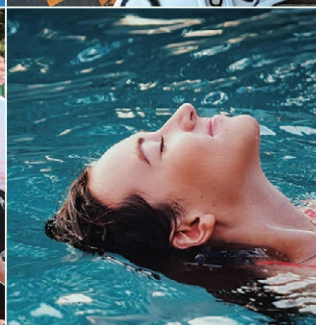
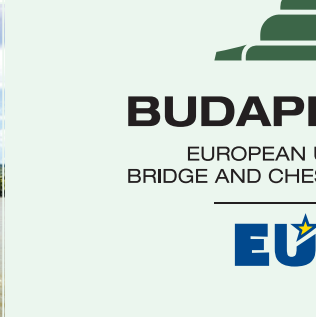
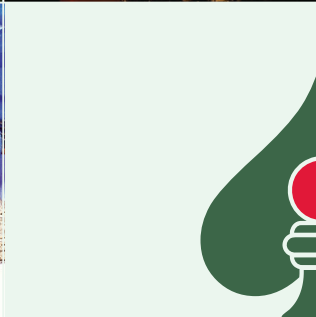


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INVITATION

We invite you to visit one of Europe's most amazing cities that gives home to one of the oldest, most successful and professionally acclaimed higher education institutions exclusively dealing with sport, the University of Physical Education.

We are looking forward to welcoming the athletes, students, educators, and other visitors who will take part in the European Universities Bridge and Chess Championship. Experienced athletes in mental sports can inspire us to improve and advance ourselves.

At our university, the representatives of traditionally successful sports in

Hungary work in order to make the University of Physical Education one of Central Europe's finest sport universities. In light of this, every idea and approach that can help improve our university is valuable for us.

We invite you not only to a particular competition or event, but to develop new professional relationships as well as to obtain enjoyable experiences.

We are looking forward to the visit of representatives of mind sports. We will do our best to ensure that you will enjoy your stay through the hospitality of Hungary, Budapest and the University of Physical Education.





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ABOUT US

The University of Physical Education is facing its greatest development opportunities since being established in 1925. Besides renewing the educational content, our university has the possibility to be part of a major infrastructure development project. As a result of the modern curriculum, the multifunctional sports facilities and the community space, students have the opportunity to enrich themselves with memories and get competitive knowledge during their university years.

The University of Physical Education is one of the oldest and most successful higher education institutions in the field of physical education. It preserves its traditions, but also meets the requirements of our age by providing a broad knowledge in the field of physical education. There are only a few universities in the world where practice and sport science are being combined at such high level. The initial goal of the institution was teacher training in physical education, which later on has further developed into coach training. Due to the fast development of

physical education and the world of sport, new departments had been organized, new courses had become part of the curriculum such as recreation, human kinesiology and sport management. The University of Physical Education is the only university in Hungary providing doctoral training in sport science. Coaches of a number of Olympic-, World-, and European Champions have completed their studies at the University of Physical Education. Amongst our Honorary Doctors, there are numerous outstanding representatives of international sport diplomacy and sport science.

The International Relations Center (IRC) of the university facilitates all the mobility activities, institutional partnerships, projects and training programs of the students, faculty and international alumni of the UPE community. The IRC serves the internationalization of UPE. We provide mobility services for international and Hungarian students and faculty, where we represent UPE in the international arena, enhance foreign language training programs and help



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research-based international collaborations as well.

International short term trainings, like our International Coaching Course are also run under IRC supervision,

while other foreign language training programs can utilize our services, too. We all work for high quality education, research and foreign learning/working opportunities of our students, educators and researchers.





WELCOME MESSAGES



The University of Physical Education is undergoing a broad infrastructural advancement, where the campus will not only be renovated, but it will expand as well. The new facilities aim to provide the necessary preconditions not only for quality education and research, but also for the organization of international sports events and programs, which are expected to be of widespread interest.

The European Universities Bridge and Chess Championship jointly organized by the Hungarian University

Sports Federation and our university perfectly matches the institution's strategic aims.

As a major center for Hungarian theoretical and practical sports education, we believe that education and research is not the single mission of the university. Hosting major competitions providing challenging opportunities is equally important for us, since these events deliver a long term perspective for sport and athlete development by also serving the enhancement of the institution's and Hungarian sport's competitiveness.

