

**BOYS FROM TURKEY AND GIRLS FROM SLOVENIA WIN
EUROPEAN YOUTH TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP 2014**



Teams of Turkey in Boys section and Slovenia A in Girls section are the new winners of the European Youth U18 Team Chess Championship, which was held in Iasi/Romania 15-21 July, 2014. Both teams finished the tournament undefeated, with 13 match points (6 wins and only 1 draw).

In Boys section team of Turkey had a very convincing tournament, and although they were 3rd seed in the starting rank of the teams, they managed to defeat all the opponents and take the gold.

The members of the winning team were: IM Sanal Vahap (2448) 7 points out of 7, IM Dastan Muhammed Batuhan (2433) 5/7, IM Ali Marandi Cemil Can (2385) 6/7, Sevgi Volkan (2043) 3.5/6, WCM Menzi Nezihe Ezgi (1915).

The best player of the tournament is definitely the first board of the Turkish team Sanal Vahap with the maximum score 7 points out of 7 games, and rating performance of amazing 3135 points! Silver medal went to the team of Poland, and the bronze went to Moldova.

Final ranking can be seen on [Chess-Results](http://Chess-Results.com).

The competition in the girls group was similar to the one in the Boys section. The A team of Slovenia was dominating through the whole tournament and eventually finished with 3 match points ahead the second Romania A.

On the first board WFM Unuk Laura (2137) scored 6 points out of 7, which in the same time made her the best player in the Girls section. On the second board Hrescak Ivana (1946) gained 5.5/7. The bronze medal went to the team of Poland.

Final ranking of the Girls section can be found on Chess-Results.

Both tournament were played according to the Swiss System with 10 teams in 7 rounds. The time control was 90 minutes for the first 40 moves followed by 30 minutes for the rest of the game with an increment of 30 seconds per move starting from move one.

The Championship was organized by Iasi County Chess Association, Romanian Chess Federation and European Chess Union.

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

REGULATIONS FOR THE FESTIVAL OF YOUTH CHESS PUBLISHED



The 2014 European Youth Rapid and Blitz Championships (U8-U18) will be organized from November 12-17 in Tallinn, the capital of Estonia by the Estonian Chess Federation in cooperation with the European Chess Union. The competitions will take place in the city centre of Tallinn at Meriton Grand Conference & Spa Hotel.

This will be the great opportunity for children aged 8-18 to try their luck in Rapid and Blitz Chess, which are getting more and more popular nowadays, especially in young population.

You can find the regulations and registration form for download here: <http://www.ecuonline.net/com/news/single/696.html>. The registration deadline is September 12, 2014.

Additional information is available at the official tournament website: <http://www.maleliit.ee/eu2014/>

COMMONWEALTH CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP 2014



Over two hundred players competed in the Commonwealth Chess Championships held in Glasgow from 30 June- 8 July, 2014.

Going into the last round Abhijit Gupta led having won his first six games and following this with 2 draws, while Aravindh, Sengupta, Grover and Debashis were all just half a point off the pace.

When Debashis could make no headway on board 3, and Sengupta won a fierce battle against Grover on Board 2 it all came down to the top board battle between GM Gupta and the 14-year old IM Chithambaram Aravindh.



The youngster overcame his more experienced opponent to tie for first place. He lost out on tie break to Deep Sengupta. However Aravindh was not to be deprived of a title as he won both the U20 and U16 titles.

The Scottish Championship held within the tournament was won by FM Alan Tate.

Champion: GM Deep Sengupta (IND) 7½/9

Women's Champion: WGM Kulkarni Bhakti (IND) 6½/9

Disabled Champion: Krishna Karthik Venkata (IND) 5½/9

Under 20 Champion: IM Chithambaram Aravindh (IND)

Under 20 Female Champion: Catherina Michelle (IND)

Under 18 Champion: WFM R Vaishali (IND)

Under 18 Boys' Champion: Akash PC Iyer (IND)

Under 16 Champion: IM Chithambaram Aravindh (IND)

Under 16 Girls' Champion: V Varshini (IND)

Under 14 Champion: WFM R Vaishali (IND)

Under 14 Boys' Champion: Murad Abdulla (SCO)

Under 12 Champion: Shayanna Sivarajasingam (WLS)

Under 12 Boys' Champion: Shayanna Sivarajasingam (ENG)

Under 10 Champion: Dev Shah (IND)

Under 10 Girls' Champion: Ananya Rishi Gupta (IND)

More photos are available at

<https://plus.google.com/photos/111308635148368250676/albums/6031110683943479985>

GM GRIGORYAN WINS SANT MARTI OPEN 2014



Armenian Grandmaster Karen H. Grigoryan (ELO 2592) won 16th Obert Internacional Sant Marti 2014 Grup A. Young Armenian had a very good tournament and was among the leaders from the very beginning. After 8th round he took the sole lead and kept it till the end. In the last round he drew with FM Oliva Castaneda Kewel and triumphed with 7.5 points.

Four players tied for the second place with 7 points, but thanks to the better tie-break, silver medal went to GM Jorge Cori (2608) from Peru, and bronze went to his compatriot FM Jose Eduardo Martinez Alcantara (2295).



The best ranked female player in the tournament was WGM Cori T. Deysi (2414) from Peru with 5 points. The final ranking can be seen on Chess-Results. The winner of the B Group was Spaniard Jose Antonio Flores Mendoza (1905) with 8

points, while IM Sergei Matsenko (2474) from Russia won Blitz event with 8.5 points.

The tournament took place in Barcelona/Spain, 13-21 July, 2014. All three tournaments were played according to the Swiss System, in 9 rounds.

More information at <http://www.cesantmarti.com/>

INTERNATIONAL TOURNAMENT IN ACQUI TERME

GM Del Rio (Spain) hard-fought victory

Only in the last round GM Del Rio got half a point of advantage to win the International tournament in Acqui Terme. His major opponent, GM Sergeev (Ukr) was stopped in the last round by the young Italian IM Guido Caprio. Del Rio won the tournament with 7.5 points out of 9, while Sergeev was second with 7 points.

The tie-break among the players with 6 points decided the third place, which went to GM Lazic (Srb). He was followed by IM Caprio, the young Italian Miraga Aghayev from Asti, and GM Efimov.

The tournament was played in the beautiful Grand Hotel Terme. The event had 3 groups: GMs (46 players), National (56 players) and Under 16 (8 players). Photos, games and results can be found on www.scacchisti.it

Acqui Terme is an important historical town; it is more ancient than Roma and it is very well known for the thermal springs which have been used since the Roman time. The town was the place where the last kings of Italy went for holidays.

The event was organized by the club 'Scacchisti.it'. This club has a nice history: it was born about twelve years ago on the web and only later was built as a real chess society. Now the club has a female team in the Italian team championship.

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