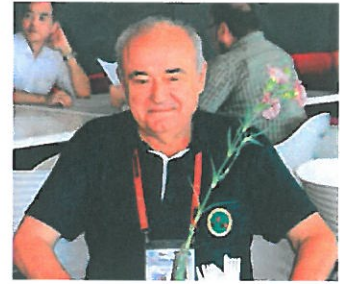


Marek Małysa

From Poland, graduated at Nicolaus Copernicus University in Toruń in 1971 (mathematics), got his PhD in 1985.

A retired math teacher at the Gdańsk University of Technology.



Member of the Polish Bridge Union (PBU) since 1969, member of the District Board from 1979 till 2012 and member of the Management Board of PBU since 2012 (Deputy President since 2016).

Member of:

- EBL Seniors Committee
- WBF Senior Committee and Chairman of Bridge & Science Committee

Author of „**BRIDGE 60 +**” (310 new clubs for elderly across Poland, www.intl.bridge60plus.eu) and „**Play bridge with grandchildren**” programs, presented to EBL and WBF members during WBF Seminars in Medellin, Cape Town and Singapore as well as during EBL NBOs Seminar in Prague.

Chairman of the Council of Foundation „**Bridge to the People**” (www.bridgetothepeople.eu) which has been created to help financing research on bridge. First results of the research works have been published by WBF on its web page (www.worldbridge.org/2020/06/18/bridge-and-dementia-prevention/) and they are continued with the help of many sponsors.

He organized very first in the history of contract bridge International Scientific Conference in Toruń (Poland) in 2017 with presence of WBF and EBL Presidents Gianarrigo Rona and Yves Aubry and scientists from many countries. Also, the second Conference has been organized in Toruń in 2018 together with the Nicolaus Copernicus University (www.pedagogika.umk.pl/panel/wp-content/uploads/Play-LLL_informacja_EN_PL.pdf).

He organizes every year Bridge Forest Trophy, Invitational Teams Tournament for his friends from 15 countries playing serious bridge three days in the middle of the forest in a friendly atmosphere. Very active bridge player (International Master).

In 2016 he was the on-site organizer of World Bridge Games in Wrocław.

He played several Transnational World Championships with his friends from Europe and was non-playing captain of the Polish U-20 team in European and World Championships as well as coach of Polish Ladies Team in Opatija 2016.

MAREK MAŁYSA'S PROGRAM

WHAT I AM GOING TO OFFER TO WBF

In WBF statutes art. 5 says that very first purpose for WBF is to **promote** the game of bridge.

Being Chairman of the WBF Bridge & Science Committee as well as an active researcher I would like to support WBF with scientific facts showing advantages our game gives to people, from youngsters to elderly. Scientific proofs will most probably make the way to potential sponsors much easier and will give to all kind of media a chance to present profits coming from playing contract bridge.

Our Polish project „Bridge to Success”, when implemented in all countries, will be addressed to our „Blackhole” (25-55 years old) and we hope that it will encourage more people to bridge as an attractive form of spending free time.

My program „BRIDGE 60+”, presented during WBF Seminars to 3 Zones, addressed to elderly, offers a **way out of loneliness** and, what is probably more important, **our work may help in the fight to slow or even prevent them from dementia (Alzheimer Disease)**. All I want to do is to make it working in most of NBOs. It is, by the way, the easiest way to get more members. Taking into account that societies become older and older in many countries and a social impact of this phenomenon is of critical importance for our future our work can help many people enjoy better and healthier old age. It's of utmost importance for the WBF Executive Committee to be part of this work for which I can take full responsibility.