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### EUROPEAN GOLDEN PAWN

The special Awarding Ceremony starts on 30th of November in Monte-Carlo.

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## European Youth Team Chess Champions 2019 announced

European Youth Team Chess Championship 2019 concluded on 17th July in Pardubice, Czech Republic.

After harsh struggles Poland won double crown in U12 open and girls sections, the city of Pleven triumphed in Girls U18 category and Germany became the Winner of section Open U18.



## Official Website of the event

After early loss in the 3rd round, team of Germany leaped on the top of Open U18 section after four played rounds, and maintained the leadership until the end of the event. Germany emerged as the sole Winner with score of 12 match points, silver medals went to Netherlands with 10 match points and the third place came to Austria with 9 match points.

Top seeder of Girls U18 section, the city of Pleven, triumphed the event after very intense fights with team of Germany. After a draw between these two teams, they were running for the top until the last round of the event. Eventually, Pleven and Germany finished in a tie for the top, each with 13 match points, but according to additional criteria, Pleven took the first place and Germany came second. Bronze medals went to Slovakia scoring 9 match points.

Poland dominated U12 categories winning in both (open and girls) sections. In Open section U12, team of Poland suffered only one loss in the 4th round of the event, which wasn't enough for runner-ups to catch their score of final 12 match points. Second place went to France with 11 points and third place came to Hungary, who scored 10 match points.

With three victories and four drawn matches, without a loss, team of Poland came on the top of Girls U12 section with 10 match points. Three teams tied for the second place, each with score of 9 match points: Turkey, city of Pleven and team Yamal. According to additional criteria, Turkey took silver medals and city of Pleven ended with bronze.

The Closing ceremony of the event took place on 17th of July, where European Chess Union was represented by ECU Tournament Director, Mr. Petr Pisk.

Organizers of the event provided the live broadcast of the games, which was available on the official website of the event.

Official Website of the event:  
<http://www.czechopen.net/>

Results:  
<http://chess-results.com/tnr450725.aspx?lan=1&art=46&turdet=YES&flag=30>



## EYTCC 2019

European Youth Team Chess Championship 2019 took place from 10th-17th July in Pardubice, Czech Republic, with participation of 53 teams, coming from 18 different European federations.

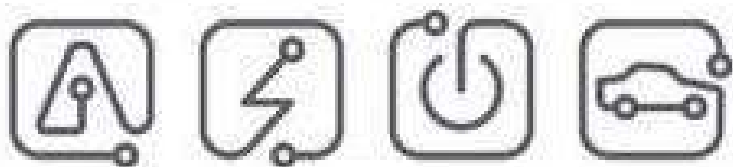




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On behalf of the European Chess Union, the sponsorship agreement was signed by the President of the ECU Zurab Azmaiparashvili and on behalf of AiGroup the agreement was signed by the Chairman of the Board of Directors Kakhaber Guledani.

### Brief information about AiGroup

The Georgian Industrial holding Aigroup brings together Aicar, Aienergy, Aipower and Aiproduction. Aigroup focuses on environmentally friendly projects and gives them the priority. The mission of the company is sustainable development of green economy in Georgia.

> **AiCar**- This company provides electric car sharing service in Georgia. With this project Aigroup keeps Georgia green and Healthy.

> **AiEnergy**- Aienergy creates a network of smart urban charging stations for electric transport in order to improve the urban infrastructure and adjust it to the emerging requirements for electric vehicles.

> **AiPower**- The company's strategic direction is solar power stations and solar panels. Each watt generated by solar power plant is a step towards clean environment and energy independence.

> **AiProduction**- This company in the shortest future will become the 1st electric powered vehicle producer in the region. The company will supply the Georgian, South Caucasus regional, Central Asian and European markets with EVs.

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### European Golden Pawn

European Chess Union Board has decided to establish the annual award ceremony – “European Golden Pawn” that will be held every year on the last Saturday of November in Monaco (Monte-Carlo). The first year of the award ceremony will be dedicated to European legends and their achievements. The honorary award ceremony will include special nominations categories that will be developed in the subsequent years.

# European Golden Pawn Award Ceremony

The President of the European Chess Union, Zurab Azmaiparashvili, held a press conference together with the President of the Monaco Chess Federation Jean-Michel Rapaire on July 31st in Monte Carlo (Monaco).

**At the press conference , it was announced the launch of the European Golden Pawn Award Ceremony to be held for the first time on November 30th 2019.**

The press conference attended by “the European Golden Pawn” diamond sponsor and the European Chess Union, main sponsor, Georgian Industrial Company “AiGroup” Representative , Mr. George Khurodze.

With the support of “AiGroup” it was possible to establish the most important European chess ceremony. “Europe’s Golden Pawn is a new tradition and brings together the best representatives of the European chess world each year. Chess stands for people of intelligence, brilliant and flexible minds. And we always stay where there are healthy, highly intellectual and interesting activities and ideas.” – Giorgi Khurodze, the representative of “AiGroup” stated at the press conference.

