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Jacek Stopa, Chess International Master, Contributes Questions to SciCast
Chess-related questions are the latest addition to next-gen forecasting project

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SciCast is pleased to welcome chess International Master Jacek Stopa to its growing community of science and technology thought leaders. Stopa has authored [nine chess-related questions](#) for SciCast, a crowdsourced forecasting platform for science and technology run by George Mason University.

Born in 1987 in Wroclaw, Poland, Stopa started playing chess at age eight. He has been an International Master since 2006 and a medalist at World and European Youth Championships. "I have been fascinated by the idea of forecasting for many years and being a contributor to SciCast gives me an excellent opportunity to interact with people who share this interest," Stopa said. "I'm glad I can now combine it with chess, too."

SciCast is based on the idea that the collective wisdom of an informed and diverse group is often a better predictor than the judgment of a single expert. Part of the Forecasting Science and Technology (ForeST) Program funded by the Intelligence Advanced Research Projects Activity (IARPA), SciCast questions are generated by its participants, like Stopa, as well as by other ForeST teams at Inkling Markets, BAE Systems and SRI International.

According to Dr. Jason Matheny, ForeST program manager at IARPA, "George Mason University has succeeded in launching the world's largest forecasting tournament for science and technology. SciCast can help the public and private sectors to better understand a range of scientific and technological trends."

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