



## Book now to join Europe's top coaches in London

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Some of Europe's top coaches have signed up to attend the 2019 ETTU Coaching Conference in London.

Over 50 coaches are currently due to attend the three-day conference, which is being hosted by Table Tennis England at the Greenhouse Centre in London.

This includes renowned German coaches **Richard Prause** and **Benjamin Schmitz**, who are both speaking at the event, as well as **Filimon Viorel** who has led Romania's women's team to multiple European titles, Norway's **Jan Berner** and Wales' **Ryan Jenkins**.

Also in attendance will be the ETTU President, Ronald Kramer, Vice President Pedro Moura and Secretary General Richard Scruton.

We will also be joined by coaches from Scotland, Kosovo, Slovakia, the Netherlands, Portugal, Austria, Czech Republic, Georgia, Jersey, France, Estonia and Russia.

The event will provide English coaches with a rare networking opportunities with other coaches from around Europe.

To hear Aled Howell, Coach and Education Manager at Table Tennis England, talk about the conference and who is attending, click play below.

To hear why you should attend, click play below.

The event is open to Level 2 coaches and above and costs £50 for a licensed coach and £80 for a non-licensed delegate. Bookings are open now. To book please see below.

The conference kicks off at 4pm on Wednesday October 30 with an introduction by Table Tennis England and, on behalf of Greenhouse, Jason Sugrue.

That is followed by a lecture by Richard Prause entitled Plastic ball – Influence on the Technique and Tactics of Table Tennis.

Prause, a former international player who became men's national coach, coached Timo Boll and Christian Suss at the World Championship where they took silver; in 2006 he led the men's team to bronze at the World Championships; in 2007 he led the team to win three gold medals and one bronze at the European Championships, repeating the golden triple the following year; 2008 was the highlight of his career when Boll, Dimitrij Ovtcharov and Suss won silver at the Olympic Games.

In 2015 he became the sporting director of the German Table Tennis Association.

The two main lectures on the Thursday see Prause talk about Service / Receive in Modern Table Tennis, followed by Benjamin Schmitz present on Speed in High Performance Table Tennis / New Aspects of Weight, Coordination and Neuro Athletic Training.

Schmitz is German Table Tennis Association's fitness coach and Dimitrij Ovtcharov's personal trainer.

The Friday morning will see Table Tennis England Director of Sport Simon Mills, plus coaches Alan Cooke and Matt Stanforth, talk about player development in the England pathway, before LTA Performance Coach Development Manager Simon Wheatley lectures on Game Based Coaching: Coach the range of skills a player needs to progress to high performance.

**Spaces are available on a first come, first served basis and bookings will close on October 14. The cost is for all three days and includes lunch on the Thursday.**

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