Monte-Carlo SBM Group Vice President, Mr Axel Hoppenot was present also at the panel of the Press Conference.

The “European Golden Pawn” –will be held every year on the last Saturday of November in Monaco (Monte-Carlo).



The European Chess Union greatly desires for the award ceremony to be held in Monte-Carlo, in order to continue grand chess traditions and make this event as high scale and prestigious. In the very first year, the European Chess Union will give away its first special gift-medal and this prize will be awarded to Prince of Monaco Albert II, who brings the family tradition to support chess, as chess is a royal game.

The same day of the ceremony on the 30th of November a simultaneous chess exhibition will take place by the legend and World Champion Garry Kasparov for the kids aged 6-12 years for the further promotion of Chess.



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## European Golden Pawn Awards

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### Awards:

- >Best European Chess Editor
- >Best European Chess Journalist
- >Best European Chess Organizer
- >Best European Chess Project
- >Best European Chess Arbiter
- >European Pioneer of Chess development in schools
- >Youngest European World Chess Champion of All the Time
- >Lifetime Achievement
- >Chess Legend (Female)
- >Chess Legend (Male)

### Without competition:

- > Best Book (Feature)
- >Best Movie (Feature)





## EUROPEAN YOUTH CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP 2019 STARTED IN BRATISLAVA, SLOVAKIA

European Youth Chess Championship 2019 opened on 2nd of August in Bratislava, Slovakia. The Opening ceremony of the event was attended by ECU President, Mr. Zurab Azmaiparashvili, Tournament Director & ECU Vice-President, Ms. Eva Repkova, FIDE Vice-President, Lukasz Turlej and other distinguished Slovakian and chess representatives.





**President of European Chess Union, Mr. Zurab Azmaiparashvili, addressed participants and guests of the event, and the event was declared opened.**

LIVE video from the Opening ceremony, together with LIVE coverage of each round and commentaries of the top boards games is available through the official Website of the event:  
<http://www.eycc2019.eu/>  
 or through the youtube channel of European Chess TV:  
[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCLhDbfv\\_UTHB\\_zKu5u9nwcw/videos](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCLhDbfv_UTHB_zKu5u9nwcw/videos)

# EYCC2019

**1306 players coming from 48 European federations participate in European Youth Chess Championship 2019.**

**The event is played in 6 age categories in open and girls sections: U8, U10, U12, U14, U16, U18 and GU8, GU10, GU12, GU14, GU16 and GU18, in 9 rounds Swiss system in accordance with the ECU Tournament Rules and FIDE Rules of Chess.**

**The time rate is 90 minutes for 40 moves plus 30 minutes for the rest of the game with an increment of 30 seconds per move, starting from move one. The playing venue of the event is Incheba Expo Bratislava.**



## ABOUT

### EYCC2019

European Youth Chess Championship 2019 takes place from 1st August-11th August in Bratislava,



# GLORNEY GILBERT INTERNATIONAL CHESS CUP 2019

The Irish Chess Union, supported by the European Chess Union, Failte Ireland and the Glorney Bloodworth Trust, under the patronage of Michael D. Higgins, President of Ireland, organized the 71st edition of Glorney Gilbert Chess International event from 21st-24th July in the Carrickdale Hotel, Co Louth.

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he event included Norm Robin round tournament and Youth Chess Festival. Youth festival was played as teams competition in 4 age sections: Glorney (U18), Gilbert (GU18), Robinson (U14) and Stokes (U12).

After five played rounds in Glorney section, teams of France and Netherlands tied for the first place with same score of match points and total points score. According to the third tiebreak criteria, France took gold for the 3rd consecutive time and Netherlands came second. Bronze medals came to the team of England, with score of 6 match points.

In Gilbert category, teams of England and France tied for the top, each with 8 match points, but thanks to better total points score, England came first and France ended on the second place. Ireland took bronze medal with 6 match points.

Another gold went to England in Robinson section, where they scored 10 match points. France came second with 8 match points, while bronze medals went to Netherlands with 6 match points. Team of Netherlands took gold in Stokes category with 9 match points. England and France tied for the second place, but eventually, England took silver medals, and France ended on the third place.

FM Stefansson Vignir Vatnar (ISL, 2293) triumphed the Norm event which took place from 20th-24th July. Stefansson scored 7 points and achieved a norm for International master. IM Wall Gavin (IRL, 2311) and IM McPhillips Joseph (ENG, 2412) tied for the second place, each with 6.5 points. According to tiebreaks criteria, Wall Gavin took silver medal and McPhillips Joseph came third.



