

**HICHAM HAMDouchI AND NINO MAISURADZE ARE THE
NEW FRENCH CHESS CHAMPIONS**



Hicham Hamdouchi and Nino Maisuradze are the new French chess champions. They won the 88th edition of the tournament after tie-breaks.

The French Chess Championship was held from 11-23 August at the Sports Palace Jean Weille in Nancy.

In the men's section Jean-Marc Degraeve finished second, while Andreï Sokolov came third. In the women's section Mathilde Congiu won the second place, whereas Sophie Milliet was third.



Hicham Hamdouchi won his title after winning the tie-break against Jean-Marc

Degraeve with the final score 1,5 : 0,5. Nino Maisuradze drew her match against Mathilde Congiu and beat her in two blitz games with the final result 3:1.

In the veteran section Nicolas Giffard won the first place. Richard Goldenberg came second, while Jean-Paul Richter was third.

Official website: www.echecs.asso.fr



IM OLGA ALEXANDROVA WINS THE SPANISH WOMEN INDIVIDUAL CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP



IM Olga Alexandrova (ELO 2431) won the Spanish Women Individual Chess Championship with the final result of 6.5 points out of 9 and better tie-break than the second in the ranking WGM Monica Calzetta Ruiz (ELO 2221), who scored the same result. IM Ana Matnadze was third (ELO 2390) with 6 points.

The Championship was held from 19-25 August, 2013 in Linares.

Chief Arbiter of the tournament, organized by the Spanish Chess Federation was FA Carles Otero Salgas, Tournament Director - Francisco Fernández Albalate. Twenty-nine chess players took part in the competition.

Final Ranking after 9 rounds

Rk.	Title	Name	Rtg	Pts.	TB1	TB2	TB3
1	IM	Alexandrova Olga	2431	6.5	38	48	45
2	WGM	Calzetta Ruiz Monica	2221	6.5	37	44	43
3	IM	Matnadze Ana	2390	6	39	51	46
4	WIM	Hernandez Estevez Yudania	2230	6	37	48	44
5	IM	Vega Gutierrez Sabrina	2402	6	37	48	43
6	WIM	Nicolas Zapata Irene	2253	5.5	37	47	44
7	WIM	Aranaz Murillo Amalia	2246	5.5	36	47	43
8	WIM	Vega Gutierrez Belinda	2148	5	38	49	45
9		Perera Borrego Mariela	2062	5	36	46	42
10	WIM	Garcia Vicente Nieves	2227	5	35	46	41

Official website: www.feda.org



ACADEMIA XADREZ GAIA WINS THE NATIONAL TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP OF PORTUGAL - 1ST DIVISION



Academia Xadrez Gaia won the National Team Championship of Portugal - 1st division with the final result of 30 game points. The team of GD Dias Ferreira finished second with 28 game points, while AA de Coimbra was third with 20 points.

The Championship was held from 17-25 August, 2013 in Matosinhos.

Director of the tournament, organized by the Chess Federation of Portugal, was Francisco Castro, while Chief Arbiter was Alzira Silva.

Final Ranking

Rk.	Team	TB1	TB2	TB3	TB4
1	Academia Xadrez Gaia 'A'	26	1	30	2670
2	GD Dias Ferreira 'A'	26	1	28	2436
3	AA de Coimbra 'A'	21	0	20	1770
4	FC Barreirense 'A'	19	0	17	1537
5	ADRC Mata de Benfica 'A'	17	0	18	1615
6	GD Diana "A"	16	2	15	1296
7	CX Montemor-o-Velho/CTGA 'A'	16	0	15	1305
8	Clube TAP 'A'	15	0	14	1253
9	Clube dos Galitos "A"	12	0	9.5	852
10	GDFerrovios Barreiro "A"	8	0	5.5	482

Team composition of the winners was: GMs Ivan Salgado Lopez (ESP, ELO 2603), Sergey Tiviakov (NED, ELO 2654), Oleg Korneev (ESP, ELO 2617), Ľubomir Ftáčnik (SVK, ELO 2543), Aleksa Striković (SRB, ELO 2504), Dragan Paunović (SRB, 2495), IMs Ruben Pereira (POR, ELO 2410), Manuel Peña Gomez (ESP, ELO 2414), Roberto Paramos Dominguez (ESP, ELO 2404), António Fróis (POR, ELO 2340), Pablo Garcia Castro (ESP, ELO 2354), Rafael Rodriguez Lopez (ESP, ELO 2251), FM Miguel Senlle Caride (ESP, ELO 2293), NM Camejo Almeida Rui (POR, ELO 2296) and Jorge Antao (POR, ELO 1817).

Official website: www.fpx.pt



SERBIAN YOUTH CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP FOR BOYS AND GIRLS



The Serbian Youth Chess Championship for boys and girls was held from 15-21 August, 2013 in Donji Milanovac.

