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**ECU PRESIDENT SILVIO DANAILOV MEETS WITH THE
HEADS OF STATE OF SAN MARINO, MRS. VALERIA
CIAVATTA AND MR. PAOLO BECCARI**



On 20th of May, 2014 the ECU President Silvio Danailov met with the Heads of State of San Marino, Mrs. Valeria Ciavatta and Mr. Paolo Beccari in order to promote the ECU program “Chess in school”.

Mrs. Ciavatta and Mr. Beccari listened with great interest the project presentation and fully agreed that learning chess at school can bring many benefits to the students.

During his stay in San Marino Mr. Danailov met also with the Minister of sport, Mr. Teodoro Lonfernini. Mr. Lonferini strongly supports the implementation of chess in the educational system of San Marino and he will be responsible for the funding of the project.



Mr. Silvio Danailov - Mr. Teodoro Lonfernini

Together with the ECU President in San Marion was also the former World Chess Champion, GM Veselin Topalov, who played a friendly game of chess with the President of San Marino National Olympic Committee, Mr. Gian Primo Giardi and gave a simul against 30 players from San Marino.

The final result of the simul for GM Topalov was +27, =3, - 0.



After the meetings the ECU President Silvio Danailov and the President of San Marino Chess Federation, Mr. Ivan Tabarini gave interview for the National TV of San Marino, concerning the ECU program “Chess in school”.

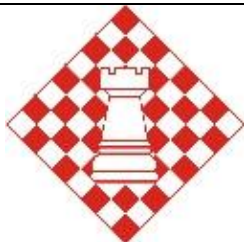


The full TV report about the visit of Silvio Danailov and Veselin Topalov in San Marino can be watched here: <http://www.smtvsanmarino.sm/sport/altri-sport/2014/05/20/arriva-san-marino-progetto-scacchi-nelle-scuole>



Mr. Danailov expresses his special thanks to the Heads of State, Mrs. Valeria Ciavatta and Mr. Paolo Beccari, to the President of San Marino Chess Federation, Mr. Ivan Tabarini, and to the President of San Marino National Olympic Committee, Mr. Gian Primo Giardi, for their warm hospitality and big support to the ECU program “Chess in School”.

CHESS CLUB "ZAGREB" WINS THE CROATIAN CUP 2014



The team of chess club "Zagreb" won the Croatian Cup 2014 with final result of 10 matchpoints and better tie-break than the second and third in the ranking-Liburnija (Rijeka) and Djakovo-Limmont (Djakovo) which finished with 9 matchpoints.

The tournament was organized by the Croatian Chess Federation and was held on May 14-18, 2014 in Bol na Braču. Chief-Arbitrator of the Croatian Cup was IA Vladimir Cvetnić, Tournament Director - Željko Kiseljak. The average ELO rating was 2231. Twenty-six teams competed for the title.

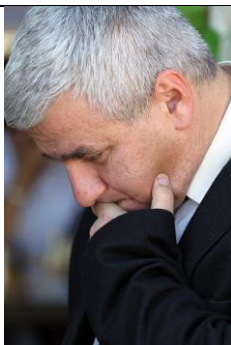
Final Ranking after 6 rounds - first 10 positions

Rk.	Team	Games	+	=	-	TB1	TB2	TB3
1	ZAGREB Zagreb	6	5	0	1	10	18	109
2	LIBURNIJA Rijeka	6	3	3	0	9	16	106
3	ĐAKOVO - LIMMONT Đakovo	6	3	3	0	9	15	83.5
4	VINKOVCI Vinkovci	6	3	3	0	9	14	80.5
5	BRDA Split	6	3	2	1	8	13	63
6	RIJEKA Rijeka	6	3	1	2	7	15	90.5
7	DUBROVNIK Dubrovnik	6	3	1	2	7	14	59
8	VARAŽDIN Varaždin	6	3	1	2	7	14	58.5
9	PODRAVKA Koprivnica	6	3	1	2	7	13	66
10	SOLIN - CEMEX Solin	6	3	1	2	7	13	61.5

Team composition of the winners was: GMs Malden Palac (ELO 2569), Zdenko Kozul (ELO 2595), Ante Saric (ELO 1528), Robert Zelcic (ELO 2542) and IMs Branko Rogulj (ELO 2422), Ervin Sindik (ELO 2325).

