

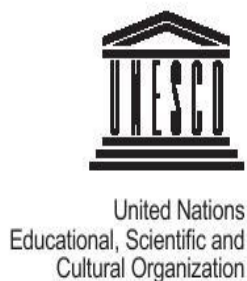
GM VALENTINA GUNINA WINS THE 15TH EIWCC IN PLOVDIV

The championship became the first ever in the history chess event which runs under the UNESCO's patronage



GM Valentina Gunina (RUS, ELO-2501) won the 15th EIWCC with final result of 9 points out of 11. On a half point distance from the winner finished GM Tatiana Kosintseva (RUS, ELO-2476), third in the final ranking remains IM Melia Salome (GEO, ELO-2454) with 8/11 pts.

This is a second European title for GM Gunina. The 15th European Individual Women's Chess Championship was held on July 06-17, 2014 in Plovdiv, Bulgaria.



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Chief-Arbiter of the championship, organized by the Bulgarian Chess Federation, was IA Sava Stoisavljevic, Tournament Director - Nikolay Velchev.

One hundred and sixteen chess players from 26 European countries took part in the competition. The average ELO rating of the championship was 2233.

Final Ranking after 11 rounds - first 20 positions

Rk.	Title	Name	Rtg	FED	Pts.	TB1	TB2	TB3
1	GM	Gunina Valentina	2501	RUS	9	2432	74	79
2	GM	Kosintseva Tatiana	2476	RUS	8.5	2413	71	75
3	IM	Melia Salome	2454	GEO	8	2447	69	73
4	IM	Muzychuk Mariya	2521	UKR	8	2424	71	76
5	GM	Zhukova Natalia	2451	UKR	7.5	2450	71	76
6	GM	Dzagnidze Nana	2541	GEO	7.5	2429	74	79
7	IM	Batsiashvili Nino	2417	GEO	7.5	2426	70	75
8	IM	Javakhishvili Lela	2474	GEO	7.5	2419	74	80
9	GM	Stefanova Antoaneta	2488	BUL	7.5	2415	69	74
10	IM	Foisor Cristina-Adela	2383	ROU	7.5	2411	69	73
11	GM	Socko Monika	2462	POL	7.5	2389	64	69
12	IM	Khurtsidze Nino	2460	GEO	7.5	2385	66	71
13	WGM	Kashlinskaya Alina	2441	RUS	7.5	2385	65	67
14	GM	Danielian Elina	2458	ARM	7.5	2383	68	73
15	IM	Bodnaruk Anastasia	2429	RUS	7.5	2337	61	66
16	IM	Mkrtchian Lilit	2446	ARM	7	2407	66	70
17	IM	Paehtz Elisabeth	2456	GER	7	2385	64	70
18	IM	Arabidze Meri	2406	GEO	7	2350	64	69
19	IM	Guramishvili Sopiko	2402	GEO	7	2251	55	60
20	GM	Hoang Thanh Trang	2490	HUN	6.5	2400	69	75

The championship was officially opened on 5th of July by the President of the European Chess Union, Mr. Silvio Danailov, who on the second day made the first symbolic move in the 1st round of the championship in the game GM Nana Dzagnidze (GEO, ELO-2541) - WIM Karolina Olsarova (CZE, ELO-2274).



The opening ceremony was attended by the participants and their accompanying persons, numerous guests from the world of chess, sport and public life of Bulgaria, as well as the guests of honour from abroad.

On this occasion, all present were addressed by Mr. Plamen Mollov, Vice President of Bulgarian Chess Federation, Executive Director of Bulgarian Chess Federation, Mr. Nikolay Velchev, and Mr. Silvio Danailov, President of the European Chess Union and President of Bulgarian Chess Federation.

Official website: www.eiwcc2014.eu



AN INTERVIEW WITH ANDREI KOROBEINIK, ECU REPRESENTATIVE IN FIDE ELE COMMISSION AND PRESIDENT OF THE ESTONIAN CHESS FEDERATION ABOUT THE SUBJECTIVE WORK OF THE FIDE ELECTORAL COMMISSION



FIDE Electoral commission met in Athens at the weekend. What was the purpose of that meeting?

