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Innovation & Progress

The year 2019 is probably the most creative in the European Chess Union history. In the last 9 months ECU created and presented:

A. **The ECU Digital Magazine** (first issue February 2019)!

B. **The futuristic animation video** for the promotion of the "Chess in School" programs. The video is already available in 6 languages and will be translated in more to reach every school community.

C. **The chesswhere.com portal** connecting through google maps the main chess locations in Europe including cultural & historical points.

D. **The "European Golden Pawn" Award Ceremony** which will take place on 30th of November in Monte Carlo, honouring and bringing together our Chess legends.

E. **The Dress code for Chess Arbiters** that will apply for the first time during the European Team Championship 2019 in Batumi.

F. **What is next?** We are improving the way of our communication. The new project's presentation will be made on 26th of October during the annual ECU General Assembly. Not on the big screen but on your mobile's screen! See you soon...

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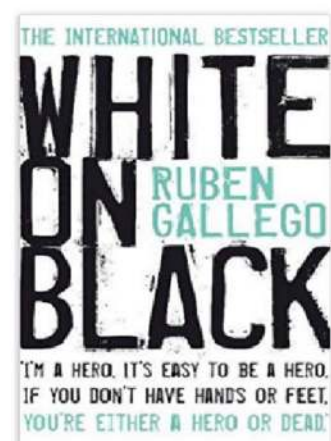


ECU AWARDS PROF. KURT JUNGWIRTH IN GRAZ

On the 9th of September, ECU President, Mr. Zurab Azmaiparashvili visited Graz, the city the ECU was founded in 1985, to congratulate Professor Kurt Jungwirth for his 90th birthday anniversary on 3rd of September.



ECU President, Zurab Azmaiparashvili and Mr. Boris Kutin (President of ECU from 1998-2010) delivered to Professor Kurt Jungwirth the ECU gifts.



Professor Kurt Jungwirth celebrated his 90th birthday anniversary on the 3rd of September.

ECU President accompanied by the President of Austrian Chess Federation, Mr. Christian Hursky and Mr. Boris Kutin, President of European Chess Union from 1998 to 2010, delivered to Professor Kurt Jungwirth the ECU gifts, the "Winner" Painting and the Ruben Gallegos's wellknown book "White on Black, A Boy's Story".

The Painting "Winner" by the Bellarussain Artist Marta Shmatava is dedicated to the game of chess. The painting is from the series "Walking". The series about mood of people in the way, when thoughts exist apart from the body: flowing memories, plans are in the mind, the former and the future – all together in one moment.

The book "White on Black" by Gallego Ruben expresses an extraordinary personal testament, the story of one boy's triumph in the face of impossible obstacles.



About Prof. Kurt Jungwirth

Prof. Kurt Jungwirth was one of the initiators and co-founders of the European Chess Union in 1985. He served as President of European Chess Union for 12 years, from 1986 to 1998. He has retired in 2017 after his 46-years presidency of the Austrian Chess Federation. Prof. Kurt Jungwirth served as President of European Chess Union for 12 years, from 1986 to 1998. He has retired in 2017 after his 46-years presidency of the Austrian Chess Federation. Two years ago, Prof. Kurt Jungwirth was honoured by the European Chess Union for his contributions to the international chess movement and was awarded with the ECU medal of Honour.



Russia wins double gold at European Senior Team Chess Championship 2019

After intense fights in Mali Losinj, Croatia at Senior Team Chess Championship 2019, teams of Russia took gold in both 50+ and 65+ sections!



Official Website of the event

In 65+ category, Russian team convincingly took the victory, with a round to spare. They won all matches and scored perfect 18 match points to be ahead of the runner-ups for 4 match points. Teams of Sweden 1 and Germany tied for the second place, but eventually, according to additional criteria, Sweden 1 took second place and team of Germany took bronze medals.

In 50+ section, Croatia 1 and Russia fought for the first place in very intense and dramatic finish. Two teams tied for the top during the whole tournament, but in the 8th round Russia overtook the leadership according to tiebreaks, and maintained it until the end to win the tournament. Croatia 1 ended with silver in their hands, while bronze went to European Chess Academy from Maribor, Slovenia.

Germany Women team, which participated in Open 50+ section, took 5 match points, and finished 11th on the final list, but also took trophy as the Winner of European Senior Team Chess Championship for Women 2019, for the age 50+.

