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# 8. JUN

## TURA DO MEDUNA

Piše: **Danilo Vorotović**  
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Mensa Crne Gore je u saradnji sa **Turističkom organizacijom Podgorice** organizovala izlet za svoje članove i prijatelje. Turistička organizacija Podgorice se zaista potrudila da priredi nezaboravnu turu oko Korita uz neizbježnu posjetu Meduna i kući Marka Miljanova.

**Korita su jedno od omijenih izletišta domaćih i stanih turista.**

Guste bukove i četinarske šume oko Korita kriju bogat biljni i životinjski svijet. Pored tradicionalno gostoljubivih mještana, kod nekoliko vrijednih ugostitelja možete potražiti okrjepljenje, probati lokalne kulinarske specijalitete i uživati u čašici razgovora. **Dočekani smo u konobi Stara pjesma i na našoj trpezi su se našla čuvena krtola i i još bolji sir, kačamak, cicvara, mlijeko, hljeb i pite ispod sača, suvo meso i ostali planinski specijaliteti.** Na radost domaćina, ponosnih na gostoprimstvo i kvalitetnu hranu koju nude, otišli smo puni prelijepih utisaka.

**„Krug oko Korita“ je panoramska ruta koja se prostire kroz teritorije opština Podgorica i Tuzi, a koja je u potpunosti označena turističkom signalizacijom.** Put je dug 65 kilometara, a dio ture je prepješačen. Ovo je svijet u kom se smjenjuju raznoliki pejzaži, bilje i mirisi, od mediteranskih do visokoplaninskih, ali i obilježja različitih civilizacija, kultura i religija.

Najznačajnije atrakcije su pješačka staza do vidikovca Grlo sokolovo na Koritima, vidikovci u zatrijebačkim selima Deljaj i Stjepovo sa kojih se pruža spektakularan pogled na kanjon Cijevne i Prokletije. Panoramski pogled na Podgoricu pruža se sa vidikovca na Orljevu, Kuku ledinskom, kao i spomenika junacima Fundinske bitke u selu Rašovići. Pored vidikovaca na ruti je i Muzej Marka Miljanova na Medunu, u kome je prikazana bogata istorija ovog kraja.

**Prepuni lijepih utisaka i uskoro sa novom turom i novim druženjem...**

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# 5. JUL

## O MENSI NA RTCG1

Piše: Dragana Pantović Nikčević

**Danilo Vorotović**, predsjednik Mense Crne Gore i članovi **Dragana Pantović Nikčević** i **Mitar Đukanović** su 5. jula gostovali na Jutarnjem programu Radio televizije Crne Gore. Tom prilikom bilo je riječi o tome šta je Mensa, kako se postaje član, o testiranjima bazične inteligencije, saradnji sa opštinama i institucijama, kao i o učešću na internacionalnim događajima koje organizuje Mensa International i predstojećoj kandidaturi Mense Crne Gore za domaćina EMAGa naredne godine.

Predstavljena je sama procedura testiranja, trajanje kao i uslovi za testiranje.

**"Preporuka je da budete naspavani i odmorni, ali praksa kaže da većina kandidata može taj test uspješno odraditi, dok je ono što vas kvalifikuje da budete član jeste da test morate odraditi u roku od 15 minuta. Dakle, ako bi svi imali neograničeno vrijeme vjerovanoća je da bi ga veliki broj kandidata uspješno odradio. S te strane, može se djelimično pripremiti za testiranje, ali bitna je i ta genetska predispozicija."**, rekla je Dragana.

O aktivnostima Mense govorio je Mitar - tu su testiranja (minimum jednom godišnje u svim opštinama), rafting na Tari, ski vikendi, kamp druženja. Za svoje članove organizuje i brojne druge aktivnosti, od stručnih usavršavanja i učešća u seminarima, do onih koje podrazumijevaju okupljanja i druženja članova. Istaknuto je da je Mensa Crne Gore bila domaćin IBDa (International Board of Directors) prošle godine u Budvi, a da će ove godine naši predstavnici na EMAG panelu u Roterdamu pokušati da EMAG 2024 dovedu u Crnu Goru. Danilo je predstavio značaj ovakvog događaja ne samo za Mensu već i za cijelu Crnu Goru.

Istaknuta je saradnja sa Univerzitetom Crne Gore, sa brojnim opštinama i institucijama u Crnoj Gori, kao što su Zavod za udžbenike i nastavna sredstva, TO PG i TO BD, Zavod za transfuziju krvi, IPA, K-sport, Grawe osiguranje i mnogi drugi. Danilo je naglasio da Mensa u Crnoj Gori ima ostvarenu saradnju sa svim opštinama izuzev opština Nikšić i Mojkovac. Nažalost u ovim opštinama do sada nije bilo sluha za dubljom saradnjom.



# 12. JUL

## SPORAZUM SA OPŠTINOM BIJELO POLJE I TESTIRANJE

U Bijelom Polju je 12. jula potpisan ugovor o saradnji između Opštine i Mense Crne Gore. Istog dana je održano i testiranje bazične inteligencije koje je bilo besplatno za sve građane Bijelog Polja, kao i dobrovoljne davaoce krvi.

*"Zahvaljujemo se na srdačnom dočeku Predsjedniku Opštine Petru Smoloviću koji je prepoznao naše ukupno djelovanje za Opštinu Bijelo Polje. Nadamo se da ćemo naredno testiranje uspjeti da sprovedemo do kraja godine jer duguujemo to građanima Bijelog Polja", zaključio je Danilo Vorotović, predsjednik Mense Crne Gore.*



# 14-16. JUL

## RAFTING NA TARI

Piše: Nikola Đurović

Mensa Crne Gore je i ove godine tradicionalno organizovala međunarodno druženje za sve zainteresovane članove i prijatelje uz nezaobilazan rafting na najljepšoj i najatraktivnijoj crnogorskoj rijeci - Tari. Druženje i rafting su, kao i prethodnih godina, održani u sedmom mjesecu i to tokom trećeg vikenda jula, od 14-16.07. ove godine.

Veliki broj članova i prijatelja Mense iz Crne Gore, Srbije, Hrvatske i BiH je i ove godine uzeo učešća u ovom sjajnom druženju čime je opet potvrđeno da je ovo jedan od najznačajnijih i najljepših ljetnjih događaja koje Mensa organizuje u saradnji sa partnerima.

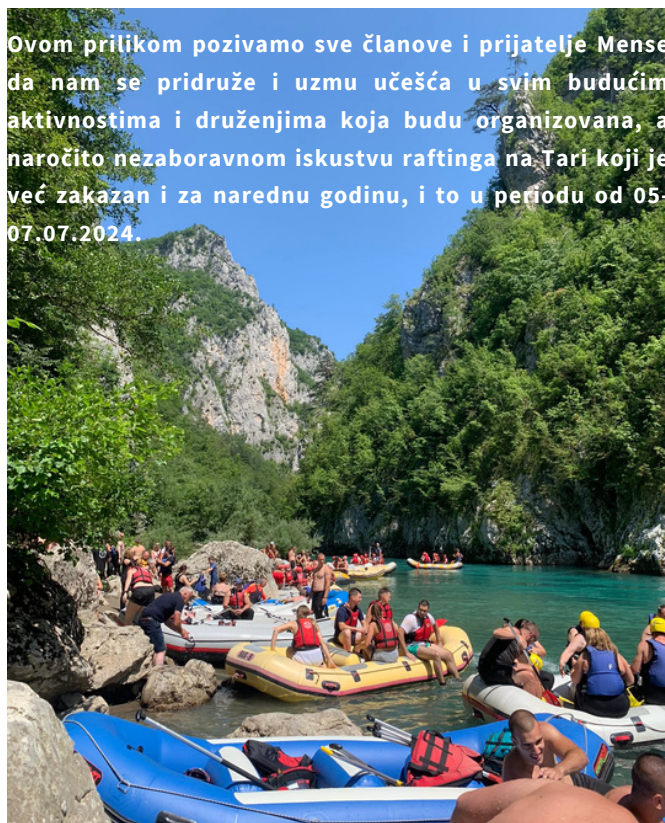
Nakon dolaska i smještaja u kamp "Brijeg" u petak u popodnevnom časovima svi članovi su uživali u predivnom ambijentu, ukusnoj večeri a zatim i sjajnom druženju, muzici, plesu i raznim društvenim igrama do ranih jutarnjih časova. Suncem okupano subotnje jutro je, nakon doručka, donijelo i centralni dio ovog okupljanja - rafting na "suzi Evrope".

Sam rafting obuhvata spust na najljepših i najatraktivnijih 18 kilometara rijeke Tare, od Braštanovice pa sve do Šćepan Polja gdje se Tara sastaje sa Pivom i nastaje Drina. Baš ova dionica sa preko dvadeset svojih bukova i brzaka predstavlja najzujljiviji dio rijeke. Rafting se obavlja posebnim čamcima za divlje vode, sa osam nezavisnih komora, dužine pet i širine dva metra, što čini putnike potpuno bezbjednim, a svaki učesnik je snabdjeven pojasom za spasavanje i kacigom.

Nakon spusta do Šćepan Polja i završetka ovog nezaboravnog rafting iskustva organizovan je delikates ručak (teletina ispod sača) za sve učesnike čime je na najljepši mogući način zaokružen centralni dio ovog događaja. Uslijedio je odmor u popodnevnom časovima a potom su se, nakon večere, sumirali utisci sa raftinga, uživalo se u muzici, druženju i raznim ostalim aktivnostima sve do kasno u noć. Doručkom u nedelju ujutru i ispraćajem gostiju završen je i ovogodišnji rafting vikend na Tari, organizovan uz izuzetno gostoprimstvo domaćina iz kampa "Brijeg".

*"Tara je jedna od najljepših rijeka u Crnoj Gori duga 146km, najvećim dijelom teče kroz Crnu Goru i kod Šćepan Polja se spaja sa Pivom čineći rijeku Drinu. Kanjon koji je Tara uklesala, dugačak 78 km i dubok 1,300m, je najduži kanjon Evrope i drugi najduži na svijetu nakon kanjona američke rijeke Kolorado. Kanjon je pod zaštitom UNESCO-a kao izdvojeni dio Nacionalnog parka Durmitor."*

Ovom prilikom pozivamo sve članove i prijatelje Mense da nam se pridruže i uzmu učešća u svim budućim aktivnostima i druženjima koja budu organizovana, a naročito nezaboravnom iskustvu raftinga na Tari koji je već zakazan i za narednu godinu, i to u periodu od 05-07.07.2024.



# 12.AVG

## MEĐUNARODNI DAN MLADIH

Međunarodni dan mladih obilježava se svake godine 12. avgusta kako bi se na pitanja mladih skrenula pažnja međunarodne zajednice i proslavio potencijal mladih kao partnera u današnjem globalnom društvu.

Ovaj dan daje priliku da se proslave i uvažavaju glasovi, akcije i inicijative mladih ljudi, kao i njihovo smisljeno, univerzalno i ravnopravno angažovanje u svim sferama života.



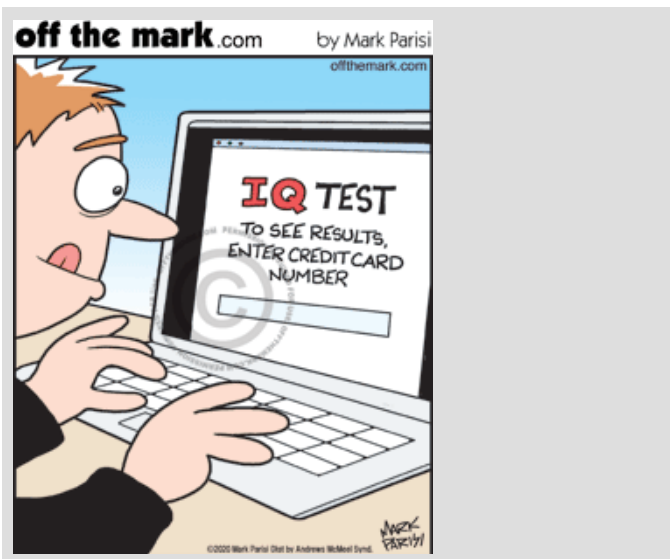


# AKTUELNE PREVARE I TEHNIKE ZLOUPOTREBE PLATNIH KARTICA

Piše: Marina Vojinović

Saradnica za sprječavanje zloupotreba platnih kartica u NLB banci Podgorica

*U svijetu brzih tehnoloških promjena, fraudsteri (prevaranti) neprestano razvijaju nove načine kako bi iskoristili slabosti u finansijskom sistemu i zloupotrijebili platne kartice. Kako bismo se zaštitili od njih, važno je biti informisan o aktuelnim prevarama i tehnikama koje se koriste. U nastavku možete pročitati neke od najčešćih oblika zloupotrebe i kako se zaštititi od njih.*



## Skimming na bankomatima

Skimming je tehnika gdje fraudsteri postavljaju uređaje na bankomate kako bi kopirali podatke sa platnih kartica i snimili PIN koji vlasnik kartice unosi. Vaš lični identifikacioni broj (PIN) je ključni faktor u osiguravanju sigurnosti transakcija. Nikada ne dijelite svoj PIN s drugima i nemojte ga zapisivati na kartici ili čuvati blizu nje. Kada unosite PIN na bankomatu, pažljivo sakrijte tastaturu rukom ili tijelom kako biste spriječili da ga drugi vide. Prije korišćenja bankomata, pažljivo pregledajte uređaj. Ako primjetite bilo kakve neobične dodatke, čudne uređaje ili lijepljive ostatke, mogao bi biti znak da je bankomat kompromitovan.

