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EUROPEAN CHESS UNION NEWSLETTER

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MEP Ana-Claudia Tapardel and MEP Silvia Costa together with ECU have the pleasure to invite you to

CHESS IN SCHOOL CONFERENCE

European Parliament

24th of February 2016, 16:30-18:30 hrs., Hall A1E1

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Chess in School Conference Brussels 2016

The Chess in School Conference will be held in Brussels/Belgium, on 24 February, 2016. The Conference will take place from 4.30 to 6.30 pm in the A1E1 Hall.

The organizers of the Conference are the Educational Committee of the European Parliament, along with the European Chess Union.

The Conference will have 8 lecturers presenting case studies from different countries.



The main goal is to show how chess is implemented in the educational systems in various European countries, which will help continental chess for awareness and lobbying for financial support from EU institutions.

The key point is to explain from the perspective of the national education system how chess functions in their systems (i.e. is it an optional matter in national or regional teaching systems, how schools or city/local councils are choosing chess to be taught, etc).

The full program will be included in a separate ECU press release in the coming days.

Magnus Carlsen wins Tata Steel Chess 2016

World Champion Magnus Carlsen became the winner of the 78th Tata Steel Chess Masters Tournament finishing the tournament unbeaten. He won the event for the fifth time, equalling the record set by Anand.



Fabiano Caruana (USA) and Ding Liren (China) shared the second place. Carlsen received his prize from Mr. Theo Henrar, chairman of the directors of Tata Steel Nederland. Mr. Henrar also announced that the 79th edition of the Tata Steel Chess Tournament will take place from 13 - 29 January 2017.

Adhiban Baskaran (India), Alexey Dreev (Russia) and Eltaj Safarli (Azerbaijan) shared first place in the Tata Steel Challengers Tournament. Having the best result in his matches against the other two, Baskaran earned promotion to the Tata Steel Masters at the Tata Steel Chess Tournament 2017.



Vladimir Dobrov (Russia) won the Top 10 Tournament, and he will participate in the Tata Steel Challengers in 2017.

The Vugar Gashimov Award for the fair play, introduced this year by Sarkhan Gashimov in memory of his brother Vugar, who died in 2014, was awarded to David Navara and Jorden van Foreest. Both have shown good sportsmanship in many ways during the tournament.

Professor Johan van Hulst, who turned 105 last week, awarded the prize for the most promising talent to Jorden van Foreest and Wei Yi.

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[Tata Steel YouTube Videos](#)

Guinness World Record set at Moscow Open 2016

The 12th Moscow Open 2016 was opened for the Students and School tournaments, with a spectacular opening ceremony held in the RSSU Event Hall on 29 January.

The ECU Secretary General, Mr. Theodoros Tsorbatzoglou, and the RSSU Rector, Doctor of Economics and President of the Russian Student Chess League Mrs. Natalia Pochinok officially opened the tournament, which reached 1700 participants from 40 countries this year.



The main event was officially opened on the next day, before the first round, with the presence of the following guests: RSSU Rector Mrs. Natalia Pochinok, Moscow Sport Committee first Deputy head and Olympic Champion Mr. Nikolay Gulyaev, President of Moscow Chess Federation Mr. Vladimir Palikhata, Deputy of Moscow City Council Mr. Kyril Shitov, Rector of the University of Guantanamo (Cuba) Mr. Alberto Turró and the ECU General Secretary Mr. Theodoros Tsorbatzoglou.

“The Largest Chess Lesson” was held on 29 January at the Russian State Social University, on the start of the 12th International RSSU Chess Cup Moscow Open 2016.

It was organized by RSSU and Moscow Chess Federation in attempt to set the World Guinness Record.

More than 250 students and pupils listened to a 35-minute lecture of the International School Chess Union President, PhD Aleksander Kostiev about the first World Chess Champion Wilhelm Steinitz with a demonstration of the great chess player's games.



The necessary conditions were: lesson duration should have been more than 30 minutes and more than 250 people should have participated in the lesson.



The record was fixed by the official representative of the World Guinness Records, Mrs. Christelle Bitrong. She handed a relevant certificate to RSSU Rector Mrs. Natalia Pochinok.

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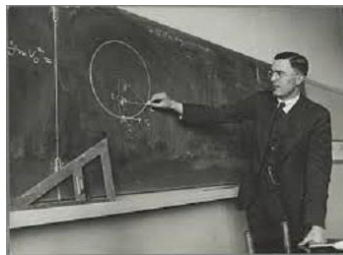
Max Euwe Centrum in Amsterdam

Machgielis Max Euwe was a Dutch chess Grandmaster, mathematician and author, and the fifth World Chess Champion (1935-37). Euwe also served as President of FIDE, the World Chess Federation, from 1970 to 1978.