The Closing Ceremony of the event took place on 26th of September, where ECU was represented by its Vice-President, Mr. Adrian Mikhalchishin, and Croatian Chess Federation was represented by its Secretary General, Mr. Alojzije Jankovic.

The total prize fund of the event was 7.000 EUR.

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European Senior Team Chess Championship 2019 took place from 17th-27th September, in a 4 stars Hotel Aurora, the official hotel of the Championship, together with the 4 stars Hotel Vespera, located next to the playing venue and Hotel Aurora.

Report on European Senior Team Chess Championship 2019 by GM Adrian Mikhalchishin

It was a great place and great organization of Croatian Chess Federation. Everything was perfect-hotel,food, playing hall and the sea.



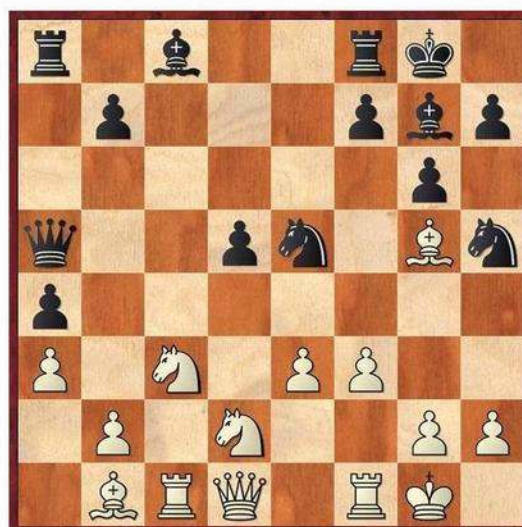
Losinj is an island, where traditionally Croatian Team Championships are conducted. There were two categories -over 50(13 teams) and 65(16 teams),just pity , that there was just one women team from Germany(which got Cup for the Championship!), plus few women played in English and Finland teams. If we compare with the World Seniors teams,there are less teams in European Competitions , but the conditions here are clearly better. We have to consider some steps , how to increase the participation. Here on Seniors Championship we see the combination of former legends like Yuri Balashov and Egeny Sveshnikov with amateurs teams, usually from Scandinavia, who come for chess holidays.

In both categories favorites were Russian teams,which won the finals! Sensation was silver in over 65 of Swedish team. Strong Finland with two legends Westerinen and Rantanen(who won the first board) were just fourth. Over fifty there were more strong teams and Croatia,just few years ago it was National Olympic team ,shared first place with Russians.) It were always some events around the tournament. Wife of famous English IGM John Nun came to Losinj to play in English second team, but went to the beach on the first day and failed down with mutual traumas. John Nunn had to come urgently to rescue his wife Petra ,Who spent one week in the hospital of Rijeka. But luckily everything was fixed.

Many players played the European Senior Team Chess Championship in Misha Tal's style.

Download the cbv file with analized games and positions.

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**19...d4! 20.exd4 Nd3!
21.Bxd3 Bxd4 22.Kh1 Ng3!!
23.hxg3 Qxg5 with unstoppable
mate!**



1st WORKSHOP "EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES" IN THESSALONIKI

The 1st Workshop “Equal Opportunities” took place on the 20th and 21st of September in Thessaloniki, Greece. The event was organised by the FIDE DIS Commission, European Chess Union, Greek Paralympic Committee, and the Hellenic Sport Association for Persons with Disabilities.

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he Organisers, Trainers and Arbiters Workshops were attended by 30 participants, who had the opportunity to discuss issues concerning the training and participation of players with impairments in chess tournaments.

On Friday, 20th of September, **IO Theodoros Tsorbatzoglou, FST Thomas Luther and IA Marco Biagioli**, made special presentations for Organisers, Trainers and Arbiters respectively. The lectures offered to the participants in-depth knowledge about the FIDE Guidelines on treatment of disabled chess players, as well as about technical details that should be considered when organising a chess tournament. All the lecturers stressed out the importance of properly educated trainers, arbiters and technical staff, who are at all times ready to assist the players and to ensure the safety and the best conditions for the players.

On the second day, the participants were welcomed to the Hotel Electra Palace by **Mrs Voula Patoulidou**, Vice Governor of Thessaloniki, former Greek hurdle gold medalist on behalf of the city of Thessaloniki. **Mrs Thomai Thodoraki**, greeted the participants on behalf of the Hellenic Sport Federation for Persons with Disabilities.

