



EFSTRATIOS GRIVAS

● FIDE Titles Awarded:

- Grandmaster.
- FIDE Senior Trainer.
- FIDE International Arbiter.
- FIDE International Organiser.
- ECU Senior Coach.

● Working Positions:

- Former Secretary of the FIDE (World Federation) Trainers' Commission (10 years).
- Secretary of the European Chess Union Trainers' Commission (since 2022).
- Director of the Grivas Chess International Academy (FIDE Academy since 2012).
- Director of the Sharjah International Chess Academy (2019-2024).
- Technical Director of the Greek Chess Federation (1996-1999).
- Technical Director of the United Arab Emirates Chess Federation (2014-2016).
- Technical Adviser of the Signature Chess Club (Dubai 2024).

● Achievements as a Player:

- Winner of Gold Medal in the European Team Championship 1989 (3rd Board).
- Winner of Silver Medal in the Olympiad 1998 (3rd Board).
- 4th Position World Junior Championship U.20 1985.
- Winner of five Balkan Medals (2 Gold - 1 Silver - 2 Bronze).
- Winner of the International 'Acropolis' Tournament (1983, 1986 & 1991).
- Winner of Greek Individual & Team Championships (28 times!).

- Winner of United Arab Emirates Individual & Team Championships (3 times).
- Winner of various International Tournaments.

● Achievements as Coach/Trainer/Captain:

- Winner of the FIDE Euwe Medal 2011 & 2012 & 2017 (world's best junior trainer).
- Winner of FIDE Award Boleslavsky Medal 2009 & 2015 (world's best author).
- Winner of the FIDE Razuvaev Medal 2014 (trainers' education).
- Professional Lecturer at FIDE Seminars for Training & Certifying Trainers (91 total).
- Author of 132 chess books (editions) in nine languages (Arabic, English, French, Greek, Iranian, Italian, Mongolian, Spanish & Turkish)!
- Creator of more than 20 Grandmasters and other various titled players (WGM, IM, WIM, FM).
- Worked with National Teams of Austria, Germany, Greece, Jordan, Mauritius, Sri Lanka, & Turkey.
- He has won more than 50 World's & Continental Youth Medals with his students.
- Coach of FIDE Women World Champion Antoaneta Stefanova.
- Coach of FIDE U.20 World Champion Alex Ipatov.
- An opening variation has been added to his credit; it is called the 'Grivas Sicilian', characterised by the moves 1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Qb6.
- In 2017 he led the World's Team U.17 as Captain & Coach in the match USA vs. The World (U.17 & U.14) - won by the World.