Prvi poznati slučaj skimminga na bankomatima dogodio se početkom 1990-ih godina. Taj incident označava početak šireg korišćenja ove tehnike prevare.

U to vrijeme, bankomati su još uvijek koristili primarno magnetne trake za čitanje podataka s kartica, što je omogućilo fraudsterima da postavljaju uređaje koji su kopirali podatke sa magnetne trake kartica. Ovaj slučaj je postavio temelje za kasnije razvoj skimminga i njegovo prilagođavanje na novije tehnologije kao što su čipovi na karticama. Važno je napomenuti da su prvi slučajevi skimminga možda ostali nezabilježeni ili nisu dobili veliku pažnju u medijima, ali početak 1990-ih se često uzima kao period kada je skimming počeo da se pojavljuje na bankomatima i kada su se razvijale prve strategije zaštite od ove prevare.

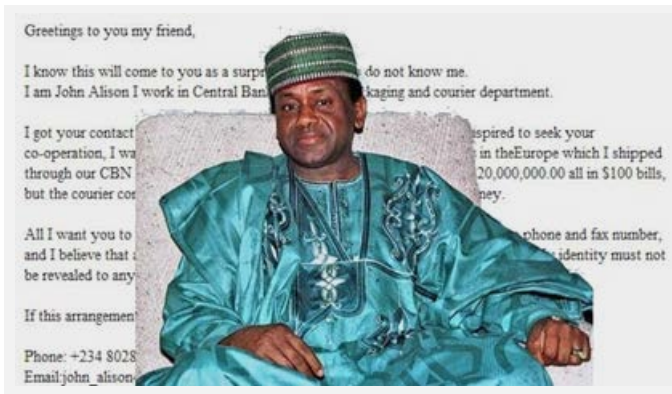


## "Nigerijsko pismo" i mudro dijeljenje informacija

Priča o "nigerijskom pismu" je jedna od najpoznatijih internet prevara. Fraudsteri šalju e-milove tvrdeći da ste naslijedili ogromnu sumu novca. Kako biste dobili taj novac, traže vaše lične podatke, uključujući podatke o platnoj kartici kako bi se "prebacila" novčana sredstva.

Ono što je važno zapamtiti je da legitime institucije nikada neće tražiti osjetljive podatke putem e-maila. Nikada nemojte dijeliti lične ili finansijske podatke putem e-maila ili nezaštićenih kanala komunikacije. Ako primete sumnjive poruke ili zahtjeve, ignorišite ih i kontaktirajte institucije direktno putem službenih kanala.

### Online phishing i pharming



Fraudsteri koriste lažne e-mailove, poruke ili web stranice kako bi vas prevarili da otkrijete svoje lične podatke, uključujući informacije o karticama. Ovi e-mailovi i web sajtovi često liče na one koje koriste legitime institucije. Da biste se zaštitili, ne otvarajte sumnjive linkove ili nepoznate priloge, i provjerite da li je adresa web sajta tačno napisana. Takođe, prije kupovine na internetu, provjerite autentičnost trgovca. Tražite recenzije i povratne informacije drugih korisnika.

Prilikom unošenja podataka o kartici, budite sigurni da se nalazite na sigurnoj internet stranici (<https://>). Razmislite o korišćenju virtuelnih kartica koje nude dodatni sloj sigurnosti pri online plaćanjima.

### Fizička krađa platnih kartica



Iako tehnološke prevare dominiraju, fizička krađa kartica je i dalje aktuelna. Fraudsteri mogu fizički ukrasti karticu ili na mjestima gdje koristite svoju karticu (restorani, trgovine) dovoljno je da uslikaju kartične podatke koji se nalaze na vašoj platnoj kartici (puni broj kartice, rok važenja, CVC/CVV – trocifrenu sigurnosni broj na poleđeni kartice) i iskoriste za realizaciju CNP ("Card Not Present") transakcija. Online kupovina i telefonske transakcije često ne zahtjevaju prisustvo fizičke kartice. Ovo čini mogućim da fraudsteri koriste ukradene podatke za ovakve transakcije. Pratite izvode i razmotrite dodatne sigurnosne opcije poput "3D Secure" autentifikacije.

### Edukujte sebe i budite svjesni prevara

*Aktuelne prevare i tehnike zloupotrebe platnih kartica zahtjevaju stalnu pažnju i edukaciju. Pametno upravljanje karticama podrazumjeva redovno praćenje izvoda, pažljivo biranje gdje i kako koristite kartice, i obavezno informisanje o najnovijim tehnikama prevare. Uvijek budite skeptični prema neobičnim zahtjevima ili situacijama i koristite sigurnosne opcije koje nude banke kako biste zaštitili svoje finansije. Edukacija je ključ u spriječavanju prevare. Znajući kako fraudsteri rade, možete prepoznati sumnjive situacije i brzo reagovati.*



# DESTINACIJA: ČILE - MAGELANOV MOREUZ

Šalje: Boris Dobrić

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Talcahuano, Čile, malo selo u uvali, za vrijeme iskrcaja.



Ispred poste u Punta Arenasu odakle je Kapetan Robert Skot poslao oko 400 pisama kad se vratio sa ekspedicije na Antarktiku.



# EMAG 2023: INTELEKTUALNE VIBRACIJE U SRCU ROTTERDAMA

Piše: Marina Vojinović

U srcu rotterdamske energije, događaj koji je privukao intelektualne entuzijaste obasjao je grad. Kroz sjaj futurističke arhitekture i duboko ukorijenjene tradicije, Rotterdam je bio domaćin **European Mensas Annual Gathering (EMAG) 2023 u periodu od 2. do 6. avgusta.**

Rotterdam je grad koji nosi na svojim ramenima savremenu arhitekturu i istorijsko nasljeđe. Grad koji nas je dočekaio svojom raskošnom kombinacijom nebodera i vodenih kanala, podsjećajući na težnju ka napretku uz poštovanje istorije. Između monumentalnih nebodera i slikovitih vodenih kanala, ovaj grad je postao domaćin susreta koji je promovisao umjetnost razmišljanja i širenja postojećih vidika shvatanja.

## **EMAG: Mostovi intelektualnih vizija**

EMAG nije bio samo događaj, bio je iskra koja je povezala umove iz različitih dijelova svijeta, s ciljem uspostavljanja konekcija između različitih kultura, misli i iskustava. Kako kroz radionice i predavanja formalnijeg karaktera pa sve do opuštenih večera gdje su se isprepletali različiti jezici i kulturne nijanse, EMAG je svjedočio susretu intelektualnih raznolikosti koje su sa sobom donijeli učesnici ovog događaja.

Uz kolege iz Mensa Crne Gore - **Danilo Vorotović, Aleksandar Musić, Nataša Sokić, Ilijana Tijanić, Tripo Vuković i Milosav Miličić** – bilo mi je zadovoljstvo da budem dio ovog izvanrednog iskustva.



Naša ambicija na ovom putovanju bila je povezana s cjelokupnom crnogorskom zajednicom, obzirom da je glavna misao bila ideja uspješnog predstavljanja kandidature Crne Gore kao zemlje domaćina buduće verzije ovog značajnog događaja.

Kroz razgovore, predavanja i neformalne susrete, spojili smo se s ljudima iz različitih dijelova svijeta. Nove ideje, iskustva i poglede donijeli smo nazad, proširujući naše horizonte i doprinoseći šarenolikosti crnogorske intelektualne scene. Nakon uspješne registracije i susreta sa organizatorima i ostalim članovima, upriličen je Ice Breaker party. Na Ice Breaker-u smo imali priliku da se sa ostalim učesnicima prisjetimo IBD-a 2022 gdje je domaćin bila Mensa Crne Gore, što je bila sjajna prilika za dobijanje povratnih informacija povodom organizovanja ovog događaja, a sve sa ciljem unapređenja organizacionih metoda za buduće aktivnosti.

**Radionice za unaprijeđenje i paneli za budućnost**

Tokom ovog putovanja, bili smo privilegovani da se uključimo u niz radionica različitih profila. Naša prisutnost na radionicama 3.8. i 4.8. doprinijela je unapređenju organizacionih vještina Mense Crne Gore. Ovi dragocjeni trenuci su nam omogućili da podijelimo našu viziju, osvjestimo svoje potencijale i osnažimo se za nove izazove. Poseban trenutak bio je panel otvorenog tipa, gdje smo s organizatorima i učesnicima EMAG-a razgovarali o budućnosti. Osjećaj zajedništva i saradnje bio je dominantan, dok smo dijelili svoje ideje i sugestije. Panel zatvorenog tipa istog dana dao je priliku da diskutujemo o budućim domaćinima. **Ubjedljiva prezentacija Mense Crne Gore osigurala je da 2026. godine budemo domaćini EMAG-a, dok će zemlja domaćin 2024. godine biti Rumunija, a 2025. godine Velika Britanija.**

**Gala večera i osvrt**

Završna Gala večera, 5.8., bila je prilika za zahvalnost domaćinu EMAG-a 2023 i predstavljanje budućih organizatora. Riječi podrške i uzbuđenje u zraku dokaz su koliko smo svi bili ispunjeni energijom ovog putovanja. Rastanak je bio upriličen na Farewell brunch-u 6.8., gdje smo se pozdravili s obećanjem da ćemo se ponovo susresti i dalje dijeliti ideje.

Kroz radionice, panele i neformalne interakcije, stvorili smo ne samo uspomene, već i mostove intelektualnog razumijevanja. **Naša uloga kao članova Mensa Crne Gore na događaju EMAG 2023 je bila značajna, a naročito jer učestvujemo u stvaranju budućih stranica EMAG-a.** Vjerujem da ovaj događaj nije ostao samo u Rotterdamu, već da je ostavio svoj trag u umovima i srcima svih učesnika.



# BLOODY MENSANS CHALLENGE

Piše: Slavica Tadić

Mensa Crne Gore je na poziv organizatora izazova prihvatila **Bloody Mensans Challenge**, za davanje krvi od 1. januara 2023. do 31. oktobra 2023. godine.

Pravila su sljedeća:

1. **Donirajte krv**
2. **Pošaljite dokaz sa datumom donacije**  
(Dokaz može biti slika vaše ruke koja drži papir na kojem piše „Bloody Mensans Challenge“)
3. **Napišite pol, krvnu grupu, RH-grupu i količinu date krvi** (U mililitrima, zavisno od vaše težine, može biti 400ml, 500ml po donaciji itd.)



## NA KRAJU IZAZOVA, VRŠIĆE SE RANGIRANJE ZA SLJEDEĆE KATEGORIJE:

- TOP 10 zemalja sa najviše donatora krvi
- TOP 10 zemalja sa najviše davanja krvi u litrima
- TOP 10 zemalja sa najviše davanja krvi podijeljeno brojem članova u svakoj zemlji
- TOP 10 zemalja sa najviše davanja krvi u litrima podijeljeno brojem članova u svakoj zemlji

Oni koji ne mogu da daju krv **MOGU POMOĆI PROMOCIJOM.**

Potrebno je dostaviti linkove ili printscreenove promocije koju ste uradili. Vršiće se i rangiranje za TOP promotere.

Ukoliko neko želi biti dio ove humane akcije možete putem viber grupa zatražiti da dobijete link za grupu dobrovoljnih davaoca krvi. Slika koja obilježava ovaj izazov i koju je potrebno držati u rukama, kao dokaz izazova je u nastavku.