Mr Zurab Azmaiparashvili, President of European Chess Union expressed his contentment about these initiatives and shared with the participants some of his experiences as a chess player and chess organiser. Mr. Azmaiparashvili revealed also that this year and during the ceremony “European Golden Pawn” ECU will award the writer Mr. Ruben Gallego for his well-known Novel “White on Black”. The book is the story of Ruben Gallego childhood who was born with a cerebral palsy.

Mrs Sonja Johnson, Secretary of the FIDE Planning and Development Commission expressed her excitement at the prospect of giving people of all abilities a chance to participate events and get the support they require. Mrs Johnson presented the FIDE Development program, the progress and the results till now and she emphasized that social projects are a priority for FIDE, and this is why this Workshop is supported by the program.

Mr Elias Mastoras, President of the NGO Youthorama presented the Global campaign “A ball for all” referring to the special ball created and distributed for the visual impairment persons. Mr. Mastoras presented the special video produced by Youthorama and UEFA with the main message “Yes We Can”.

About the event

1st Workshop "Equal opportunities"

The 1st Workshop named “Equal opportunities” took place from 19th-22nd September in Thessaloniki, Greece. The purpose of this workshop was to introduce and explore important information about chess players with disabilities. The participants analysed the situation in chess and reach basic skills for interacting with and accommodating people with disabilities acting as Organiser, Trainer and Arbiters.



Dr Dimitrios Patatoukas, Medical officer of the Hellenic Sports Federation for persons with Disabilities spoke about the new directions from the World Health Organisation and presented international guidelines about the accessibility of playing venues for all types of sports.

Mr Thomas Luther, Chairman of FIDE DIS Commission and Mrs Dora Martinez member of FIDE DIS Commission spoke about the impact of World Junior Chess Championship for the Disabled, organised in New York, on the young participants and how the coverage of the tournament by CNN has brought the international attention. They also shared details about the future plans of the Commission.

Mr Seckin Serpil, member of FIDE DIS and TSF Sponsorship & Projects Commission spoke about Chess as a means of Communication and the aims of the project "Chess without Boundaries".

The afternoon session of the second day was held at the AMO Galaxias Chess Club, where the participants on working groups reflected on the topics that had been issued during the workshop and shared many examples that they have personally encountered during various tournaments and summarized the results of the Workshop.

The most important points:

> Chess, as sport, has the unique advantage that all can play under equal & fair conditions in the same competition.

>FIDE and European Chess Union shall update and make more detailed guidelines for the accessibility and rest facilities of the venues. International standards shall be adopted and included in the bidding procedure and inspection of the venues. The guidelines shall be further adopted by the Chess Federations for their National Championships.

>There is lack of chess training methods for persons with impairments. In co-operation with expertised trainers & educators guides for training shall be drafted for the further development.

>It is a necessity specialized doctors to assist analyzing the situation for the different kind of impairments and consult in related issues arising in the world and continental championships. More specifically is proposed a doctor/physician to be an assistant to the FIDE DIS Commission.

>It shall be further advised to the National federations to appoint an officer/board member responsible for the players with disabilities. A job description with the specific tasks, should be made by FIDE and European Chess Union.

At the end of the workshop all participants were presented with an attendance certificate by DIS Chairman GM Thomas Luther.

Conclusion of the Workshop

>The organisation of the 1st Workshop was successful, and the initiative shall be continued in more venues and Continents. A role model is available now for the future Workshops.

>European Chess Union is committed contributing to the further development and the next initiative focusing in a conference at the level of Paralympic Committees.

#Development FA and IO Seminars in Trieste

#Development FA and IO Seminars took place from 1st-7th September in Trieste, Italy. Seminars were specially dedicated to female participants.

The European FIDE Arbiters Seminar and the International Arbiters Workshop concluded on the 4th of September in Trieste, Italy. FA Seminar was attended by 17 female participants from 8 different federations and was concluded with the exams to acquire the FIDE Arbiter norm.

The Lecturers of the FA Seminar were Franca Dapiran (ITA) and Panagiotis Nikolopoulos (GRE), and the Assistant Lecturers were Marco Biagioli (ITA) and Mario Held (ITA). The seminar was supported by the FIDE Development fund.

The Arbiters Workshop, that took place on the 3rd and 4th of September, was a meeting of many experienced Arbiters, that lead by Panagiotis Nikolopoulos and Tomasz Delega. The Workshop consisted of a short reference on the recent changes of the tournament regulations and focused on case studies. Through this discussion the Lecturers wished to express their strong belief that objectivity and common sense should always be used in order to resolve potential issues during tournaments.