I believe that the event serves the above-mentioned goals, and I am also convinced that it can guarantee a fruitful and high level sport experience for all competitors, sports experts and participants and contribute to their professional development.

Prof. Dr. h. c. Lajos Mocsai
Rector
University of Physical Education



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'Uniting mind, strength and morals' – says the motto of the University of Physical Education. As the phrase shows, the oldest higher education institution in Europe that exclusively deals with sport has always put strong emphasis on the development of mind and cognitive thinking, which is why it warmly welcomes the first-rate chess and bridge collegiate competitors in 2019.

We are proud to be given the opportunity to organize the competition for two different sports where strategic thinking, efficient decision-making, profound preparation and cooperation are the only keys to success.

As the host of the European Universities Bridge and Chess Championship 2019, we will ensure that finest university competitors in both sports can perform under great circumstances.

We are also dedicated to honor chess and bridge champions who achieved their success in the past and assure that our international guests enjoy Hungarian hospitality.

Dr. Tamás Sterbenz
Vice-Rector
University of Physical Education



Budapest more than a gambit!



The Hungarian University Sports Federation places strong emphasis upon giving Hungary a chance to organize international university sports events in order to increase Hungarian universities' and the country's international reputation. Nothing proves the efficiency of Hungary's sport diplomacy better, than it receiving the right to organize the European Universities Bridge and Chess Championship while being Europe's Sports Capital in 2019.

Through the partnership of four exemplary institutes – the Hungarian University Sports Federation, the University of Physical Education, the Hungarian Chess Federation and the Hungarian Bridge Federation – in 2019 from July 24th to 28th the campus of the University of Physical Education provides home for an expected 20 counties and over 100 of their participants. Our hope is that some of the Hungarian competitors will become as well-known as Judit Polgár, Lajos Portisch and Gábor Kallai – the latest being known as a coach and sport leader.

This outstanding event is a worthy forerunner to the FISU Forum held in 2020 at the University of Physical Education, the World University American Football Championship organized at the Corvinus University of Budapest and the University of Óbuda, the World University Triathlon Championship organized by the John von Neumann University, as well as the European Universities Games jointly organized by the University of Miskolc and the University of Debrecen in 2024.

Prof. Dr. Ádám Kiss
President
Hungarian University Sports Federation



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It is a great pleasure that Hungary has won the right to organize the 6th European Universities Bridge Championship. This will be an outstanding event for junior sports organized by the University of Physical Education and the Hungarian University Sports Federation. This confirms our agreement set in the beginning of 2018 with the University of Physical Education, where the university will have a three-year sports coach in bridge correspondent program. After two years of preparation, organizing the European Universities Bridge Championship has been a great challenge and achievement.

Bridge is an entertaining sport which started developing in the sixties and seventies in Hungary, and at that time became popular at the universities, too. That generation still provides the majority of competitors.

Since 2001, bridge became acknowledged and sponsored by the state in Hungary. The International Olympic Committee recognizes bridge as a sport and since 2008, it has been listed on the program of the Mind Sports Olympiad.

We hope that the bridge competitors representing the Hungarian universities will perform well at this international competition.

Géza Homonnay
President
Hungarian Bridge Federation



As the President of the Hungarian Chess Federation, I find it is an outstanding success for Hungary to host the European Universities Bridge and Chess Cham-

pionship in 2019. Our federation pays special attention to junior sport, which is why we support the project of the 4th European Universities Chess Championship organized in collaboration with the Hungarian University Sports Federation and the University of Physical Education.

There have been several prestigious chess competitions organized in Hungary so far. The first momentous international championship in Budapest was held in 1896, the year of Millennial celebrations in Hungary. Chess is closely related to scientific life: in the 20th century, the Nobel Prize winning Albert Szent-Györgyi was the president of the Chess Club of Szeged city; and among others the former president of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences, Prof. Szilveszter E. Vizi competed when he was a student. Apart from them many highly recognized members of Hungarian academic and scientific life were related to chess and regularly competed in individual and team competitions. We hope that this university tournament will give Hungary a notable international rank, and will also help sharing Hungary's global reputation, so we can finally fulfill our dream to organize the Chess Olympiad in the near future.

