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Editorial

A new & promising Year starts for the European Chess Union and the Chess World. ECU Board presented during the latest General Assembly the goals for 2020:

Further development of the innovative projects & applications for the full digitation of ECU services and the upgrading of Chess profile.

Upgrading the ECU Championships through the new ECU Tournament rules & guidelines voted and implemented from 1st January 2020.

Increasingly, seek to form partnerships, engage in dialogue and co-operate with governments, European institutions, & International Sports Federations.

ECU commit to the fight against cheating & corruption the maintenance of sporting integrity and the adoption of ethical practices.

Appropriate selection policies should be in place for arbiters, committees or working groups to ensure that suitable experts are appointed and there is a balance of views, gender equality and diversity.

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association founded in 1985 in Graz, Austria;
European Chess Union has 54 National Federation
Members; Every year ECU organizes more than 20
prestigious events and championships.

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EUROPEAN RAPID & BLITZ CHESS CHAMPIONSHIPS 2019

European Individual Rapid&Blitz Chess Championships took place from 4th-8th December in Tallinn, Estonia.

European Rapid & Blitz Chess Championships 2019 concluded on 8th December in Tallinn, Estonia and the Champions became Sargissian Gabriel (ARM, 2715) and Lysyj Igor (RUS, 2600) in Rapid and Blitz competitions, respectively.

European Individual Rapid Chess Championship 2019 was played on 5th and 6th December with participation of 451 players coming from 32 European federations.

After 13 played rounds, three players tied for the top, each with 10.5 points, and the tiebreaks criteria decided the Winner. According to tiebreaks, Sargissian Gabriel (ARM, 2715) took gold, Mamedov Rauf (AZE, 2679) came second and Riazantsev Alexander (RUS, 2594) won bronze medal.



Légende Nemo enim ipsam voluptatem quia voluptas sit aspernatur.

European Blitz Chess Championship 2019 was played yesterday, in 11 double rounds, with participation of 426 players. Lysyj Igor (RUS, 2600), Andriasian Zaven (ARM, 2766) and Esipenko Andrey (RUS, 2582) were in a tie for the first place, each scoring 17 points. According to additional criteria, Lysyj Igor (RUS, 2600) became the Winner of the event, Andriasian Zaven (ARM, 2766) took silver and Esipenko Andrey (RUS, 2582) ended on the third place.



Closing ceremony

The Awarding ceremonies of the events took place by the end of each Championship, with the attendance of ECU Vice President, Mrs. Dana Reizniece-Ozola, and the President of Estonian Chess Federation, Mr. Ken Koort.

Photos by: Alon Shulman



EUROPEAN YOUTH RAPID & BLITZ CHESS CHAMPIONS 2019 CROWNED

European Youth Rapid & Blitz Chess Championship 2019 took place from 30th November-4th December in Tallinn, Estonia and European Youth Rapid & Blitz Chess Champions have been announced.

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he event launched with Competition in Solving problems, and the next on the schedule was European Youth Rapid Chess Championship 2019, which was played on 1st and 2nd of December.

More than 650 boys and girls coming from 28 European federation competed in 6 age categories of Rapid Championship: U8, U10, U12, U14, U16 and U18, Open and Girls sections separately.

The Winners of Rapid competition:
 U8: Temirbekov Taimaz (RUS), 8 points
 U10: Vetokhin Savva (RUS), 8 points
 U12: Savaljev Ivan (RUS), 8 points
 U14: Lazavik Denis (BLR), 8 points
 U16: Haring Filip (SVK), 7 points
 U18: Kozak Adam (HUN), 7.5 points

GU8:Asachenko Ksenia (RUS) 7.5points
 GU10: Shukhman Anna (RUS), 8 points
 GU12: Karmanova Olga (RUS), 8 points
 GU14: Stepanyan Eva (RUS), 7 points
 GU16: Ruzic Pia Marie (SLO), 7 points
 GU18: Afzonsieva Anna (RUS), 7.5 points

Final rankings of the European Youth Rapid Chess Championship 2020 are available here.

European Youth Blitz Chess Championship 2019 took place on 3rd December, with participation of more than 600 players. The event was played in 3 age categories: U10, U14 and U18, open and girls separately.

