

REPORT ABOUT THE WORK OF THE FIDE TRAINER ACADEMY BERLIN 2004 - 2006



The interest in an international chess trainer education rose in the last year. The establishment of private chess clubs shows another pleasing trend. Worldwide they are adding new impulses to the chess with the help of professional trainer support.

Also the participants should be enabled to work independently with young players and top level talents in schools and chess clubs and educate young coaches and teachers in their own home country and other countries.

With its courses the Trainer Academy Berlin made a substantial contribution with its courses (in the meantime already three per year) to ensure a high level in the methodical teaching activity and a reevaluation of the coach occupation.

36 graduates from four continents and 18 countries like Algeria, Denmark, Germany, Estonia, France, Hong Kong, Italy, India, Israel, Korea, Luxemburg, Mexico, Austria, Portugal, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey and Zambia used this qualification to train young coaches in home and other countries.

A centralised education should guarantee at the same time a high level methodical teaching activity as well as an upgrade of the profession as a trainer.

The training concept including the following five focuses has worked satisfactorily:

- Structures and duties of the Federation International des Échecs (FIDE) and the European Chess Union (ECU)
- Modern training teaching: How can one instruct strategy and tactics in all three stages of the game?
- Psychological/pedagogical competence of the chess trainer and social and psychological performance training with feedback
- Computer aided electronic teaching, e-learning and learning measures with current ChessBase programme
- Proofs of teaching expertise and defence of the trainer papers.

The Trainer Academy is technically very well equipped. Modern computers, new software with training effect, permanent high-speed broad-band internet access, webcams, big tv-screen, video and overhead projectors, demonstration boards and flipcharts provide an excellent basis for vivid and practical chess training with the possibility of an inspiring and instructive feedback effect for the participants.

In the meantime firm structures were created also within organisational area. An international Advisory Board of the FIDE is responsible for the Trainer Academy. Following gentlemen belong to it: Ignatius Leong (General Secretary FIDE, Singapur), GM Jury Razuvaev (Chairman FIDE Trainer Committee, Russia), Prof. Dr. Hans-Jürgen Hochgräfe (Vice President GCF) and Horst Metzinger (General Secretary ECU).

A technical working group for management and organisation is existing in Berlin, consisting of GM Uwe Boensch (Director FTA), Christian Greiser (Finances), IM Michael Richter (ChessBase), Guido Feldmann (Webmaster) and Dr. Ernst Boensch (Coordinator).

In direct neighbourhood to the rooms of the Trainer Academy only 100 meters afar is working the General Secretariat of the European Chess Union (ECU), the office of the German Chess Federation (DSB), the German Chess Youth (DSJ) and the Wirtschaftsdienst GmbH (DSB Shop).

In the last two years a good technical co-operation developed between the FIDE Trainer Committee and the management of the FIDE Trainer Academy in Berlin. The Grandmasters Jury Razuvaev, Adrian Mikhalchishin and Uwe Boensch regularly kept top-class lectures with the past four trainer courses.

The supporting publications (advertisements, registration forms and reports) to the FIDE Trainer Academy Berlin done by IM Jovan Petronics, member of the FIDE Trainer Committee are remarkable too.

The cooperation with the FIDE webmaster is not satisfying yet.

Announcements of courses are only published after repeated requests. The report with the evaluation of the last FIDE trainer course (24.02.-02.03.2006) is two months later (in spite of demands) not to be seen on the FIDE website until today.

Important documents, e.g. "Draft budget for the FIDE Trainers Chess Academy, Berlin, 2004 to 2006" and "FIDE Trainer Academy Budget Draft 2006 to 2008" and "Statutes of the Trainer Academy of the World Chess Federation FIDE" have been worked out.

Since February 2006 the FIDE Trainer Academy possesses its own website with the address <http://www.fide-trainer-academy.com>. According to the slogan of the academy "TRAIN THE TRAINER" there can be looked up following categories: Lecturers, Venue, Course dates, FIDE Trainer Database, all in all 337 trainer, thereof FIDE Senior Trainer (41), FIDE Trainer (154) and FIDE Instructor (142), Contact, Trainers' Area, Pictures and Links.

Since May 2006 there is a flyer for a better popularisation of the FIDE Trainer Academy Berlin: "Who teaches, learns!" – "International Training courses as FIDE Trainer and FIDE Instructor" with Goals of Education, Required Qualifications, Trainer Emphasis and addresses like fide-trainerakademie@gmx.de or info@fide-trainer-academy.com. The flyer has an edition of 3000 copies.

The latest international course took place from 24th February to 2nd March 2006. The next courses will be accomplished from 21st to 28th July and 20th to 27th October 2006 in Berlin.

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