*ECU Deputy President, Mr. Gunnar Bjornsson, opened the 71st edition of Glorney Gilbert Chess Festival, and made a first honorary move before the start of the 1st round of the event.*







*Closing ceremony of  
Glorney Gilbert  
International Chess  
Festival 2019.*







## Golden Youth Cup concluded in Vinnitsya, Ukraine

The first Golden Youth Cup took place from 3rd-7th July in Vinnitsya, Ukraine, with a total prize fund of more than 20.000\$. The event was played in 5 age categories: U6, U8, U10, U12 and U14 and gathered 648 young players from Scotland, Sweden, Poland, Portugal, Moldova, Israel, Estonia, Ecuador, Belarus and Ukraine and supported by ECU and FIDE.





## GOLDEN YOUTH CUP 2019

All the tournaments were hard-fought, and the blue and yellow striped flag of Ukraine flew atop the leaderboard in every section as the nine-round battles approached the finishing line.

In the under 14 section it was Oleksandr Vakulenko who claimed the title, and the prizemoney and CE Premium clock that went with it. Draws with his closest rivals was enough to take the trophy on tiebreak after five players hit the 7/9 mark. Anastasiia Dubovyk's fine finish on 6.5/9 meant she scooped the girl's title.

The under 12 competition saw a similar result, Mikhail Tobak securing first spot with a draw against top seed Vadim Petrovsk. Anzhelika Lomakina lifted the girl's title just half a point behind.

At the under 10 level, Artem Dyachek was already assured of tournament victory after eight straight wins, before relaxing with a trophy-winning draw in the final round. Anastasiia Hnatyshyn finished fourth overall to take down the girl's title.

In the under 8 section, Kyrylo Niezhentsev gave up an early draw but then stormed home with seven straight wins to bag victory. Valeriia Zhubenko took the top girl's prize with an excellent 7/9.

The youngest age category, the under 6, it was Mykhaylo Nezhyvenko who took top honours with 8/9, Alina Donets a close second overall and crowned girl's champion.

Official Website:  
<http://goldenyouthcup.com/>

Report:  
<http://www.europechess.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/07/GoldenYouthCupfinaledit.pdf>



### Closing ceremony of the event

On the closing ceremony, tournament organizer, and ECU Commercial Director Naiditsch Arkadij expressed his hopes that 'The Golden Youth Cup' would become the premier children's event on the chess calendar. "It was amazing to see so many children competing and we hope that next year we will break more records as word of the Vinnitsya International spreads far and wide!" He added: "With 648 participants, we have broken the record for holding the biggest-ever children's chess event in Ukraine. We invited the book of records of Ukraine who fixed this record officially and awarded us a diploma. "This diploma we distributed to all the participants of the event so they could take home something special and memorable, and give them even bigger motivation to love the game of chess".





## ICCD EUROPEAN DEAF CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP 2019

ICCD European Deaf Chess Championship 2019 took place from 15th-21st July in Lviv, Ukraine. The event was held in 8 categories: Open for Women players, Open tournament in Open section, Teams competition, Women section Seniors 55+, Open section Seniors 60+, section U19, Open and Women regular sections.

130 players participated the event.

On the Opening ceremony of the event, European Chess Union was represented by ECU Vice-President, Mr. Adrian Mikhachishin.





Open section of the open tournament was won by Choroszej Aleksander (POL, 2100) who scored perfect 7 points out of 7 games.

After 5 played rounds by Robin rounds system, Hamzovich Natalija (BLR, 1037) won Women's section of the Open tournament with score of 4 points.

Marczukiewicz Jerzy (POL, 1891) triumphed in Seniors 60+ section with score of 5.5 points out of 7 played rounds.

With maximum score of 5 points, Pashkevych Stefaniya (UKR) took gold in Women's 55+ section.

A sensation was made in Youth U19 section, when 15 years old girl Szewczyk Malwina (POL) won the tournament with 6 points out of 7 games, without a lost game!

Grandmaster Gruenfeld Yehuda (ISR, 2435) won the Open section of the main event with all the victories and perfect 7/7. IM Orsag Milan (CZE, 2311) and Lapaj Mateusz (POL, 2223) tied for the second place, each with 5 points. According to tiebreaks, Orsag Milan took second place and Lapaj Mateusz ended on the third place.

In Women's section of the main event Myronenko Natalya (UKR) and WIM Baklanova Tatiana (UKR) tied for the top, each with 6 points. Eventually, Myronenko Natalya took gold medal and Baklanova Tatiana finished second according to the additional criteria, while Osipova Aliona (UKR) took bronze medal with 4.5 points.

In teams competition, team of Almaty from Kazakhstan triumphed the event with 12 match points. Domestic team from Lviv, Ukraine, named Lemberg took silver medal with 10 match points, while bronze went to Kashtan from Kyiv with 9 match points.

### About the event

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Official Website:  
<http://lviv2019.deafsport.org.ua/>

Photo gallery:  
[https://www.facebook.com/pg/EDCC2019/photos/?tab=album&album\\_id=1060753377457224](https://www.facebook.com/pg/EDCC2019/photos/?tab=album&album_id=1060753377457224)



# EUROPEAN UNIVERSITIES CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP

European Universities Chess Championship 2019, under the ECU auspices, took place from 24th-28th July in Budapest, Hungary.