- Electoral Commission is a new body within FIDE created before current presidential elections. It's purpose is to verify delegates for FIDE congress and to address complaints related to FIDE presidential elections. There were quite a few complaints from different parties, mostly from presidential candidates.

All complaints filed on behalf of Mr. Ilumzhinov were satisfied while all the complaints made by Mr. Kasparov were denied by commission. As the result, commission changed quite a few delegates. The final list of delegates was published on 7th of July at FIDE web site.

Are you satisfied with the decisions of electoral commission?

- There were some cases that looked really strange to me but that's how democracy works - majority always wins. The most stunning example for me was Gabon. There were two candidates who both claimed they were elected for president of Gabon Chess Federation. One candidate provided correct minutes of elections, was supported by National Olympic Committee and Ministry of Sports. The other candidate provided minutes which were not signed, one of the people who "voted" at the elections sent us written declaration stating he wasn't there, secretary of Gabon Chess Federation sent us letter saying he wasn't invited to take part at the elections. I voted for the first candidate, four other members of commission supported the second. That was not the only case when commission dismissed support by National Olympic Committee, which is a warning sign to me.

What do you think should be changed before next elections in order to make Electoral Commission more efficient?

- I believe we should make Electoral Commission unbiased and disallow commission members to run for the office themselves, e.g. to be part of the ticket at continental elections. Currently Electoral Commission members can choose delegates who will vote for (or against) them at the congress - that may lead to decisions which are not quite impersonal. It's crucial to make Electoral Commission neutral - any biased decision will severely damage the image of chess.

LOEK VAN WELY AND ANNE HAAST ARE THE NEW DUTCH CHESS CHAMPIONS



Loek van Wely (ELO-2657) and Anne Haast won the Dutch Chess Championship.

Loek van Wely won the title after winning in the play-off against GM Sergei Tiviakov (ELO-2656) with final result 2-0. The silver was taken by Sipke Ernst (ELO-2554) who finished on a half point distance from the winner. This is the seventh national title for Loek van Wely.

Final Ranking - MEN

Eindstand NK						
Nr	Naam	Rating	Score	Partij	TPR	Rating±
1	Van Wely, Loek	2657	4.5	7	2710	+5,3
2	Tiviakov, Sergei	2656	4.5	7	2710	+5,3
3	Ernst, Sipke	2554	4.0	7	2673	+11,5
4	Spoelman, Wouter	2571	4.0	7	2670	+9,9
5	Van Kampen, Robin	2636	3.5	7	2611	-2,3
6	Bok, Benjamin	2586	3.5	7	2618	+3,3
7	L'Ami, Erwin	2650	2.0	7	2451	-18,9
8	Reinderman, Dimitri	2604	2.0	7	2458	-14,1



In the women section winner became Anne Haast (ELO-2296) who scored 5.5 out of 7 points. Second finished Bianca De Jong-Muhren (ELO-2296) with 5 points, third was Zhaoqin Peng (ELO-2402) with 4/7.

This is the first national title for Anne Haast.

Final Ranking - WOMEN

Eindstand NK Vrouwen						
Nr	Naam	Rating	Score	Partij	TPR	Rating±
1	Haast, Anne	2296	5.5	7	2459	+28,0
2	De Jong-Muhren, Bianca	2296	5.0	7	2387	+18,0
3	Peng, Zhaoqin	2402	4.0	7	2284	-11,3
4	Lanohava, Tea	2288	3.5	7	2230	-10,0
5	Paulet, Iozefina	2227	3.0	7	2189	-7,4
6	Padurariu, Smaranda	2205	2.5	7	2140	-13,4
7	Hortensius, Lisa	2182	2.5	7	2146	-4,0
8	Kazarian, Anna-Maja	2025	2.0	7	2110	+22,8

