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ECU BOARD VISIT TO YEREVAN STATE PEDAGOGICAL UNIVERSITY



Yerevan State Pedagogical University after Khachatur Abovyan hosted the members of the European Chess Union Board. Rector of YSPU Ruben Mirzakhanyan welcomed the foreign guests and introduced the activity of one of the largest educational institutions in the Republic of Armenia.

In addition, he spoke about the implementation of "Chess" subject in educational programmes.

Yerevan State Pedagogical University after Khachatur Abovyan informed "Armenpress" that the rector laid a heavy emphasis on the fact that annually more than 4000 students have the opportunity to study chess alongside with the main profession and lecture in schools. Among other things, Ruben Mirzakhanyan was glad to announce that Armenia is the only country in the world to teach chess in all schools providing general education.

In turn, President of the European Chess Union Silvio Danailov stated that he was glad to visit one of the leading chess countries of the world - Armenia. President of the European Chess Union stated: "We are like inexperienced pupils who follow your success in this realm and want to acquire experience to teach this subject in the EU member-states."

Official website: www.ecuonline.net

IM ZAUR MAMMADOV IS THE NEW CHESS CHAMPION OF AZERBAIJAN



IM Zaur Mammadov (ELO 2459) is the new chess champion of Azerbaijan. He won the tournament with final result of 7 points. Second, on a point distance from the winner, is GM Vugar Rasulov (ELO 2493). Third in the final ranking finished FM Kanan Izzat (ELO 2349) with final score 5.5 points.

The Championship was held on January 16-25, 2013. Chief-Arbitrator of the tournament, organized by the Chess Federation of Azerbaijan, was IA Ismayilov Namiq.

Final Ranking after 9 rounds

Rk.	Title	Name	Rtg	Pts.	TB1	TB2	TB3
1	IM	Mammadov Zaur	2459	7	6	0	23.8
2	GM	Rasulov Vugar	2493	6	4	0	22.5
3	FM	Izzat Kanan	2349	5.5	3	0	20.3
4	GM	Abasov Nijat	2468	5	3	0	17.8
5	GM	Guliev Sarhan	2468	4.5	3	0.5	13.5
6		Iskandarov Misratdin	2360	4.5	3	0.5	12.8
7	FM	Sevdimaliyev Urfan	2281	2.5	2	0	4.75
8		Rahmanov Shahriyar	2238	0.5	0	0.5	1.5
9	IM	Bajarani Ulvi	2425	0.5	0	0.5	0.25

Official website: www.azerichess.az



GM HRVOJE STEVIC WINS INDIVIDUAL CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP OF CROATIA



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GM Hrvoje Stevic (ELO 2618) won the Individual Chess Championship of Croatia'2012 with final result of 6.5 points and better tie-break than the second player in the final ranking GM Ivan Saric (ELO 2614), who finished with the same result. Third finished Ante Brkic (ELO 2581) with 6 points.

The championship was held on January 21-31, 2013 in Plitvička Jezera, Croatia.

Chief-Arbitrator of the tournament, organized by the Croatia Chess Federation, was Denis Rosandić, IA. The rate of play was 90 minutes for 40 moves+30 minutes for the rest of the game+30 seconds increment per move, starting from move one.

Final Ranking after 11 Rounds

Rk.	Title	Name	Rtg	Pts.	TB1	TB2	TB3	TB4
1	GM	Stević Hrvoje	2618	6.5	3.5	35	0.5	3
2	GM	Šarić Ivan	2614	6.5	3.5	35	0.5	2
3	GM	Brkić Ante	2581	6	3	32.8	0	2
4	GM	Šarić Ante	2540	6	3	32.3	0	1
5	GM	Kuljašević Davorin	2557	6	2.5	31.3	0	2
6	GM	Jovanović Zoran	2508	5.5	3	30.3	0	0
7	GM	Jovanić Ognjen	2547	5.5	2.5	29.3	0	1
8	GM	Janković Alojzije	2538	5	4	28.8	0	2
9	GM	Martinović Saša	2538	5	2.5	26.8	0.5	2
10	GM	Palac Mladen	2579	5	2.5	26.8	0.5	1
11	GM	Kožul Zdenko	2637	4.5	3	25.3	0	2
12	GM	Zelčić Robert	2543	4.5	2	24.3	0	2

Official website: www.crochess.com



MAGNUS CARLSEN WINS THE 75TH TATA STEEL CHESS TOURNAMENT



GM Magnus Carlsen (ELO 2861) won the 75th Tata Steel Chess Tournament with final result of 10 points from possible 13. Silver medal was for GM Levon Aronian (ELO 2802), who finished with score 8.5 points. The bronze goes to GM Viswanathan Anand (ELO 2772) who scored 8 points in 13 rounds.