The exams for the Arbiters Workshop took place on the 4th of September, separately from the exams for the FIDE Arbiters seminar, which took place in the morning of the 5th of September.

The International Organisers Seminar was opened with a joined class with the European FIDE Arbiters Seminar on the 4th of September, at Hotel Milano. The Lecturers of the joined class, Panagiotis Nikolopoulos (GRE), Tomasz Delega (POL) and the Assistant Lecturer Marco Biagioli (ITA) spoke about the FIDE Rating Regulations, as well as the Anticheating Regulations, while sharing with the participants many examples that they have personally encountered during various tournaments.



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Seminars in Trieste

#Development IA and IO Seminars

ECU, with the cooperation of the Italian Arbiters' Commission on behalf of Italian Chess Federation and the FIDE Development Commission, organised a multiple-field training event specially dedicated to female participants, from 1st-7th September in Trieste. For all female participants, full board accommodation and FIDE exam fee was fully covered.



International Organizer Seminar was attended by 25 participants, 23 of which are female, from 13 federations. ECU Vice President and FIDE Chairperson of the Commission for Women's Chess Eva Repkova welcomed the participants to the Development IO Seminar dedicated to female participants. Lecturer of the IO Seminar, Tomasz Delega, have special thanks to Mr Marco Biagioli for organising the two seminars under excellent conditions.

IO Mr. Tomasz Delega, spoke about the step-by-step procedure that an organiser should follow, the guidelines mentioned in the FIDE Handbook, as well as additional tournament guidelines that can be found on the FIDE and ECU website. Tomasz Delega shared plenty of personal examples and engaged the participants into sharing their own experiences.

ECU Vice President and FIDE Chairperson of the Commission for Women's Chess, Mrs. Eva Repkova, gave to the participants important insights about organising tournaments with a large number of participants, referring to her recent organisation of European Youth Chess Championship 2019 in Bratislava. Mrs. Eva Repkova also brought the message of FIDE Executive Director, Victor Bologan, who wished a fruitful seminar to the participants. Franca Dapiran explained the Tie-Break criteria and discussed with the participants technical details concerning the playing hall and the staff of the tournament.

Marco Biagioli informed the participants about the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) within ECU.

Participants gave special thanks to Marco Biagioli for his initiative to organise the IO seminar under excellent conditions in the beautiful hospitable city of Trieste and thanked Tomasz Delega for conducting a detailed, informative and interactive seminar.

Last part of the IO Seminar in Trieste

For the last part of the Seminar, Tomasz Delega and Ismini Tzegka prepared a Workshop activity that gave the chance to the participants to work in groups on organising a tournament. The groups had the chance to get hands-on a case study, to cooperate and exchange ideas, while preparing the bid, the budget, the people management sheet, problem solving strategies, marketing ideas.



FIDE PRESIDENTIAL BOARD IN BUDAPEST

ECU President Mr. Zurab Azmaiparashvili and ECU Secretary General Mr. Theodoros Tsorbazoglou attended the 3rd quarter session of the Fide Presidential Board in Budapest. Third Quarter Presidential Board meeting in Budapest took place on 7-8 September 2019. Main decisions can be found here: <https://www.fide.com/news/102>

On behalf of European Chess Union, ECU Secretary General, Mr. Theodoros Tsorbatzoglou addressed the General Assembly of the Hungarian Chess Federation- one of the most historical & successful European sports institutions. With the President of the federation and President of Hungarian Paralympic Committee Szabo Laszlo ECU committed to take common actions in chess and disability programmes.



INVITATION

European Open & Youth Rapid and Blitz Chess Championships 2019 - Tallinn, Estonia

European Youth Rapid&Blitz Chess Championship 2019 will take place from 30th November-4th December, and European Rapid&Blitz Open Chess Championship 2019 starts immediately after, from 4th-8th December. Both events will take place in 4 stars Hotel Sokos Viru, in city of Tallinn.

The European Individual Rapid Chess Championship will be played in the Swiss system, 13 rounds, with the time control 15 minutes + 10 seconds per move increment starting from the first move.

The European Individual Blitz Chess Championship will be played in the Swiss system, 11 double rounds, with the time control 3 minutes + 2 seconds per move increment starting from the first move.