Official website: <http://schaaksite.nl>

TOP 50 PLAYERS - JULY 2014

Rank	Name	Title	Country	Rating	Games	B-Year
1	Carlsen, Magnus	g	NOR	2877	9	1990
2	Aronian, Levon	g	ARM	2805	9	1982
3	Grischuk, Alexander	g	RUS	2795	9	1983
4	Caruana, Fabiano	g	ITA	2789	9	1992
5	Nakamura, Hikaru	g	USA	2787	4	1987
6	Karjakin, Sergey	g	RUS	2786	9	1990
7	Anand, Viswanathan	g	IND	2785	0	1969
8	Kramnik, Vladimir	g	RUS	2777	9	1975
9	Topalov, Veselin	g	BUL	2772	9	1975
10	Vachier-Lagrave, Maxime	g	FRA	2766	9	1990
11	Dominguez Perez, Leinier	g	CUB	2760	0	1983
12	Gelfand, Boris	g	ISR	2753	0	1968
13	Svidler, Peter	g	RUS	2751	9	1976
14	Giri, Anish	g	NED	2750	9	1994
15	Jakovenko, Dmitry	g	RUS	2747	13	1983
16	So, Wesley	g	PHI	2744	0	1993
17	Adams, Michael	g	ENG	2743	0	1971
18	Mamedyarov, Shakhriyar	g	AZE	2743	0	1985
19	Vitiugov, Nikita	g	RUS	2742	0	1987
20	Leko, Peter	g	HUN	2737	0	1979
21	Ivanchuk, Vassily	g	UKR	2735	3	1969
22	Wojtaszek, Radoslaw	g	POL	2733	16	1987
23	Morozevich, Alexander	g	RUS	2731	0	1977
24	Wang, Hao	g	CHN	2730	2	1989

25	Nepomniachtchi, Ian	g	RUS	2730	0	1990
26	Ding, Liren	g	CHN	2726	10	1992
27	Harikrishna, P.	g	IND	2726	0	1986
28	Radjabov, Teimour	g	AZE	2724	0	1987
29	Eljanov, Pavel	g	UKR	2723	0	1983
30	Ponomariov, Ruslan	g	UKR	2723	0	1983
31	Andreikin, Dmitry	g	RUS	2722	0	1990
32	Bacrot, Etienne	g	FRA	2720	0	1983
33	Kamsky, Gata	g	USA	2717	6	1974
34	Navara, David	g	CZE	2716	14	1985
35	Wang, Yue	g	CHN	2715	3	1987
36	Jobava, Baadur	g	GEO	2713	0	1983
37	Li, Chao b	g	CHN	2711	0	1989
38	Le, Quang Liem	g	VIE	2710	7	1991
39	Shirov, Alexei	g	LAT	2709	0	1972
40	Fressinet, Laurent	g	FRA	2708	9	1981
41	Kryvoruchko, Yuriy	g	UKR	2707	0	1986
42	Moiseenko, Alexander	g	UKR	2707	0	1980
43	Naiditsch, Arkadij	g	GER	2705	0	1985
44	Rapport, Richard	g	HUN	2701	15	1996
45	Tomashevsky, Evgeny	g	RUS	2701	9	1987
46	Areshchenko, Alexander	g	UKR	2701	0	1986
47	Kasimdzhanov, Rustam	g	UZB	2700	0	1979
48	Motylev, Alexander	g	RUS	2698	9	1979
49	Malakhov, Vladimir	g	RUS	2698	3	1980
50	Rublevsky, Sergei	g	RUS	2698	0	1974

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OPEN LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR SILVIO DANAILOV'S SECOND ECU MANDATE FROM PORTUGUESE CHESS FEDERATION



Silvio Danailov
President and Candidate for a new term of
European Chess Union

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SUBJECT: **Declaration**

Dear Silvio Danailov,

With the upcoming election for the European Chess Union, we, Portuguese Chess Federation, fully support your candidacy to ECU President.

Over the past four years with you as President of ECU, this organization has increased its overall reputation to very high standards. European Championships have been organized in the right way and ECU has been promoting European Chess in wise and competent way.

Apart from this, you had a big victory for us all by getting the written declaration from the European Parliament supporting Chess in Schools. This was a big step forward for chess, not only in Europe but also Worldwide. Well done!

Also, and although this is not always seen by general public, you have been always supported Chess Federations whenever needed. You have always been a facilitator for us all and that is one of the main task of your job.

So, supporting you was a natural and easy choice. Competence and hardworking is deservedly rewarded. Looking forward for more 4 years with as President of Europe Chess Union.

Best Regards,
Lisbon, 25th of June of 2014

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