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THE ECU PRESIDENT SILVIO DANAILOV MEETS WITH THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF ARMENIA, MR. SERZH SARGSIAN



From left to right: Mr. Silvio Danailov, Mr. Serzh Sargsian

The ECU President Silvio Danailov met with the President of the Republic of Armenia, Mr. Serzh Sargsian. During their official dinner they discussed about the progress of the ECU program 'Chess in school' and Mr. Danailov stated his willingness to draw on the rich experience of Armenia in regard to the introduction of chess into the educational system of the country.

Armenia is the first country in the world where students mandatory study the ancient game in class, along with the other core subjects such as mathematics, physics, chemistry, biology, etc.

On 13th of March, 2012 in Strasbourg the ECU Program 'Chess in school' was officially adopted by the European Parliament. The Written Declaration 50/2011 for the implementation of the 'Chess in school' program among the schools in the European Union was signed by 415 MEPs (the needed number was 378 signatures - 50%+1 from the total number of 754 MEPs).

The official endorsement of the program is a historical success for the European chess.

The meeting with Mr. Serzh Sargsian was held within the visit of Mr. Danailov in Armenia, where he participated in the 1st Presidential Board of FIDE. The event took place in Tsakhkadzor, Armenia from 18th to 21st of January, 2013.

In the capital of Armenia, Yerevan, was held the Board meeting of the European Chess Union.



The President of the European Chess Union Silvio Danailov visited also the final of the 73rd Armenian Chess Championship (The Highest League), which was won by GM Tigran Petrosian.

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GM TIGRAN PETROSIAN WINS THE 73RD ARMENIAN CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP - THE HIGHEST LEAGUE



GM Tigran Petrosian won the 73rd Armenian Chess Championship - The Highest League with final result of 7 points. Second on a half point distance from the winner finished GM Avetik Grigoryan, third is GM Robert Hovhannisyan with the same result.

The Championship was held on January 12-21, 2013 in Yerevan.

Chief-Arbitrator of the tournament, organized by the Armenian Chess Federation, was IA Armen Nikoghosyan.

Final Ranking

Rk.	Title	Name	Pts.	TB1	TB2	TB3	TB4
1	GM	Petrosian Tigran L.	7	26.8	4	0	5
2	GM	Grigoryan Avetik	6.5	26.5	5	0	4
3	GM	Hovhannisyan Robert	6.5	24.8	4	0	5
4	GM	Andriasian Zaven	5	21	5	0	2
5	GM	Pashikian Arman	4.5	15.3	5	0	4
6	IM	Hayrapetyan Hovik	4.5	15	4	0	3
7	GM	Ter-Sahakyan Samvel	4	15.3	5	0	2
8	GM	Melkumyan Hrant	3.5	14.5	5	0	2
9	GM	Kotanjian Tigran	2.5	7	4	0	2
10	FM	Aghasaryan Robert	1	4.5	4	0	0

In the women section - 68th Armenian Women's Championship, winner became WIM Anna Hairapetian with 7 points from possible 9. Second is Armine Babayan with 6.5 points, the bronze medal is for WIM Narine Gasparian, who finished with the same result.

Final Ranking

Rk.	Title	Name	Pts.	TB1	TB2	TB3	TB4
1	WIM	Hairapetian Anna	7	27.5	5	0	6
2		Babayan Armine	6.5	25	4	0	6
3	WIM	Gasparian Narine	6.5	23.8	4	0	6
4	WGM	Doluhanova Evgeniya	5.5	21	4	0	4
5	WIM	Andriasian Siranush	4.5	18.3	5	0	3
6		Karapetyan Lusine	4.5	15.8	5	0	4
7		Gasparian Mariana	4	11	4	0	4
8	WGM	Movsisian Naira	3.5	14.3	5	0	3
9		Ghambaryan Hasmik	2.5	8.25	5	0	2
10		Mnatsakanyan Diana	0.5	1.25	4	0	0

The 68th Armenian Women's Championship was held in the same period and place like the men's championship. Chief-Arbiter was FM Aram Iskandaryan.

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GM SERGEY ZHIGALKO WINS THE 79TH BELARUSIAN CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP



GM Sergey Zhigalko won the 79TH Belarusian Chess Championship with final result of 8 points from possible 10. Second finished IM Vladislav Kovalev with 7.5 points, third finished GM Andrey Zhigalko with 7 points.

The Championship was held on January 12-22, 2013 in Minsk.

Final Ranking - first 5 positions

Rk.	Name	Rtg.	Pts.
1.	Sergey Zhigalko	2651	8
2.	Vladislav Kovalev	2482	7.5
3.	Andrey Zhigalko	2589	7
4.	Vitaliy Meribanov	2409	6
5.	Andrey Gorovec	2477	6

In the women's section of the championship winner became WGM Nastassia Ziaziulkina with 6.5 points from possible 9. Second finished Tatiana Revo on a half point distance from the winner. Third is Maria Nevioselaya with the same result like the second player in the final ranking. The Belarusian Women's Chess Championship was held on January 10-18, 2013 in Minsk.

Final Ranking - first 5 positions

Rk.	Title	Name	Rtg	Pts.	TB1	TB2	TB3
1	WGM	Ziaziulkina Nastassia	2364	6.5	25.8	0	5
2		Revo Tatiana	2057	6	25.5	0	6
3		Nevioselaya Maria	2065	6	24.5	0	6
4		Kasperovich Ekaterina	2066	5.5	22.3	0	5
5		Kaliadzich Maryia	1950	5.5	19	0	5

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