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### ECU PRESIDENT SILVIO DANAILOV MEETS IN BRUSSELS WITH THE EU COMMISSIONER FOR EDUCATION, CULTURE, MULTILINGUALISM AND YOUTH, MRS. ANDROULLA VASSILIOU



On 8<sup>th</sup> of February, 2013 in Brussels the President of the European Chess Union Silvio Danailov met with the EU Commissioner for Education, Culture, Multilingualism and Youth, Mrs. Androulla Vassiliou.

During the meeting Mrs. Vassiliou expressed her satisfaction from the big progress of the European Chess Union, concerning the project "Chess in school" and the big support which the Written

Declaration 50/2011 had received by the MEPs in the EU Parliament. Mrs. Vassiliou gave her full support to the ECU efforts and expressed her willingness EU Commission to cooperate very close with the European Chess Union in several chess projects, concerning chess in school, including big chess tournament for children between Europe and China.

*"We strongly hope to start our project "Chess in school" in the 27 countries-members of the EU during 2014" – said the ECU President Silvio Danailov after the meeting.*

This is the first meeting between Mr. Danailov and Mrs. Vassiliou after the endorsement of the ECU program "Chess in school" by the EU Parliament. Besides Mr. Danailov the meeting was attended also by the best women chess player Judit Polgar and the chess legend Garry Kasparov, whose foundation „Kasparov Chess Foundation Europe" is partner of the European Chess Union in "Chess school" project.



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## ECU BOARD IN ARMENIA



Regular meeting of the European Chess Union Board has been held in Yerevan (Armenia).

Armenian national federation and Chess Academy in charge of the well-known GM Smbat Lputian hosted the members of the ECU Board.

During the meeting, the Board discussed regular issues within its authority.

During his visit to Armenia President Silvio Danailov had the chance to meet with the President of Armenia, Mr. Serzh Sargsian.





In addition, the Board members paid a visit to Armenian primary school in Yerevan "Nelson Stepania", as well as Yerevan State Pedagogical University after Kh. Abovyan.



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## GM LEVON BABUJYAN WINS ARMENIAN RAPID CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP'2013



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GM Levon Babujyan won Armenian Rapid Chess Championship' 2013 with 7.5 points from possible 8. On the shared second place finished GM Tigran Petrosyan and GM Arsen Yeghiazaryan - both scored 6 points.

The Armenian Rapid Chess Championship was held on 3<sup>rd</sup> of February, 2013 in Yerevan. Chief-Arbiter of the tournament, organized by the Armenian Chess Federation, was IA Armen Nikoghosyan. Thirty one chess players took part in the competition.



### Final Ranking after 8 rounds - first 15 positions

Rk.	Title	Name	Pts.	TB1	TB2	TB3
1	GM	Babujian Levon	7.5	37	39	4
2	GM	Petrosyan Tigran L.	6	37	41	4
3	GM	Yeghiazaryan Arsen	6	37	41	4
4	GM	Andriasyan Zaven	5.5	34	37	5
5	FM	Vardanyan Haik G.	5.5	34	36	3
6	FM	Harutyunyan Tigran K.	5	33	36	4
7		Poghosyan Suren	5	32	34	4
8	IM	Mnatsakanyan Eduard	5	31	32	4
9	IM	Grigoryan Karen H.	5	29	32	4
10	GM	Harutyunyan Gevorg	4.5	36	39	4
11	IM	Kalashyan David	4.5	31	33	4
12	IM	Nadanyan Ashot	4	33	35	4
13	GM	Kotanyan Tigran	4	33	35	4
14		Apresyan Zohrak	4	32	34	4
15	IM	Hayrapetyan Arman	4	32	34	4

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## TOP 50 PLAYERS - FEBRUARY 2013

Rank	Name	Title	Country	Rating	Games	B-Year
1	Carlsen, Magnus	g	NOR	2872	13	1990
2	Kramnik, Vladimir	g	RUS	2810	0	1975
3	Aronian, Levon	g	ARM	2809	13	1982
4	Radjabov, Teimour	g	AZE	2793	0	1987
5	Karjakin, Sergey	g	RUS	2786	13	1990
6	Anand, Viswanathan	g	IND	2780	13	1969
7	Topalov, Veselin	g	BUL	2771	0	1975
8	Nakamura, Hikaru	g	USA	2767	13	1987
9	Mamedyarov, Shakhriyar	g	AZE	2766	0	1985
10	Grischuk, Alexander	g	RUS	2764	0	1983
11	Ivanchuk, Vassily	g	UKR	2758	0	1969
12	Morozevich, Alexander	g	RUS	2758	0	1977
13	Caruana, Fabiano	g	ITA	2757	13	1992
14	Svidler, Peter	g	RUS	2747	0	1976
15	Leko, Peter	g	HUN	2744	13	1979
16	Wang, Hao	g	CHN	2743	13	1989
17	Gelfand, Boris	g	ISR	2740	0	1968
18	Kamsky, Gata	g	USA	2740	0	1974
19	Gashimov, Vugar	g	AZE	2737	0	1986
20	Jakovenko, Dmitry	g	RUS	2734	0	1983
21	Ponomarev, Ruslan	g	UKR	2733	0	1983
22	Andreikin, Dmitry	g	RUS	2727	0	1990

23	Adams, Michael	g	ENG	2725	0	1971
24	Dominguez Perez, Leinier	g	CUB	2723	6	1983
25	Giri, Anish	g	NED	2722	13	1994
26	Tomashevsky, Evgeny	g	RUS	2722	0	1987
27	Volokitin, Andrei	g	UKR	2722	0	1986
28	Areshchenko, Alexander	g	UKR	2720	0	1986
29	Naiditsch, Arkadij	g	GER	2716	13	1985
30	Vachier-Lagrave, Maxime	g	FRA	2715	12	1990
31	Wojtaszek, Radoslaw	g	POL	2710	10	1987
32	Navara, David	g	CZE	2710	0	1985
33	Shirov, Alexei	g	LAT	2709	7	1972
34	Cheparinov, Ivan	g	BUL	2709	0	1986
35	Ding, Liren	g	CHN	2709	0	1992
36	Kasimdzhonov, Rustam	g	UZB	2709	0	1979
37	Malakhov, Vladimir	g	RUS	2709	0	1980
38	Bruzon Batista, Lazaro	g	CUB	2707	15	1982
39	Wang, Yue	g	CHN	2706	4	1987
40	Fressinet, Laurent	g	FRA	2706	0	1981
41	Harikrishna, P.	g	IND	2705	13	1986
42	Le, Quang Liem	g	VIE	2705	0	1991
43	Riazantsev, Alexander	g	RUS	2705	0	1985
44	Bacrot, Etienne	g	FRA	2704	7	1983
45	Akopian, Vladimir	g	ARM	2704	0	1971
46	Moiseenko, Alexander	g	UKR	2703	0	1980
47	Nepomniachtchi, Ian	g	RUS	2703	0	1990

48	Korobov, Anton	g	UKR	2702	10	1985
49	Berkes, Ferenc	g	HUN	2702	0	1985
50	Jobava, Baadur	g	GEO	2702	0	1983

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