The Winners became:
 U10:Temirbekov Taimaz (RUS), 8points
 U14:Keso Elias (FIN), 8.5 points
 U18:Kozak Adam (HUN), 7.5 points

GU10:Hnatyshyn Anastasiia(UKR), 7.5
 GU14: Dubovyk Anastasiia (UKR), 8.5
 GU18:Getman Tatyana (RUS), 7.5points

Final rankings of the European Youth Blitz Chess Championship 2020 are available here.

European Youth Rapid Team Chess Championship 2019 was played on 2nd of December and the Winners became:

U10: "Champions" from Russia, 12mp
 U14: Belarus 1, 14 match points
 U18: Russia, 14 match points

Final rankings are available here.

Official Website of the event

EYRCC2020 Tallinn, Estonia

European Youth Rapid&Blitz Chess Championship 2020 took place from 30th November-4th December in Tallinn, Estonia.

The event comprised 5 competitions:
 Rapid event, Blitz event, Rapid team championship, problem solving event and Superfinals.



EUROPEAN YOUTH RAPID & BLITZ CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP GALLERY

Photos from the EYRBCC 2019 are available on the Official Website of the event

With participation of more than 650 players coming from around 30 European federations, European Youth Rapid and Blitz Chess

Championship 2019, took place at the Sokos Hotel Viru Tallinn, in Estonia, from 30th November- 4th December 2019.



Playing venue capture



A moment from the Closing Ceremony of the event



WORLD RAPID & BLITZ CHESS CHAMPIONS CROWNED

FIDE World Rapid & Blitz Chess Championship 2019 took place from 25th-30th December in Moscow, Russia.

Reigning World Chess Champion, Magnus Carlsen, took double gold and won both Rapid and Blitz Championships, Koneru Humpy won Women Rapid and Kateryna Lagno won Women Blitz Chess Championship.

FIDE WORLD RAPID & BLITZ 2019

World Chess Championship was played from 26th-28th December. Open event was played in 15 rounds and Women event in 12 rounds.

Carlsen Magnus (NOR, 2886) scored 11.5 points and became the sole Winner of the Rapid event. Firouzja Alireza (2614, FIDE), Nakamura Hikaru (USA, 2819) and Artemiev Vladislav (RUS, 2756) tied for the silver, but according to tiebreaks criteria, Firouzja Alireza came second and Nakamura won bronze.

Koneru Humpy (IND, 2438), Lei Tingjie (CHN, 2498) and Atalik Ekaterina (TUR, 2360) scored 9 points each and share the top in Women section of Rapid event. According to the rules of the event, Koneru Humpy and Lei Tingjie played the playoff tiebreak match which decided the Winner of the event. After a 1-1 tie, Koneru Humpy won an Armageddon game and became the Women Rapid Chess Champion.

Carlsen Magnus (NOR, 2865) and Nakamura Hikaru (USA, 2885) tied for the top, each with score 16.5 out of 21 games. They proceeded to tiebreak match, which Carlsen won with 1.5-0.5.



Kramnik Vladimir (RUS, 2748) won bronze medal with 15 points.

In Women section, Lagno Kateryna (RUS, 2606) won the Blitz event with 13 points. Second place came to Muzychuk Anna (UKR, 2504) with 12.5 points, while Tan Zhongyi (CHN, 2480) and Gunina Valentina (RUS, 2366) tied for bronze, each with 12 points, but according to tiebreaks, Tan Zhongyi came third.

All the details and final rankings can be found on the Official Website of the event.



FIDE World Rapid & Blitz Championship

FIDE World Rapid&Blitz Chess Championship 2019 took place from 25th-30th December 2019 in Moscow, Russia with a total prize fund of 1.000.000\$. 700.000 \$ were reserved for Open events and 300.000\$ for the Women's Championships.

Reach photo gallery is available here.



Ian Nepomniachtchi wins final leg of FIDE GP in Jerusalem

Ian Nepomniachtchi (RUS, 2767) defeated Wei Yi (CHN, 2725) in the finals of the Jerusalem Grand Prix 2019 and became one of the qualifiers for the next FIDE Candidates Tournament.

