

Welcome in Fribourg

The 4th International Colloquium Board Games in Academia intends to discuss the role of board games in academic research and will try to enhance the multi-disciplinary co-operation in games research. Previous meetings have taken place in London, Leiden and Florence.

More than 25 researchers from 15 countries and four continents will present their results and ideas about different board games with a very wide range of viewpoints and disciplines (history, mathematics, psychology, computer science, education, etc.). We are very happy to welcome so many researchers and the program

The creation of a more permanent structure will be discussed during the colloquium, in order to secure and enlarge the activity of researchers interested in studying more deeply several facets of board games. A business meeting is scheduled Thursday April 19th to discuss these projects.

An "International Journal for the Study of Board Games" is already published at least once a year. It is an academic journal for historical and systematic research on board games. Its object is to provide a forum for board games research from all academic disciplines in order to further our understanding of the development and distribution of board games within an interdisciplinary academic context. The current editor is Alexander J. de Voogt (University of Leiden, NL)^{73 10011}

More details can be obtained through the web site: "<http://fiias.leidenuniv.nl/host/boardgames/>". ^{UWU, 505. 026}

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General information

Registration

The registration desk will start on Tuesday April 17th at the Colloquium venue in the building called « Kinderstube » and will continue until Saturday during the colloquium hours.

Badges

Registration badges will be used during the conference, especially for admission to the free social events. Participants are therefore requested to wear their badges.

Official language

The official language of the Conference is English. No translation will be provided.

Hints for restaurants

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| Moderate prices | Buffet de la Gare Café du Midi Frascati Bindella | Rail station Rue de Romont 25 Rue de Romont 3 Rue de Lausanne 38-40 |
| More expensive | Schild Auberge de Zaehringen Aigle Noir | Planche-Supérieure 21 Rue de Zaehringen 13 Rue des Alpes 10 |
| Gastronomic | La Fleur-de-Lys Les Trois Tours | Rue des Forgerons 18 Rte Bourguillon 15 |

Places of interest

Don't leave Fribourg without going for a walk in the old city, called « Basse ville » by the french speaking inhabitants.

If you have enough time, visit also the St. Nicholas Cathedral, the Bern Bridge, The Museum of Art and History.

If the weather is good enough, climb up to Lorette, a nice point of view, and take a look at the city.

Social events

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| Welcome reception | Tuesday April 17 th in the Caveau de l'Hôpital des Bourgeois, near the colloquium venue. | Free |
| Excursion | Thursday April 19 th Swiss Museum of Games La Tour-de-Peilz | Sfr 30 |
| | Lunch in the village of Gruyères | |
| Colloquium dinner | Friday April 20 th Auberge de Zaehringen Rue de Zaehringen 13 | Sfr 60 |
| Farewell lunch | Saturday April 21 st University Mensa | Free |

Tickets for the excursion and the colloquium dinner will be available at the registration desk for those who did not register yet.

Scientific program

Wednesday April 18th

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| <p>Morning session</p> <p>08.30 Jeroen Donkers, Jos Uiterwijk, Univ. Maastricht, & Alex de Voogt, Univ. Leiden (Netherlands)</p> <p>09.15 N'Guessan Assande, Univ. Abidjan (Ivory Coast) & Jean Retschitzki, Univ. Fribourg (Switzerland)</p> <p>10.30 Bruce Whitehill, Rochester, NY (USA)</p> <p>11.15 M. T. de Souza, A.L. Petty, N. Passos, G. Escorel, & V. Carracedo Univ. São Paulo (Brazil)</p> | <p>Chair : Thierry Depaulis</p> <p>Mancala Games</p> <p>Learning awale strategies</p> <p>Halma and chinese checkers: Origins and variations</p> <p>Evaluating game activities: a study with brazilian children</p> | <p>Kinderstube</p> |
| <p>Afternoon session</p> <p>14.00 Don Beal, University of London (U.K.)</p> <p>14.45 Karsten Kjer Michaelsen, Odense (Denmark)</p> <p>16.00 Irving Finkel, British Museum (U.K.)</p> <p>16.45 Giampaolo Dossena, Cremona (Italy)</p> | <p>Chair : Jean Retschitzki</p> <p>Learn from your opponent - but what if he knows less than you?</p> <p>Games and gaming pieces in Denmark's Iron Age</p> <p>The Indian Board Game Survey: The first results</p> <p>Among the forerunners of roulette</p> | <p>Kinderstube</p> |

