

THOMAS MORGENTHALER

School of Clinical Therapies

Conferences Attended:

Name: International Play Association Triennial World Conference XXII - Play: Rights and Possibilities. 6th-9th June 2023. Glasgow, Scotland.

Attending the International Play Association Triennial World Conference has had a profound impact on my academic and professional growth in several ways. Firstly, it provided me with a valuable opportunity to establish meaningful connections for my future academic career and enhance potential research collaborations with fellow scholars. Through networking with other researchers and educators specializing in areas such as outdoor play, play spaces and playgrounds, instrument development pertaining to playground environments and outdoor play, as well as inclusive play and children's participation, I have expanded my professional network and forged relationships with individuals who share similar interests. Secondly, the conference allowed me to present and share a portion of my doctoral research during a workshop. This platform granted me the privilege of receiving valuable feedback and insights from esteemed academics and practitioners who specialize in the same field. Not only did this feedback support

my ongoing thesis work, but it also contributed to the development of an audit tool that I am currently working on. Thirdly, the conference served as an opportunity to reconnect with my peers and research supervisors who are also involved in the broader research project called "P4Play," funded by the European Union.

Overall, attending the International Play Association Triennial World Conference has proven to be an invaluable experience, enabling me to establish connections, receive feedback on my work, and further contribute to my research endeavors.