EUSA Universities Championships include, this year, 22 sports competitions hosted in 15 European cities from June 23rd to September 7th, among which was and European Universities Chess Championship 2019.

29 teams took part in the competition, 21 teams in Open section and 8 teams in Women's section.

After 9 played rounds, the Winner of Open section became the Ural State Mining University (RUS) with score of 15 match points. Armenian State University of Economics and Lviv State University of Physical Culture (UKR) tied for the second place, each with 14 match points, but according to tiebreaks, Armenian State University of Economics took silver medal and Lviv State University of Physical Culture came third.

Ural State Mining University from Russia took gold also in Women's section with 13 match points. University of Physical Education of Hungary was the runner-up with 12 match points, while Ozyegin University from Turkey and AGH University of Science and Technology of Poland tied for the third place, each with 9 match points. According to the tiebreak criteria, Ozyegin University took the bronze medal.



European Universities Blitz Chess Championships in Open and Women's section were organised yesterday. After 9 played rounds in Open section, gold went to GM Shevchenko Kirill (UKR, 2536) with 8 points, IM Golubka Petro (UKR, 2483) with 7.5 points took silver and GM Chigaev Maksim (RUS, 2640) took third place with 7 points.

WGM Voit Daria (RUS, 2339) triumphed on the Blitz competition in Women's section with final score of 8 points. WIM Shuvalov Polina (RUS, 2418) came second with 7.5 points and WIM Juhasz Barbara (HUN, 2171) came third with 6.5 points.



## EUSA

### European Universities Chess Championship

Over 140 participants representing 35 Universities from 19 countries took part in this year's edition of the event.

## About the event

European Universities Mindsports Championship 2019 took place on 24th July, and was attended by Mr. Ádám Kiss, President of the Hungarian University Sports Federation (HUFSA/MEFS), Mr. Norbert Fogarasi, Board Member of the Hungarian Chess Federation, Mr. Liviu Matic, European University Sports Association (EUSA) Auditor and Mr. Zsombor Lacza, Vice-Rector of the University of Physical Education (TE).

The medals and awards on the Closing ceremony of the event were presented by Mr. Tamás Sterbenz, Vice Rector of the University of Physical Education and Mr. Oleksandr Sulypa EUSA Chess Technical Delegate.

Official Website:  
<https://mindsports2019.eusa.eu/>

Results:  
<http://chess-results.com/tmr458250.aspx?lan=1>



# Schengen Youth "Chess for Piece" tournament

International Youth tournament "Chess for Peace" took place in Luxembourg from 8th-12th of May in order to promote cooperation between European countries.

The Chess tournament took place in the Youth Hostel Luxembourg City and 141 children from 16 countries (Luxembourg, Germany, France, Italy, Sweden, Finland, Poland, Russia, Ukraine, Roumania, Czech Republic, Hungary, Belgium, Liechtenstein, even USA and New Zealand) participated at the event. The tournament was played in 6 age categories: U8, U10, U12, U14, U16 and U18. The youngest player was a girl from Luxembourg: Amy Schumacher and was not the only 5 year old starting in the U8 category.

The festival "Chess for Peace" started on the 8th of May in memory of the end of the World War in 1945 with a cultural and sight-seeing program. The following day, the chess players had the opportunity to participate in the festivities of the Europe Day.

On the 10th of May, the Polish embassy welcomed the participants to a reception, while the tournament itself started in the afternoon that day. The festival was officially opened by Vicki Hansen from Schengen Peace Foundation, FIDE Vice President Łukasz Turlej, President from the Silesian Chess Federation Andrzej Matusiak, and Mietek Bakalarz from G.M. Schachzentrum in the Youth Hostel of Luxembourg City.



The tournament took place under the patronage of Schengen Peace Foundation Luxembourg with Dominicus Rhode- president and Vicki Hansen- CEO, the European Chess Union- ECU (an educational smart kids project) and World Chess Federation FIDE Vice President- Łukasz Turlej.

Official Website:  
[www.schachzentrum.com](http://www.schachzentrum.com)



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## THE WINNERS

U8 boys: 1. Witczak Borys POL  
U8 girls: 1. Dobrowolska-Rakhnina  
U10 boys: 1. Micula Jakub POL  
U10 girls: 1. Rusiecki Katarzyna POL  
U12 boys: 1. Religa Marek SWE,  
U12 girls: 1. Balazs Sztella Anna HUN,  
U14 boys: 1. Wnek Filip POL  
U14 girls: 1. Wiecek Karolina POL  
U16 boys: 1. Niedbala Bartłomiej POL,  
U16 girls: 1. Adamczyk Zuzanna POL  
U18 boys: 1. Schilay Lorenz GER  
U18 girls: 1. Leczek Weronika POL

The Winners of the event won trophies, while all players received medals for the participation with the logo of the tournament.

