

European Developments in Chess Education

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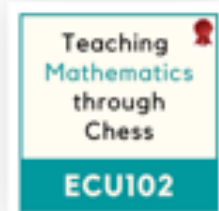
Certificated Teacher Training Courses by the European Chess Union.



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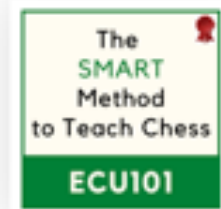
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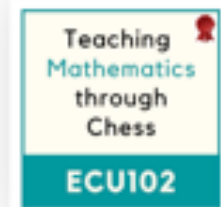


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Overview of Training Courses
Seminar



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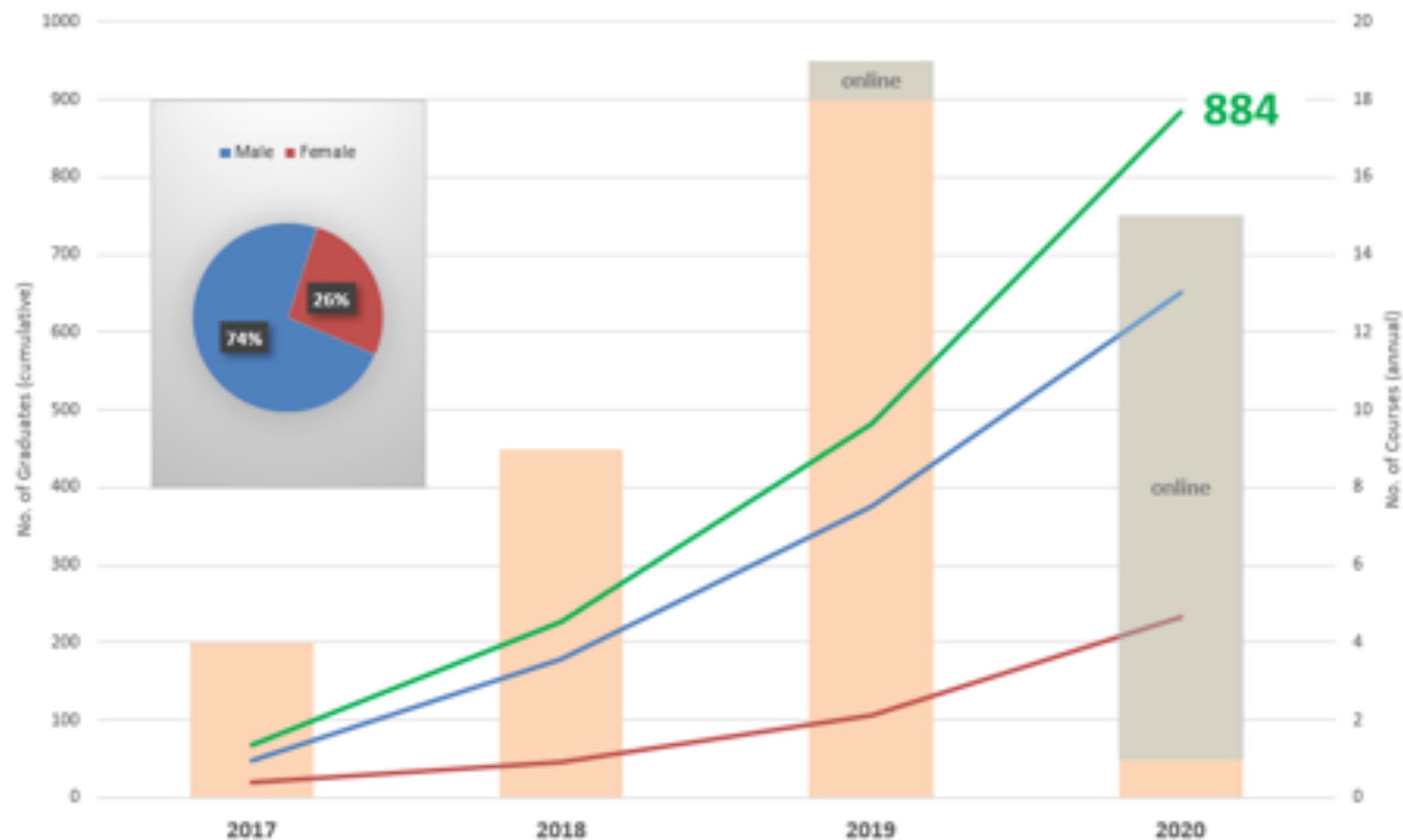


