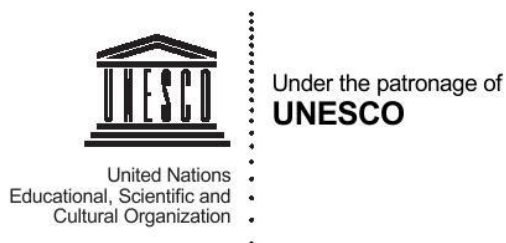


BREAKING NEWS!!!

**SECOND HISTORICAL SUCCESS FOR ECU: UNESCO
OFFICIALLY GIVES THE RIGHTS TO ECU TO ORGANIZE
SOME OF ITS EVENTS UNDER THE PATRAGONAGE OF THE
UNITED NATIONS' ORGANIZATION**



The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization officially gave the rights to ECU to organize some of its events under the Patronage of UNESCO.

After the recognition by the European Parliament this is the second historical success for the European and world chess.

The first event which will be held under the Patronage of UNESCO will be the 15th European Individual Women's Chess Championship which will be held from 5th to 18th of July, 2014 in Plovdiv, Bulgaria.

"This is the second historical recognition for our game, after the adoption of ECU program "Chess in school" by the EU Parliament. And everybody have to be sure that such recognition and parthership with two of the most important and influential world institutions will not just increase the image of the European Chess Union, but in very near future this will bring more real money for the European chess. I will only mention as an example that corporate partners of UNESCO are some of the largest international corporations and their media partners are som of the biggest and most influential world TV channels, newspapers, magazines, etc.

I have always said that chess is a unique combination of sport, education, science and culture. Now this my vision is internationally recognized on the highest possible level."- said on the occasion Mr. Silvio Danailov, President of the European Chess Union.

As you have been already informed on 12th of May, 2014 in Paris the President of the European Chess Union, Mr. Silvio Danailov, and the President of the French Chess Federation, Mr. Diego Salazar, met with the Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), Mrs. Irina Bokova. During the meeting Mrs. Bokova expressed the commitment of UNESCO's experts to work on the possibility of the ECU project "Chess as a UNESCO intangible world heritage". The goal of the project will be official recognition of chess as an intangible world heritage. To achieve this recognition, the European Chess Union will establish a special commission in its structure, dedicated to this topic.



About UNESCO:

The **United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization** (French: *Organisation des Nations unies pour l'éducation, la science et la culture*; **UNESCO**; /ju:.'nɛskou/) is a specialized agency of the United Nations (UN).

Its purpose is to contribute to peace and security by promoting international collaboration through education, science, and culture in order to further universal respect for justice, the rule of law, and human rights along with fundamental freedom proclaimed in the UN Charter. It is the heir of the League of Nations' International Commission on Intellectual Cooperation.

UNESCO has 195 member states and nine associate members. Most of the field offices are "cluster" offices covering three or more countries; there are also national and regional offices.

UNESCO pursue its objectives through five major programs: education, natural sciences, social and human sciences, culture, and communication and information.

Projects sponsored by UNESCO include literacy, technical, and teacher-training programmes; international science programmes; the promotion of independent media and freedom of the press; regional and cultural history projects; the promotion of cultural diversity; translations of world literature; international cooperation agreements to secure the world cultural and natural heritage (World Heritage Sites) and to preserve human rights, and attempts to bridge the worldwide digital divide. It is also a member of the United Nations Development Group.

UNESCO's aim is "to contribute to the building of peace, the eradication of poverty, sustainable development and intercultural dialogue through education, the sciences, culture, communication and information". Other priorities of the organization include attaining quality Education For All and lifelong learning, addressing emerging social and ethical challenges, fostering cultural diversity, a culture of peace and building inclusive knowledge societies through information and communication. The broad goals and concrete objectives of the international community – as set out in the internationally agreed development goals, including the Millennium Development Goals (MDG) – underpin all UNESCO's strategies and activities. **Website:** <http://en.unesco.org>



SILVIO DANAILOV AND JAN CALLEWAERT, CHAIRMAN OF THE ECU CIS COMMISSION AND DEPUTY PRESIDENT IN KASPAROV'S TICKET MEET WITH THE BOARD OF THE ANDORRAN CHESS FEDERATION



On 18th of June, 2014 in Andorra la Vella, Andorra the ECU President Silvio Danailov and Jan Callewaert, Chairman of the ECU "Chess in School" commission and Deputy President in Kasparov's ticket for the FIDE elections met with the Board of the Andorran Chess Federation – Mr. Francesc Rechi – President, Mr. Joan Antoni Obregon – Delegate, Mr. Josep Antoni Rivero –

Secretary and Treasurer and Mr. Oscar De La Riva Aguado – Technical Director.

During a pleasant dinner they discussed the current situation in the European chess,

the development of the program "Chess in school", the cooperation between ECU and Andorran Chess Federation and how the European Chess Union can help Andorran Chess Federation in its activities.

The Andorran Chess Federation is among the pioneers in the introduction of chess in the educational system and have gained excellent results with their "Chess in school" program.