The closing ceremony took place on the 12th of May in the European Museum in Schengen.

The 7th edition of the “Rencontres Internationales des Echecs Francophones” will take place from 4th-12th of August 2019 in Paris, in partnership with the “Fondation de la Maison de Tunisie”, the league “Île de France des Echecs”, the French Chess Federation and FIDE.



## “Rencontres Internationales des Echecs Francophones” 2019

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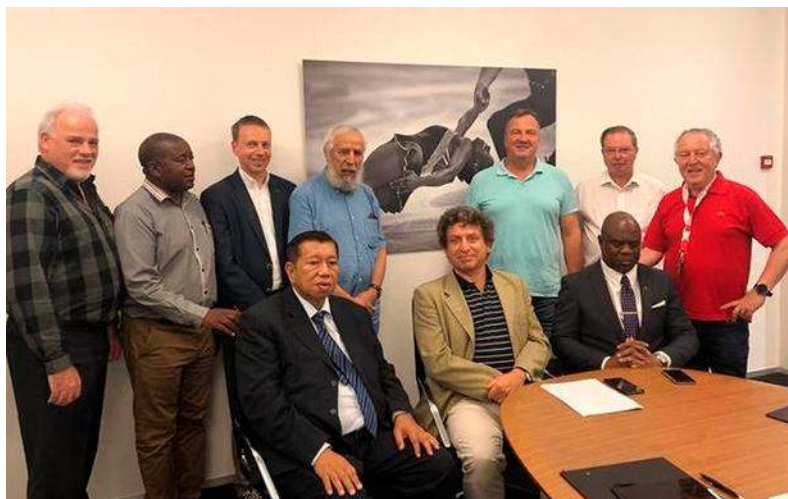
he tournament will attribute several 2019 Champions of La Francophonie titles: female & open champions, senior +50, veteran +65. Furthermore, by decision taken on FIDE General Assembly in Baku, all players finishing equal first will automatically receive International Master (IM) or Woman International Master (WIM) titles. Guaranteed prizes and trophies amount to 15000 €. All details to be found in attached pdf file. AIDEF member federations were invited to select the player who will be provided with free participation and accommodation in Paris.

During the event, many cultural events and moments of conviviality will be held, conducive to exchanges between Francophones from all the world.

This year the event includes: - Competition for title of champion of Francophonie in sections Open, Woman, Senior and Veteran - Competition for title of champion of Francophonie in blitz - Fide Trainer Seminar with IA Stephen Boyd and Dominique Dervieux - Fide trainer Seminar with FST Mickhael Gurevitch and FT Patrick Van Hoolandt - Fide 1st meeting of Planning and Development Commission - welcome evening with music - Signature of convention of cooperation with AIDEF and chess24 in French + cocktail - closing ceremony with cruise and dinner on the river (private boat).

Official Website:  
<https://aidef.fide.com/spip.php?article427>





## Joint meeting of the Task Force for the Reform of the FIDE Statutes and the FIDE Constitutional Commission

The joint meeting of the Task Force for the reform of the FIDE Statutes and the FIDE Constitutional Commission took place from 5th-6th July 2019 in Lausanne, Switzerland.

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he participants of the meeting were: Roberto Rivello, Willy Iclicki, Martin Huba, Lakhdar Mazouz, Ken Koort, Francois Strydom, Casto Abundo, Ian Wilkinson, Merouane Tabti, David Jarrett, Kezzie Msukwa and Tomasz Delega, Chairman of ECU Arbiters council.

The meeting was held again in the modern and nice MSI building ("House of International Sports") where FIDE has its headquarters together with other international sport organisations. The aim of the meeting was to present the draft of the new FIDE Charter to the members of the FIDE Constitutional Commission and to discuss in details all parts of the document.

The hard and intensive work went in a very positive and constructive atmosphere and all participants contributed to further relevant improvements and amendments so that the strategic FIDE material is as much as possible supporting the efforts of the world chess umbrella organisation to transform in the well governed and transparent body.

The final draft version of the FIDE Charter was agreed to be ready by the end of July 2019 so that to be presented and disseminated to relevant FIDE stakeholders for final discussions.

The Task Force work is going to its end and all of its members will be very satisfied when the FIDE General Assembly will start a new world chess era with the approval of the FIDE Charter before the end of this year.

### Conclusion

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## MEETING CHESS LEGENDS The 10 questions by Andrian Michalchishin

**What are You doing in life in the current moment?**

"I still play, give the lessons, write, record the videos and do live commentaries."

**Your recollections with meetings with World Champions?**

"Too much to say from my games, trainings and meetings with Botvinnik, Smyslov, Tal, Petrossian, Spassky, Karpov, Kasparov, Topalov, Kramnik, Anand, Kasimdjano and Khalifman."