**#BloodyMensansChallenge #MensansGiveBlood #DonateBlood #SaveLives**

# MEMBER PROFILE

## NEMANJA DRAGIŠIĆ

**Nemanja Dragišić je član Mense Crne Gore već 5 godina. Svoje Mensaško iskustvo je počeo da stiče još 2018. godine. Završio je osnovne studije na Prirodno-matematičkom fakultetu Univerziteta Crne Gore na smjeru Računarske nauke. Svoje studije nastavlja na Univerzitetu u Padovi u Italiji, a za rubriku o članovima Mense Crne Gore će biti naš prvi gost.**

***Kako si čuo za Mensu? Kada si odlučio da se testiraš i postao član Mense?***

Za Mensu sam čuo dok sam bio učenik Gimnazije „Slobodan Škerović“. Kako sam bio član Volonterskog kluba, koordinatorka kluba je bila ujedno i dio psihološko-pedagoške službe u Gimnaziji i obavijestila nas je o tome da je za učenike Gimnazije omogućeno besplatno testiranje bazične inteligencije na Ekonomskom fakultetu. Bez razmišljanja sam se prijavio za testiranje i čiste radoznalosti. Tako sam početkom 2018. godine se testirao, zadovoljio uslov za članstvo i u tom trenutku postao jedan od najmlađih članova Mense Crne Gore.

***Da li si se odmah uključio u aktivnosti? Ako jesi, koje su bile i šta te je najviše zainteresovalo?***

U aktivnosti Mense sam se uključio odmah po učlanjenju. Prva aktivnost u kojoj sam učestvovao je bilo veče društvenih igara na kojem sam u prijatnoj atmosferi upoznao mnogo drugih članova Mense i sa mnogima razmijenio određene stavove. Tu sam zaključio da je Mensa organizacija koja okuplja ljude koji su različitih shvatanja i razmišljanja, što sam uvidio kao veliki plus u odnosu na mnoge organizacije koje sam do tada upoznao. Nakon toga sam bio na okupljanjima u Podgorici i na Cetinju, gdje sam takođe upoznao veliki broj ljudi, pa samim time i proširio svoju mrežu kontakata što smatram jednom od najvećih prednosti Mense. Tu smo svi jednaki i pomoći ćemo jedni drugima koliko smo u mogućnosti ili podijeliti informaciju ukoliko je imamo, a nekome je neophodna.



***Da li ti je to što si natprosječno inteligentan pomoglo u nekim situacijama u životu?***

Iskreno govoreći mislim da mi je to dalo određenu odskočnu dasku da neke stvari brže uvidim i savladam. Takođe taj potencijal, koji imamo svi mi u Mensi a i oni koji to još uvijek nisu postali ili će se tek testirati, se uvijek mora nadograđivati iskustvom i konstantnim učenjem. Po mom mišljenju odlika inteligentnih ljudi je da su radoznali i smatram da tu osobinu ne smijemo izgubiti tokom života niti da tu osobinu kod djece potiskujemo, jer je to njihova odlika.

***Još kao devetnaestogodišnjak si odlučio da se kandiduješ za člana Predsjedništva Mense u prethodnom sazivu. Šta te je podstaklo na taj korak? I sad iz ove perspektive, šta možeš reći da je bio najveći uspjeh Mense u periodu tvog mandata?***

# MEMBER PROFILE

## NEMANJA DRAGIŠIĆ

Podsticaj da se uopšte prijavim za bilo koju poziciju u Mensi mi je dao doskorašnji predsjednik Marko Lakić. Naime moja prva intencija je bila da budem član Izborne komisije u Mensi, ali sam u razgovoru sa Markom došao do zaključka da bih mogao da pomognem u rukovođenju Mense i tako sam odlučio da budem jedan od 7 kandidata sa zajedničke liste za Predsjedništvo u mandatu 2021-2023. Što se tiče uspjeha tokom tog perioda prije svega moram istaći organizaciju IBD-ja, koji je po prvi put održan u maloj zemlji kao što je naša. To je bilo jedan veliki izazov, ali i privilegija održati najveće okupljanje Mensaša cijelog svijeta baš kod nas. Tu veliku zahvalnost dugujemo i članovima Mense Srbije koji su nam svojim iskustvom u organizaciji i IBD-ja i EMAG-a u Srbiji pomogli da na najbolji način ispunimo visoke standarde, koji se očekuju od ovako velikog događaja. Na samom događaju je bilo preko 200 ljudi iz preko 50 država svijeta, što je samo po sebi veoma velik broj gostiju za našu malu organizaciju.

Pored ovog želio bih da kažem da kao veliki uspjeh vidim i to što smo nakon pandemije uspjeli da ponovo oživimo rad Mense i da sa opštinama i pojedinim institucijama u Crnoj Gori nastavimo ili započnemo saradnju.

***Magistarske studije nastavljaš u inostranstvu, konkretno u Italiji. Šta te je opredijelilo na taj korak? I najbitnije, da li se tvoj angažman i članstvo u Mensi ovdje završava?***

Da prvo odgovorim na drugo pitanje što se tiče Mense ostaću sigurno aktivan član, iako ne fizički na aktivnostima uvijek na raspolaganju bilo kom Predsjedništvu i Mensi uopšte. A što se tiče Crne Gore to je za sada za mene veliko pitanje na koje konkretan odgovor ne mogu da dam, ali vjerujem da će prije svega zavisiti i od mogućnosti zaposlenja nakon završenih studija. Naravno želja je uvijek tu da se vratim rodnoj zemlji, ali ti ima i drugih faktora koji će na to uticati.

A eto da se u daljem odgovoru nadovežem, konkretno smjer za sajber bezbjednost za sada ne postoji ni na jednoj visokoobrazovnoj ustanovi u Crnoj Gori i zato sam najviše se opredijelio da studije nastavim van granica države. Naravno tu je bila i želja da period svog života provedem i u inostranstvu, da bolje spoznam sebe, ali i da upoznam drugu kulturu, ljude i način života.

***Kao neko ko je već bio u Predsjedništvu, kako vidiš Mensu u narednom periodu?***


Vidim da se u Mensu učlanilo mnogo mladih ljudi pogotovo od kada su se intezivirale aktivnosti po pitanju saradnji i testiranja u raznim opštinama u državi. Sa time vidim i novu energiju koja će Mensi donijeti novi snagu i da će je nositi u narednom periodu. Nove aktivnosti i izazovi se polako kristališu pred svima, a pogotovo ispred sadašnjeg i budućih Predsjedništava. Prije svega pronalaženje novih članova i aktiviranje lokalnih Mensi, ali i prepoznavanje Mense kao organizacije koja može doprinijeti boljitku i napretku cijele države.





# MEMBER PROFILE

## TRIPO VUKOVIĆ

 [Instagram.com/3poart](https://www.instagram.com/3poart)



"Moje ime je **Tripo Vuković**, imam 38 godina, iz Kotora sam i član sam Mense od februara ove godine. Crtam gotovo čitav život, od svoje treće godine. U zadnjih 5 godina sam iz putem online predavanja učio **crtanje portreta** jer mi je izazovno crtati ljudski lik, a posebno ženski jer su emotivnije a time imaju veći potencijal da inspirišu. Volim realizam, opet, zbog izazova a osim toga i da bih vidio reakciju osobe ako je u pitanju neko koga znam.

**Bavim se klasičnim crtanjem običnom olovkom ali i digitalnim crtanjem, gdje mogu da uradim mnogo više po pitanju boja. Imam pad za crtanje pa je sama tehnika maltene ista iako je medium različit.**

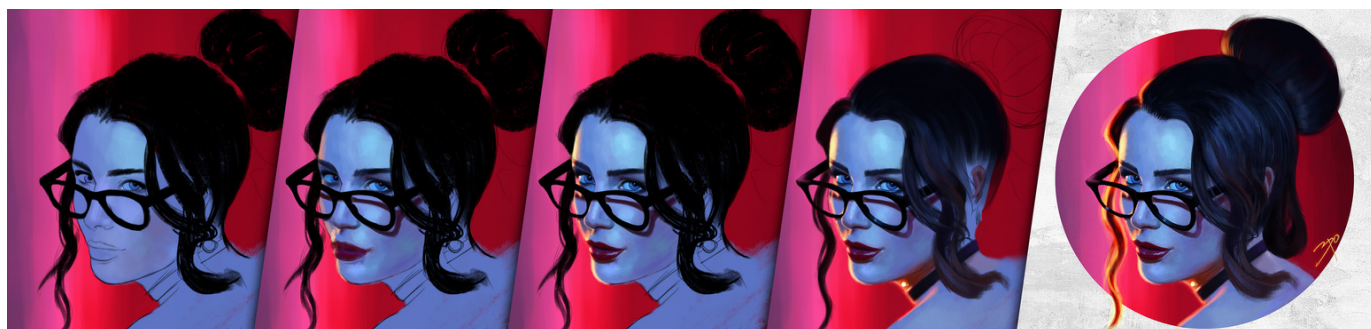
Osim portreta, inspiraciju dobijam i od nekih relativno banalnih stvari, kao i životinja – prirodnih i imaginarnih. Ponekad to kombinujem sa portretima da bih prikazao fantazijske obrte ljudskog lica.

Ponekad ti kombinovani portreti budu tema intenzivnijih diskusija, ali meni je to dobro – sve dok izazivam neku vrstu reakcije ili emocije. U suštini, bilo koji komentar mi otvara vrata novim perspektivama i pomaže mi da unaprijedim sebe prilikom rada na sledećem."



# MEMBER PROFILE

## TRIPO VUKOVIĆ



#mensamotivacija

"! ako mislite da možete,  
i ako mislite da ne možete,  
u pravu ste"

Henry Ford

@mensa.me



# U NAJAVI: JESENJE AKTIVNOSTI

Piše: Danilo Vorotović  
Predsjednik Mense Crne Gore

Kao što i uvijek biva ljeti, aktivnosti koje Mensa Crne Gore realizuje u ovom periodu su vidljivije u okupljanjima. Nakon **trodnevnog raftinga** koji je okupio više od 100 učesnika iz Crne Gore, Srbije, Hrvatske i Bosne i Hercegovine kao i **ture do Meduna** u saradnji sa Turističkom organizacijom Podgorice, tokom avgusta je naš tim predstavio našu kandidaturu u Roterdamu i **Mensa Crne Gore je dobila domaćinstvo EMAG'26**. Čast je što je naša Mensa odabrana da bude domaćin velikog događaja na 80-ti rođendan osnivanja prve Mense u svijetu.

U istom periodu smo iz razumljivih razloga usporili sa testiranjima i odrađeno je jedno i to u Bijelom Polju. Narednog mjeseca pa dalje tokom oktobra su planirana **testiranja bazične inteligencije** u Ulcinju, Plavu, Cetinju, Nikšiću i Kotoru.

**Prvo naredno okupljanje članova i prijatelja Mense Crne Gore je planirano za vikend 23-24. septembar u Nikšiću. Lokacija okupljanja još nije utvrđena, ali će sigurno biti jedno od jezera, Krupac ili Liverovići. Planirano je dvodnevno kamp druženje uz roštilj, društvene igre, logorsku vatru i gitaru tako da vjerujem da se vidimo tada većem broju.**

Takođe je u planu **"oživljavanje" aktivnosti kroz SIG-ove** i ovim putem pozivam članove na osnivanje novih, kao i veću aktivaciju postojećih.



# U NAJAVI: EMAG '26 MONTENEGRO

Piše: Dragana Pantović Nikčević

EMAG je najveći međunarodni skup udruženja Mensa u Evropi i jedan od najvećih Mensa skupova u svijetu. Održava se krajem jula ili početkom avgusta svake godine, a okupi više od 800 učesnika iz cijelog svijeta, iz svih starosnih grupa. EMAG je skraćenica za „European Mensas Annual Gathering“, što bi značilo da svake godine druga nacionalna Mensa iz Evrope preuzima odgovornost za planiranje, organizovanje i održavanje EMAGa. Ovaj događaj je namijenjen redovnim članovima Mense, ali je tradicionalno otvoren i za širu javnost.

**Ovogodišnji EMAG održan je u Rotterdamu, u Holandiji od 2. do 6. avgusta, gdje je Mensa Crne Gore predstavila svoju kandidaturu i izabrana za zemlju domaćina 2026. godine.**

Ova trodnevna konferencija je puna zanimljivih predavanja, kreativnih i aktivnih radionica i avanturističkih događaja. Naravno, ima mjesta i za razgovor, društvene igre, jednodnevna putovanja, obilaske i brojne druge avanture. Sav posao rade volonteri, a govornici na predavanjima i radionicama su takođe volonteri.

## Šta je tipično za EMAG?

EMAG tradicionalno počinje srijedom, večernjim događajem koji se zove *Icebreaker*. Četvrtak, petak i subota su dani konferencije u kojima se u svakom trenutku tokom dana održava nekoliko paralelnih predavanja i radionica na mjestu održavanja konferencije. Spoljne aktivnosti se nude za slobodno vrijeme, kako bi se podstaklo stvaranje veza i prijateljstava na međunarodnom nivou, kao i upoznavanje grada i zemlje domaćina. Konferencija se završava u subotu Gala tematskom večerom. Oproštajni ručak u nedelju daje priliku za poslednje zajedničko druženje.