Official website: www.ecuonline.net

ŠK "ŠIROKI BRIJEG" WINS THE 13TH PREMIER LEAGUE OF BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA



SK "Siroki Brijeg" won the 13th Premier League of Bosnia and Herzegovina with final result of 15 matchpoints. Second finished SK "Bosna" with 14 pts. The bronze went to SK "Bihac" - 12 pts.

The Premier Leagues was held on June 07-15, 2014 in Neum.

Chief-Arbiter of the tournament, organized by the Chess Federation of Bosnia&Herzegovina was IA Cvitan Mikulić, Tournament Director - IA Nikola Lukač. The average ELO rating was 2125.

Final Ranking after 8 rounds

Rk.	Team	TB1	TB2	TB3
1	ŠK "ŠIROKI BRIJEG" Široki Brijeg	15	36	0
2	ŠK "BOSNA" Sarajevo	14	37	0
3	ŠK "BIHAĆ" Bihać	12	33	0
4	ŠK "NAPREDAK" Sarajevo	11	32	0
5	ŠK "GLASINAC" Sokolac	7	22	0
6	ŠK "ČELIK" Zenica	6	23	0
7	ŠK "GORAŽDE" Goražde	4	17	0
8	ŠK "ALPONG" Sarajevo	2	12	0
9	ŠK "BUSOVAČA" Busovača	1	7	0

Team composition of the winners was: GMs Mladen Palac (CRO, ELO -2578), Ante Brkic (CRO, ELO-2584), Bojan Kurajica (BIH, ELO-2493), Milan Vukic (BIH, ELO-2385), IM Zeljko Bogut (BIH, ELO-2426), WFM Aleksandra Dimitrijevic (BIH, ELO-2272), Jure Matijevic (BIH, ELO-1972), Marko Jelcic (BIH, ELO-2169) and Blago Vukoja (BIH).

Official website: www.bihchess.ba

TAZADDIN ALIYEV WINS AZERBAIJANI SENIOR CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP



Tazaddin Aliyev won the Azerbaijani Senior Chess Championship with final result of 7 points from possible 9. The silver medal went to Ibragim Roustamli - 6.5 points. With the same result finished the third in the final ranking - Nizami Rzayev.

The championship was held on June 06-20, 2014 in Baku.

Chief-Arbitrator of the tournament, organized by the Azerbaijani Chess Federation, was IA Mammadzada Nurali. The average ELO rating was 1617. Thirty-two chess players took part in the competition.

Final Ranking after 9 rounds- first 10 positions

Rk.	Name	Rtg	Pts.	TB1	TB2	TB3
1	Aliyev Tazaddin	1838	7	35	0	49
2	Roustamli Ibragim	2098	6.5	34	0	49
3	Rzayev Nizami	0	6.5	32	0	43
4	Babayev Ibrahim	1763	6.5	30	0	44
5	Farajzade Oruj	1733	6	30	0	52
6	Mukhtarov Nazim	0	6	28	0	44
7	Nagiyev Rauf	1754	6	27	0	40
8	Ismayilov Hamza	1811	5.5	36	0	46
9	Huseynov Niyaz	1769	5.5	26	0	41
10	Babayev Ravis	2010	5	31	0	48

Official website: www.azerichess.az

GM AXEL BACHMANN WINS OPEN GOLDEN SANDS 2014



Grandmaster Axel Bachmann (ELO 2619) from Paraguay has won the 3rd Grand Europe Open Golden Sands 2014, which was held from 10th till 18th June in Bulgarian resort town Golden Sands.

It is interesting that eight players tied for the first place with 7 points, but Bachmann had the best tie-break and therefore won the title. Second place went to Armenian

Grandmaster Tigran L. Petrosian (ELO 2624), and the third place went to GM Dragan Solak (2627) from Turkey.

The best ranked woman at the tournament was WGM Irine Kharisma Sukandar (ELO 2357) from Indonesia who scored 6 points and finished on a high 26th place.

Final Ranking after 9 rounds - first 10 positions

Rk.	Title	Name	Rtg	FED	Pts.	TB1	TB2	TB3
1	GM	Bachmann Axel	2619	PAR	7	43	55	5
2	GM	Petrosian Tigran L.	2624	ARM	7	43	55	5
3	GM	Solak Dragan	2627	TUR	7	42	54	5
4	GM	Smirnov Pavel	2621	RUS	7	41	53	6
5	GM	Gabuzyan Hovhannes	2537	ARM	7	41	53	5
6	GM	Gao Rui	2487	CHN	7	40	51	5
7	GM	Hracek Zbynek	2628	CZE	7	38	49	5
8	GM	Esen Baris	2570	TUR	7	38	49	6
9	GM	Chatalbashev Boris	2540	BUL	6.5	40	50	5
10	GM	Grandelius Nils	2587	SWE	6.5	38	49	5

The tournament was played according to the Swiss System in 9 rounds, with the time control 90 minutes for 40 moves, followed by 30 minutes for the rest of the game + 30 seconds increment per move, starting from move one.

The organizer of the tournament was Bankya Chess Club and Bulgarian Chess Federation, under the patronage of Mr. Silvio Danailov, President of the European Chess Union and President of the Bulgarian Chess Federation.

For more information, you can visit the official website of the tournament <http://www.goldensands.bulchesssummer.eu/>

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