Official website: <http://crochess.com>

GM KIRIL GEORGIEV WINS THE BULGARIAN NATIONAL CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP



GM Kiril Georgiev won the Bulgarian National Chess Championship with final score of 7 points out of 9. On a half point distance from the winner finished GM Ivan Cheparinov. The bronze medal went to GM Atanas Kolev - 5/9.

The championship was held on May 10-18, 2014 in Kozloduy.

Chief-Arbitrator of the tournament, organized by the Bulgarian Chess Federation, was Georgi Zhivkov - IA, Tournament Director - Nikolay Velchev. The average ELO rating was 2486.

Final Ranking after 9 rounds

Rk.	Title	Name	Rtg	Pts.	TB1	TB2	TB3
1	GM	Georgiev Kiril	2632	7	0	6	28
2	GM	Cheparinov Ivan	2686	6.5	0	5	25.5
3	GM	Kolev Atanas	2579	5	0	4	20.8
4	IM	Dimitrov Radoslav	2445	4.5	1	3	20.8
5	GM	Drenchev Petar	2487	4.5	1	2	17.5
6	GM	Nikolov Momchil	2523	4.5	1	1	20.8
7	IM	Marholev Dimitar	2348	4	0	3	15.3
8	IM	Enchev Ivailo	2437	3.5	1	2	13
9	GM	Arnaudov Petar	2464	3.5	0	2	13.5
10		Danov Lyubomir	2257	2	0	1	8.5

In the women's section winner became WGM Iva Videnova with 7 points out of 9. The silver medal went to WIM Elitsa Raeva 6.5/9, the bronze - to WGM Adriana Nikolova - 5.5/9. The average ELO rating was 2139.

Final Ranking after 9 rounds - first 5 positions

Rk.	Title	Name	Rtg	Pts.	TB1	TB2	TB3
1	WGM	Videnova Iva	2323	7	0	6	26.3
2	WIM	Raeva Elitsa	2352	6.5	0	5	27.3
3	WGM	Nikolova Adriana	2319	5.5	1	4	21
4	WGM	Voiska Margarita	2292	5.5	0	4	22.5
5	WIM	Yordanova Svetla	2084	5	0	2	19

Official website: <http://chessbg.com>



GM PAVEL MALETIN WINS THE RUSSIAN RAPID CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP 2014



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GM Pavel Maletin won the Russian Rapid Chess Championship with final score 6.5 out of 10. On a half point distance from the winner finished GM Vladimir Potkin - second and GM Ildar Khairullin - third.

The championship was held on May 19-20, 2014 in St. Petersburg.

Chief-Arbitrer of the tournament, organized by the Russian Chess Federation, was IA Viatcheslav Ivanov, Tournament Director - Vassily Orlov.

Fourty-eight chess players competed for the title. The average ELO rating was 2551.

Final Ranking after 9 rounds - first 10 positions

Rk.	Title	Name	Rtg	Pts.	TB1	TB2	TB3
1	GM	Maletin Pavel	2631	6.5	45	34	4
2	GM	Potkin Vladimir	2659	6	50	34	4
3	GM	Khairullin Ildar	2694	6	48	34	3
4	GM	Bukavshin Ivan	2590	6	48	31	4
5	GM	Zvjaginsev Vadim	2630	6	46	32	3
6	GM	Vitiugov Nikita	2703	6	46	30	3
7	GM	Malakhov Vladimir	2776	6	46	29	5
8	GM	Fedoseev Vladimir	2639	6	43	32	4
9	GM	Inarkiev Ernesto	2682	6	42	27	5
10	GM	Sakaev Konstantin	2594	5.5	45	26	4



Source of the photo: whychess.com

In the women's section winner became GM Valentina Gunina - 7.5/9. The silver was taken by GM Alexandra Kosteniuk - 7/9, the bronze went to IM Anastasia Bodnaruk - 6.5/9.

Chief-Arbiter was IA Vladimir Kazakov, the average ELO rating - 2210. Thirty-eight chess players took part in the championship.

