

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

Action number: CA22145

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Conference Details

Conference title: Foundations of Digital Games, 2026. Workshop on Games and Archaeological Play

Conference web-page:

<https://fdg2026.org>

<https://gapworkshop.org/>

Conference venue²:

In-person at Royal Danish Academy of Architecture, Design, Conservation in Copenhagen.

Accepted oral contribution details

Title of the presentation: A Ludic filter for game reconstructions: Do modern rules for Pente Grammai work?

Co-authors: Summer Courts

Presented at the Workshop on Games and Archaeological Play as part of the conference proceedings. (Proceedings at: <https://dl.acm.org/doi/proceedings/10.1145/3815598#heading10>)

Outcome of the conference participation

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

The workshop had a total of about 14 participants, including several that had not previously encountered the Gametable COST action. They included archaeologists, game researchers, game historians and game archivists (for lack of a better term) looking at how the more recent past of games can be preserved. As such this was a very cross-disciplinary group that led to a rich and intimate discussion that has set up new links for the future. The one concrete target that has come out of this is a follow-on piece of work to extend the work from the two published game rule reconstructions of Pente Grammai to consider a set of possible rulesets to suggest which might be most likely. This idea had already been discussed by the paper authors, but was independently suggested by the workshop participants, who found the idea very exciting.

The conference presentation itself went very well, with a number of interesting questions that provoked further discussion about how far these methods could (and could not) be used to address questions of game play in the past.

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² For an online conference, specify virtual participation; for hybrid conferences, specify whether it is an in-person or virtual participation.

I ensured that Gametable was clearly mentioned during the talk in terms of its role in fostering a network of heritage and games researchers. The Gametable logo was also clearly displayed, not least on the final, 'Thank You' slide.

The workshop organisers also posted about this on social media with a specific mention of the talk:

<https://www.linkedin.com/feed/update/urn:li:activity:7495411497960132608/>

Acknowledgement of inclusion of necessary supporting documents to claim the grant

I confirm that the following documents have been uploaded on e-COST as an integral part of this report:

- the certificate of conference attendance issued by the conference organiser.
- the programme of the conference or book of abstracts / proceedings indicating the oral presentation of the grantee.