**Your best game .(Chess Informant).Just name.**

"Gulko, Moscow 1976."

**Which Your achievement You consider to be most important.**

"Soviet Championship, Leningrad 1977.1-2 with Boris Gulko."

**Best and most important chess books.**

"D.Bronstein, Zurich 1953."

**How did You start Your career?**

"In Ukraine in the beginning of 70th."

**Your favorite openings.**

"English opening, Reti, Sicilian, Caro Cann."

**Who was the most difficult and easiest opponent during Your career?**

"Difficult Vitaly Tseshkovsky, easiest Mark Taimanov."



**Non chess –best ,book, film and singer for You.**

"Book-1984 and Animal farm by Orwell, film-Pulp fiction, singer-Nina Matvienko from Ukraine."

**Favorite city, food and drink.**

"City-Kiev, food-tomatos mozzarella from French and Italian products, drink-French red vine from Medoc and Gaillac."

**ANALYZED GAME:  
DORFMAN-GULKO, 1976**

GM Iossif Dorfman.

Photo from Chess24

"Too much to say from my games, trainings and meetings with Botvinnik, Smyslov, Tal, Petrossian, Spassky, Karpov, Kasparov, Topalov, Kramnik, Anand, Kasimdjano and Khalifman."



### Tomasz Delega, Chairman of ECU Arbiters Council

# New Rules valid from 1 July 2019



In the previous FIDE management there was a good habit, to inform federations in advance by email about new rules or regulations, valid from 1 July, next year after the FIDE Olympiad. This important reminder has been an inspiration for federations to translate all novelties to the national languages. Then, arbiters and organizers around the world could implement new regulations in a practice. It's a pity that new FIDE management is not following this way – rules are published in the FIDE handbook, but no reminder was sent to the federation. I decided to write this article when I received an email from one very experienced IA arbiter: Dear Tomek, I have heard that from 1 July 2019 new rules about eating at the chessboard should be followed. But I couldn't find on the FIDE website the new version of the Laws of Chess, with this rule. Do you know anything about that? The FIDE Laws of Chess is the most important, but not the only one source of the chess laws. The second one is FIDE General Regulations for Competition (old name FIDE Tournament Rules). This rules are updated every four years, with a two years separation period between them. And in 2018 was a time to update the General Regulations for Competition. So if someone is looking for novelties in the Laws of Chess, he couldn't find anything new.

#### **So what is new in General Regulations for Competitions?** For example:

- an article 9.5 The players should not eat at the chessboard during the game – this is what my colleague was looking for.
- an article 4.2 If smoking is completely prohibited, it shall be announced in the regulation of the event in advance.
- an article 7.1 Depending on the rules of the specific competition, the captain shall be required to deliver, at a specific time, a written list naming the players in his team participating in each round. If the list is not delivered by the appointed time, the team list for that round shall be the first named players in the list submitted by the required time before the start of the event. The captain shall communicate to his players the pairings.
- an article 7.7 ... The player can also ask his captain if he may offer or accept a draw.

We have also some minor changes, for example in article 2.2 we have "new" duties of Chief Organizer, in article 7.2 obligation to the team to be present with more than 50% of the players to start the match, and some changes in article 13.1 about arbiters appointments. All details you can find on the FIDE website:  
[http://rules.fide.com/images/stories/FIDE\\_General\\_Regulations\\_for\\_Competitions\\_-\\_final\\_3.pdf](http://rules.fide.com/images/stories/FIDE_General_Regulations_for_Competitions_-_final_3.pdf)

From 1 July 2019 we have also new regulations in ECU TR, for example: - regarding dress code for the teams - B.13.2 ... It is strongly recommended that all teams' players must be dressed in their corporate/club/team style costumes and all members of the team should be uniformly dressed. - regarding dress code for the arbiters - B.13.4 ... Starting with the European Team Chess Championship 2019 ECU arbiters (men/women) must be dressed in ECU branded jackets and ties/scarfs.

A guide for the ECU Arbiters dress code will be published and be valid from 1st January 2020.

- **money penalties** (fines) for dress code violations – for whole procedure see an article B.13.5
- **new pairing rules for team swiss** – M.1 ... For pairing of all rounds the teams are ranked in the following order: a. Match points b. Olympiad Sonnenborn-Berger c. Ranking number according to article 9.

Apart of above, we have in ECU some changes to the procedure of preparing invitation for the ECU events, for details see B.8.6

All details you can find on the ECU website  
<http://www.europechess.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/11/ECU-TR-from-1-July-20191.pdf>

## EUROPEAN CORPORATE CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP 2019

The 2nd European Corporate Chess Championship will take place from 29th August to 1st September at Marriott Hotel, in Minsk, Belarus.

The event will be played in 9 rounds, Swiss system, with time control 15 minutes + 3 seconds of an increment, starting from the move one.



## Riga Technical University Open 2019

Riga Technical University Open 2019 will take place from 3rd-11th August in Riga, Latvia.