The first place on the overall Grand Prix Standings went to Grischuk Alexander (RUS, 2777) with score of 20 Grand Prix points, and Nepomniachtchi took the second place with 19 points.



Final match on the Jerusalem FIDE GP, between Wei Yi and Nepomniachtchi Ian



Participants of the FIDE Candidates Tournament 2020

FIDE CONFIRMED THE FINAL LIST FOR THE NEXT FIDE CANDIDATES TOURNAMENT

Nepomniachtchi with black pieces won the first game of the final match after a beautiful technical realisation in an endgame. The second game started sharply, with sacrifices of two pieces by Wei Yi, who attacked the White's King side, but the game finished with a perpetual check which brought 10 Grand Prix points to Ian Nepomniachtchi and a qualifier spot for the next Candidates Tournament.



FIDE the final list for the Candidates Tournament 2020 which will take place in Yekaterinburg from March 15 – April 5, 2020.

The list is:

- >**Caruana Fabiano** (USA, 2822)- 2018 match runner-up
- >**Radjabov Teimour** (AZE, 2765)- Winner of the World Cup 2019
- >**Ding Liren** (CHN, 2801)- #2 at the World Cup 2019
- >**Wang Hao** (CHN, 2756)- Winner of the FIDE Grand Swiss Tournament
- >**Grischuk Alexander** (RUS, 2777)- Winner of the Grand Prix Series
- >**Nepomniachtchi Ian** (RUS, 2767)- Second Place on the Grand Prix Series
- >**Giri Anish** (NED, 2769)- a qualifier by rating
- >**Alekseenko Kirill** (RUS, 2704)- wildcard

The wildcard participant Kirill Alekseenko was confirmed by the President of the Russian Chess Federation Mr. Andrey Filatov. 22 years old Russian Grandmaster, Aleeksenko Kirill (RUS, 2704), became a nominee of the Candidates Tournament Organizer and the President of Russian Chess Federation, Andrei Filatov, commented the decision: "I want to sincerely congratulate two Russian Grandmasters who, in an extremely stubborn struggle, won spots in the Candidates tournament. I also want to mention the young Petersburg grandmaster Kirill Alekseenko, who won the wild card. According to the FIDE rules, he was the only Russian chess player who could be nominated for participation in the Candidates tournament 2020."

FIDE GP JERUSALEM 2019

The final leg of the FIDE Grand Prix series, took place from 10th-23rd December 2019 in Jerusalem.

The total prize fund of the FIDE Grand Prix series was 800.000\$, while the prize fund of te Jerusalem event was 130.000\$. The event was played as a Knock-out Tournament.

Official Website

Official Photographer of the event; Niki Riga



Final leg of FIDE Grand Prix - Jerusalem

The final leg of the FIDE Grand Prix Series opened in Notre Dame Center in Jerusalem, Israel.

The Opening Ceremony of the event was attended by: ECU President and FIDE Presidential Board Member, Mr. Zurab Azmaiparashvili, FIDE Director General, Mr. Emil Sutovsky, the President of the Israel Chess Federation Mr. Barkai Zvika and the representatives of organisers and event sponsors from World Chess, Kaspersky Israel and Algorand.

The event participated 16 Grandmasters: Topalov Veselin (BUL, 2737), Vachier Lagrave Maxime (FRA, 2780), Jakovenko Dmitry (RUS, 2698), Mamedyarov Shakhriyar (AZE, 2772), Giri Anish (NED, 2769), Wei Yi (CHN, 2725), Gelfand Boris (ISR, 2684), Nepomniachtchi Ian (RUS, 2767), So Wesley (USA, 2760), Yu Yangyi (CHN, 2738), Wang Hao (CHN, 2756), Navara David (CZE, 2707), Karjakin Sergey (RUS, 2754), Harikrishna Pentala (IND, 2724), Andreikin Dmitry (RUS, 2724), and Wojtaszek Radoslaw (POL, 2725).



Opening ceremony of the event



Opening of the 1st game



Opening ceremony of the event



Second game

Women's World Chess Championship Match started in Shanghai, China



Women's World Chess Championship Match started on Sunday, 5th January in Shanghai, China.