Director of the tournament, organized by the Serbian Chess Federation, was Dragan Kotevski, while Chief Arbiter was IA Dragan Zivic.

Final Ranking - Boys - first 5 positions

Rk.	Title	Name	Rtg	Pts.	TB1	TB2	TB3
1	FM	Cabarkapa Novak	2361	8.5	3	42	0
2		Zajic Milan	2276	7.5	2.5	37	0
3	FM	Lukovic Vladimir	2346	7	3	36.8	0
4		Ratkovic Miloje	2252	6	2.5	30.5	0
5		Radovanovic Nikola	2269	6	1.5	28	0

Final Ranking - Girls - first 5 positions

Rk.	Title	Name	Rtg	Pts.	TB1	TB2	TB3
1	WFM	Zarkovic Mila	2079	7	2	26	0
2		Velikic Adela	1999	6.5	1.5	24.5	0
3		Milosevic Jovana	1902	6	1.5	22.3	0
4		Dizdarevic Barbara	2002	5.5	2.5	25.5	0
5		Korbovljanovic Natasa	1895	5	2.5	22.8	0

The Championship was played in 11 rounds for the boys and 9 rounds for the girls, according to the Berger system with time control of 90 minutes for the entire game + 30 seconds increment per move, starting from move one.





Official website: www.serbiachess.net



PETR MLYNEK WINS THE CZECH SENIOR CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP - OVER 60



Petr Mlýnek (CZE) won the Czech Senior Chess Championship – over 60 with the final result of 7.5 points out of 9. Jiří Fišer finished second (CZE) with 7 points, while FM Yrij Vorobyov (UKR) was third with 6.5 points.

The Championship was held from 20-25 August, 2013 in Pelcovo divadlo Rychnov nad Kněžnou. Tournament director and Chief Arbiter was Jiří Daniel.

Final Ranking after 9 rounds - first 10 positions

Rk.	Title	Name	FED	Pt s.	TB 1	TB 2	TB3
1		Mlýnek Petr	CZE	7.5	42	53	43
2		Fišer Jiří	CZE	7	35	46	33.5
3	FM	Vorobyov Yrij	UKR	6.5	41	53	36.8
4	FM	Furman Boris	RUS	6.5	39	51	35.5
5		Gasik Piotr	POL	6.5	39	50	33.8
6		Novotný Josef	CZE	6	41	52	32.8
7		Doležal Radoslav	CZE	6	37	48	29.5
8		Uhmann Jan	CZE	6	36	48	29.5
9		Šíbl Václav	CZE	6	35	45	27.5
10		Vláčil Vladimír	CZE	5.5	40	51	29.3

Seventy nine chess players took part in the competition.

Official website: www.panda-rk.cz



VESNA ROŽIČ PASSED AWAY



Despite all the efforts made by doctors in the past weeks, we received the sad news from Slovenia that the chess player Vesna Rozic passed away. Her chess friends shall remember her as a joyful and cheerful girl and a good colleague.

On behalf of the European Chess Union President Silvio Danailov would like to extend deepest condolences to Vesna's family and Slovenian Chess Federation.

FORTHCOMING TOURNAMENTS

EUROPEAN CLUB CUP 2013 - RHODES, GREECE



19-27 October 2013
European Club Cup
Rhodes, Greece

29th European Club Cup
18th European Club Cup for Women
Rhodes (Greece), 19 - 27 October 2013

GENERAL REGULATIONS

1. Invitation

This is the official invitation to all European Chess Federations affiliated to FIDE and ECU to participate in the 29th European Club Cup and the 18th European Club Cup for Women. The events will be held in Rhodes, the famous Greek island on the southeast Aegean Sea.

The dates are 19th October (day of arrival) to 27th October 2013 (day of departure).

2. Participation

The valid regulations to be followed for the European Club Cup (open & women) are the "ECU Tournament Rules" approved by the General Assembly of the European Chess Union. Each European federation is allowed to take part in this competition. According to the regulations, participation is open to:

- SOCAR Azerbaijan, the current cup holder in the open competition.
- Cercle d'Echecs de Monte Carlo (Monaco), the current cup holder in the women competition.

- Two (2) clubs per federation in which a national team championship is organised or one (1) club per federation in which no national team championship is organised.
- A third club is allowed to that federation(s) in which a national team championship is organised provided that at least 20 grandmasters and/or players with a FIDE rating over 2600 have participated in this national team championship.
- One additional club (only in open competition) for the European federations which are ranked in the first five places of the federation ranking list. For the competition 2013 the federations are Azerbaijan, Russia, Germany, Czech Republic, Israel.

3. ECU fees

3.1. In accordance with ECU regulations each federation should pay an entry fee of 300 euros per participating club of the open competition and 200 euros per participating club of the women competition.