3rd to 11th August! Playing hall is yet again big and spacious Kipsala exhibition center and the total prize fund for 2019 edition is a record 26.000 EUR.

<http://rtuopen.lv/en/>



## 28th Kavala Open

28th edition of International Open Chess Festival of Kavala will take place from 4th-11th August in city of Kavala, Greece.

The total prize fund of the event will be 7.500 EUR with 2.000 EUR reserved for the Winner of the event.

Official website:  
<https://www.chesskavala.gr/open/>

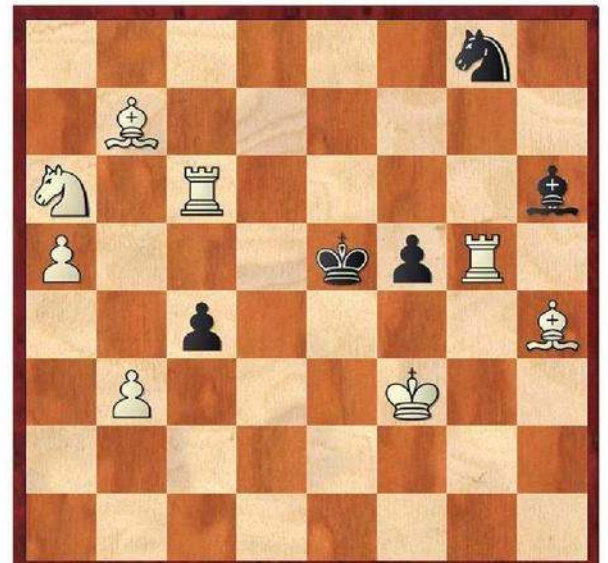
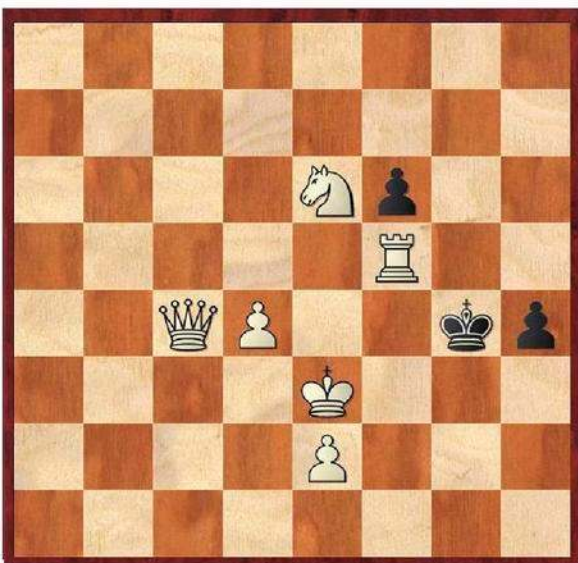
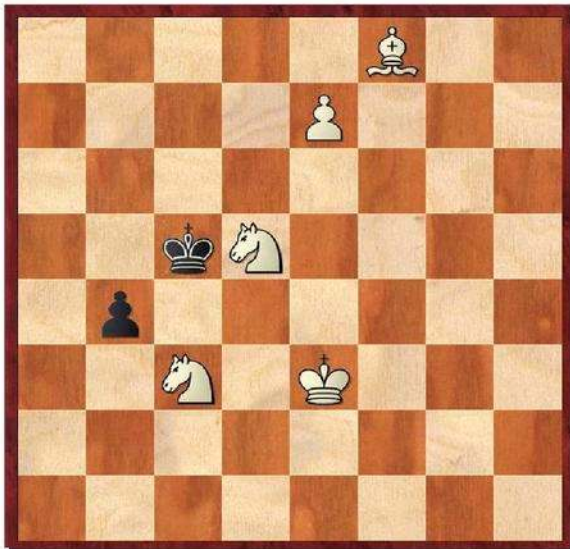
## World Cadet U8, 10, 12 Chess Championship 2019

World Cadet U8, U10 and U18 Chess Championship (open and girls sections) will take place from 20th August-2nd September in Weifang, Shandong, China.

Details: [https://www.fide.com/images/stories/FIDE\\_Calendar\\_2019/WCCC2019\\_Regulations\\_Eng](https://www.fide.com/images/stories/FIDE_Calendar_2019/WCCC2019_Regulations_Eng)







# World Chess Champion (1957-1958) Vasily Smyslov said about chess:

> Despite the development of chess theory, there is much that remains secret and unexplored in chess.

> I have frequently stated that I regard chess as an art form, where creativity prevails over other factors.

> My study of chess was accompanied by a strong attraction to music, and it was probably thanks to this that from childhood I became accustomed to thinking of chess as an art, for all the science and sport involved in it.

> In my opinion, the style of a player should not be formed under the influence of any single great master.

> In chess, as in life, a man is his own most dangerous opponent.