The Opening ceremony and a press conference, attended by the current champion Ju Wenjun (CHN) and the challenger Aleksandra Goryachkina (RUS), FIDE, Russian and Chinese Federations' officials, took place on 4th of January.

Women's World Chess Championship Match features 12 games, and the total prize fund of 500.000 EUR.

The first part of the match will be played in Shanghai from 5th-12th January, while the second half will take place in Vladivostok, Russia, from 16th-23rd January.

[Official Website](#)

Aleksandra Goryachkina threatened in the game one with white pieces. After a great fight and pressure on the reigning Champion, the game finished in a draw.



In the game two, Goryachkina equalized the position early in the middlegame and the 2nd game ended in a draw after threefold repetition.

UN designates July 20th as World Chess Day

UN General Assembly, on 12th December 2019, designated the 20th July as the World Chess Day.

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UN General Assembly on 12 December 2019, by consensus decision adopted the resolution tabled by the Armenia's permanent mission and co-sponsored by several countries designating the 20th July as World Chess Day, marking the date in 1924 when the International Chess Federation was established in Paris.

Introducing that draft, Armenia's delegate observed that the game can transcend national boundaries and break down racial, political and social barriers. Armenia, he added, has one of the highest numbers of chess grandmasters per capita in the world, having embraced chess as an academic subject in schools. "One of the most important and enduring lessons that chess can offer is teaching respect," he said.

The UN acknowledges the important opportunities offered by chess, including, inter alia, in strengthening education, realizing gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls, and fostering inclusion, tolerance, mutual understanding and respect. The UN invites all member states, international and regional organizations, the private sector and civil society to observe World Chess Day in an appropriate manner and in accordance with national priorities, and to disseminate the advantages of chess, including through educational and public awareness-raising activities.

Press source.

The official UN Press release is available on the following link.



Armenia's delegate represents the resolution



IRISH CHESS EVENTS 2020

Irish Chess Federation organizes three chess events in January 2020: The Irish 50+/65+ Championships 2020, The Irish New Year Norm Events 2020 and The Gonzaga Charity Classic 2020.

First to be played was Irish Senior Chess Championship 2020, which took from 2nd-6th January 2020 in two age sections: 50+ and 65+.

The event was played in 7 rounds, with time control 90 minutes for the whole game, plus 30 seconds of increment per move, starting from the move one. The Winner of the event became Moss Robin (ENG) who tied for the top with O'Connor Jonathan (IRL) and Delaney John (IRL), since they had the same score of 5.5 points, each.

Tiebreaks criteria brought to Moss Robin gold, O'Connor Jonathan was silver and Delaney John took third place.

Three New Year Norm events simultaneously took place from 2nd-6th January, in the same venue as Irish Senior Chess Championship- at the Talbot Hotel, Stillorgan, Dublin. Turner Matthew (SCO, 2521) triumphed the Grandmasters event, scoring 6.5 points. Lopez Alex (IRL, 2432), Pert Nicholas (ENG, 2558) and Collins Sam E. (IRL, 2446) tied for the second place, each with 6 points, but second place came to Lopez Alex, and Pert Nicholas took third place.

The Philip Short Memorial
The Irish 50+/65+ Championships 2020
 Date: 2nd - 6th January 2020
 Venue: **The Talbot Hotel, Stillorgan, Dublin**

Guaranteed Prize Fund

| Over 50 | Over 65 |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1 st prize: €300 | 1 st prize: €300 |
| 2 nd prize: €200 | 2 nd prize: €200 |
| 3 rd prize: €100 | 3 rd prize: €100 |
| Grading: €100 | Grading: €100 |

Notes

- The Irish 50+/65+ Championship is open to players aged 50 or over on 12/31/20 but only IRL players may claim the Irish title.
- Online entries can be made [here](https://www.icu.ie/events/1292): <https://www.icu.ie/events/1292>
- One 45+ player may be permitted to avoid an odd number of players.
- Free parking is available at the venue.
- Hotel rates = B&B: €115 single, €125 Double/Twin.
- Event will be FIDE and ICU rated.
- Players can only win one prize.

Entry Fees

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|----------|-------|
| Over 50s | € 45* |
| Over 65s | € 35* |

*A €10 late entry fee will apply for each event from December 20th.