The Championships are open to all players representing Chess Federations which are ECU members, regardless of their title and rating. There is no limit to the number of participants per federation.

The registration deadline is 31st of October 2019.

The total prize fund of the events will be 30.100 EUR, with 20.000 EUR for the Rapid Championship and 10.100 EUR for the Blitz Championship.

The 19th European Youth Rapid & Blitz U-8,10,12,14,16,18 Championship will be played in 5 different events: European Youth Rapid Chess Championship, European Youth Blitz Chess Championship, European Youth Team Championship, European Youth Championship in Solving Problems and European Rapid Cup-Rapid Super final. **The registration deadline is 31st of October 2019.**

The European Youth Rapid Chess Championship (six categories: U8, U10, U12, U14, U16 and U18, separately for boys and girls. Swiss system, 9 rounds, time control 15 minutes + 10 seconds per move)



The European Youth Blitz Chess Championship (3 categories: U10, U14 and U18, separately for boys and girls. swiss system, 9 rounds,with time control 3 minutes + 2 seconds per move)

The European Youth Team Championship (3 categories: U10, U14 and U18. Teams are composed of 4 players of the same federation. 7 rounds. Swiss System, 10 minutes + 5 seconds per move)

The European Youth Championship in Solving Chess Problems (three age categories: U10, U14 and U18)

The European Rapid Cup – Rapid Super final (2 categories: boys and girls. Knock ot system).

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WHAT EXACTLY IS CHECK-MATE?

For most players, checkmate is a position on the board where one player's king is 'under attack' and has no legal move to undo this attack .

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his kind of position immediately ends the game and the player who has checkmated his opponent is the winner. However, a careful look at the Laws of Chess and, especially, the Competition Rules, proves that things are slightly more complicated than that.

The Competition Rules introduce, among others, the use of chess clocks and illegal moves that only affect games played in tournaments.

According to these, the fall of a flag or the completion of two illegal moves leads to the end of the game. In that case, the result depends on the position on the board.

To simplify things, let's consider the following position: (W: Ke6, h7 B: Ke8) It is White's turn to move and by playing 1.h8Q (or 1.h8R) he leaves the playing hall with one full point. But what happens if, before replacing the pawn with a queen (or a rook) on h8, his flag falls? Then White doesn't win the game, but neither does Black, because he cannot checkmate White's king by any possible series of legal moves (article 6.9) and the result is draw.

Another case is that of the "illegal promotion". In the same example, White pushes the h-pawn to h8 but, instead of replacing it with a queen, presses the clock.

If during the game White has already completed an illegal move, the act of pressing the clock grants him a second one (article 7.5.2). The pawn that has been left on the eighth rank after pressing the clock is by force replaced by a queen. Once again, White doesn't win the game, but neither does Black, because he has no legal moves to do so. The result is draw.

Another delicacy can be found in article 7.5.4. In the following position (W: Ke6, h7 B: Ke8, Rg8), White intends to play 1.hxg8Q (or 1.hxg8R) and win. What happens if he uses both hands to make the capture? Is it considered and penalized as an illegal move?

The arbiters' manual is clear: "Article 7.5.4 is not applicable if the move ends the game according to articles 5.1.1, 5.2.1, 5.2.2, 9.6.1 or 9.6.2", meaning if the move leads to a checkmate/ stalemate/dead position, five-fold repetition or completion of 75 without captures or pawn moves. So, in that case, White wins the game.

This is truth for the first illegal move. For the second one, it seems that the illegal move prevails. We will ask FIDE RC and ARB for clarification for this particular interpretation from Arbiters' Manual. To be continued (comment by ECU AC)

Final note:

As a final note, players of all ages and levels are highly encouraged to attend FA seminars, in order to always be informed about the new rules and changes in the laws of chess and avoid any unpleasant surprises in their games.



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GM Evgeny Sveshnikov

10 questions by Adrian Mikhalchishin

What are You doing in life in the current moment?

Nowadays I play seriously in different veterans events, plus if it is possible in some rapid competitions. The most important is to meet there my old friends. Plan to write few more books. I train seriously in Cheliabinsk school. But my obligations there are a bit unusual-I go to different schools in the city or Universities and make lessons plus symuls. It is the best promotion of chess in my opinion.

