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**THE REGISTRATION DEADLINE FOR EICC YEREVAN 2014
EXTENDED**



Please be informed that the registration deadline of the EICC 2014 is extended till January 30, 2014.

Till January 30, 2014 the Entry Forms, organization fees and accommodation cost must be sent to the Armenian Chess Federation.

This date is the registration deadline. After that federations will not be able to register or modify any registrations.

To find the updated regulations of the Championship you can follow this link:
<http://www.ecuonline.net/com/calendar/single/847.html>

WELCOME TO ESCC 2014 IN OPORTO PORTUGAL



From 8th till 22nd March, 2014 Oporto will be the center of Senior Chess in Europe!

This year, The European Senior Chess Championship will gather the following Championships:

Championship in Classic chess, Rapid chess and Blitz chess, in 4 different tournaments of each Championship - over 50 years Absolut and Female tournament, and over 65 years Absolut and Female tournament.

The registration deadline is February 10, 2014. Registrations can be made only by the National Federations. Entry form can be downloaded on the website of the championship from the following link: <http://www.fpx.pt/esc2014/index.php/regulations>

For more information, you can visit the official website of the Championship <http://www.fpx.pt/esc2014/>

See us in Oporto!

GM TIGRAN KOTANJIAN WINS THE 74TH ARMENIAN CHAMPIONSHIP - THE HIGHEST LEAGUE



GM Tigran Kotanjian (ELO - 2500) won the 74th Armenian Championship-The Highest League with the final result of 6.5 out of 9 and better tie-break than the second in the ranking GM Robert Hovhannisyan (ELO-2592). GM Arman Pashikian (ELO-2605) finished third with 5.5 out of 9.

The Armenian Championship was held from 11-21 January, 2014 in Yerevan.

Chief Arbiter of the tournament, organized by the Armenian Chess Federation, was IA Armen Nikoghosyan. The average ELO rating was 2583.

Final Ranking after 9 rounds - MEN

Rk.	Title	Name	Rtg	Pts.	TB1	TB2	TB3	TB4
1	GM	Kotanjian Tigran	2500	6.5	27.5	4	0	4
2	GM	Hovhannisyan Robert	2592	6.5	24.5	4	0	5
3	GM	Pashikian Arman	2605	5.5	22	5	0	3
4	GM	Grigoryan Avetik	2571	5.5	19	4	0	4
5	GM	Grigoryan Karen H.	2584	4.5	18.8	4	0	3
6	GM	Andriasian Zaven	2621	4	14.8	5	0	1
7	GM	Petrosian Tigran L.	2654	4	14.3	3	0	2
8	GM	Ter-Sahakyan Samvel	2574	3.5	14	5	0	1
9	GM	Babujian Levon	2500	2.5	8.5	5	0	1
10	GM	Melkumyan Hrant	2625	1.5	7.25	5	0	1



The 69th Armenian Women's Championship – The Highest League was held from 12-21 January, 2014 in Yerevan. Chief Arbiter of the event was IA Juleta Nahatanyan. The average ELO rating was 2039. The winner in this section was Shushanna Sargsyan (ELO-2060) with 7 points out of 9 and better tie-break than the second and the third in the final ranking – WFM Maria Gevorgyan (ELO-2167) and Siranush Ghukasyan (ELO-1962).

Final Rankig after 9 rounds

Rk.	Title	Name	Rtg	Pts.	TB1	TB2	TB3	TB4
1		Sargsyan Shushanna	2060	7	27.8	5	0	6
2	WFM	Gevorgyan Maria	2167	7	25.8	4	0	6
3		Ghukasyan Siranush	1962	7	24.5	5	0	7
4	WIM	Gasparian Narine	2125	6.5	22.8	4	0	6
5		Babayan Armine	2078	5.5	15.5	4	0	5
6	WIM	Hairapetian Anna	2213	5	14	4	0	4
7		Gaboyan Susanna	2063	3.5	6.75	5	0	3
8		Mirzabekyan Svetlana	1906	1.5	4.5	5	0	1
9		Ghambaryan Hasmik	1939	1	1.5	5	0	1
10		Gevorgyan Anahit	1878	1	1	4	0	1

Official website: <http://chessfed.am/>



NEVIOSELAYA AND STUPAK NEW BELORUSSIAN CHESS CHAMPIONS FOR 2014



GM Kirill Stupak

Maria Nevioselaya and GM Kirill Stupak won Belorussian Chess Championships for 2014, which were held in Minsk/the Republic of Belarus, from 9-18 January, 2014 (Women) and 7-19 January, 2014 (Men).

Grandmaster Kirill Stupak (ELO 2505) won the title in Men's Championship, scoring 9 points out of 13, with 6 wins, 6 draws and one loss.

Second place went to GM Aleksej Aleksandrov (ELO 2578) with 8.5 points, and third place went to GM Sergey Zhigalko (ELO 2682) who was the only one to defeat the winner Stupak. Zhigalko gained 8 points, the same as Grandmasters Andrey Zhigalko, Vitaly Teterev and Vladislav Kovalev, but thanks to the best tie-break he took bronze.

The Championship was played as a Round Robin tournament, with 14 participants in 13 rounds. The rate of play was 90 minutes for 40 moves, followed by 30 minutes for the rest of the game + 30 seconds increment per move, starting from move one.