Euwe was born in Watergraafsmeer, near Amsterdam. He studied mathematics at the University of Amsterdam, earning his doctorate in 1926, and taught mathematics, first in Rotterdam, and later at a girls' Lyceum in Amsterdam.

He published a mathematical analysis of the game of chess from an intuitionistic point of view, in which he showed, using the Thue-Morse sequence, that the then-official rules did not exclude the possibility of infinite games.



On December 15, 1935, after 30 games played in 13 different cities around The Netherlands over a period of 80 days, Euwe defeated Alekhine by 1.5–1.5, becoming the fifth World Chess Champion.

Euwe won a total of 102 first prizes in tournaments during his career. While it is true that many of those were local and were not very strong, the total is very impressive, considering that Euwe was never a true professional player.



Euwe wrote over 70 chess books, far more than any other World Champion. Some of the best-known are *The Road to Chess Mastery*, *Judgement and Planning in Chess*, *The Logical Approach to Chess*, and *Strategy and Tactics in Chess Play*.

Max Euwe died in 1981, at the age of eighty. Soon after his death the Foundation Max Euwe-Centrum was founded to commemorate Euwe, his work and his significance to chess. This led to a highly tangible result, and in November 1986 the Max Euwe Centrum opened its doors.

Initially the Centrum directed its energies towards maintaining a small museum and a modest library which contained part of Euwe's chess inheritance and his books, but in the following years the Centrum grew in all areas.



MEC's current aims and objectives are rather different from those in the initial stages of its existence. Apart from promoting chess, attention is being paid to technical aspects in courses and training sessions, as the cultural, social and academic aspects of chess.

The museum of the Centrum accommodates a large collection of photographs related to chess tournaments, matches and such, and most of them are unique.

Exhibitions succeed each other on a regular basis. Additionally, the MEC organizes extramural exhibitions in other museums, institutions, companies, etc.

In the Centrum you will find over 10,000 books on a wide range of chess subjects and a huge number of journals, both domestic and foreign. In 1995 the complete book and journal store was computerized, and the library is as up-to-date as possible. Visitors can find the latest books from a great number of publishers as well as the antiquated and rare books in the Centrum library.

In 1989 the "International Chess Academy Max Euwe" was joined to the Max Euwe-Centrum, which made it possible to organize training sessions and courses.

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ECU NEWS

European Small Nations Individual Chess Championship 2016

In the beginning of the new year, European Chess Union and the Luxembourg Chess Federation signed a contract for the organization of the 2nd European Small Nations Individual Chess Championship.

The contract was signed between the ECU Secretary General, Mr. Theodoros Tsorbatzoglou and the President of the Luxembourg Chess Federation, Mr. Pierre Fattebene.



The Championship will be held in the city of Luxembourg 1 - 11 April 2016.

The event will be a twelve-player Round Robin tournament and all players will be hosted on a full board basis in Luxembourg-City.

The winner of the Zone Championship will be one of FIDE president nominations for FIDE World Cup 2017.

The prize fund is 4500 EUR, with the followed prizes: 1st - 2,000 EUR, 2nd - 1,500 EUR and 3rd - 1000 EUR.

The registration deadline is Monday 7th March 2016. Registrations and travel details should be sent to the Tournament Director.

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European School Chess Championship 2016 Regulations

The European Chess Union and the International School Chess Union have the honour of inviting all National Chess Federations of the European Chess Union and eligible players in the European School Championships 2016 organized in Kassandra, Halkidiki, Greece 16 - 26 June.

The Championship is organized in 6 age categories: U7, U9, U11, U13, U15 and U17, Boys and Girls separately.



The tournament will be 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, plus 30 seconds increment per move starting from move one.

The registration deadline is Monday, 18 April 2016. Entries must be sent from the National Federations or the players and returned to the Tournament Director. If the registration form is not forwarded by the Federation a copy must be sent to the National Federation for information and approval.

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European Individual Women's Chess Championship 2016

The 17th European Individual Women's Chess Championship 2016 will be held in Mamaia/Romania from 26 May to 8 June, 2016. The tournament hall will be inside the 4 **** complex Comandor-Amiral.

The Championship is organized by the Romanian Chess Federation, "Mind Games & Events" Sports Association, under the auspices of European Chess Union.



The tournament will be played according to the Swiss System in 11 rounds. The total prize fund is 60.000 EUR, with the first prize of 11.000 EUR.