Your recollections with meetings with World Champions? -

I met all from Botvinnik. The strongest was Garry Kasparov, with whom we made kilometers walks , as we had apartments in the same block in Podolsk, near Moscow. Nowadays Carlsen reached his power in my opinion. The biggest fighter was Anatoly Karpov, but I think that fighting spirit of Nona Gaprindashvili and Victor Korchnoi was higher. With Boris Spassky I spent maybe year together, as we had together a school in Satka city on Ural. He was absolutely great-some memories. He used to say -I am a player of best move in every position,like Tarrasch. Immediaetely quarrel with Evgeny-Boris,sorry,it was the reason of Your bad opening preparation!Other stuff-Spassky about Nimzovich-he was weak and made only publicity from his games from the symuls! Evgeny-Yes,but he wrote books for the guys, who played in these symuls! With Michael Tal I was spending time in his hospital and we played a lot. With Tigran Petrosian we spent New Year in Hastings. But the most important person for our generation was David Bronstein, who taught us a lot.

Your best game (Chess Informant).Just name.

Probably great attacking game against IGM Scherbakov. But the most unusual was against Montenegro Champion and Minister IGM Bonja Ivanovic, with unusual Kings route.

Which Your achievement You consider to be most important?

When Nigel Short was a World Championship candidate I have beaten him 2-0 in European Cup, the same I did against Jan Timman! When we take matches as all games played ,I won against Smyslov and Tal overall! What the most important I did in chess is not my variation , but the system of opening values. When I explained it to Botvinnik, Patriarh was carefully listening to me one hour! He never did something like that before. I published it in Chess in the USSR, but chess public still does not understand it really...

Best and most important chess books?

Of course best are three books of Botvinnik-it is real school for grandmasters!

How did You start Your career?

I started to play checkers at two! I played in kindergarten. From 5 I started playing chess with my grandfather and uncle.. I was winning with all my neighbours. I started to play really after the army service, I planned to complete my Doctors dissertation, but then they invited me to play in Kiev Soviet young masters Championship .I won with 1,5 point difference and throwed away my dissertation ,turned professional chessplayer.

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Meet Evgeny Sveshnikov!

Your favorite openings?

My variation! But at the start when I won my few great games on Russian Junior in 1966 ,great trainer Igor Bndarevsky commented these games and called Cheliabinsk variation. After 1d4 I always played Meran Lundin variation. When I was trainer of Lev Polugaevsky on his match against Korchnoi, I prepared for him like a book on Meran. And these theory is still valid!

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

The most difficult opponent was Tigran Petrosian,against him it was always difficult to understand what does he want! The most easy for me were Kupreichik,Tseshkovsky and Romanishin.

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

Film-White sun of the desert.
Books Twelve Chairs by Ilf and Petrov.
Singer: Rod Stewart.



Favorite city, food and drink?

My two native cities Riga and Cheliabinsk. But pity, in Cheliabinsk is so bad ecology...
Food –of course Ural Pelmenis plus sour cabbage.
Drink Red wine.
Until 50 I did not used practically alcohol, but Boris Spassky instructed me to drink some vodka, as a medicine!



Evgeny Sveshnikov

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EUROPEAN TEAM CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP 2019

European Team Chess Championship 2019 will take place from 23rd October – 3rd November in the 5 stars Hotel Sheraton, in Batumi, Georgia.

40 teams in Open and 31 in Women's section, coming from 39 European federations, will compete for the throne of the most prestigious European chess



3rd ECU Congress 24th-26th October

ECU Board meeting will take place on 24th of October. On 25th of October, ECU Arbiters Council Meeting, ECU Events Commission Meeting and ECU Women's Commission Meeting will take place, while ECU General Assembly will take place on 26th of October in Batumi, Georgia.



FIDE Chess.com Grand Swiss

FIDE Chess.com Grand Swiss will take place from 10th-21st October 2019, in Isle of Man, Great Britain.

The event will be played in 11 rounds, Swiss system, with a total prize fund of 432.500 USD.

Details on official website: <https://iominternationalchess.com/>



GLOBAL CHESS FESTIVAL 2019

This year, Global Chess Festival celebrates its 5th anniversary, and as usual, takes place on the second Saturday of October.

As a part of Global Chess Festival 2019, European Chess Union and Judit Polgar Chess Foundation partner to organise the tournament “**Future Champions of Europe**”. The event will take place on 12th October 2019 in Hungarian National Gallery, in Budapest, Hungary. The event is dedicated to chess players born 1st January 2007 or later with a FIDE rating of 1800 or higher (on the 1st July FIDE rating list).