Here are the participants of the 80th Belorussian Chess Championship:

- 1. GM Zhigalko, Sergei - ELO 2682**
2. GM Zhigalko, Andrey - ELO 2619
- 3. GM Aleksandrov, Aleksej - ELO 2578**
4. GM Kovalev, Vladislav - ELO 2562
- 5. GM Maiorov, Nikita - ELO 2552**
6. GM Teterev, Vitaly - ELO 2507
- 7. GM Stupak, Kirill - ELO 2505**
8. GM Kupreichik, Viktor D - ELO 2455
- 9. Kocheev, Aleksandr - ELO 2391**
10. WGM Ziaziulkina, Nastassia - ELO 2386
- 11. IM Lomako, Pavel - ELO 2370**
12. GM Lutsko, Igor - ELO 2343
- 13. IM Smirnov, Valerij - ELO 2327**
14. Nikitenko, Mihail - ELO 2101

Final ranking can be found on Chess-Results at the link below:

<http://chess-results.com/tnr121030.aspx?lan=1&art=1&fed=BLR&wi=821>

At Women's Championship Maria Nevioselaya (ELO 2087) triumphed with 6.5 points. She scored the same number of points as the second WIM Lanita Stetsko (ELO 2245), but Nevioselaya had better tie-break which brought her the title. Third place was won by Maryia Kaliadzich with 5.5 points. Ladies also played a Round Robin tournament, but with 10 participants in 9 rounds. Here are the participants of the 58th Belorussian Women's Chess Championship:

- 1. WIM Stetsko, Lanita - ELO 2245**
2. Nevioselaya, Maria - ELO 2087
- 3. Revo, Tatiana - ELO 2079**
4. Bogdan, Ekaterina - ELO 2043
- 5. Kasperovich, Ekaterina - ELO 2029**
6. Kaliadzich, Maryia - ELO 2003
- 7. WFM Beinenson, Katsiaryna - ELO 1990**
8. Malatsilava, Volha - ELO 1939
- 9. Ilyuchyuk, Yana - ELO 1918**
10. Uzlavataya, Anhelina - ELO 1913

The final ranking can be found on Chess-Results: <http://chess-results.com/tnr121600.aspx?lan=1&art=1&wi=821&turdet=YES>. Both Championships were organized by the Belorussian Chess Federation. You can find more information here: <http://www.openchess.by/news/848.html>



IM FERNANDO SILVA WINS THE PORTUGAL NATIONAL SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIP



IM Fernando Silva (ELO-2281) won the Portugal National Senior Championship with the final result of 6 points out of 7 and better tie-break than the second in the ranking Victor Ferreira (ELO-2040). Jorge Antao (ELO - 1841) was third with 5.5 points.

The championship was held from 12-16 January, 2014 in Torres Vedras.

Chief Arbiter of the tournament, organized by the Portugal Chess Federation, was FA Altino Costa, while Tournament Director was Francisco Castro. The average ELO rating was 1721. Twenty-one chess players took part in the competition.

Final Ranking after 7 rounds - first 10 positions

Rk.	Title	Name	Rtg	Pts.	TB1	TB2	TB3
1	IM	Silva Fernando	2281	6	1	6	3
2		Ferreira Victor M O Santos	2040	6	0	6	4
3		Antao Jorge Ataide Coelho	1841	5.5	0	5	3
4	NM	Santos Julio	1957	4.5	0	3	3
5		Dias Jose De Oliveira Gaspar	1643	4	0	4	4
6		Alves Fernando Pereira Ribeir	1799	4	0	4	3
7		Mendes Alberto Achiles G Corr	1796	4	0	4	3
8		Bray Jose Manuel	1899	4	0	3	4
9		Abrantes Joao	1749	4	0	3	3
10		Mano Avelino De Sousa	1471	4	0	3	3

Official website: <http://www.fpx.pt>



FORTHCOMING TOURNAMENTS

GREAT OPPORTUNITY FOR YOUNG IN IASI/ROMANIA



Iasi County Chess Association, Romanian Chess Federation and European Chess Union have the honour of inviting youth teams from each national chess federation, ECU affiliated, to participate in the EUROPEAN YOUTH U18 TEAM CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP organized in Iasi, Romania, from 14th July (Arrival) to 22nd July (Departure) 2014.

Our city has a history of over 600 years and is recognized as the cultural capital of Romania, and our Association has a wealthy tradition of promoting chess in both national and international plans. We have successfully organized multiple editions of both seniors and juniors National Championships over the time, as well as numerous international tournaments, the most known being the Mihail Sadoveanu Memorial (28th edition), the World School Chess Championship 2012 and the World Amateur Chess Championship 2013.

The European Youth U18 Team Championship will be organized in 2 categories - Open and Girls. The teams in the open section shall consist of four players, the teams in the girls section shall consist of two players. Each team is entitled to have one reserve player. Participation of girls in the open tournament is admissible.

Both tournaments (open and girls) will be played according to the Swiss System in 7 rounds. The time rate will be 90 minutes for 40 moves, followed by 30 minutes for the rest of the game with an addition of 30 seconds per move starting from move one.

You can download the Tournament Regulations and the Registration form below:
<http://www.ecuonline.net/com/news/single/579.html>

For more information, you can visit the official website of the Championship
<http://www.eytcc2014.ro/>

Welcome to Iasi!

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