Brojni učesnici EMAGa unaprijed planiraju i da produže svoj boravak, tako da po nahođenju zemlje domaćina, aktivnosti mogu biti ponuđene prije ili poslije trodnevne konferencije. Najčešće se nude jednodnevne ture po završetku konferencije, a mogu se organizovati i aktivnosti na otvorenom, kao i večernje aktivnosti.



## Kako je sve počelo?

- 2008 Keln, Njemačka
- 2009 Utreht, Holandija
- 2010 Prag, Češka
- 2011 Pariz, Francuska
- 2012 Stokholm, Švedska
- 2012 Bratislava, Slovačka
- 2014 Ciri, Švajcarska
- 2015 Berlin, Njemačka
- 2016 Krakov, Poljska
- 2017 Barselona, Španija
- 2018 Beograd, Srbija
- 2019 Gent, Belgija
- 2020 Nije održan zbog COVID pandemije
- 2021 Brno, Češka
- 2022 Strazbur, Francuska
- 2023 Roterдам, Holandija
- **2024 Bukurešt, Rumunija**
- **2025 Velika Britanija**
- **2026 Podgorica, Crna Gora**

# SPISAK ČLANOVA ZA 2023.



Ažurirano 27.08.2023. godine

Adžić Luka  
Babić Filip  
Babić Ilija  
Bahtijarević Ema  
Bajić Šestović Jelena  
Bakić Damjan  
Bakić Stefan  
Bakić Sunčica  
Barović Andrija  
Barović Mia  
Barović Vladan  
Baturan Mina  
Bogdanović Boban  
Bogdanović Danijela  
Bogojević Radovan  
Bogosavljević Miodrag  
Bojović Vasilije  
Boljević Milica  
Borović Miloš  
Bovan Milica  
Božović Jovica  
Brajović Miloš  
Bulatović Itana  
Bučan Damir  
Bulatović Biljana  
Bulić Selma  
Ceković Dušan  
Crnogorac Jovan  
Cvetković Bašša  
Četković Ivona  
Četković Luka  
Čorić Milica  
Ćulafić Damjan  
Ćupić Ivan  
Čelebić Nađa  
Čolović Ivana  
Čolović Nikola  
Čović Božo  
Dautović Said  
Dobrić Boris  
Dobrković Miroslav  
Dragišić Nemanja  
Dragnić Anđela

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Durutović Matija  
Đikanović Darko  
Đorđević Nikola  
Đukanović Mitar  
Đukić Mirko  
Đuranović Filip  
Đurković Milica  
Đurović Nikola  
Eraković Goran  
Fatić Savo  
Gospić Aleksa  
Grgurović Pavle  
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Halimić Adrijana  
Hasanović Nermin  
Ivanović Nebojša  
Jovanović Ana  
Jovetić Stefan  
Jovović Jovan  
Kalezić Andrea  
Kise Andrea  
Kaščelan Jovan  
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Knežević Gordana  
Knežević Tamara  
Kosjerina Marko  
Krgović Ivan  
Krgović Marko  
Krpuljević Cano  
Kršić Fuad  
Kujović Elza  
Lakić Aleksandra  
Lakić Maja  
Lakić Marko  
Lakićević Aleksandra  
Lakićević Luka  
Lalatović Miloš  
Lasica Ana  
Lasica Vera  
Lazarević Kristina  
Lazarević Tijana  
Leković Aleksandar

Lučić Predrag  
Magdelinić Milan  
Mandić Marijana  
Mandić Srđan  
Marković Lena  
Marković Nikola  
Marković Višnja  
Marović Darja  
Maruvčić Bogdan  
Maslovar Stefan  
Matić Radojčić Nataša  
Matijević Tripo  
Matković Miloš  
Medenica Maja  
Memić Anel  
Mihoević Jovana  
Mijanović Milica  
Mijanović Nikša  
Mijović Neda  
Miletić Ana  
Miletić Ksenija  
Miletić Ognjen  
Miličić Milosav  
Milikić Luka  
Milišić Aleksa  
Milošević Dean  
Milošević Kostadinović Katarina  
Milošević Marin  
Milović Stefan  
Milutinović Igor  
Miljanić Zoran  
Mladenović-Krgović Dara  
Mulešković Mirza  
Musić Aleksandar  
Musić Rade  
Musić Sofija  
Nikčević Boško  
Nikčević Jelena  
Nikčević Vladimir  
Nikitin Aleksei  
Nikitović Bojan  
Nogulović Dragana  
Pantović Nikčević Dragana

Papić Darko  
Pavićević Andrija  
Pavićević Božidar  
Pavićević Sara  
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Andrija  
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Perović Tamara  
Petričević Dejan  
Pješivac Željka  
Popović Božidar  
Pupović Golub  
Popović Luka  
Popović Marko  
Prelević Darko  
Pućurica Amel  
Radević Ivan  
Radonjić Đuro  
Radović Milica  
Radović Nikolina  
Radulović Milica  
Radulović Miloš  
Radulović Mladen  
Račić Tamara  
Radović Anđela  
Radulović Milivoj  
Radusinović Dimitrije  
Raičković Vuk  
Raspopović Miloš  
Roganović Anđela  
Savić Marija  
Sekulović Ozren  
Simonović Petar  
Skempri Ioanna  
Slovníkar Mirela  
Sokić Nataša  
Stanišić Milica  
Stijepović Damjan  
Strunjaš Nedeljko  
Ščekić Jovan  
Šehovac Saša  
Šekularac Miomir  
Šimun Ksenija

Tadić Slavica  
Tijanić Ilijana  
Todorović Boris  
Tomašević Aleksandar  
Tomašević Savo  
Tomčić Ognjen  
Tomić Dragana  
Tošić Anita  
Trajčevska Monika  
Tuponja Boris  
Turza Dejan  
Uličević Marija  
Velaš Đuro  
Veličković Dušan  
Marija Vešović Marija  
Vešović Stefan  
Vidaković Milivoje  
Vlahović Jelisaveta  
Vojičić Marko

Vojinović Marina  
Vojinović Olivera  
Vorotović Danilo  
Vučetić Jelena  
Vujadinović Petar  
Vujović Marko  
Vukčević Dajana  
Vuković Nemanja  
Vuković Vasilije  
Vuković Tripo  
Vulović Ina  
Vulović Krsto  
Zečević Ksenija  
Zindović Milica





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## Poštovani članovi,

Godišnja članarina za 2023. godinu iznosi 20€.

Novim članovima članarina za tekuću godinu je besplatna, dok za stare članove važe sljedeći popusti:

- 25% za sve uplate do 31. januara,
- 25% za više članova iz jedne porodice,
- 25% za mlađe od 29 godina i starije od 60 godina.

Važno je napomenuti da se popusti mogu obračunati najviše po dva osnova, što znači da je 50% maksimalni popust koji član može ostvariti.

Članarinu možete platiti kod blagajnika Mense, ili uplatom na žiro-račun Mense Crne Gore 520-14442-11 (Hipotekarna banka).

Kada uplatite članarinu potrebno je da, ukoliko to niste ranije uradili, radi izrade nove baze članova, na e-mail **podaci@mensa.me** pošaljete sledeće podatke:

- ime i prezime,
- datum rođenja,
- datum testiranja (ukoliko ne znate, onda samo godinu),
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Kate

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## The Mensa Foundation, The Netherlands

### A big party

*In August, The Netherlands will be the centre of the Mensa World. Two celebrations and one major event will be combined. Mensa The Netherlands was founded in August 1963, and The Mensa Foundation The Netherlands was founded in April 2013. And now in 2023, 60 years later, we have the EMAG at Rotterdam!*



The Foundation in The Netherlands was established at the Annual Business Meeting (ABM) in April 2013. After almost two years of preparation, Mensa members voted for such a vehicle, the governance papers and business plans etcetera. It is a vehicle to reach out to a very, very, wide audience.

The idea was - and still is - to go unrestrictedly external, outside the "small" Mensa circle and to work on "visibility of highly giftedness as a quality for society". There are a number of advantages of a separate foundation: there is a board dedicated to "giving back" to society, and while Mensa can focus on the internal community, the Mensa International Charitable Foundation is a recognised not-for-profit organisation which means that donations are tax-deductible. As such, there is an obligation to the public to be fully transparent in all activities in finance and yearly plans etcetera.

There are three main strategic lines along which we operate:

1. To encourage special achieve-

ments by or for the people with a high intelligence (that is our **Award** program).

2. **Grey gold:** what can we do for the elderly who live in a nursing home? How do you want to grow old? What to do when you are highly gifted and are limited in your mobility?

3. The appointment of an endowed professor at work, with the title "highly giftedness, transitions and social impact" is an important step towards making better use of the potential of the highly-gifted.

The yearly award ceremony will take place at the EMAG in Rotterdam (August 2-6) on August 5th.

Earlier that day (at 10:00 am), the Foundation will give a presentation/workshop followed by a discussion and Q&A session. At the 2022 IBD meeting there was a combined presentation with the Nordic Mensa Fund, the American Foundation, and the Mensa International Charitable Foundation. The EMAG will be an excellent opportunity to learn more about the Foundations.

You are welcome to attend our Award ceremony on Saturday afternoon, August 5th. More details will be publicised on the EMAG website ([www.EMAG23.nl](http://www.EMAG23.nl)) and the Foundation website ([www.mensa-fonds.nl](http://www.mensa-fonds.nl))

Willem Bouwens

from your executive committee

## from American Mensa's Chair, Lori Norris

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### Member Engagement

*One of the biggest challenges within American Mensa is how to engage our members. Unfortunately, there is not a simple solution to this challenge. Several avenues are available for members to enjoy their membership and we welcome international members to join us. Engagement can be either virtually, online or in person.*

Over the years, American Mensa has surveyed our members to determine what they value most from their membership. Our membership magazine, *The Bulletin*, is generally rated in the top position. *The Bulletin* includes book reviews, games, science notes, photos, and other member submissions. *The Bulletin* is available to our members in either print or digital format.

In addition to *The Bulletin*, we have several other national digital publications. *Mensa Wired* is a monthly e-newsletter that provides members with Mensa news. *Mensa Leader*, sent twice-monthly, provides local group officers and others with information, deadlines, and other resources to support them.

*Brainwave* is a weekly brief sent via email, highlighting news articles that may be of interest to our

members. The Mensa Foundation has several publications including the *Mensa Research Journal (MRJ)*.

All these publications are available to current Mensans.

A few require free sign-ups; however, the *MRJ* ([MensaFoundation.org/mrj](https://MensaFoundation.org/mrj)) is a paid subscription. Find out more about our publications at [us.mensa.org/read](https://us.mensa.org/read) or contact me for information on subscribing.

American Mensa has slightly over 120 local groups ranging in size from 60 members to almost 2000. Those local groups provide in-person get-togethers, regular newsletters, online forums, and some provide Zoom meetups. Our local groups are divided into ten geographic regions that typically provide a few in-person regional gatherings each year; one of the largest is WeeM hosted by Chicago Area Mensa and attracting up to 600 attendees each October. Some local groups and/or regions sponsor various online events, such as meetups, games, talks, happy hours,



book clubs, and other activities. Some of these can be accessed through our website.

American Mensa's largest gathering, the Annual Gathering, is held each summer and generally attracts around 2,000 members and their guests. This year's AG will be held in Baltimore, Maryland on July 5-9. AGs feature several speaker tracks, tours, games, tournaments, hospitality room, and many opportunities to socialise with your fellow Mensans. More information about the AG, as well as registration information, can be found at [AG.us.mensa.org](https://AG.us.mensa.org).

If you are looking for an event hosted by American Mensa, and can't make it to the AG, please note that we are hosting the 2023 International Board of Directors meeting in October (12-15) in Dallas, Texas. There will be tours

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(and additional ones for non-delegates while the IBD holds their meeting) and evening entertainment for all attendees. Information will be posted on the international website.

Over 150 Special Interest Groups (SIGs) exist in American Mensa ranging from food lovers to scuba divers to musical theatre to Disney to sewing to beer to discussions/socialising and everything in between. These SIGs might have newsletters, in-person meetings, or online groups. Many of these SIGs welcome international members.

I can't talk about member engagement without mentioning the most important engagement to me. I met my now husband in Mensa and after a very short engagement we were married and have been for over 20 years. While I can't promise anyone the same luck that I had, I have numerous friends who have met their significant others through our organisation. I can honestly say that I have met many of my closest friends through Mensa and I continue looking forward to meeting more.