Young talents registered for the event will play the tournament in 9 rounds, Swiss system, with time control: 10 minutes for each player plus 2 seconds of an increment per each move, starting from the move one.

The winner of the event will be invited to visit the 82nd edition of the world-famous Tata Steel Chess Tournament 2020 in Wijk aan Zee, The Netherlands. This prize includes 2 round-trip tickets from his/her home country (winner and accompanying person) + a double room for 2 nights on the weekend of the 18th and 19th January in Wijk aan Zee. This includes entrance to the playing area and 'behind the scenes' access as well as an opportunity to make the first move for one of the rounds!



The runner up will receive a very special and unique opportunity to meet top chess Grandmasters and compete at one of the biggest European chess opens in 2020.

The sponsor, Flashpoint, is looking forward to giving a once in a lifetime experience to the winner of this prize which includes 2 round-trip tickets (player and accompanying person), lodging in a double room and entry-fee. The third prize winner will receive a wooden chess set and board signed by the Legend GM Judit Polgar herself. All participants will receive a Global Chess Festival souvenir.



Pre-event

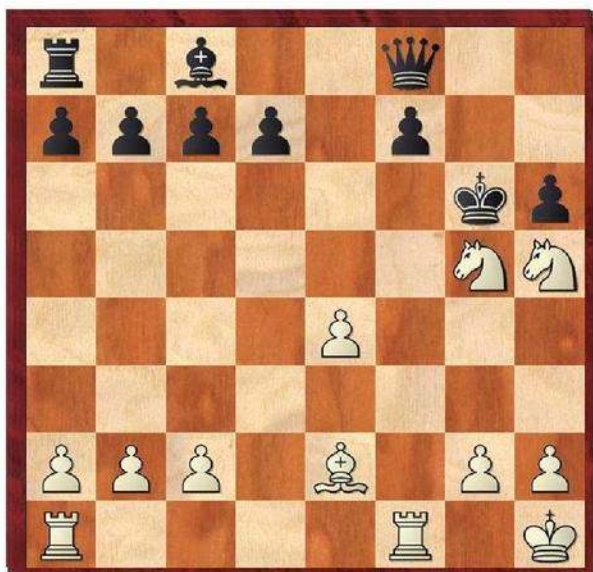
International Youth Chess Challenge

As a pre-event of the Global Chess Festival the Judit Polgar Chess Foundation provides for young players the opportunity to compete in an international environment at the venue of the Hungarian Chess Federation. The International Youth Chess Challenge event will take place on 5th and 6th October, for players born in 2006 or later, with a FIDE rating starting from 1001 up to 1600. Registration deadline is 15th of September.

Breaking the Guinness World record THE WORLD'S LARGEST ONLINE TOURNAMENT

ChessKid and Judit Polgar are teaming up to set the all-time record for the world's largest online chess tournament. Already more than 7.000 thousand young players participated the event.?? To break the Guinness World Record, 20.000 kids shall compete!

The 5th Global Chess Festival will be held with the spirit of Polgar's personal motto, “**#Chess Connects Us**”. Chess, the world's oldest board game, will be able to show it's many faces during the event – including competitive sports, art and education – proving that chess truly does not have any boundaries.



Jose Raul Capablanca said about chess:

> Most players ... do not like losing, and consider defeat as something shameful. This is a wrong attitude. Those who wish to perfect themselves must regard their losses as lessons and learn from them what sorts of things to avoid in the future.

> In order to improve your game, you must study the Endgame before everything else.

> I have not given any drawn or lost games, because I thought them inadequate to the purpose of the book.

> Chess can never reach its height by following in the path of science ... Let us, therefore, make a new effort and with the help of our imagination turn the struggle of technique into a battle of ideas.

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

Solutions from August

> Puzzle #1:

1.Qa5 Kxe3 [1...c3 2.Qe5#]
2.Qe1 Kxf4 [2...Kxd4 3.Qe5#]
3.Qe5#

> Puzzle #2:

1.Bc6 bxc6 2.Kc8 c5 3.Nc7#

> Puzzle #3:

1.Qd4 Bg8 [1...Kb7 2.a8=Q+ Kc8 3.Bd6#] 2.Qxd7 Bd5
3.Qxd5#

> Puzzle #4:

1.Kd7 Ke4 2.Rd5 Kxd5 3.Qd4#



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