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**Second International Scientific Conference**

**BIO-PSYCHO-SOCIAL APPLICATIONS OF THE GAME OF CHESS**

*The conference is dedicated to the 5th anniversary of the International Society for Applied Chess*

**PROGRAM**

*15 October 2022, 11:00 am - 4:00 pm (CEST)*

Register for free via e-mail: [info@isac-appliedchess.com](mailto:info@isac-appliedchess.com)

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11:00 am - 11:10 am

**Welcome**

**Dr. Radislav Atanasov** – Chairman of the ISAC Board of Directors; Assistant Head Professor at the National Sports Academy, Bulgaria; FIDE Senior Trainer; FIDE International Arbiter;

**Prof. Sabine Vollstädt-Klein** – Chairwomen Standards Committee ISAC; Adjunct professor at Heidelberg University, Germany, Central Institute of Mental Health, Mannheim, Germany

11:10 am – 11:20 am

**Dr. Anita Stangl**

Woman FIDE Master, CEO of MedienLB, Starnberg, Germany

**Chess for Africa (Pre-recorded talk)**

11:20 am – 11:40 am

**Stefan Kindermann**

Grandmaster; CEO of Münchener Schachakademie (Munich Chess Academy)

Chair of the Münchener Schachstiftung (Munich Chess Foundation), München, Germany

**The application of chess in Professional Coaching and in Social Projects**

11:40 am – 11:45 am

Break

11:45 am – 12:05 pm

**IM Prof. Fernand Gobet**

Professorial Research Fellow at the London School of Economics and Political Science, UK

*What can psychological research on chess experts tell us about chess teaching and training?*

12:05 pm – 12:25 pm

**Prof. Merim Bilalić**

FIDE master, Professor at Northumbria University, UK

*Chess and the human brain*

12:25 pm – 12:30 pm

Break

12:30 pm – 12:50 pm

**Prof. Dr. Tjalf Ziemssen**

Professor at University of Dresden, Germany

*Chess - an analogy on decision-making: Does the game of chess help in the treatment of multiple sclerosis? (Pre-recorded talk)*

12:50 pm – 1:10 pm

**David Llada**

FIDE Chief Marketing and Communications Officer

*Chess: how to capture mood and emotions*

1.10 pm – 1:20 pm

Break

1:20 pm – 1:40 pm

**Juan Antonio Montero & Asier Rufino**

Juan Antonio Montero - Psychologist, Inventor of the ECAM method „Cognitive training through chess”; Chair of the Magic chess club, Mérida, Spain; ISAC member

Asier Rufino - FIDE master, Professor at University of Deusto, Spain; Co-Founder of GYM-CHESS

*The ECAM method „Cognitive training through chess” and development into the app GYM-CHESS*

1:40 pm – 2:00 pm

**Prof. Dr. Sabine Vollstädt-Klein**

Adjunct professor at Heidelberg University, Germany

Chairwoman standards committee ISAC

*Chess as an add-on intervention in substance use disorders*

2:00 pm – 2:05 pm

Break

2:05 pm – 2:25 pm

**Dmitry Komarov**

International Grandmaster; Kyiv Day Center for Medical and Social Rehabilitation, Ukraine

*Application of the chess game in social work with psychiatric patients*

2:25 pm – 2:45 pm

**Nadezhda Kuzermanova, Anna Tilova**

Nadezhda Kuzermanova - Psychologist, Manager of the Association “Chovekolubie” - Pazardzhik, Bulgaria; Secretary of the ISAC

Anna Tilova - Social worker at Complex for social services “Chovekolubie” - Pazardzhik, Bulgaria

*Individual counseling on the chess model at Complex for social services “Chovekolubie”*

2:45 pm – 2:50 pm

Break

2:50 pm – 3:10 pm

**Dr. Radislav Atanassov**

Assistant Professor, National Sports Academy “Vassil Levski”, Sofia, Bulgaria

Chairman of the ISAC Board of Directors

*What chess can teach children for life?*

16:10 – 16:30

**Joanna Zbroniec**

Chess coach, school psychologist, Oława, Poland

ISAC member

*Chess therapy for school children*

3:30 pm – 3:50 pm

**Luis Blasco de la Cruz**

FIDE commission “Chess in education”

*Chess curriculum to Advance Students’ Thinking and Learning skills in primary Education*

3:50 pm – 4:00 pm

**Farewell**