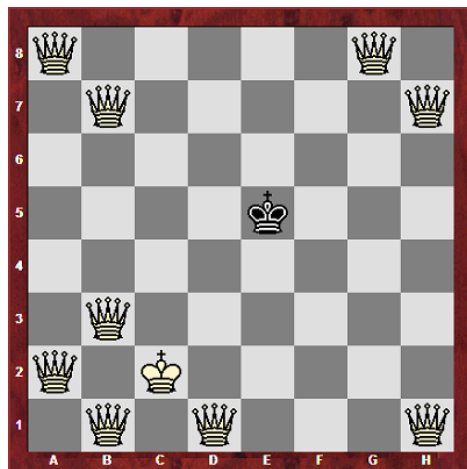
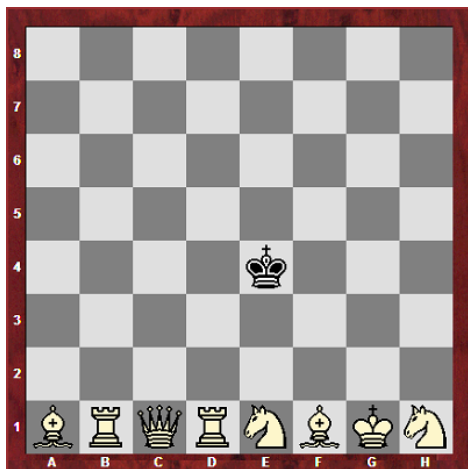
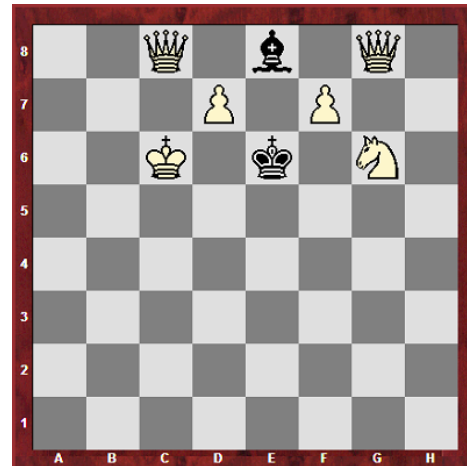
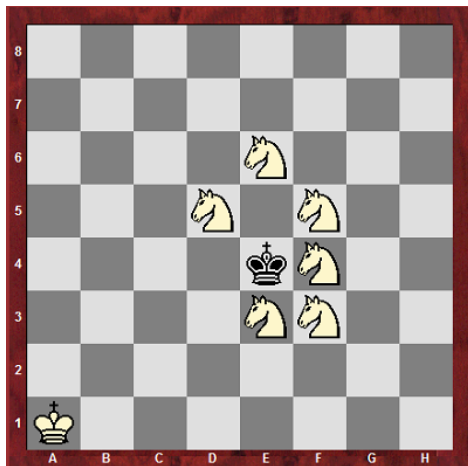
The registration deadline is Friday, 1 April 2016.

The Championship is qualification event for the next World Women Championship.

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FUN ZONE

In January Fun Zone we present you four Mate in one combinations, and if you think they are too easy, think twice!



Solutions from the NL December 2015:

Alexander Alekhine vs. Fahardo, Montevideo, 1939

1. Rxf6+ Nxf6 2. g5#

Magnus Carlsen vs. Helgi Gretarsson, Rethymnon, 2003

1. Bg6+ Kxg6 (1... Rxf6 2. Qe7#) 2. Qh5#

Max Euwe vs. A Van Mindeno, Netherlands, 1927

1. Qxf7+ Rxf7 2. Re8#

Probst vs. Lowig, Bad Oeynhausen, 1922

1. Qe7+ Bxe7 2. Nf7#

Siegbert Tarrasch vs. Fiedler, Nurnberg, 1892

1. Qg4+ Bxg4 2. Bf7#

Tigran Petrosian vs. Dragoslav Tomic, Vinkovci, 1970

1. Rxc7+ Rxc7 2. Nf6#

Elina Danielian vs. Michail Brodsky, Cappelle la Grande, 2006

1. Bh6 Kxh6 2. Qh8#

Peter Svidler vs. Vassily Ivanchuk, Moscow, 2008

1. Qc6 Kxa6 2. Qa8#

They told about chess...

“On the chess board lies and hypocrisy do not survive long. The creative combination lays bare the presumption of lies; the merciless fact, culmination in checkmate, contradicts the hypocrites.”

Emanuel Lasker, German chess player, mathematician, philosopher and the 2nd World Chess Champion for 27 years (from 1894 to 1921)



UPCOMING EVENTS IN FEBRUARY

OPEN GRAZ 2016	12 - 19 February	Graz/Austria	Official Website
NANCY CHESS FESTIVAL 2016	17 - 21 February	Nancy/France	Official Website
PERTH CHESS CONGRESS 2016	19 - 21 February	Perth/Scotland	Official Website
CHESS FESTIVAL ZAGREB 2015/16	19 - 21 February	Zagreb/Croatia	Official Website
ROCHEFORT CHESS FESTIVAL 2016	20 - 26 February	Rochefort/France	Official Website
CHESSORG CHESS FESTIVAL 2016	26 February - 5 March	Bad Wörishofen/Germany	Official Website