3.2. According to the ECU regulations (article B.9.5.1), the entry fee to ECU shall be paid by the federations before or at the start of the competition. If the entry fee is not paid by the end of round 2 these teams will not be paired in subsequent rounds.

3.3 The ECU account

Bank: Credit Suisse, Postfach 357, CH - 6301 Zug

Account number: 1835105-42

Holder: European Chess Union

National Bank Code: 4835

BIC: CRESCHZZXXX

IBAN Code: CH3604835183510542000

4. Application, Registration

4.1. Every federation that intends to participate, with one or more clubs, must inform the Organising Committee before 30 June 2013 of its acceptance of the invitation, specifying also the exact number of the clubs participating. A copy should be sent to Tournament Director Dirk De Ridder, e-mail: ECU_DirkDeRidder@skynet.be

4.2. Afterwards, entry forms must be completed and returned to the Tournament office email eccc2013rodos@gmail.com no later than 19 August 2013, by fax or mail stamped by the Federation, also by official email. The date of 19 August 2013 is the registration deadline. In entry form basic team composition must be written.

4.3. The complete registration form must include surname/s, first name/s, ID number, FIDE rating and title, and passport number of each player. It must also include the name and telephone / e-mail / fax number of the Chief of Delegation and of the person in charge of the Club.

4.4. Copies of the registration forms should at the same time be sent to Tournament Director Dirk De Ridder, e-mail: ECU_DirkDeRidder@skynet.be

4.5. All entry forms have to be put forward by the respective federation: entries not supported by the federation will not be accepted.

4.6. A registration fee of 55 euros for each participant and accompanying person will be charged which includes accreditation, badges and transfer from Rhodes airport, port to the 5-star Rodos Palace, the official hotel & venue. Teams will not be paired until all their registration details and payments have been fulfilled.

IMPORTANT NOTE FOR THE OPEN AND WOMEN COMPETITION

In order to avoid the problem of last-minute team changes that are not in accordance with the ECU Club Cup Tournament Rules each federation has to send a copy of the club list(s) as entered for the respective national team competition to the Tournament Director.

5. Travel details

5.1. Transfer from Rhodes airport to the official hotel & venue, the 5-star Rodos Palace (15 km) will be available by the Organising Committee.

5.2. These transport services will be available on 19 October (arrival) and on 27 October (departure). If the Organising Committee is able, it will accept special requests from clubs regarding transfer dates.

5.3. The organiser can offer special discount fares for airtickets throughout Europe. Such requests for airticket offers can be forwarded to the tournament office email eccc2013rodos@gmail.com

6. Lodging and meals

6.1 Accommodation and meals for all players and accompanying persons will be offered by the organiser with the following special prices per day and per person at the official hotel & venue, the 5-star Rodos Palace:

a) in double room: 53 euros, VAT and full board included (breakfast, lunch, dinner)

b) in single room: 78 euros, VAT and full board included (breakfast, lunch, dinner).

6.2 If a participating club does not wish to use the above accommodation offer of the Organising Committee for the official hotel, an additional payment of 100 euros per person who requires accreditation must be included with the registration (ECU bidding procedure 2011).

7. Payments

7.1 By the deadline of registration (no later than 19 August 2013), the registration fee of 55 euros per person plus a non-refundable deposit of 30% for all costs of each club should be transferred to the following bank account to confirm registrations and bookings:

Bank: Piraeus Bank

Bank Swift Code (BIC): PIRBGRAA

Account holder name: Koutloughiannis At Holidays Ltd

Account number (IBAN): GR2701720230005023055028191

Bank address: 4 Amerikis Str., 10564 Athens - GREECE

7.2. The foreign bank commissions must be paid by the sender. If not, the respective amount will be charged and should be paid in full before the end of the second round.

8. Trophies and Prize Fund

8.1 The first 3 teams will receive trophies. Each team member of the winning club (players, reserves and captain) will receive a gold medal. The team members of the 2nd and 3rd placed clubs will each receive a silver and bronze medal respectively.

8.2 For the best placed clubs and for the individual results for the best board result in the open competition, prizes to the value of 30.000 euros will be provided. For the best placed clubs and for the individual results for the best board result in the women competition, prizes to the value of 20.000 euros will be provided. In addition, an individual prize of 1.000 euros will be given to the player with the best performance from a "small nations" club.

8.3 The total prizes value of 51.000 euros will be distributed as follows:

8.3.1. CLUB PRIZES

CLUB CUP (24.000 euros) WOMEN (16.000 euros)

1st club - 9.600 euros - 8.000 euros

2nd club - 4.800 euros - 4.000 euros

3rd club - 3.600 euros - 2.400 euros

4th club - 2.400 euros - 1.600 euros

5th club - 2.400 euros

6th club - 1.200 euros

8.3.2. INDIVIDUAL PRIZES (the best board results)

CLUB CUP (6.000 euros) WOMEN (4.000 euros)

1st place per board - 500 euros - 500 euros

2nd place per board - 300 euros - 300 euros

3rd place per board - 200 euros - 200 euros

8.3.2.1 An extra prize of 1.000 euros will be given to the player with the best performance from a "small nations" club.

8.3.3. Standings for the best board results will be calculated according ECU Tournament rules.

9. Tournament Hall

The event will be held in the Congress Center of the 5-star Rodos Palace Hotel.