Final Ranking after 9 rounds - first 10 positions

Rk.	Title	Name	Rtg	Pts.	TB1	TB2	TB3
1	GM	Gunina Valentina	2536	7.5	51	37	7
2	GM	Kosteniuk Alexandra	2579	7	52	39	6
3	IM	Bodnaruk Anastasia	2372	6.5	50	34	5
4	IM	Savina Anastasia	2336	6	51	32	6
5	WIM	Ubiennykh Ekaterina	2311	6	50	32	5
6	WGM	Kashlinskaya Alina	2386	6	39	26	4
7	WIM	Balaian Alina	2217	5.5	46	29	5
8	WFM	Sazonova Anastasia	2106	5.5	45	28	4
9	WFM	Gvanceladze Anna	2209	5.5	41	25	3
10	FM	Pustovoitova Daria	2451	5	49	30	4

Official website: www.ruchess.ru



GM LAURENT FRESSINET WINS SIGEMAN & CO CHESS TOURNAMENT 2014

ECU PRESIDENT SILVIO DANAILOV TAKES PART IN THE OFFICIAL OPENING CEREMONY TOGETHER WITH THE MAYOR OF MALMÖ AND SCF PRESIDENT



GM Laurent Fressinet (FRA, ELO-2711) won Sigeman & Co Chess Tournament with final score 3.5/5. Second was IM Axel Smith (SWE, ELO-2478) - 3/5, on the shared third place finished two players - GM Nils Grandelius (SWE, ELO-2587) and GM Jan Timman (NED, ELO-2615) - 2.5 out of 5.

Sigeman & Co Chess Tournament was held on May 15-19, 2014 in Malmö, Sweden.

Chief-Arbitrer and Tournament Director of the competition was IA Johan Berntsen. The average ELO rating was 2587.



Final Ranking after 5 rounds

Rk.	Title	Name	FED	Rtg	Pts.
1	GM	Fressinet Laurent	FRA	2711	3.5
2	IM	Smith Axel	SWE	2478	3
3	GM	Grandelius Nils	SWE	2587	2.5
	GM	Timman Jan H	NED	2615	2.5
5	GM	Hammer Jon Ludvig	NOR	2638	2
6	GM	Blomqvist Erik	SWE	2492	1.5



On 14th of May, 2014 at the beautiful City Hall of Malmö, Sweden, the ECU President Silvio Danailov took part in the official opening ceremony of Sigeman & Co Chess Tournament, together with the Mayor of Malmö and the President of the Swedish Chess Federation, Mr. Carl Fredrik Johansson.

In his speech Mr. Danailov expressed his gratitude to the main sponsor of the tournament, Mr. Johan Sigeman, for his efforts to support financially for so long time such a prestigious chess event. ECU President expressed his gratitude also to the President of the Swedish Chess Federation, Mr. Carl Fredrik Johansson, for his successful management and for the fact that Sweden is among the most successful countries, which develop chess in the schools.

Official website: www.sigeman-chess.com



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GRAND EUROPE CUP - ALBENA

/01-09.06.2014/

Organizer: Bulgarian Chess Federation and Albena Resort

Time control: 90 min. with an increment of 30 sec. per move, starting from move one

Place: Albena sports hall, Albena resort, Bulgaria

Rate of play: Open 9 rounds, System: FIDE Swiss

Valid for ELO FIDE and GM/IM Norms; Classic and blitz tournaments; Variety of hotels and for accommodation and every day regular and charter flights

TOURNAMENT PRIZE FUND: 30 000 EURO

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GRAND EUROPE CUP - GOLDEN SANDS
/10-18.06.2014/

Organizer: Bankya Chess Club and Bulgarian Chess Federation

Time control: 90 min. with an increment of 30 sec. per move, starting from move one

Place: European Chess House, Admiral hotel 5* and Golden Sands resort, Bulgaria

Rate of play: Open 9 rounds, System: FIDE Swiss

Valid for ELO FIDE and GM/IM Norms; Classic and blitz tournaments; Variety of hotels and for accommodation and every day regular and charter flights

TOURNAMENT PRIZE FUND: 40 000 EURO

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