**Lori Norris**  
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## International PhotoCup Competition, 2023

*Everything you need to know about this year's International Mensa PhotoCup competition, including links to the updated Rules and online entry forms, can be found on [www.mensa.org/members/photocup](http://www.mensa.org/members/photocup)*

*This year's theme is "LOUD". The PhotoCup competition is open to national Mensas and Direct International Participants. If you want to enter the contest to become the "MI Photographer of the Year 2023", please check if your national Mensa is holding a competition. If they're not – or if you're a Direct International Member – you can participate as a "Direct International Participant"\* and submit your entries by 31 July 2023.*

*\* "Direct International Participants" are members of national Mensas that are not holding photography competitions this year OR Direct International Members (Mensa members without a NM organization).*

### MENSA INTERNATIONAL

**TO READ OUR WELCOME LETTER OR ACCESS LINKS TO USEFUL INFORMATION & SERVICES FOR NEW MEMBERS, PLEASE GO TO**

**[https://bit.ly/MI\\_welcome](https://bit.ly/MI_welcome)**

## what's on...



### **EMAG 2023 - Rotterdam, The Netherlands** **August 2, 2023**

Mensa The Netherlands is proud to present EMAG 2023! You are all more than welcome to join us in Rotterdam - we'd love to see you there!

For more details, go to <https://www.emag23.nl/>

### **Mensa Serbia Giftedness Conference 2023** **September 29-Oct 1, 2023**

Mensa Serbia is delighted to announce The Sixth International Professional and Scientific Conference, entitled "Working with the Gifted: Methods and Programs", which will be held in Novi Sad, Serbia, from 29th September to 1st October.

[https://www.mensa.org/system/files/first\\_call\\_for\\_conference\\_working\\_with\\_the\\_gifted\\_-\\_methods\\_and\\_programs.pdf](https://www.mensa.org/system/files/first_call_for_conference_working_with_the_gifted_-_methods_and_programs.pdf)

### **Asia-Pacific Mensa Gathering: Bali, Indonesia** **November 2, 2023**

The second AMG of 2023 will be held from November 2nd to 5th on the magical Indonesian island of Bali, famous worldwide for its warm hospitality, ancient culture, and stunning landscapes.

<https://www.facebook.com/asian-MENSA/>

## BIG Gathering at Tokyo Big Sight

*After years of exclusively online meetings, Japan Mensa had its first Annual Gathering in person since the last one in 2019.*

Hello there. I am delighted to write about our Japan Mensa Annual Gathering. We held it on March 25th, 2023, after the Covid-19 pandemic, finally again in person at “Tokyo Big Sight”, a well-known facility where big fairs are held in Tokyo, Japan.

The program covered three main points:

- Sales of official Mensa goods in the morning
- The Annual Meeting in the afternoon, and
- A dinner party in the evening.

The opening was with the sale of official goods. This is very popular since they are usually only sold at the Annual Gathering. There were more than 100 people in line before the start of sale! We sold Japan Mensa original design Pin badges, pens, bags, mugs, and sticky memos etc.

The annual meeting started at 14:00 and took more than three hours. Our meeting is governed by the procedure “Robert’s Rules of Order”. Each internal organisation reported on its activities and accounts, and several agenda items were presented. After that, members could ask questions or make comments. Those reports and agendas were then approved or passed, respectively, by a majority vote of



the members.

As there will be a biennial election of our board members this autumn, the chair of the Election Management Committee was appointed.

Moreover, there are a couple of special topics I would like to mention. One is that we recorded the largest number of membership renewal rates at the end of 2022 (73.2%) and the largest number of members at the start of 2023 (4506 members).

Another concerns the event of Japan Mensa 15th anniversary held last autumn. It included new challenges for us and preparing for it was a lot more work than we had imagined. However, it was worth the effort. We received positive feedback from many members who attended, so we are very proud that it was a great success.

Finally, after the main meeting, our dinner party started in the evening. (The photo on the front cover of this MWJ is from the din-

ner party where about 330 members attended.) There, starting with cheerleading by some members, we enjoyed socialising with each other while playing several games. One was from the ice-breaker party at the IBD Meeting in 2022, so we called it “the ice-breaking game challenge”. Members who won the games received special official Mensa goods. And a

photo corner dedicated to our newsletter appeared in the venue. Many members who attended the dinner party for the first time or again after a longer time enjoyed the party.

It had been a long time since the last in-person meeting, but the feeling was like meeting old friends or family members when I met someone.

We have challenges and also objectives for the future. This gathering was a great opportunity for me to do my best to achieve them. I look forward to seeing everyone again next year.

I’m delighted to announce that the Asian Mensa Gathering (AMG) will be held here in Japan in 2025! I hope that a large number of Mensans from around the world will come and visit us!

**Rie Banzai,**  
**Interaction Officer of Japan Mensa**  
(Special thanks to Tetsu Karasumaru)

## recent research into the brain...

### **A Glimpse Into the Afterlife: Sparks of Consciousness Detected in Dying Brains**

In a fascinating study, researchers observed a surge of gamma wave activity linked to consciousness in the dying brains of comatose patients. This groundbreaking discovery provides early evidence of consciousness during the final moments of life, shedding light on the enigma of near-death experiences.

### **Feeding Our Brains: Nutritional Interventions to Slow Alzheimer's Disease**

A systematic review of 38 studies suggests that nutritional interventions, such as the Mediterranean diet, ketogenic diet, omega-3 fatty acid supplementation, and probiotics, can potentially slow Alzheimer's progression and enhance cognitive function. These findings emphasize the power of nutrition in supporting brain health and combatting cognitive decline.

### **Learning From AI: How Artificial Intelligence Processes Speech Signals Like Human Brains**

Researchers have discovered striking similarities between AI systems and human brains when processing speech signals. This breakthrough could help us understand the inner workings of AI systems and potentially develop more advanced AI technologies that better mimic human cognition.

### **The Ripple Effect: High School Education Quality Impacts Cognition 60 Years Later**

A recent study reveals that individuals who attended higher-quality high schools performed better in

cognitive function tests later in life, emphasising the importance of improving educational standards. This research highlights the long-lasting impact of high school education quality on lifelong cognitive health.

### **Unlocking the Secrets of the Human Genome: 240 Mammalian Species Reveal Our Unique Traits**

A groundbreaking study analysed DNA sequences from 240 mammalian species to uncover the genetic basis behind extraordinary traits in certain species and enhance our understanding of the functional parts of the human genome. These findings pave the way for advancements in our understanding and treatment of conditions like cancer.

From exploring the mysteries of consciousness in dying brains to the potential of nutrition in slowing down Alzheimer's disease, this week's top neuroscience news articles have presented us with a wealth of fascinating discoveries. They have not only expanded our understanding of the human brain but also opened doors for better treatments and preventive measures in various health-related fields.

As we continue to unlock the secrets of the human genome and develop advanced AI systems that mimic human cognition, we're reminded of the limitless possibilities that the world of neuroscience has to offer.

These groundbreaking findings highlight the importance of ongoing research in the field, as we strive to improve our understanding of the brain and work towards a healthier future for all.

*neurosciencenews.com May 7, 2023*

## **EMAG in Rotterdam!** **August 2-6**

*Have you registered yet?*

Go to <https://emag23.nl>, create an account and register.

*See you all in Rotterdam!*



**Would you like to contribute to the Mensa World Journal?**

**Articles, poetry and member achievements are all welcome!**

**Send your submissions to the Editor at [mwjeditor@mensa.org](mailto:mwjeditor@mensa.org)**

*Deadline for each issue is the 1st of the month two months before publication. Eg, the deadline for the November issue is September 1.*

# member profile

by Susan Jensen

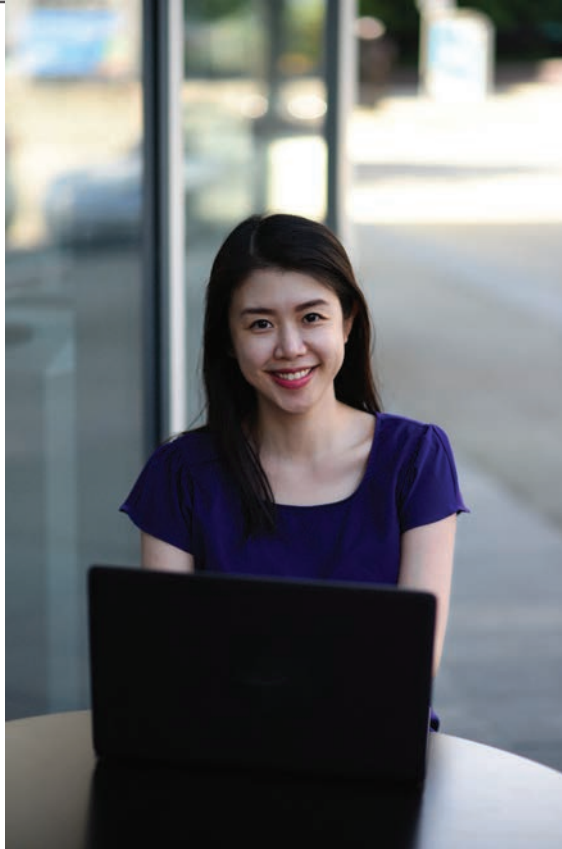
*Maggie Lee, a Mensa International member, has had a peripatetic life. Now based in Bangkok, Thailand, she is a Regional Head of World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF) International and travels extensively for her job. Her huge territory includes Asia Pacific, Europe and North Africa.*

An only child born in Hong Kong, Maggie moved to Canada at age nine, when her family moved to Vancouver. Maggie's parents weren't around much during her childhood. She was deemed "unruly" in school, where she did well scholastically but lacked the stimulation her keen mind craved. She was "hopeless" at sports, music and art but good at languages, science and mathematics.

Spending most of her growing up years alone, Maggie learned to connect with people by making them laugh, retaining a flair for the silly and humorous that (hopefully) makes her a hit at parties.

When Maggie was fourteen, her mother died suddenly of an aneurysm. There was no dependable family to turn to for comfort and Maggie's father remained physically and emotionally distant. Maggie discovered she had inner resources of strength that helped her focus her grief into a determination to make the world a better place.

Embarking upon a traditional academic route, she racked up mas-



ters degrees in Food, Nutrition and Technology and much later, another in Sustainable Management.

For ten years, Maggie worked in research and development for big companies like Proctor and Gamble, Nestle and Aeon in various Asian countries. As she became more and more engaged in the issues of the environmental effects of modern life she eventually decided to leave the corporate world, taking a job with WWF in 2017. She is busy now monitoring conservation efforts for four continents but somehow makes time to write children's books that teach environmental stewardship to young minds.

Maggie is a hyperpolyglot. She is fluent in her mother tongue of

Cantonese as well as Mandarin Chinese and English, and has a business/conversational level of ability in Japanese and French. Her work keeps her exposed to many languages and she hopes to become more fluent in Thai, Spanish, Laotian, German, Korean and Portuguese, all of which she can speak at a basic level.

Spurred on by her desire to find like-minded people who appreciate board games, Maggie took the Mensa test and passed it in 2016. Several years after she became a Mensan, she started being more active in Mensa and now tries to connect with Mensans wherever she travels.

In 2017, Maggie met her husband Thiparat, a Thai theoretical physicist, in Singapore. They have been happily married for four years.

Maggie is the founding leader of *Mensans for Sustainability*, a group for Mensans on Mensa Workplace, LinkedIn and Facebook, with over 1100 members. The group works closely with sustainability SIGS all over the world. If you are interested in putting your superb intelligence to work on issues of sustainability, please feel free to join *Mensans for Sustainability*.

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## Books...

### *The Advanced Sleuth Investor*

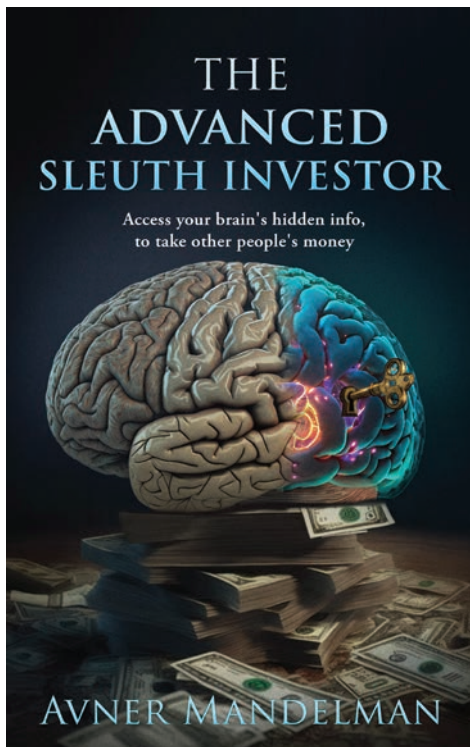
*If you want to beat the market, brain power alone is not enough. You also have to know what others don't. But how to do that? Isn't every bit of information available on the internet for free, both for you and your market opponents?*

No it isn't - luckily! Some information will always stay physical, and cannot be captured in ink on paper or blips on screen. This has been proven in science (see the 2022 Physics Nobel prize), and is also true about people, about investing, and about assets and other things that move stocks. And you can get such other info only if you dig for it yourself. Then, if and when you do, it is exclusive to you, and it can help you take the money of stay-at-home intellectuals too lazy to do it.