The 75th Tata Steel Chess Tournament was held on January 11-27, 2013 in Wijk aan Zee, The Netherlands. The tournament was played in three GM groups with 14 players in each. The rate of play was 100 minutes for 40 moves+50 minutes for 20 moves+15 minutes for the rest of the game+30 seconds increment per move, starting from move one.





Final Ranking after 13 rounds- Grandmaster Group A

Rk.	Name	Rtg	Pts.
1	Carlsen, M.	2861	10
2	Aronian, L.	2802	8.5
3	Anand, V.	2772	8
4	Karjakin, S.	2780	8
5	Leko, P.	2735	7.5
6	Nakamura, H.	2769	7
7	Harikrishna, P.	2698	6.5
8	Giri, A.	2726	6
9	Wang, H.	2752	6
10	van Wely, L.	2679	6
11	Hou, Y.	2603	5.5
12	Caruana, F.	2781	5
13	L'Ami, E.	2627	4
14	Sokolov, I.	2667	3

Official website: www.tatasteelchess.com



GM NIKITA VITIUGOV WINS THE 11TH TRADEWISE GIBRALTAR CHESS FESTIVAL



GM Nikita Vitiugov (RUS) won the 11th Tradewise Gibraltar Chess Festival after beating GM Nigel Short (ENG) in the final tiebreaking play-off. Four players have qualified for the tiebreaking play-off finishing with 8 points from possible 11. In the “semifinals” the Russian GM beat Chanda Sandipan (IND), while Nigel Short won against Maxime Vachier-Lagrave (FRA).

The 11th edition of the Tradewise Gibraltar Chess Festival was held on January 21-31, 2013 in Gibraltar, UK. The tournament was played according to the Swiss system with rate of play 100 minutes for 40 moves+15 minutes for the rest of the game+30 seconds increment per move, starting from moves one. The rate of play of the play-offs was 10 minutes for the entire game+5 seconds increment per move. In case of 1-1 the players would continue with blitz games.

Final Ranking after 10 rounds - first 20 positions

Rk.	Title	Name	Rtg	FED	Pts.	TB1
1	GM	Vitiugov Nikita	2694	RUS	8	2830
2	GM	Vachier-Lagrave Maxime	2711	FRA	8	2788
3	GM	Sandipan Chanda	2590	IND	8	2765
4	GM	Short Nigel D	2690	ENG	8	2730
5	GM	Georgiev Kiril	2643	BUL	7.5	2745
6	GM	Adams Michael	2725	ENG	7.5	2744
7	GM	Navara David	2710	CZE	7.5	2742
8	GM	Kamsky Gata	2740	USA	7.5	2730
9	GM	Ivanchuk Vassily	2758	UKR	7.5	2726
10	GM	Yu Yangyi	2688	CHN	7.5	2726
11	GM	Salgado Lopez Ivan	2606	ESP	7.5	2698
12	GM	Fridman Daniel	2667	GER	7.5	2653
13	GM	Zhao Xue	2554	CHN	7.5	2621
14	GM	Le Quang Liem	2705	VIE	7	2726
15	GM	Jones Gawain C B	2632	ENG	7	2678
16	GM	Felgaer Ruben	2557	ARG	7	2635
17	GM	Wojtaszek Radoslaw	2723	POL	7	2622
18	GM	Shirov Alexei	2708	LAT	7	2614
19	GM	Stefanova Antoaneta	2516	BUL	7	2611
20	IM	Gunina Valentina	2490	RUS	7	2593

In the Master’s section of the festival took part one hundred and fifty players. GM Nikita Vitiugov, received winners cheque for £20,000.



The Chinese GM Zhao Xue has won the top female prize of £12,000



Official website: www.gibraltarchesscongress.com