Overview of the program

| | Tuesday 17th | Wednesday 18th | Thursday 19th | Friday 20th | Saturday 21st |
|-------------|-------------------|--|---|--|---|
| 8.30-10.00 | | Jeroen Donkers, & al. Mancala games N'Guessan Assande G. & al. Learning awale strategies | <i>Excursion</i> | Rosita Haddad Zubeil Playing the board? Or playing other's minds? Rosely Palermo Brenelli Psycho-pedagogy and game of rules | Koichi Masukawa Spread of go and shogi (japanese chess) in Edo-era Ulrich Schädler Little greek dogs in the East |
| | | Coffee break | | Coffee break | Coffee break |
| 10.30-12.00 | | Bruce Whitehill Halma and chinese checkers: Origins and variations Maria Teresh De Souza & al. Evaluating game activities: a study with brazilian children | <i>(Swiss museum of games)</i> | V. Balambal Ramaswamy Pallankuzhi, a traditional boardgame of women in Tamilnadu Spartaco Albertarelli Senet rules: a "crazy hypothesis" | R. Vasantha Deciphering the boardgames invented by the Raja of Mysore Renate Syed On the indian origin of backgammon |
| | | Lunch | Lunch in Gruyères | Lunch | <i>Farewell lunch</i> |
| 14.00-15.30 | | Don Beal Learn from your opponent; but what if he knows less than you? Karsten Kjer Michaelsen Games and gaming pieces in Denmark's Iron Age | Poster session H. Iida / J. G. Ch. Van de Riet / F. Santi * * * Aviezri Fraenkel Two-player cellular automata boardgames | Yuri L. Averbakh About origin of chess Fernand Gobet & al. Intelligence and chess | |
| | | Coffee break | Coffee break | Coffee break | |
| 16.00-17.30 | Registration | Irving Finkel The indian board game survey: The first results Giampaolo Dossena Among the forerunners of roulette | Philipp v. Hilgers Games interrupted - from historical moments when mathematics comes into play Erik Ostergaard & al. Daldøs Mayari Granados-Steiert Games tables in France, England and the German-speaking countries | Thierry Wendling Invention and transmission of chess knowledge Piet Notebaert Classification of board games: an easily adaptable system to classify board games | |
| | Welcome reception | | <i>Business meeting</i> | <i>Colloquium dinner</i> | |

Thursday April 18th

Morning (8.00 - 14.00)

Excursion

Swiss Museum of Games (La Tour-de-Peilz)

Lunch in the village of Gruyères

Afternoon
14.00 - 15.00

Poster session
University main Building

Hiroyuki Iida, Shizuoka University (Japan)
Nobuo Takeshita, Shizuoka University (Japan)
& Jos Uiterwijk, Univ. Maastricht (NL)

Two-person Chaturanga and four-handed
Chaturanga compared using computing analysis

J. G. Ch. van de Riet, Markelo (NL)

Ancient boardgames by the number, part 2

Flavio Santi, La Tour de Peilz (Switzerland)

The Swiss Museum of Games
between interactivity and science

Afternoon session

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15.00 Aviezri Fraenkel, Weizmann Institute (Israel)

Two-player cellular automata boardgames

16.00 Philipp v. Hilgers, Humboldt-Universität (Germany)

Games interrupted - from historical
moments when mathematics comes into play

16.45 Erik Ostergaard, & Anne Gaston, Naestved (Denmark)

Daldøs

17.30 Mayari Granados-Steiert, Bad Homburg (Germany)

Games tables in France, England
and the german-speaking countries

18.30 Business meeting Towards a society ..

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Friday April 20th

Morning session

Chair : Irving Finkel

Kinderstube

08.30 Rosita Haddad Zabel, Univ. Fribourg (Switzerland)

Playing the board?
Or playing other's minds?

09.15 Rosely Palermo Brenelli, UNICAMP (Brasil)

Psycho-pedagogy and game of rules

10.30 V. Balambal Ramaswamy, Chennai (India)

Pallankuzhi, a traditional
boardgame of women in Tamilnadu

11.15 Spartaco Albertarelli, Milano (Italy)

Senet rules: a "crazy hypothesis"

Afternoon session

Chair : Ulrich Schädler

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14.00 Yuri L. Averbakh,
Russian Chess Museum (Russia)

14.45 Fernand Gobet, & Guillermo Campitelli
University of Nottingham (U.K.)

About origin of chess

16.00 Thierry Wendling, Univ. Neuchâtel (Switzerland)

Intelligence and chess

16.45 Piet Notebaert, KHBO-Spellenarchief,
Brugge (Belgium)

Invention and transmission
of chess knowledge

Classification of board games: an easily
adaptable system to classify board games

19.00

Colloquium dinner

Auberge de Zaehringen / 13, rue de Zaehringen

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Saturday April 21st

| Morning session | Chair : Fernand Gobet | Kinderstube |
|-----------------|---|---|
| 08.30 | Koichi Masukawa, Hyogo-ken (Japan) | Spread of Go and Shogi (japanese chess) in Edo-era |
| 09.15 | Ulrich Schädler, Frankfurt am Main (Germany) | Little greek dogs in the East |
| 10.30 | R. Vasantha, Sri Krishnadevaraya University (India) | Deciphering the boardgames invented by the Raja of Mysore |
| 11.15 | Renate Syed, Univ. München (Germany) | On the indian origin of backgammon |

12.00 Farewell lunch University Mensa

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