Tamás Seszták
President
Hungarian Chess Federation



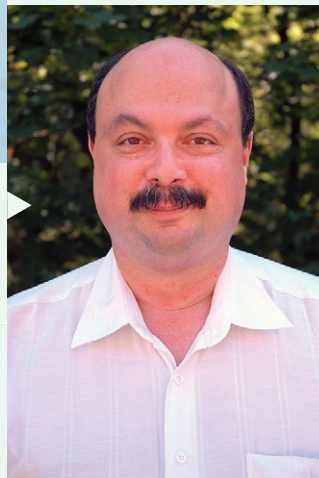


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UPE ALUMNI



Péter Bácsi
world champion
(wrestling)



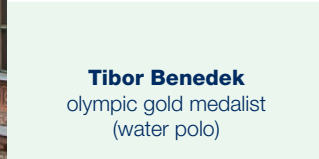
Gábor Kállai
international grandmaster,
master educator
(chess)



Ágnes Kovács
olympic gold medalist
(swimming)



Tamás Tóth
paralympic gold medalist
(swimming)



Tibor Benedek
olympic gold medalist
(water polo)



Csaba Sós
head coach of the swimming
team of Hungary



Botond Storcz
olympic gold medalist
(canoe)



Dániel Varga
olympic gold medalist
(water polo)



István Kovács
olympic gold medalist
(boxing)



Gábor Talmácsi
world champion
(motorcycle racing)



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THE EVENT, THE VENUE

European Universities Championships are university sports competitions governed by the European University Sports Association.

The championships have been organised annually since 2001. Since 2012, they are organised on a bianual basis, with European Universities Games being organised in even years as multi-sport events, and the individual championships being organised in odd years.

- Bridge - 2009: Opatija, Croatia | 2011: Warsaw, Poland | 2013: Kraljevica, Croatia | 2015: Warsaw, Poland | 2017: Fuengirola, Spain
- Chess - 2015: Yerevan, Armenia | 2017: Fuengirola, Spain

In 2017 and 2019, bridge and chess championships are organised together due to both being 'mind sports'.

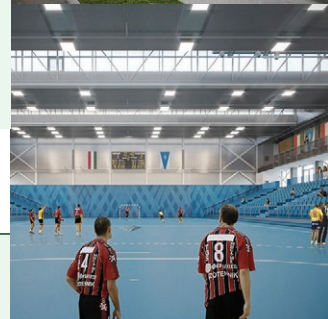
The competition will be held at the new campus of the University of Physical Education.

The infrastructural development project is currently in progress. Over 90 000 m² facility is under construction and also at Csörsz Street a multifunctional sports hall (mobile stands for 1500 people), a weight room, a gym, a 400 meter, 8 lane outdoor athletic field (mobile stands for 350 people), a 60x100 meter soccer field with a stand which can fit 200 people, and a 1182 m² outdoor sports field. There will also be an underground parking area for 204 cars, 5 motorcycles, bike racks for 114 bicycles, and a polyclinic.

The facilities at Alkotás Street include a dormitory for 400 students, a four-star sports hotel for 100 guests, an indoor athletic field, a 25x50 meter indoor swimming pool, a gymnastics hall, an indoor sports hall, fencing and a combat hall, a range and a sports terrace with outdoor sport fields and service areas. An underground parking area will also be located here.



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UNIQUE BUDAPEST

Get a fresh start in the morning by visiting Margaret Island, where you might just get in the mood for a jog, and while you are at it, you can admire the beauty of the island. To relax after your run, you can enjoy a dip at Szent Lukács thermal bath. With your renewed energy, you can “climb” the Fisherman’s Bastion. You will remember that incredible scenery for a lifetime.

Oh, did you get hungry? Well then you should head over to the other side of the Danube, which is Pest.

In the downtown area, you will find everything you desire. It won’t hurt to take a walk after your lunch, and since Budapest is not a huge city, you might as well just walk to your next destination, Heroes’ Square, and from there to the National Museum, we guarantee your enjoyment. If you find something beautiful or interesting, don’t be surprised, Budapest is a special and very unique city. While you explore the city, you might even forget that you have your deck of cards or your chessboard in your backpack!







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