10. Schedule

Saturday - 19 October - Arrivals

Saturday - 19 October 21.00 - Opening ceremony

Saturday - 19 October 22.00 - Captain's meeting

Sunday - 20 October 15.00 - 1st Round

Monday - 21 October 15.00 - 2nd Round

Tuesday - 22 October 15.00 - 3rd Round

Wednesday - 23 October 15.00 - 4th Round

Thursday - 24 October 15.00 - 5th Round

Friday - 25 October 15.00 - 6th Round

Saturday - 26 October 15.00 - 7th Round

Saturday - 26 October 22.00 - Closing Ceremony

Sunday - 27 October - Departures

Teams who are not represented at the technical meeting will not be paired according to the decision of the ECU Board.

The Closing Ceremony will take place in the Medieval Castle of Rhodes, a unique offer by the Municipality of Rhodes. Transfer by bus with return will be provided from the official hotel Rodos Palace. For organisational and security reasons, entrance will be allowed only to accredited persons.

11. Basic competition rules

11.1 The championships will be held in 7 rounds, played in the Swiss system in accordance with the ECU Tournament Rules.

11.2 According to FIDE and ECU rules, the time control will be 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.

11.3. Players may only agree to a draw after the 40th move has been made by black. Players violating this rule will be forfeited. If a player is offered a draw before the 40th move has been made by black, he should call an arbiter. His opponent shall be punished for distracting, according to the FIDE Laws of Chess.

12. Additional competition rules

12.1 Any player who arrives at the chessboard after the start of the round shall lose the game (zero tolerance FIDE rule).

12.2 Analyzing is not allowed in the playing hall.

12.3 During the game the players are not allowed to go to the analyzing room or to the press room.

12.4. Flash photography may be used only in the first ten minutes of the playing session.

12.5. Only the players and arbiters shall be allowed in the actual playing area, except with the express permission of the Chief Arbiter.

12.6. Players are not allowed to enter the closed area of the top boards if they don't play there themselves.

12.7. As long as the game is in progress a player may talk only to an arbiter or with his opponent as permitted by the Laws of Chess.

12.8 Regarding foreigners, ECU Tournament Regulations F1.2 will be followed strictly.

12.8.1 The teams shall be composed of six players all of whom must be members of the club and were entitled to play for the club in the national team championship of the federation which was organized within one year before the start of the current European Club Cup. However, players who are foreigners to the federation in which the national team championship is organized, must have played at least two games in this championship. Foreigners are defined as those which are either belonging to another federation in the FIDE Rating List valid at the start of the national team championship or have a permanent residence outside the federation in which this national team championship is organized.

12.8.2 If a participating club wants to include a player who does not fulfill the requirements of article 1.2 the club has to pay an amount of 2500 Euro (1000 Euro for the women event) to ECU.

These players have to be announced to the Tournament Director before the deadline for nomination of teams and the extra fee has to be paid to ECU before start of the competition. In the open competition no more than two players, in the women's competition no more than one female player, may be replaced.

12.8.3 Players, who are considered as foreigners according to F.1.2, and who have been playing at least three times for the same club in previous European Club Cup competitions are exempted from the obligation to play at least two games in the championship of the federation for this club.

12.9 Attention is drawn to the fact that this competition is offering the possibility to achieve GM- or IM-norms based on 7 games.

12.10 No teams of federations which have financial arrears with respect to the European Chess Union will be allowed to enter the competition.

12.11 The ECU Rule related to dress code - Chapter B Article 13 - will be applied at this competition.

12.12. We assume that all the players have read the Tournament Regulations and are obliged to obey them.

12.13. The English text of these Tournament Regulations is the authentic version.

13. Tournament Director, Arbiters and Appeals Committee

The Tournament Director of the European Club Cup 2013 is IO Nikos Kalesis. The Chairman of Appeals Committee and the Chief Arbiter of the competition will be announced no later than 1 September 2013. Four members of the Appeals Committee will be elected in the captains meeting.

14. Entry visa to Greece

Teams or players needing visas are requested to contact the Organizing Committee before 19 August 2013 and apply on time to the respective Greek embassy. The Organising Committee will provide invitation and required confirmation of booking in the official hotel after the necessary payments.

The Organizing Committee has no responsibility for late or not complete applications.

15. Contact / Information

The official website of the European Club Cup 2013 is <http://www.rhodes2013.org>

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