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ECU101 Graduates and Courses





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The SMART Method to Teach Chess

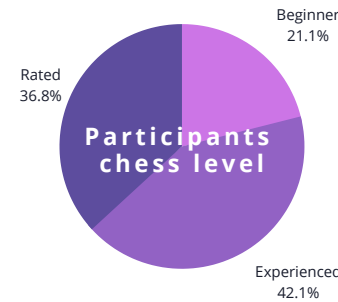
TRAINING COURSE REPORT



ALEXANDER KOSTYEV
COURSE
INSTRUCTOR

Twenty people took part, both primary school teachers who begin to teach chess lessons and extracurricular chess lessons, and experienced teachers with extensive experience in teaching chess in schools. There were teachers from Sakhalin, Siberia, Central Russia, big cities and small villages.

All the participants successfully passed the online test for the ECU School Chess Teacher Certificate.



FEEDBACK

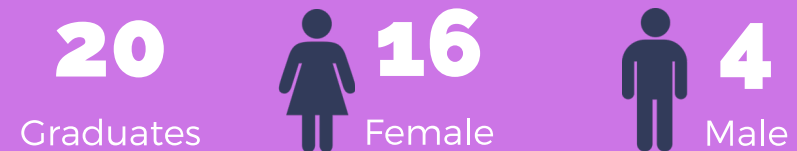
I was able to take a fresh look at some aspects of my work, as well as receive confirmation of many of my ideas on teaching chess.

The course confirmed my interest, introduced me to the topic, understanding of the processes, the main vectors of development, the desire to study further.

The seminar introduced the European model of teaching chess in schools, I really liked the didactic model and the SMART method.



See all the graduates and upcoming courses at: www.chessplus.net



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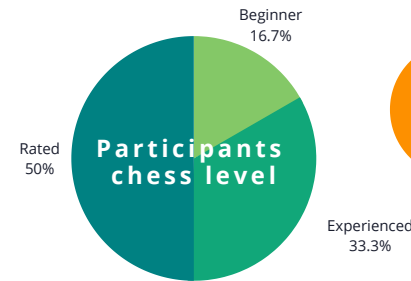
TRAINING COURSE REPORT



PEP SUÁREZ
COURSE
INSTRUCTOR

Attendees from six different Spanish speaking countries have learned a new approach about teaching chess. 100% of them have said that they are more confident now to teach chess and understand fully the difference between scholastic chess and competitive chess.

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FEEDBACK

Very useful course. It helped me to acquire the appropriate pedagogical tools to confidently teach chess to students at my school.

The course is very interesting and they have given me the necessary foundation to be able to start teaching children in schools. Thank you very much!

The course is very good, in my particular case it helped me to know how chess is taught in other parts of the world, it took away some worries and it helped me to correct mistakes.



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12
Graduates



3
Female



9
Male

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TRAINING COURSE REPORT

Date

02-04
OCTOBER
2020

Course N°

148

Location

ONLINE

Language

GERMAN

Satisfied

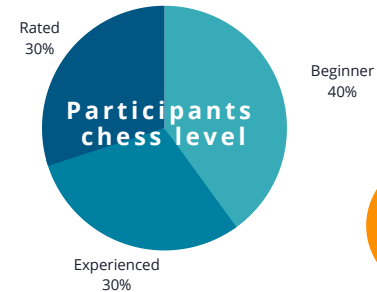
95%



**COURSE
INSTRUCTOR
BORIS BRUHN**

Attendees with different backgrounds gathered together for a weekend to study a new approach, get fresh ideas, and improve their chess teaching skills. 95% of them enjoyed the training course and would recommend it to others.

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FEEDBACK

“The mini-games are incredibly convincing and will have a safe place in chess lessons thanks to their incredibly versatile application options.”

“Many new inputs - such as mini-games, chess room contracts, different types of tournaments - e.g. Pyramid game - chess pieces, ideas for the timetable - very useful.”

“I totally achieved my personal goals. I liked the fact that it was systematically well structured. It was varied and well explained by the moderator. I can highly recommend this course.”



