

What: European Chess Award Ceremony – European Golden Pawn

Where: Hotel de Paris

When: 30 November 2019

Organizer: European Chess Union

Co-organizer: Monaco Chess Federation

1st European Golden Pawn will be held in Monte-Carlo, Monaco on 30th of November
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Press Release

European Golden Pawn

The beginning of a new chess tradition and a new chess era

For the first time in Europe!

For the first time in the European chess world!

For the first time for the chess players of the European chess world!

For the first time for the special chess lovers!

The award ceremony, which will mark the beginning of a new tradition - annually reveals the best representatives of the best chess players of the European chess world.

The chess world was waiting for this high-scale event. For this day were waiting people for whom chess is not just a sport, but an outstanding, intellectual and royal game.

European Golden Pawn begins...

Join in with the European Chess Union...

All chess legends will be here...

11.00.

The side event of the European Golden Pawn

A simultaneous chess exhibition by the legend Garry Kasparov for the kids

Kids VS chess legend Garry Kasparov.

Hotel de Paris. Lobby

12.30.

Press-conference about the European Golden Pawn

Participants:

President of the European Chess Union – **Mr. Zurab Azmaiparashvili**

representative of the Diamond Sponsor of the European Golden Pawn – **The Georgian Industrial holding AiGroup – Giorgi Khurodze**

President of the Chess Federation of Monaco – **Mr. Jean-Michel Rapaire**

Chess Legend – **Garry Kasparov**

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European Golden Pawn

20.00 – 20.30

Welcome drink (Entrance performance - photo-session in front of the special photo-corner, a glass of champagne for the guests)

20.30-22.00

Award Ceremony - European Golden Pawn (12 nominations - 12 winners, 4 Music performance, canapes, and Georgian wine "Lipartiani")

22.00

Blitz between the legends - Garry Kasparov VS Nona Gaprindashvili (5minutes)

22.05 – 23.20

Gala-dinner (Music, performances)

More about the European Golden Pawn

European Chess Union Board has decided to establish the annual award ceremony – "European Golden Pawn" – that will be held every year on the last Saturday of November in Monaco (Monte-Carlo).

The European Chess Union greatly desires for the award ceremony to be held in Monte-Carlo, in order to continue grand chess traditions and make this event as high scale and prestigious.

In the very first year, the European Chess Union will give away its first special gift-medal and this prize will be awarded to **His Serene Highness Albert II, Sovereign Prince of Monaco** as chess is a royal game.

First year of the award ceremony will be dedicated to European legends and their achievements. It will be a sort of an honorary award ceremony with special nominations that will be changed in the future.

First Year Winners:

1. Best European Chess Magazine – "New in Chess"
2. Best European Chess Journalist – Leontxo Garcia
3. Best European Chess Organizer – Bessel Kok
4. Best European Chess Project _ Frederic Friedel
5. Best European Chess Arbiter – Geurt Gijssen
6. European Pioneer of Chess Development in Schools – Alexander Kostyev
7. Youngest European World Chess Champion of All Time – Maya Chiburdanidze
8. Lifetime Achievement – Nona Gaprindashvili
9. Chess Legend (Female) – Judit Polgar
10. Chess Legend (Male) – Garry Kasparov

Without Competition

1. Best European Book (Fiction) - Rubén David González Gallego "Chess"
2. Best European Movie (Fiction) "The Chess Game" (Director: Yves Hanchar, Starring: Catherine Deneuve, Denis Lavant, Pier Richard)

It's the beginning of a new chess tradition – beginning of a new chess era.

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