



To: All European Federations  
Associated members, Board members,  
Commission members,  
FIDE and FIDE Zone Presidents

8th July 2015  
**Circular Letter No. 4/2015**

Dear Chess Friends,

The ECU Board meeting took place on 12th & 13th June in Bucharest, Romania. We would like to thank the Romanian Chess Federation for an excellent organization and hosting of the meeting.

Main information and decisions of the meeting are as follows:

- According to the ECU Statutes, **the unanimous ECU General Assembly 2014 decision in Tromso, Norway** that "ECU is following International Olympic Committee's decisions for sports jurisdiction" and the FIDE PB Decision to accept Kosovo Chess Federation membership, the ECU **Board admits Kosovo Chess Federation to Provisional Membership** (which shall carry the equivalent rights and obligations to membership apart from the right to vote at the Assembly) until the next General Assembly.
- ECU Board informed about the preparations for the 1<sup>st</sup> ECU Congress (7-11 October 2015) in Bar, Montenegro and decided about the conditions for the ECU Commissions' members. **The Commissions meetings will be scheduled for October 8<sup>th</sup>.** <http://www.europechess.org/1st-ecu-congress-and-ecu-general-assembly/>
- ECU Board informed about the meetings in Brussels with the EU Commission and the European Parliament. The "Chess in Schools" Conference in the European Parliament in Brussels is in the agenda of discussions between the ECU and European Parliament Committee of Culture & Education. <http://www.europechess.org/ecu-and-eu-ready-for-joint-projects/>
- **ECU Board unanimously decided to propose to the annual ECU General Assembly 2015 the permanent removal of Mr. Silvio Danailov** from the office of the Honorary President for various conducts and spreading of inaccurate and insulting information against the European Chess Union. ECU Board will send the notice with the reasons to Mr. Silvio Danailov and he will have the right for written and oral explanations according the democratic procedure of the ECU statutes.

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- Additionally ECU Board will propose to the ECU General Assembly as amendment in statutes the disconnection of the appointment of the Honorary President with the office of the ex-ECU President. ECU Honorary President should be appointed under criteria that are not related with elections, away from any political conflict. The purpose of this appointment is mostly to honor one person who offers his/her long time services to European Chess and can promote the unity among the members and inspire the respect to the organization.
- ECU Board decided that **anti-cheating guidelines should be added in the ECU tournament regulations** with specific instructions for players, arbiters and organizers.
- **The European University Championships 2015** will take place in Yeravan, Armenia, from 6th to 11th of October. The registration of players is possible only through the National Sports Universities Federations members of EUSA. <http://www.armssf.am/#about>
- **The European Individual Chess Championship 2016 will take place in Gakova, Kosovo from 11 to 24 May 2016 with a total of Prize fund of 150.000 Euros.**

On July 01 2015 at 4 PM CET, the deadline for sending bids for the organization of the European Championships 2017 elapsed. We received the following bids:

#### **European Youth Chess Championship U8 – U18 2017**

1. Montenegro - Budva
2. Romania - Mamaia
3. Slovakia - Pobrad - Tatry
4. Spain - Santiago De Compostela
5. Turkey - Antalya

#### **European Chess Club Cup Open & Women 2017**

1. Austria - Mayrhofen/Zillertal
2. Turkey - Antalya

#### **European School Chess Championship 2017**

1. Montenegro - Budva
2. Poland - Krakow

#### **European Women Individual Chess Championship 2016**

1. Montenegro - Bar
2. Romania - Mamaia
3. Turkey - Konya

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All the bids received and are valid after the bid fee payment are published at the ECU website: <http://www.europechess.org/events/bidding-procedure/>

**No bids were received for the following Championships:**

European Individual Chess Championship 2017

European Individual Women's Chess Championship 2017

European Youth Team Championship 2017

European Rapid Championship & European Blitz Championship 2017

European Women's Rapid Championship & European Women's Blitz Championship 2017

European Youth Rapid and Blitz Championships 2017

European Amateur Championship 2017

European Individual Senior Championship 2017

European Senior Team Chess Championship 2017

**The deadline for bids for the above European Championships is extended till Friday 7<sup>th</sup> August 2015 by 4 PM CET.** All the bids must reach the European Chess Union office until the deadline in one of the following ways:

- a) By e-mail [ecuoffice2014@gmail.com](mailto:ecuoffice2014@gmail.com)
- b) Personally, in a sealed envelope, in the ECU office in Tbilisi.
- c) By postal service or express postal service (*DHL, Fedex, TNT...*) to the address

European Chess Union, M.Kostava Str. 37a, Chess Palace, 0179 Tbilisi, Georgia

The next ECU Board meeting will take place on **8th and 9th October 2015 in Bar, Montenegro**. The annual ECU General Assembly will take place on **10<sup>th</sup> of October 2015 in Bar Montenegro**.

With kind regards,

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