In this book (a follow-up to his first), seasoned investing expert, hedge fund manager and a long-standing member of Mensa Canada, Avner Mandelman relies on recent findings in AI and the latest Nobel Prize-winning research, pre-

sending case-studies and sleuthing techniques, to help the reader take the money of those who haven't read the book.

In these studies, written in an engaging style, you will learn from:



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· Quantum physicists, how to **go beyond public data and create your own**

· Brain and AI scientists, how to **access the "dark info" inside your own brain**

· Top athletes and top-gun pilots, how to **train to win.**

*The Advanced Sleuth Investor is available on Amazon: <https://www.amazon.com/dp/1738804402>*

· Chess-computers, **how a chess-inspired formula picks the best stocks to sleuth**

· Top intel operatives, how to **get informers to open up**

· Top Generals, how to **discern winner CEOs from medio-**

## INTERNATIONAL POETRY COMPETITION 2023

Members are invited to submit their original poems to the editor, [mwjeditor@mensa.org](mailto:mwjeditor@mensa.org), by August 1, 2023.

Poems are to be previously unpublished and no longer than 30 lines in length. Plagiarised and AI generated poems are strictly forbidden. The judges reserve the right to refuse entry of any work identified as not being original by the latest methods to detect and expose any fraudulent activity.

The theme for the competition is "LOUD!". All entries must be in English and following the judges' decision, no correspondence will be entered into.

By submitting an entry (maximum of one entry) into the competition, members understand that their poem may be published in the Mensa World Journal or in any other National Mensa journal at the editor's discretion. The author will, of course, be acknowledged.

Please include your National Mensa and membership number with your entry.

Log in to the  
International website at  
[www.mensa.org](http://www.mensa.org)  
for the calendar of  
national events



## AI Can Spot Early Signs of Alzheimer's in Speech Patterns

*New technologies that can capture subtle changes in a patient's voice may help physicians diagnose cognitive impairment and Alzheimer's disease before symptoms begin to show, according to a UT Southwestern Medical Centre researcher who led a study published in the Alzheimer's Association publication *Diagnosis, Assessment & Disease Monitoring*.*

"Our focus was on identifying subtle language and audio changes that are present in the very early stages of Alzheimer's disease but not easily recognizable by family members or an individual's primary care physician," said Ihab Hajjar, M.D., Professor of Neurology at UT Southwestern's (UTSW) Peter O'Donnell Jr. Brain Institute.

Researchers used advanced machine learning and natural language processing (NLP) tools to assess speech patterns in 206 people – 114 who met the criteria for mild cognitive decline and 92 who were unimpaired. The team then mapped those findings to commonly used biomarkers to determine their efficacy in measuring impairment.

Study participants, who were enrolled in a research program at Emory University in Atlanta, were given several standard cognitive assessments before being asked to record a spontaneous 1-2-minute description of artwork.

"The recorded descriptions of the picture provided us with an approximation of conversational abilities that we could study via artificial intelligence to determine speech motor control, idea density, grammatical complexity, and other speech features," Dr. Hajjar said.

The research team compared the participants' speech analytics to their



cerebral spinal fluid samples and MRI scans to determine how accurately the digital voice biomarkers detected both mild cognitive impairment and Alzheimer's disease status and progression.

"Prior to the development of machine learning and NLP, the detailed study of speech patterns in patients was extremely labour intensive and often not successful because the changes in the early stages are frequently undetectable to the human ear," Dr. Hajjar said.

"This novel method of testing performed well in detecting those with mild cognitive impairment and more specifically in identifying patients with evidence of Alzheimer's disease – even when it cannot be easily detected using standard cognitive assessments."

During the study, researchers spent fewer than ten minutes capturing a patient's voice recording. Traditional neuropsychological tests typically take several hours to administer.

"If confirmed with larger studies, the use of artificial intelligence and machine learning to study vocal recordings could provide primary care providers with an easy-to-perform screening tool for at-risk individuals," Dr. Hajjar said. "Earlier diagnoses would give patients and families more time to plan for the future and give clinicians greater flexibility in recommending promising lifestyle interventions."

Dr. Hajjar collaborated on this study with a team of researchers at Emory, where he previously served as Director of the Clinical Trial Unit of the Goizueta Alzheimer's Disease Research Center before joining UTSW in 2022. He is continuing to collect voice recordings in Dallas as part of a follow-up study at UTSW being funded with a National Institutes of Health grant.

[neurosciencenews.com](https://www.neurosciencenews.com) April 15, 2023

## supplementally... by John Blinke

### Ludwig Van Beethoven

ScienceDaily, March 22, 2023. "Ludwig Van Beethoven's Genome Sheds Light On Chronic Health Problems And Cause Of Death." (Current Biology) Contrary to earlier findings, Ludwig van Beethoven did not have significant lead in his body when he died in 1827, according to scientists at Max Planck Institute for Evolutionary Anthropology in Leipzig, Germany. An analysis of DNA from his hair shows he did have heritable liver disease complicated by a drinking problem. And, he caught hepatitis sometime in the months before he died. Previous claims of lead poisoning were based on a hair sample that had been wrongly identified as his. Researchers still don't know why Beethoven started going deaf in his 20's.

### Spin Cycle

"Researchers Create Breakthrough Spintronics Manufacturing Process That Could Revolutionise The Electronics Industry." (Advanced Functional Materials) Standard electronic memory devices are binary. They see an electrical "on" state or an "off" state with nothing in between. This binary logic system has given us modern computing. But Spintronic devices promise a whole new level of performance by using the quantum spin state of an electron.



(Electrons do not really spin, it's just that physicists ran out of clever names.) An electron's spin axis can have any orientation, just like a toy gyroscope, which means that a lot more calculating is possible than with ones and zeroes. And ... spintronic devices use very little power. That means less heat and potentially more logic elements crammed into a small space. Spin-based devices have been used to read hard drives for a decade. But they might become a lot more popular if work at University of Minnesota pans out. Scientists there can grow spintronic devices on ordinary silicon wafers using current technology. The key is to make chips with iron palladium instead of cobalt iron boron.

However, this requires the University of Minnesota's one-of-a-kind multi-chamber ultrahigh vacuum sputtering system.

### Chow Down

C&EN. April 10, 2023. "An Edible Battery Gets Its Juice From Food." Contributed by Tom Ott. (Advanced Materials) Medical scientists now have bio sensors that can be swallowed like pills. But the sensors need power, and batteries usually contain poisonous materials. Scientists at the Italian Institute of Technology (IIT) have an answer. They made edible batteries out of ingredients like gold foil and sushi algae that are inert, or even digestible. The battery puts out 0.65 volts at 48 micro amps and it can be recharged dozens of times. More work is required because the prototype is two centimeters long and it takes two of them to light a single LED.

### Lip Service

Science News, March 30, 2023. "T. Rex May Have Had Lips Like A Modern Lizard's." (Science)

We don't really know what dinosaurs looked like. But we have some clues based on modern animals. For example, we don't know whether T-rex had lips, or if it had all its dental work on display like the Rex in Jurassic Park. Modern animals need lips to keep their teeth moist and healthy. T-rex skulls have small channels where blood vessels once brought blood to the face, possibly to a pair of lips. Crocodiles don't have anything covering their teeth. This shows up in the tooth surfaces where exposed outer parts wear more than the moist inner parts.

#### Fungal Facts

ScienceDaily, January 31, 2023.

"Warmer Climate May Drive Fungi

To Be More Dangerous To Our Health."

Fungi are everywhere. We take them into our bodies with every breath. But they love cool conditions and the inside of a human body is ordinarily too warm for them to thrive. But scientists at Duke University School of Medicine tell us fungi can adapt to higher temperatures when they must.

This happens more often in hotter climates, and global warming is creating many more steamy environmental niches where this can happen. Then, new and improved fungi are fit to move into humans, particularly those with weakened immune systems. This would be a good time to start developing new antifungal agents.

#### Spying Uranus

Smithsonian, April 10, 2023.

"James Webb Telescope Captures Detailed Image of Uranus' Rings."

Contributed by Stephen Darnell.

The planet Saturn has the showiest rings in our solar system. But Uranus and Neptune deserve honourable mentions. JWST has captured terrific pictures of the planet Uranus with 6 of its 27 moons and 11 of its 13 rings. These are not bright, icy rings like those of Saturn. They are dark and rocky and difficult targets for most telescopes. But that is exactly the kind of thing JWST is good at. The new picture also shows huge storms and a bright polar cap.

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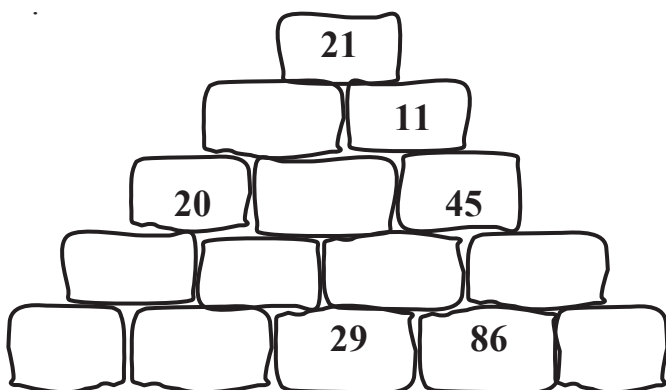
## Cryptosum

Each symbol represents a different digit from 1 to 9. The sum of the digits in each row and column is shown. Find the sum of the numbers along the diagonal line starting from the top left-hand corner.

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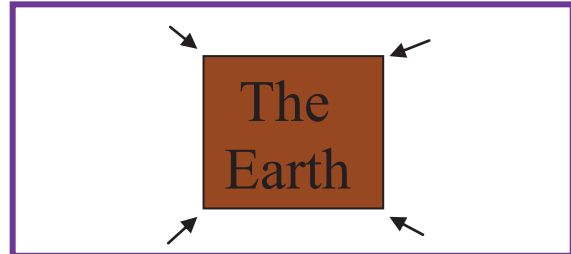
## Cairn

The number on each stone represents the difference between the numbers in the two stones on which it sits. There is a two-number in each of the bottom stones, using the digits 0-9 once each.



## Rebus

A phrase:



## Riddle

I am full of menace when I'm packed  
Or I can keep you warm, in fact!  
I am an equalizer (if dead found);  
Or I can be a preliminary round.

What am I?

## Wordsquare

The following five clues each have answers with five letters. Rearrange the solutions so that when placed in a five by five grid so that 1 Down = 1 Across; 2D = 2A.


- Public accommodation
- Refuse
- Let in
- Grab
- Competition

## Crypto-culture

Syphon shakes Sleep God

## Answers

**Cryptosum:** 15 (3 + 4 + 2 + 6) **Cairn:** 51 30 29 86 74 **Rebus:** The four corners of the Earth **Riddle:** Heat **Cryptosquare:** Trash Rodeo Admit Seize Hotel **Puzzle:** Hypnos  
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Happy reading!

Kate

## Daring Differently: Gender Differences in Risk-Taking Behaviour

*Women are less willing to take risks than men because they are more sensitive to the pain of any losses they might incur than any gains they might make, new research from the University of Bath School of Management shows.*

Published in the British Psychological Society's *British Journal of Psychology*, the study - "Gender differences in optimism, loss aversion and attitudes toward risk" - also finds that men are 'significantly' more optimistic than women, making them more willing to take risks.

Researcher Dr. Chris Dawson, associate professor in business economics at the University of Bath School of Management, said, "It is widely acknowledged that men, across many domains, take more risks than women. These differences in how the sexes view risk can have significant effects," Dr. Dawson says.

"For instance, differences between the sexes in risk taking can explain why women are less likely to be entrepreneurs, are underrepresented in high-paying jobs and upper management, and less likely to invest their wealth in equities markets than men. However, we still know very little about why women take fewer risks than men."

"My research attempts to fill that gap. When thinking about risky choices, people tend to assess the probability of losing something alongside an evaluation of how painful that loss would be. I found that women take less risks than men as they focus more on the possibility of losing and anticipate experi-

encing more pain from potential losses," he adds.

Previous research suggests that women are more risk averse than men, and this study investigated the joint role of two psychological characteristics to explain the differences - loss aversion, the idea that losses loom larger than gains, and optimism.