Time Control
90 minutes + a 30 second increment.

Timetable

- Round 1: Thursday, January 2nd 6.00pm
- Round 2: Friday, January 3rd 11.00am
- Round 3: Friday, January 3rd 4.00pm
- Round 4: Saturday, January 4th 9.00pm
- Round 5: Sunday, January 5th 11.00am
- Round 6: Sunday, January 5th 4.00pm
- Round 7: Monday, January 6th 2.30pm

Please send entries / queries to: E-mail: chairperson@icu.ie

At the IM Norm event 1, Kanyamarala Tarun (IRL, 2320) won the event thanks to better tiebreak criteria than Delaney Killian (IRL, 2278). Both scored 6.5 points. Third place came to Melaugh Shane (IRL, 2207) with 6 points. Kanyamarala Trisha (IRL, 2195) won the IM Norm event 2. With 6.5 points and better tiebreaks than GM Baburin Alex (IRL, 2419), Kanyamarala took the first place. Baburin Alex came second and third place came to Abdulla Murad (SCO, 2257) with 6,0 points.

Final rankings and more details about the event can be found on the Official Website of Irish Chess Union.



Irish New Year Norm Events 2020
 Date: 2nd - 6th January 2020
 Venue: **The Talbot Hotel, Stillorgan, Dublin**

Format
The Round events will feature five separate sections: A, B, C, D, E.

Entry Fees

| Section | Over 50s | Over 65s |
|---------|----------|----------|
| A | € 45 | € 35 |
| B | € 45 | € 35 |
| C | € 45 | € 35 |
| D | € 45 | € 35 |
| E | € 45 | € 35 |

Timetable

- Round 1: Thursday, January 2nd 6.00pm
- Round 2: Friday, January 3rd 11.00am
- Round 3: Friday, January 3rd 4.00pm
- Round 4: Saturday, January 4th 9.00pm
- Round 5: Sunday, January 5th 11.00am
- Round 6: Sunday, January 5th 4.00pm
- Round 7: Monday, January 6th 2.30pm

Notes

- Free parking is available at the venue.
- Hotel rates = B&B: €115 single, €125 Double/Twin.
- Each section will be a 30 round all play all.

Time Control
90 minutes + a 30 second increment.

Organized by: Chairperson@icu.ie

Gonzaga Charity Classic 2020 invitation

The 17th Annual Gonzaga Charity Chess Classic 2020

Date and Venue
January 24 - January 26, 2020, (Friday-Sunday), in Gonzaga College SJ, Sanfield Road, Booterstown, Dublin 4. The college is a 10 minute walk from the Chopra LHAS stop on the DUBLIN line.

Prize Fund
€3,500. All proceeds go to charity.

Rate of Play
Masters: 90 mins + 30 sec.
Challenger/Challenger: 75 mins + 30 sec.

Sections
Masters: 1800s (3 Rounds FIDE rated)
Challenger: 1700 - 1900 (3 rounds)
Challenger: Below 1500 (3 rounds)

Entry Fees
Masters: €40 per player
Challenger & Challenger: €44 per player
OTB: €20 per player

Timetable
Friday, January 24
Round 1: 11.00am - 1.00pm
Round 2: 2.00pm - 4.00pm
Saturday, January 25
Round 3: 11.00am - 1.00pm
Round 4: 2.00pm - 4.00pm
Sunday, January 26
Round 5: 11.00am - 1.00pm
Round 6: 2.00pm - 4.00pm

Office entries to:
Gonzaga Classic, Gonzaga College SJ, Sanfield Road, Booterstown, Dublin 4. Email: gonzaga@chess.ie

Enter Online here: <https://www.gonzaga@chess.ie>

With Thanks to our sponsors: [cpl](https://www.cpl.ie), [MHL](https://www.mhl.ie)

Gonzaga Charity Classic 2020

the Gonzaga Charity Classic 2020 sponsored by CPL & MHL will take place from 24th-26th January, in Gonzaga College SJ in Dublin. Gonzaga Charity Classic 2020 comprises three categories: Masters, Challenger and Challenger, with a total prize fund of 3,500 EUR.

More details about the event are available here.

