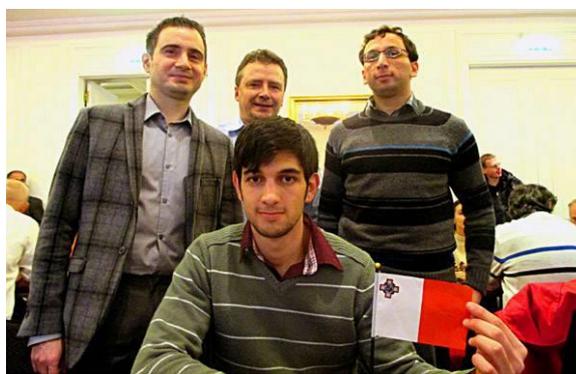


**FAROE ISLANDS WIN EUROPEAN SMALL NATIONS TEAM
CHAMPIONSHIP 2013**



The team of Faroe Islands is the winner of this year's edition of the European Small Nations Team Chess Championship, which was held in Monte Carlo, Monaco 24th November - 1st December 2013, in hotel Hermitage.

Faroe Islands were in the lead almost whole tournament, and managed to keep that lead and win the title with 8 won and only 1 lost match – total 16 points. Silver medal went to the team of Andorra with 14 points, and bronze went to the host Monaco, who scored 13 points.



Here are the final standings:

Rk.	Team	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	TB1	TB2	TB3
1	Faroe Islands	*	1½	3	3½	3	4	3½	4	4	3	16	29.5	0
2	Andorra	2½	*	2	1	4	2	3	3	4	4	14	25.5	0
3	Monaco	1	2	*	3½	1½	3	3½	4	3½	3½	13	25.5	0
4	Cyprus	½	3	½	*	2½	2	3	2	3½	4	12	21.0	0
5	Luxembourg	1	0	2½	1½	*	2	2	4	3	3½	10	19.5	0
6	Malta	0	2	1	2	2	*	2	2½	1½	3½	8	16.5	0
7	Liechtenstein	½	1	½	1	2	2	*	2½	3	3½	8	16.0	0
8	San Marino	0	1	0	2	0	1½	1½	*	2½	2½	5	11.0	0
9	Guernsey	0	0	½	½	1	2½	1	1½	*	2½	4	9.5	0
10	Jersey	1	0	½	0	½	½	½	1½	1½	*	0	6.0	0

The games were played in the beautiful salon Trianon of the hotel Hermitage, and were broadcasted live on the internet.



At the closing ceremony, the guests were addressed by Mr. Silvio Danailov, President of the European Chess Union, Mr. Kirsan Ilyumzhinov, President of FIDE and Mr. Jean-Michel Rapaire, President of Monaco Chess Federation.

The host of the tournament was Monaco Chess Federation, and the Championship was held under the patronage of the European Chess Union who was in the same time the main sponsor of the event. The Chief Arbiter was Mrs. Sava Stoislavjevic.



For more information, you can visit the link <http://www.echecs.asso.fr>



ECU PRESIDENT SILVIO DANAILOV MEETS WITH THE PRESIDENT OF THE FOOTBALL CLUB REAL MADRID, FLORENTINO PEREZ



On 30th of November, Saturday, the ECU President Silvio Danailov met with the president of the football club Real Madrid, Mr. Florentino Perez. The meeting took place in Madrid at the stadium Santiago Bernabeu at the personal invitation of Mr. Perez. The meeting was attended also by the new world chess champion Magnus Carlsen.

They discussed various aspects of the development of modern football and chess, as well as the effect of the application of modern marketing tools to promote the sport and to attract sponsors.

Magnus Carlsen was a special guest of Real Madrid in their match against "Valladolid" (5-0) and symbolically execute the initial kick.

"Peres invited Magnus as a world champion and fan of Real Madrid and me as President of the European Chess Union. This is a great recognition for chess because the club president himself meets with very few people.", said Silvio Danailov.



The President of Real Madrid advised Silvio Danailov to use the moment to continue the development of chess. "According to Perez for the first time in chess there is a galactic star - a young player who is charismatic. It is well known that he loves to use the term "galactic". He said chess needs to find global corporate sponsors.", said also ECU President.

According to Danailov Florentino Perez has followed the interest of Real Madrid. "His aim is to attract the attention of the chess community.", Danailov added.



JUDIT POLGAR'S CHESS PALACE PROGRAM IN THE NATIONAL CURRICULUM IN HUNGARY



Grandmaster Judit Polgar, the World best female chess player and the best woman ever to compete with men, has started a project called „Chess Palace skill-building program“ in Dezso Lemhenyi school in Hungary.

In September 2012, the Judit Polgar Chess Foundation started an experimental project called „Chess Palace“. Judit Polgar and her team have developed a new, so far unique method, and instead of teaching chess in a traditional way, their method goes beyond normal chess lessons.

Chess is taught all over the World, but the main difference between the usual chess lessons and the Chess palace version is that all knowledge that children usually learn at school is integrated into a system where chess pieces act as numbers, letters or even musical notes, depending on the subject taught.

For these reasons, Judit Polgar's Chess Palace has become a special revolutionary teaching program that puts chess learning into a whole new dimension.

„We don't want to raise chess players here, but we would like to use chess to teach children...to think logically and be able to use that skill in their everyday lives“, said Mrs. Polgar.

Judit has produced a Chess playground application on iPad in which children arrive on a „Chess Planet“ with a spaceship.

Chess helps children learn by playing and building on their interests in the visual culture of the digital age, said Judit Polgar after the lesson.

„It is complicated sport and in this respect that is very good. It has six different pieces that move in six different ways, so they can combine them into various games. The main goal of the project is learning through chess rather than learning how to play chess“, said Mrs. Polgar.

Chess is very popular in Hungary, and it is played everywhere, even on floating chessboards in Budapest's famous hot-spring baths, and from September 2013 Judit

Polgar's skill-building chess program Chess Palace is officially part of Hungary's National Curriculum.

Below you can find the videos about the project:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YXFmXd38gsY>

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