To measure loss aversion, Dr. Dawson used data from 13,575 people from the UK British Household Panel Survey to assess how changes in household income from one year to the next predict changes in psychological well-being.

He found that income losses are less painful for men than for women with no difference in the psychological responses to income gains between the sexes.

The research indicates that this optimism may be linked to men's overconfidence about their abilities compared to women's which previous studies have highlighted.

If women are both less optimistic about the probability of favourable outcomes occurring and less confident in their abilities than men, they will naturally evaluate a given gamble as being riskier, the research says.

Overall, the study finds that women report a lower willingness to take risks than men with 53 percent of this gap accounted for by the higher levels of loss aversion among women and a further 3 percent attributable to the lower levels of financial optimism among women.

*Extracted from neurosciencenews.com  
June 10, 2023*

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from your executive committee

## from your Chairman, Björn Liljeqvist

### *Solving problems in Mensa*

Squares, circles, triangles; dots and arrows and wavy lines – of these things my head is full. Over the last few months my wife Camilla and I have been conjuring up IQ puzzles out of the depths of our minds, in an attempt to make a book of brain teasers. It is fun and like all creative work it grows on you until it fills the sky and you can think of little else. In that sense, it's a lot like joining Mensa: a puzzling experience at first but before you know it Mensa is part of your life and includes both your friends and family.

IQ puzzles are strange beasts. It is more than a test of logic. Attention, focus, memory, abstraction, imagination, speed – these are all indispensable. Some problems are easy in theory, but only if you can keep that train of thought long enough to see it through. Spatial reasoning is an example: how do you assemble a particular figure out of separate pieces in two or three dimensions. Others are very easy to solve once you crack the principle and “just see it”. Here is such a gem from the book *Games for the super intelligent* by James Fixx. Plain letters arranged in four groups, but only half the alphabet. Finish the sequences!

1. AM... 2. BCDEK... 3. FGJL... 4. HI... Once you see it, it's obvious. But if you don't, then what? Then you get creative. Which brings me

back to Mensa, where the problems we want to solve are of a different character.

Let me tell you of two meetings we've recently had. In March, the Executive Committee met in my hometown of Stockholm for a couple of days. In June, the much larger International Board of Directors (IBD) met online for a discussion session live streamed to members on our community platform Workplace, where you can watch the recording of this and all virtual IBD meetings at <https://mensainternational.workplace.com/groups/mensaworld/permalink/1582814705462524/>

If you prefer to read, detailed discussion minutes can be downloaded from [mensa.org](https://mensa.org). They are more fun to read than some would think.

A common theme for both meetings was the inherently global nature of Mensa. It is right there in our very logo. Look at it. The big sphere hovering over the table is clearly a brain, but also the Earth itself: a planet-sized world mind resting on three mighty pillars, probably symbolizing the three purposes of Mensa. We pass the test and join Mensa in a country, but we also get the world. That is the deal.

Or the ideal, at least; our aspiration. In practice, making this work

is less straightforward, as members who have visited Mensa in other countries might know. That is about to change though.

The IBD has now approved the funding and implementation of an international member database - a big step forward. It will make it much easier for members to join Workplace, Facebook groups, vote in elections, visit foreign gatherings, use SIGHT and so on.

As a member of Mensa, you have a right to be recognized as a member of Mensa wherever you go. The obligation is on the organization to ensure that this is done. Data privacy means that regular members will not be able to browse the entire directory – but all members will be able to prove their membership to other members because of the underlying database.

Speaking of rights, what rights do members of Mensa have? This was another important point of discussion.



In the constitutions of national Mensas, it says there is only one class of members with equal rights and privileges. So what are those rights? That is not so clear, and the idea of what a “member right” is can differ between countries. Case in point: does everyone have a right to attend all Mensa activities?

Here, there are two schools of thought. In one, a Mensa activity is by definition an event advertised to all members and to which all members are welcome. In the other, the equal rights of members do not include a right to attend any Mensa activity – but instead the right to host activities for other members and use Mensa’s channels to advertise your own events even if not all members are welcome.

These things matter because a membership society is more than a group of friends who can include and exclude others on a whim. All countries must not necessarily do things the same way. But this is just one example of how organisational culture can diverge. Some variation is good, too much variation and it is no longer one and the same Mensa.

Can we find a universal principle and define the basic rights of Mensa membership in a way that would apply to all, perhaps with exceptions for children and legal minors? If nothing else, it is a useful exercise. The topic is sure to be revisited.

Adaptive IQ testing was another topic. Delayed by the pandemic, we have since made progress on our path towards a new type of admissions test. Within the next year we expect to offer this option to all national Mensa groups. An adaptive electronic test means that the questions are selected algorithmically depending on the answers so far of the test candidate. This allows for higher accuracy and lowers the risk

of cheating. There is no fixed list of answers, instead each candidate gets a unique sequence of questions. Automatic test supervision using webcams, eye tracking anti-cheating software and similar gadgets are already in use by some universities and sufficiently reliable also to become an option for Mensa admissions. This is a game changer. It will make it possible to greatly scale up Mensa testing while also solving the problem of old paper tests becoming outdated. Norming of the new test is currently under way.

In what I hope will be recurring feature for the virtual IBD meetings, a number of our international volunteers joined to introduce themselves to the IBD and the members who watched. They are the ones carrying out much of the regular work for the society, people such as the *MWJ* editor Kate Nacard, the Ombudsman Vicki Herd, the Supervisory Psychologist Kristof Kóvacs and others too many to list here, but without whom Mensa could not function.

On that note, I want to extend my special thanks to José Luis Martínez, who recently stepped down from his position as Director of Development for reasons related to his professional duties. José brought a lot of fresh ideas and worked hard to make Mensa grow and we wish him well in his endeavours. The IBD is currently in the process of filling the vacancy.

Many and bright are the minds that work to find solutions and improve Mensa. And speaking of solutions, did you solve that brain teaser? I will give you an anagram clue: **mmystery**.

*Floreat Mensa!*

**Björn Liljeqvist**  
**Chairman, Mensa International**

## what's on...



### **Mensa Serbia Giftedness Conference 2023**

**September 29-Oct 1, 2023**

Mensa Serbia is delighted to announce The Sixth International Professional and Scientific Conference, entitled “Working with the Gifted: Methods and Programs”, which will be held in Novi Sad, Serbia, from 29th September to 1st October.

[https://www.mensa.org/system/files/first\\_call\\_for\\_conference\\_working\\_with\\_the\\_gifted\\_methods\\_and\\_programs.pdf](https://www.mensa.org/system/files/first_call_for_conference_working_with_the_gifted_methods_and_programs.pdf)

### **Asia-Pacific Mensa Gathering: Bali, Indonesia**

**November 2, 2023**

The second AMG of 2023 will be held from November 2nd to 5th on the magical Indonesian island of Bali, famous worldwide for its warm hospitality, ancient culture, and stunning landscapes.

<https://www.facebook.com/asian-MENSA/>

### **IBD Meeting in Dallas, USA** **12 Oct 2023 - 16 Oct 2023**

At the International Board of Directors (IBD) Meeting, IBD members discuss, debate and vote on motions which affect Mensans locally, regionally, nationally and internationally. The meeting also includes activities for non-delegates.

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## Mensa Switzerland

by Natalie Ryser

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*Mensa Switzerland places great importance on impeccable testing processes, which ensures that people who pass our national admission tests are eligible for joining Mensa International directly. There is for sure a tradeoff between our strict testing processes and increase of membership at all costs.*

Our community is growing but within the last year Mensa Switzerland rather focused on pleasing their existing members rather than expanding. After a lack of events due to Covid-19 followed by some difficulties with introducing the new website, the event section is now definitely more alive again. We haven't reached the amount of activity which is desired but there is still a big upward trend.

With the IT team working hard on an alternative solution for digital event handling, the Board is really optimistic that this will simplify the process and serve as a motivation factor to organise events.



What is really special within Mensa Switzerland are the Guest Members. With their ideas and their drive, they contribute a lot to the development of Mensa Switzerland, and we are happy and proud to have them! There were so many international guests at the Annual Gathering in Montreux last year, more than ever before.

Another unique characteristic of Mensa Switzerland is the multilingualism. With four official languages in Switzerland not including English (French, German, Italian and "Romansch"), we

decided to officially communicate in English. Whenever meeting fellow Mensans you will always meet people you don't understand - sometimes even after finding a common language to communicate in. This brings me to a point I personally really appreciate about Mensa Switzerland. For every person you can't find common grounds with, there will always be at least two people with whom you can connect immediately!

*I'm Natalie, 26 years old and Board member of Mensa Switzerland. I joined Mensa in November 2019 and became an active member in February 2020. For almost two years I was the technical editor of our national magazine "Mensa Inside". In September 2021 I joined the Board as Head of Marketing. In the meantime, my responsibilities are Marketing, Gifted Children and Membership Services.*

*Why this description of my time in Mensa? I want to show you that even as a new member you can contribute a lot. **Be courageous – be active!***

## recent research into the brain...

### **Thought Power: Altering Tactile Perception With the Power of Imagination**

A study tested the influence of beliefs on tactile perception. Researchers found that hypnotic suggestions could alter an individual's tactile discrimination threshold. When participants under hypnosis believed their index finger was larger, they could distinguish two closely-spaced needle points more accurately. This ability was impaired when they were made to believe their finger was smaller.

The study, backed by concurrent brain activity measurements, gives us valuable insights into the top-down influences of beliefs on perception. It suggests the human mind's extraordinary ability to influence perceptual experiences.

### **Diet and Dementia: Study Uncovers Gut-Brain Link to Alzheimer's**

A new study adds weight to the hypothesis of a gut-brain link in Alzheimer's disease. Researchers identified certain gut bacteria that could potentially increase or decrease the risk of developing Alzheimer's. This correlation between gut health and neurodegenerative disease is a reminder that our overall health is interconnected.

The work provides hope for personalized treatments involving dietary changes or probiotics to positively influence our gut microbiome, immune system, and brain function.

### **Tiny Human Brain Tissue Organoids Can't Be Legally Considered "a Person"**

Researchers discuss the legal status of human brain organoids. These lab-grown replicas of human brains,

produced from stem cells, have sparked debate about their potential juridical personhood.

The authors of this study assert that brain organoids do not fulfill the requirements to be considered natural persons, highlighting the urgent need for a legal framework to govern this emerging field of research.

### **New Antidepressant Reduces Stress and Depression With Low Side Effects**

Researchers discovered that the delta opioid receptor agonist, KNT-127, could be more effective and cause fewer side effects than many current drugs for the treatment of depression.

In a mouse model of depression, KNT-127 demonstrated anti-depressant-like effects, prevented neuronal inflammation, and reduced newborn neuronal death.

While further research is needed, this study offers hope for an effective and less burdensome treatment option for depression.

### **Exercise and the Brain: The Neuroscience of Fitness Explored**

A new article explores the profound impact of exercise on the brain.

Research shows that regular physical activity promotes neurogenesis, particularly in the hippocampus, improves spatial memory, enhances sleep quality, increases brain plasticity, and reduces inflammation.

In essence, exercise seems to be a potent elixir for brain health and cognitive function, and it underscores the significant role that lifestyle factors play in maintaining our neurological health.

*Neurosciencenews.com May 14, 2023*

## Sadness

*- a poem by Australian member  
Syd Harris, aged 8*

Down in the alleyways of the mind.  
Sadness is allowed to sit there,  
pondering life's hardships and  
the weight of them.  
Grieving and mourning for what is  
lost.  
Tears falling on to the path, making  
puddles of sadness.  
People sprinting from the  
disagreeable sight.  
A blue figure standing, tears  
pouring like a waterfall into a  
river of sadness.

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# member profile

by Susan Jensen

*Four-year-old Teddy Hobbs became the youngest member of British Mensa last year at age three.*

Parents Beth and Will, who met in the RAF Air Cadets, are bright people who did well academically, but can't think of any family members as precocious as Teddy. While the family was in Covid lockdown, at age two, Teddy taught himself to read and count to 100 in English by watching educational TV shows, which he vastly prefers to cartoons and pure entertainment shows.

A "perfectly normal little boy" according to his mother, he enjoys play doh, stuffed animals, and rough-housing but also is a sponge for new information from geography to language (he can count to 100 in seven languages and once gave himself a nosebleed from his excitement at fractions!).

After receiving a tablet computer for Christmas, he ignored all of the 'normal' games his parents had downloaded for him to play. Instead, he prefers to play maths games, word search, reading comprehension and spatial games, all of which he found on his own.

Recently, while on a trip to a mall to spend his Christmas money, he discovered a children's STEM



science kit. Now he is often found at the kitchen table with test tubes filled with coloured water making predictions on what sorts of colours he can make, and how he can make them lighter or darker.