ECU Tournament Rules which will be valid from 1st January 2020 encounter standardisation of European Competitions, in matters of Arbiters appointments and Live coverage, Guidelines for Accommodation & Transportation and Guidelines for food & beverages.



ECU TOURNAMENT RULES

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The first version of the Tournament Rules was accepted by the 2001 General Assembly of the European Chess Union in Leon (Spain).

Changes were approved by General Assemblies thereafter.

The new version was accepted by the General Assembly 2019 in Batumi (Georgia) and is valid from 1st January 2020.

ECU Tournament Rules 2020 bring the following main new items:

- >The Arbiters Selection for European Competitions
- >Annex 4: Standards for ECU Tournaments
- >Annex 8: ECU Guidelines for Food and Beverages
- >Annex 9: ECU Guidelines for Accommodation & Transportation

ECU Tournament Rules, can be found on the ECU Website.
<https://www.europechess.org/regulations/tournament-regulations/>

CALL OF INTEREST FOR ECU ARBITERS

During the European Chess Union General Assembly in Batumi, Georgia (26 October 2019), the delegates unanimously approved the proposal by ECU Arbiters' Council regarding the system of appointments of arbiters for the ECU events.

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According to the new regulations, the ECU Arbiters' Council will have a right to appoint foreign arbiters (20% of all match arbiters) for each ECU events. It means that first time ever a part of arbiters' team will be nominated directly by the Arbiters' Council. It gives us a possibility to create on European level a nomination system for arbiters, based on qualification, experience and evaluations of arbiters.

Therefore we are announcing the call of interest for the arbiters who are interested to be appointed for ECU events in 2020.

The appointments will be made according to the relevant Regulations which can be found here (the table with concrete points given will be published later).

Any qualified (FA or IA) arbiter, having a regular arbiter's license, registered under any Federation included in ECU Statute Annex 1 may apply for one or more ECU official championships by submitting his application directly through the Arbiters' Council website.

Below you can enter the application form which will require you about your qualifications, languages, skills, preferences regarding positions and tournaments.

Please fill the form between 10 December 2019 and 10 January 2020. Applications submitted after the deadline will not be considered.

Application form is available here.

<https://arbiters.europechess.org/call-of-interest/>





EUROPEAN INDIVIDUAL CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP 2020- INVITATION

The 21st European Individual Chess Championship will take place in Podčetrtek, Slovenia, from May 17th (arrival date) until May 30th (departure date) 2020.

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he European Individual Chess Championship is open to all players representing the Chess Federations which are members of the European Chess Union regardless of their title or rating.

There is no limit to participants per federation. However, applications can only be sent by national federations.

Registration deadline is April 1st, 2020.

The Championship will be played according to the Swiss system. Time control will be 90 minutes for 40 moves plus 30 minutes for the rest of the game with an increment of 30 seconds per move, starting from move one.

The European Individual Chess Championship 2020 is a qualifying event for the FIDE World Cup 2021. According to FIDE regulations for World Cup and the ECU Board decision, 22 players will qualify.

The total prize fund of the event is 100.000 EUR, with 20.000 EUR reserved for the Winner of the event. Besides 20 regular prizes, the best junior, senior and female players will be awarded.

The playing venue will be the Sports Hall, next to the official hotels: 4* Hotel Breza, 4* Hotel Rosa and 3* Lipa, in Spa Olimia.

The organizer will provide transport services for all participants from Zagreb (CRO) International Airport to the official hotels – on May 16th and 17th as well as the departure transfer – on May 30th.

All travel information must be sent by e-mail on eicc2020@gmail.com not later than April 1st, 2020.

Contact information

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E-mail: eicc2020slo@gmail.com
Official web site: www.eicc2020.eu

Official regulations and invitation of European Individual Chess Championship 2020 are available on the ECU Website on the following link.

EICC 2020 **17th-30th May 2020** **Podčetrtek, Slovenia**

European Individual Chess Championship 2020 will be played in 11 rounds, Swiss system, and according to FIDE regulations, 22 players will qualify for the next FIDE World Cup.

The registration deadline is 1st April 2020 and the total prize fund of the event is 100.000 EUR.

