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CRF Team wins FIDE Women's
World Team Chess Championship
2021

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European Senior Chess
Champions 2021 crowned in
Budoni, Sardinia/Italy



Mednyi Vsadnik and South Ural win
European Open and Women Chess
Club Cup 2021!



Briefly..

Mednyi Vsadnik and South Ural win European Open and Women Chess Club Cup 2021 in Struga, North Macedonia.

European Senior Chess Championship 2021 concluded on Monday, 4th of October, in Budoni, Sardinia/Italy.

FIDE Women's World Team Chess Championship 2021 took place from 26th September - 3rd October in Sitges, Spain.a.

900 players from 34 European Federations will participate in **European Youth & Junior HChess Championship 2021** one of the biggest hybrid chess events ever held.

European Team Chess Championship 2021 and European Women's Team Chess Championship 2021 will take place from 11th-22nd November in Catez, Slovenia with 70 teams representing 38 European federations in open and women section..

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European Chess Union is an independent 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 Chess Club Cup 2021 concluded in Struga, North Macedonia

The 36th European Chess Club Cup and the 25th European Women's Chess Club Cup took place from 17th-25th September in Struga, North Macedonia.

FIDE President Mr Arkady Dvorkovich, ECU President Mr Zurab Azmaiparashvili, ECU Vice President and FIDE Managing Director Mrs Dana Riezniece-Ozola, ECU Secretary General Mr Theodoros Tsorbatzoglou, and on behalf of the organisers, President of North Macedonia Chess Federation Mrs Aleksandra Gakidova, attended the Awarding Ceremony.



After intense fights in the last round, team of Mednyi Vsadnik from Russia claimed gold and became European Chess Club Cup Winner for 2021! With a narrow 3.5-2.5 victory over Team XtraCon (Denmark), Mednyi Vsadnik scored 13 match points to be the sole Winner of the event, taking the trophy and the 1st prize of 10.000 EUR.

In a direct encounter for medals, Ave Novy Bor (Czech Republic) defeated Silla-Valencia Origin of Chess (Spain) with a result of 3.5-2.5, and scored 12 match points to be the first runner-up.

In a match that decided the bronze medalist, Vugar Gashimov team (Azerbaijan) won against Alkaloid (North Macedonia) and with 11 match points came third.

Final rankings of the 36th European Chess Club Cup can be found here.

Photo gallery from the Closing Ceremony is available on the Official Website of the event.

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36th European Chess Club Cup 2021

38 teams participated in the 36th European Club Cup. Among the players who defended the colours of their teams were: reigning World Chess Champion Magnus Carlsen (NOR, 2855, Offerspiel Chess Club), Grischuk Alexander (RUS, 2775, KPRF), Mamedyarov Shakriyar (AZE, 2762, Alkaloid), and other top GMs



Team of South Ural (Russia) dominated the European Women's Club Cup and triumphed the event with perfect score of 14 match points. The Winner team was awarded with trophy and medals, altogether with a winner prize of 6.000 EUR.

Monte-Carlo team defeated the domestic North Macedonian team of Alkaloid in the last round and, with a final score of 11 match points, claimed silver.

GRECO Kyiv Chess Federation (Ukraine) took bronze with 10 match points as they lost the final game against the Winners of the event.

Final rankings of the 26th European Women's Chess Club Cup can be found here.

Teams of Monte Carlo (Average rating of players 2513, Monaco), GRECO-Kyiv Chess Federation (Average rating of players 2501, Ukraine) and South Ural (Average rating of players 2441, Russia) proved the top seeds role. Among the participants were: Goryachkina Aleksandra (RUS, 2608, Monte-Carlo), Muzychuk Mariya (UKR, 2540, GRECO-Kyiv Chess Federation), Muzychuk Anna (UKR, 2534, GRECO-Kyiv Chess Federation), Dzagnidze Nana (GEO, 2525, Monte-Carlo), Shuvalova Polina (RUS, 2510, Alkaloid) and others top European and World female chess players.

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European Women's Club Cup 2021

Both European Open and Women's Club Cup were played in 7 rounds, with time control of 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. Women's event took place in Hotel Drim, and Open section in Hotel Izgrev.

Total prize fund of the events was 44.000EUR.

The best performances of the European Chess Club Cup 2021

Along with the Team Winners of the European Open and Women's Chess Club Cups, the best players performances per board were announced and awarded during the Closing Ceremony of the event.

The best individual players per boards of the European Women's Chess Club Cup are:

- Board1** - Goryachkina Aleksandra (Monte-Carlo)
- Board2** - Gunina Valentina (South Ural)
- Board3** - Badelka Olga (South Ural)
- Board4** - Solozhenkina Elizaveta (South Ural)

The best individual players of Open section are:

- Board1** - Gukesh D (Prilep)
- Board2** - Nabaty Tamir (Beer Sheva)
- Board3** - Navara David (Ave Novy Bor)
- Board4** - Alekseenko Kirill (Mednyi Vsadnik)
- Board5** - Anton Guijarro David (Ave Novy Bor)
- Board6** - Predke Aleksandr (Alkaloid)





CRF Team wins FIDE Women's World Team Chess Championship 2021

FIDE Women's World Team Chess Championship 2021 took place from 26th September - 3rd October in Sitges, Spain.

