly following GameTable's social media accounts through the provided QR codes.

During the subsequent hour, dedicated to audience participation and discourse, I fielded inquiries from attendees regarding avenues for involvement with GameTable, opportunities for contributing through scientific publications, and methods for generating content for our social media channels. Several newly affiliated GameTable members utilized this forum to seek clarification on matters pertaining to COST publication and dissemination funding, while others sought insights into engagement metrics, outreach strategies, and the sustainability of GameTable-produced resources. Collectively, this segment fostered immense enthusiasm for GameTable and the interdisciplinary study of games.

Throughout the Board Game Studies 2024 conference, GameTable featured prominently in numerous presentations, either through acknowledgments, closing remarks, or audience queries, serving as a conduit for presenters to continue their research endeavours. The significance of the GameTable network to the broader Board Game Studies Community was reaffirmed by the proactive efforts of conference participants to engage with both myself and other GameTable representatives, seeking opportunities for networking, collaboration, and membership acquisition.

In summary, the event marked a notable accomplishment, and we are gratified to have orchestrated its execution. This platform facilitated interaction with over 200 members of the GameTable working group, securing commitments for heightened future involvement. Furthermore, the conference not only fortified existing connections but also unveiled novel prospects for collaboration and progression within the GameTable community.

Acknowledgement of inclusion of necessary supporting documents to claim the grant

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the programme of the conference or book of abstracts / proceedings indicating the oral presentation
of the grantee.