The European Senior Chess Championship, organized by Adolf Anderssen Foundation and Poland Chess Federation, under the auspices of European Chess Union, will be held in Jastrzebia Gora, Poland from 17th – 27th April 2020.



EUROPEAN SENIOR CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP 2020 - INVITATION

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uropean Senior Chess Championship 2020 will be played in two age categories: 50+ and 65+, Open and Women's sections separately. Women's section will be merged with Open category if less than 9 players register for the European Senior Women Chess Championship 2020.

The championship is based on Swiss system in accordance with the ECU Tournament Rules and FIDE Rules of Chess. The time control will be 90 minutes for 40 moves plus 30 minutes for the rest of the game with an increment of 30 seconds per move, starting from move one.

Official Hotel and venue of the Championship is Hotel VIS, located in Jastrzebia Gora.

The event is open to all players representing ECU Chess Federations who have been born in the year 1970 or earlier, regardless of their title or rating. There is also no limit in the number of participants per federation. Applications have to be sent by the National federations or to be approved by the National federations.

Registration deadline is 3rd March 2020. All the applications shall be sent to following email address: office@senior-chess.eu.

Total prize fund of the event will be 8.000 EUR.

Official website of the event will be: www.senior-chess.eu

82nd Tata Steel 2020

The 82nd edition of the Tata Steel Chess event will take place from 10th- 26th January 2020 in Wijk aan Zee, Netherlands.

Tata Steel comprises Masters and Challenger event, as well as the events for the chess enthusiasts.

[Official Website](#)



World Women's Chess Championship 2020

The final match for the the Women World Chess Championship 2020 will take place from 5th-26th January 2020, between: Ju Wenjun and Alexandra Goryachkina, in two parts: one in Shanghai (China) and one in Vladivostok (Russia).

Portugal Chess Open

Portugal Open 2020 will take place from 25th January - 1st February 2020 in Lisbon, Portugal.

The event will be played in 9 rounds, Swiss system, with a total prize fund more than 10.000 EUR.

All details and official regulations are available on the Official Website of the event.



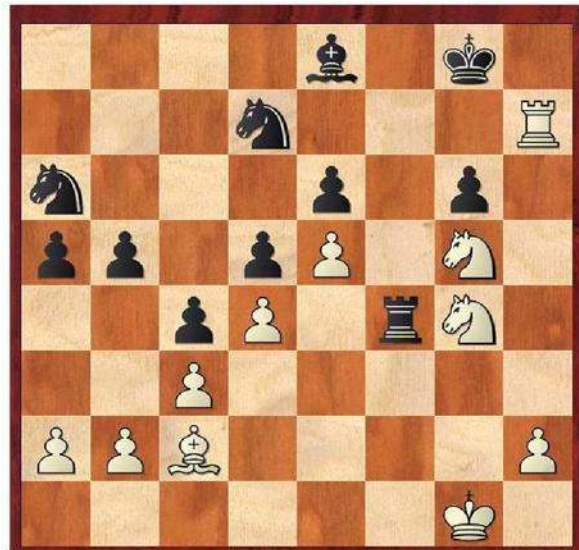
Gibraltar Chess Festival 2020

Gibraltar Chess Festival 2020 will take place from 19th-30th January 2020 in Caleta, Gibraltar.

The total prize fund of the event is more than 175.000 £.

[Official Website of the event](#)





Aron Nimzowitsch said about chess:

>The passed Pawn is a criminal, who should be kept under lock and key. Mild measures, such as police surveillance, are not sufficient

>The threat is stronger than the execution.

>First restrain, next blockade, lastly destroy.

>Do not always be thinking of attack! Moves that safeguard your position are often far more prudent.

>The beauty of a move lies not in its appearance but in the thought behind it.

>No pawn exchanges, no file-opening, no attack.

*For this edition of the ECU monthly magazine, we prepared 4 positions with mate in 2!
White is on the move!*

Solutions from October

#Puzzle 1
1.Qa6+ bxa6 2.Bc6#

#Puzzle 2
1.Qxa7 Qxa7 2.Nc7#

#Puzzle 3
1.Qf8+!! Rxf8 [1...Kxf8 2.Rh8#]
2. Ne7#

#Puzzle 4
1.Qh7 Kxh7 2.Rh5#



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