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Female



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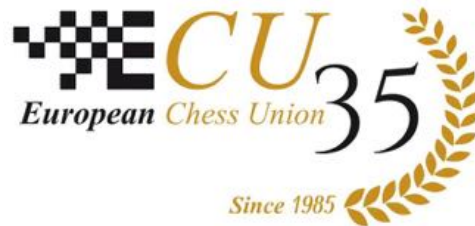
Online – English

21-22 April 2020

Course № 139

Course Instructor: Jesper Hall

Summary of Feedback



Overall experience

Did you enjoy the course?

19 responses



- Yes
- No
- Sometimes

Are you now more confident to teach chess?

18 responses



- Yes
- No
- Sometimes

Did the course meet your personal objectives?

18 responses



- The course exceeded my objectives
- Yes the course delivered what I needed
- The course did not deliver all of my objectives
- The course failed to meet my objectives

Would you recommend the course to others?

19 responses



● Yes

● No

● Maybe

Chess and Technology Online Conference

5-6 December 2020

[Register Now](#)

ChessTech 2020 is the first international conference covering the online and digital aspects of chess. See the latest advances in chess technology. Meet the pioneers of the new wave of chess software and systems. Get to know the developers of the next generation of chess apps. Stay tuned for new research on cheating and its various impacts on chess. After seven annual conferences with a focus on education, the London Chess conference moves online and shifts its focus to technology, while still maintaining the education connection.

[Saturday 5th Dec - Programme](#)

[Sunday 6th Dec - Programme](#)



Conference Programme



Conference Producer



VIDEO PROCEEDINGS

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John Ashworth
CEO

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526

Attendees

122

Contributors

70

Countries

44

Sessions

26

Companies

4

Languages



Beyond the Board

The London Chess Conference went online thanks to ChessPlus. Sean Marsh reports

The 8th London Chess Conference defied expectations to proceed on the scheduled weekend of 5-6 December 2020. The challenges we faced to keep the world's top chess conference alive during the most difficult of years should be obvious. So many events scheduled for 2020 had to be cancelled, despite the best efforts of many people. There will forever be a gap in the history books, which will stand as a stark reminder of the terrible times we all had to endure.

For some time, the London Chess Conference had only one piece of information on which to cling to – that was the theme of the weekend, which had already been announced, one year previously, as 'Chess and Technology'. This turned out to be a remarkable act of serendipity, for we were able to use this tiny sliver of information as a springboard to create something very special.

Taking full advantage of the fortuitous theme, John Foley and his crack ChessPlus team of conference experts managed to switch the entire event online. Removing the



FIDE President Arkady Dvorkovich no less kicked off the conference with a 20-minute speech on the subject of 'Chess as a Driver of Technology', broadcasting live from his home in Russia.

Chessable was one of the key sponsors of the conference and were, of course, keynote

Year Award for *The Complete Chess Swindler*. This session definitely made good use of



NEWSLETTER
for everyone interested in chess for education

FIRST RANK



ECU Education - The London Chess Conference

First Rank is a fortnightly newsletter for anyone interested in chess in education. In this edition, we cordially invite you to register for the biggest chess conference in the world the London Chess Conference which has gone online this year. The theme of the conference is chess and technology which is why it has been renamed ChessTech2020. There are no transport or accommodation costs. There won't even be registration costs - general admission is free. So, if you are locked down on December 5th and 6th, you have no excuse not to participate. Elsewhere in this newsletter, you will find out about the newly awarded Erasmus+ project 'Chess, a Game to Be Spread in Schools'. Of course, we prepared the usual topics as well: the anecdote, the calendar and the tactical puzzle. Interested in the Sicilian? - immediately check out the webinar below.



Tornelo—A program that you can use to organize tournaments on the internet. Easy pairing systems, easy operation: ideal for tournament organizers, referees, ... and teachers. David Cordover, its founder, is one of the speakers at the Conference.

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Certification

- Currently Courses certified by ECU or FIDE
- Chess representative bodies
- FIDE/ECU joint project to expand appeal to Education Sector
- Looking at endorsement of qualifications by university
- European Qualifications Framework
- European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System
- Three universities interested
 - Armenia
 - Spain
 - USA

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- European Funding for Chess Education Projects



Erasmus+

Main Projects

- CASTLE Chess for schools
- CHAMPS Chess and Mathematics
- 8by8 Mathematical Games
- CGS Peer Learning for Teachers