*For this edition of the ECU monthly magazine, we prepared 4 mate in 3 positions! White is on the move!*

## Solutions from June

### > Puzzle #1:

1.Rg6 Rhxg6 (1...Qxc9 2.Nd6+ Kd5 3.Bg2#; 1...Rgxg6 2.Nd6+ Qxd6 3.Qf5#) 2.Bg2+ Rxc2 3.Qe6#

### > Puzzle #2:

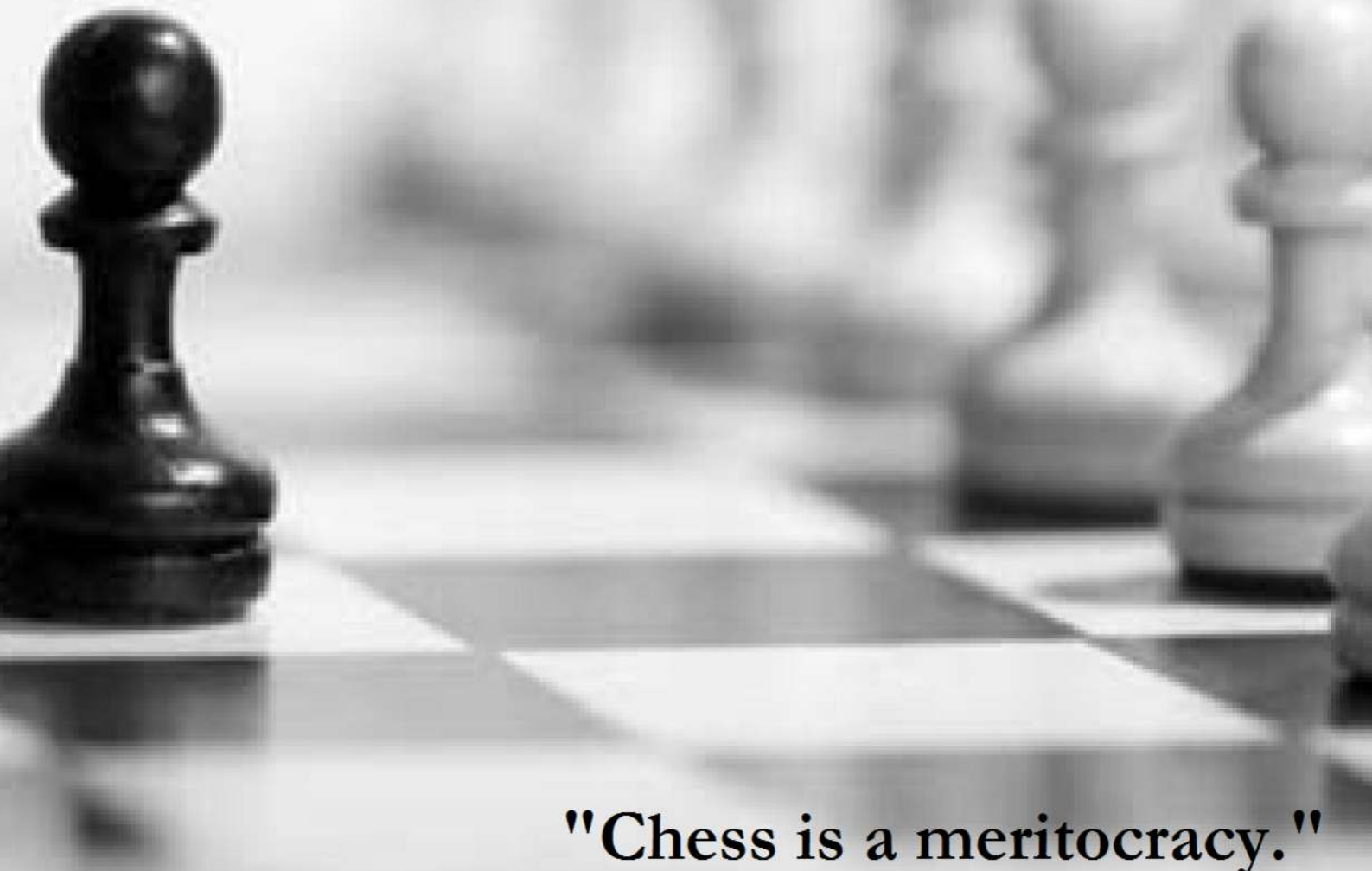
1.Nh7 dxe6 (1...Nxh7 2.Qxd7+ Lf8 3.e7#; 1...Bc5 2.Qb8+ Ke7 3.Qf8#) 2.Qf8+ Kd7 3.Bc6#

### > Puzzle #3:

1.Kg6 Ke6 (1...Kd6 2.Nb4+ Ke6 3.Re3#) 2.Nf4+ Ke5 3.Re3#

### > Puzzle #4:

1.Qb3 f5 2.Nxf5 Kxf5 3.Qf7#



**"Chess is a meritocracy."**