

Long Term Athlete Development - Workshop Speakers



Istvan Balyi, Phd. - Dr. Balyi is a world-renowned coaching educator who has authored a series on Long-Term Athlete Development that has been published in Australia, Canada, the United States, and the United Kingdom. Since 1994, Dr. Balyi has been the resident sport scientist of the National Coaching Institute at the University of Victoria, and is also the LTAD advisor for SportsCoach UK, SportScotland, the Sports Council for Wales, the Sports Council for Northern Ireland, and is a member of the LTAD expert advisory group for Sport Canada.



Albert Carron, Phd. - A full professor at the University of Western Ontario since 1978, Dr. Carron has authored numerous books, book chapters, and countless peer-reviewed journal articles dating back to 1968. He has been the recipient of numerous awards, including the "Sport Science Award of the IOC President for 1996", and in 2004, the Canadian Society for Psychomotor Learning and Sport Psychology named their annual address the "Albert Carron Lecture" in Dr. Carron's honour.



Colin Higgs, Phd. - Dr. Higgs was recently appointed the Director of International Development though Sports for Commonwealth Games Canada, and has almost 40 years of experience in physical education to draw on for this new position. Dr. Higgs was a professor at Memorial University beginning in 1975, where he was Dean of Faculty from 1997 to 2005. He is currently a member of Sport Canada's LTAD expert advisory group, and was recently awarded the inaugural International Paralympic Committee's Sport Science Award at a ceremony in Beijing, China.



Alex Gardiner - Alex is the Director, International Performance, at the Canadian Olympic Committee. He is a certified Level 5 coach, a charter member of Coaches of Canada and the former Chief Technical Officer of Athletics Canada.

Richard Way, MBA. - The project leader for the LTAD expert advisory group, Richard has had an influential career in both national and international sport. Richard was the Director of Sport for Vancouver's successful 2010 Bid Corporation, he has been a member of the International Luge Federation's Sport Commission and its Global Development Committee, and has worked with the Government of British Columbia in coaching education and training. Richard is a Chartered Professional Coach, and has Level 5 NCCP Coach Certification.