After his nursery school teacher suggested Teddy was exceptionally gifted, his parents had him assessed by Lyn Kendall, child adviser to Mensa UK. Their goal was to get guidance on what sort of academic programs and extra stimulation might be best for their son. Lyn told them Teddy's score qualified him for Mensa.

Teddy's parents signed their son up for Mensa and also joined Potential Plus UK - a non-profit organisation that advocates for the educational needs of British students with high learning

potential, and provides support for such children and their parents. Teddy now has several playmates through Potential Plus and Mensa but most of his friends are local kids who love him just the way he is.

The family lives in Somerset, UK, where there aren't any schools or special programs for gifted children, so Teddy will most likely attend the local state primary school. He is lucky to have lots of access to extra-curricular activities within the wider community, so hopefully will be able to continue his interests in gymnastics, swimming, tennis and music.

His parents are most grateful to connect through Mensa and Potential Plus with other parents of gifted kids. Thanks to Mensa, Potential Plus and the plethora of virtual education now available, the Hobbs hope their son's intellectual needs will be met as he matures.

For now, they are delighted that Teddy lives such a happy, typical little boy life and wonder if their daughter Pippa, age 16 months, might one day demonstrate the same high IQ as her brother.

Anyone with a young, gifted child in England who would like to communicate with the Hobbs family are welcome to write to them at: [hobbsfamily.mwj@outlook.com](mailto:hobbsfamily.mwj@outlook.com)

## Untangling the Human Mind...

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*In a new landmark study, University of Minnesota research shows surprising links between human cognition and personality — pillars of human individuality that shape who we are and how we interact with the world.*

### **Key Facts:**

- The study drew upon data from over 1,300 studies across 50 countries, involving over 2 million participants.
- Active and energetic individuals were found to have superior command over various cognitive abilities, including knowledge acquisition and memory retrieval.
- There is a strong positive relationship between cognitive abilities and open-mindedness.

Personality influences our actions, emotions and thoughts, defining whether we are extroverted, polite, persistent, curious or anxious.

On the other hand, cognitive ability is the umbrella that reflects our capability for navigating complexity, such as articulating language, grasping intricate mathematics and drawing logical conclusions.

Despite the prevailing belief that certain connections exist - for instance, introverted individuals are often perceived as more intelligent - scientists lacked a comprehensive understanding of these intricate connections.

The research, published in the *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*, synthesises data from over 1,300 studies from the past

century, representing more than 2 million participants from 50 countries and integrating data from academic journals, test manuals, military databases, previously unpublished datasets and even proprietary databases of private companies.

This monumental endeavour presents an in-depth examination of the full pantheon of personality traits and cognitive abilities, spanning across a multitude of cultures and demographic groups. It features an array of 79 personality traits - from modesty to agreeableness - alongside 97 cognitive abilities - from reading speed to memory.

“Knowing how personality and intelligence are related allows us to ponder the much deeper question of why,” said Deniz Ones, a co-author of the study and a professor of psychology in the College of Liberal Arts.

“These findings revolutionise our understanding of human diversity and individuality. Only by knowing ourselves can we fully tap into our potential.”

### **Key findings include:**

Individuals who are active and energetic tend to have a better command of various cognitive abilities. Most notably, this includes extensive knowledge, efficient memory retrieval and enhanced information processing. Regardless of the subject, active folks tend to know more about it. People who tend to experience high levels of

depression or anxiety may find it more difficult to accumulate knowledge or reason logically.

Those who were more industrious and compassionate tended to have better verbal and quantitative knowledge skills. This discovery suggests an exciting connection between personality traits and how we learn.

There are robust, positive relationships between many cognitive abilities and open-mindedness (i.e., receptivity to fresh ideas).

“It took over 13 years and a team of over 30 volunteers to seek out, translate, enter and analyse the more than 1,300 studies,” said Kevin Stanek, a co-author of the study who previously led the College’s Personality and Intelligence Lab.

“We’re extremely grateful to the research team as well as the broader set of thousands of scholars, librarians and companies who contributed their time and data to piece together this mosaic.”

A surprising revelation from this research was the consistency of research methods over the past century. Contemporary personality research often still employs self-reporting of agreement with written items.

To counter this stagnation, the authors are working on research to explore the use of innovative methods such as sensor studies and generative AI for assessing personality traits and cognitive abilities.

*Neurosciencenews.com June 1, 2023*

## Unmasking Anosognosia

*Anosognosia is a condition in which a patient is unaware of their neurological deficit or psychiatric condition. Visual anosognosia, also called Anton syndrome, is associated with complete cortical blindness and unawareness of vision loss.*

Researchers identified specific brain network connections associated with anosognosia, a condition where patients are unaware of their neurological or psychiatric deficits.

Using a technique called lesion network mapping, they identified separate networks linked to visual and motor anosognosia and a shared network responsible for awareness of these deficits. The shared network converged on the hippocampus and precuneus, both associated with memory.

This is the first systematic analysis to highlight the role of the hippocampus in visual anosognosia. Researchers from Brigham and Women's Hospital, a founding member of the Mass General Brigham healthcare system, sought to identify brain network connections associated with anosognosia.

Researchers used a recently validated technique termed lesion network mapping to test whether these lesion-induced deficits map to specific brain networks. They were able to identify distinct network connections associated with visual anosognosia and motor anosognosia as well as a shared network for awareness of these deficits.

The visual anosognosia network was defined by connectivity to mensa world journal august 2023



visual and metacognitive processing regions while the shared network for awareness converged on the hippocampus and precuneus - brain structures that are associated with memory.

“Despite being described more than 100 years ago, visual anosognosia has had little formal analysis,” said corresponding author Isaiah Kletenik, MD, an investigator at Brigham’s Division of Cognitive and Behavioral Neurology and the Centre for Brain Circuit Therapeutics.

“Our results are the first to identify the role of the hippocampus in a systematic analysis of visual anosognosia.

“Memory-associated structures are necessary to recognise a deficit by comparing visual inputs to prior information stored in memory while updating self-knowledge about performance compared to

previous abilities.”

### Key Facts:

- Lesion network mapping was the key technique used by researchers to analyse the connectivity patterns of 267 lesion locations associated with vision loss or weakness (with and without awareness).
- Visual anosognosia, also known as Anton syndrome, involves complete cortical blindness and unawareness of this vision loss.
- The study identified the role of the hippocampus in visual anosognosia for the first time, suggesting that memory-associated structures are necessary to recognise a deficit by comparing current visual inputs to prior information stored in memory.

Source: Brigham and Women's Hospital

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## supplementally... by John Blinke

### Why?

*Why should we trust Big Science?*

Pseudoscientists would like us to think real scientists pull ideas out of a body orifice. But professional researchers really do not work like that. Scientific ideas are tested carefully and the researchers try to poke holes in their own work. If they don't make that effort, another scientist will do it — and the result could be embarrassing. The biggest names in science are the biggest targets. People like Einstein are challenged continuously. Because those ideas have survived all serious challenges to date, they are probably mostly correct, even though we expect to make adjustments when new facts come to light. But the basic ideas survive. Beside that, future developments depend on getting things right at the lower levels.

Let me plug a book I just finished reading - *The Matter of Everything*, by Oxford accelerator physicist, Suzie Sheehy. It is a very readable history of developments in particle physics from the discovery of atoms up to the present time.

### Gird Your Bird

ScienceDaily, April 19, 2023.

“Why This Bird Flu Is Different: Scientists Say New Avian Influenza Requires Urgent Coordinated Response.” (Conservation Biology) People might have escaped Covid



19. But our feathered friends are in trouble. The H5N1 avian flu virus is loose in the wild, which makes it more difficult to defeat than diseases that only infect domesticated birds. Authorities can destroy all the chickens on affected farms to stop an epidemic. You can't do that with wild animals. H5N1 afflicts raptors, sea birds, and colonial nesting birds as well as farmed poultry and pets. Scientists at UMD Department of Environmental Science and Technology say the problem is so big that a solution will require a joint effort from the USA federal, state, and wildlife management sectors.

### LIGO Returns

Nature, May 24, 2023.

“Gravitational-Wave Detector LIGO Is Back - And Can Now Spot More

*Photo by Azmaan Baluch on Unsplash*

Colliding Black Holes Than Ever.” There is a reason you haven't heard much about gravitational waves lately: The Laser Interferometer Gravitational-Wave Observatory (LIGO) has been shut down for three years of upgrades. It is back in action

as of May 24, 2023, and we can expect news of a new gravitational wave detection two or three times per week. LIGO was the first, but it is not the only such detector on the planet. Japan has KAGRA, which should also be online now and will soon be equipped with super-cooled mirrors. Italy has Virgo, which is temporarily shut down for repairs. And India is constructing a facility identical to LIGO. At this rate, it won't be safe for a black hole to eat tacos!

### Jet Power

ScienceDaily, April 26, 2023.

“Direct Image Of A Black Hole Expelling A Powerful Jet.”

The axial jets projected by supermassive black holes are fascinating to astrophysicists who would like to know how

the jets connect to the black hole environment. Scientists at Max Planck Institute for Radio Astronomy are studying images of M87 produced by three radiotelescope arrays working together: the GMVA, ALMA, and GLT make a virtual Earth-sized telescope similar to the Event Horizon Telescope (EHT) which recorded the first images of the M87 black hole. Working at a different wavelength, the new image captures the base of the jet and the accretion disk in a single image. Analysis of this new picture will be valuable to scientists who want to know how black holes work.

#### Deep Doodoo

New Scientist, May 13, 2023, p. 8. "14,000 Oil and Gas Wells Still

Uncapped in Gulf of Mexico." Remember the 2010 Deepwater Horizon oil well leak in the Gulf of Mexico? It has plenty of potential company. University of California, Davis, says there are 14,000 uncapped, abandoned oil and gas

*"...there are 14,000 uncapped, abandoned oil and gas wells in the Gulf of Mexico."*

wells in the gulf. These should have been covered in concrete as soon as the wells stopped producing, when it would have been cheap and easy. It would now cost \$30 billion to cap

all the abandoned wells in the gulf because many are in very deep water.

#### TCE and Parkinson's

Science, May 15, 2023.

"Widely Used Chemical Strongly Linked To Parkinson's Disease."

(JAMA Neurology)

The solvent trichloroethylene (TCE) was widely used in industry 40 years ago. People who were exposed to it are now getting Parkinson's disease at an alarming rate. Global incidence of Parkinson's has doubled in the last 25 years. Among other places, Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, in North Carolina, was contaminated with TCE. The chemical also wafts out of the ground at dump sites that may not even be marked.

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# Therese's BRAIN TEASERS

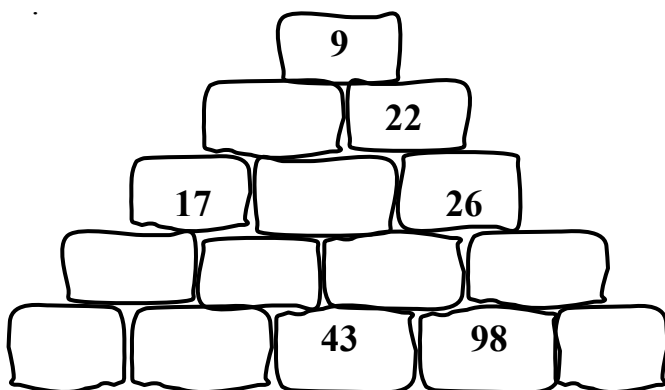
## Cryptosum

Each symbol represents a different digit from 1 to 9. The sum of the digits in each row and column is shown. Find the sum of the numbers along the diagonal line from the top left-hand corner.

				27
				16
				21
				17
27	21	14	19	?

## Cairn

The number on each stone represents the difference between the numbers in the two stones on which it sits. There is a two-digit number in each of the bottom stones, using the digits 0-9 once each.



## Rebus

Decipher the rebus to find a phrase:



## Dire diet

Rob weighs 60 kilos plus a third of his own weight. His brother Ron weighs 70 kilos plus half his own total weight. If both go on a diet and Ron loses 20% of his current total weight, and Rob gains 20 kilos, who is the heavier, and by how much?

## Anagram Riddle

*Five letters have I, you can change them around*

*To find words which vary by more than a sound:*

- *Notions; those things that come from your head;*
- *Assistants, supporters (though not to be led)*
  - *Apart; to the side; or quietly said*

*Now that you've solved me, what words have you found?*

## Answers

**Cryptosum:** 20 (9 + 6 + 4 + 1) **Cairn:** 26 50 43 98 17  
**Rebus:** In the middle of Nowhere **Dire diet:** Ron by 2kg. He will be 112 kg to Rob's 110. **Anagram Riddle:** Ideas Aides Aside

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