CRF Team represented by Russian top Female players dominated the event and claimed the gold medal.



India takes silver medal, and Ukraine and Georgia share the third place.

Photos by Niki Riga&FIDE Website

The 2021 FIDE Women's World Team Chess Championship was held in two stages: pool stage and knockout stage. 12 teams competed in pools A and B, in 5 rounds, round-robin system. The best ranked 4 teams proceeded to the knockout stage.

Ukraine and Georgia shared the third place as the semi-finalists of the event.

Russian players proved to be well prepared for the event, and didn't suffer any loss in the tournament, winning every single match and scoring 35 board points out of the 44 games played.

Results&Crosstables can be found here.

FIDE WWTC 2021

The final match between teams of India and CRF team started with sharp and intense fights. Kosteniuk Alexandra and Lagno Kateryna won the full point in their games against Vaishali R and Kulkarni Bhakti. Goryachkina Aleksandra suffered a loss on the first board against Harika Dronavalli, but a draw on the last board between Kashlinskaya Alina and Gomes Mary Ann was enough for CRF team to take an important lead to the throne.

Second match ended with convincing 3-1 score for CRF team. Lagno and Shuvalova Polina scored the full point, while Goryachkina and Kosteniuk hold a draw for a victory in the second game, taking the trophy to Russia.



FIDE WWTC 2021

FIDE Women's World Team Chess Championship 2021

The Women's World Team Championship was played this year under a new format: two pools of six teams each, followed by a knock-out playoff with the eight best teams. The time control has been reduced to 45 minutes + 10 seconds per move, with two games to be played each day. This format allowed for the tournament to be played over just seven days instead of twelve.

European Senior Chess Championship 2021

European Senior Chess Championship 2021 concluded on Monday, 4th of October, in Budoni, Sardinia/Italy.

After intense fights for the medals till the last round, IM Bellia Fabrizio (ITA, 2431) emerged as the sole Winner of 50+ section with score of 7.5/9 points, after defeating Cafolla Peter in the last round of the event.

GM Bischoff Klaus (GER, 2495) drew the last round against IM Van Der Werf Mark and lost the first place. With a final score of 7 points, Bischoff Klaus took silver medal. IM Krizsany Laszlo (HUN, 2397) had the same score of 7 points, but tiebreaks criteria decided that he takes the third place and bronze medal.

European Women's Senior Chess Championship 50+ was merged with Open section, with separate prizes for the Winners. With score of 5.5 points and an overall 7th place, WIM Krasenkova Elena claimed the title of European Women's Senior Chess Champion for 50+ section. Second place went to Baliuniene Margarita (LTU, 1924) with 5 points, and Borsuk Angela (ISR, 2100) came third with same score, but lower tiebreaks.

IM Birnboim Nathan (ISR, 2375) was the sole leader during the event and maintained the leadership till the end of the Championship. With score of 7/9 points, Birnboim Nathan triumphed the championship and claimed gold.



FM Chapman Terry P D (ENG, 2236) came second with score of 6.5 points, while three players tied for bronze with score of 6 points each: Hammar Bengt (SWE, 2130), IM Renman Nils-Gustaf (SWE, 2311) and Fritsch Rold (GER, 2177). According to tiebreak criteria, Hammar Bengt won bronze, Renman Nils-Gustaf came fourth, and Fritsch Rolf finished the event as 5th.

WIM Wagner-Michel Annett (GER, 1998) claimed the title of the European Senior Women's Chess Champion for 65+ section, scoring 5.5 points, and taking the overall 7th place in the event. WFM Kierzek Mira (GER, 2019) took silver with score of 3.5 points, and Ristoja Aulikki (FIN) was third with 3 points.



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European Senior Chess Championship 2021

The total prize fund of the event was 6.500 EUR. The top 3 players from each category of the European Senior Championship 2021 qualified with personal rights (free board and lodging) to the World Senior Championship 2022 or 2023 according to FIDE decisions.

Final rankings and full report can be found on the ECU website.

Chess Ambassadors for the Environment

European Chess Union and Judit Polgar's Global Chess Festival invited one player U12 from each European Chess federation to take part in the special chess and social event "Chess Ambassadors for the environment".

The event took place on Saturday 9th of October with the following program.
 >11:30 CEST Lecture & Q&A session for the Environment & the Climate Change
 Eleni Svoronou, Head of environmental education of WWF Greece
 >12:15 CEST Break.
 >13:00 CEST Judit's Polgar Masterclass / Chessable Classroom >14:00 CEST Blitz Tournament 5min + 5 sec. – 7 rounds/ Chessable Platform

The interactive presentation for children by Ms Eleni Svoronou was broadcasted LIVE through the ECU Facebook page. ECU Secretary General Mr Theodoros Tsobatzoglou opened the event and welcomed the participants.

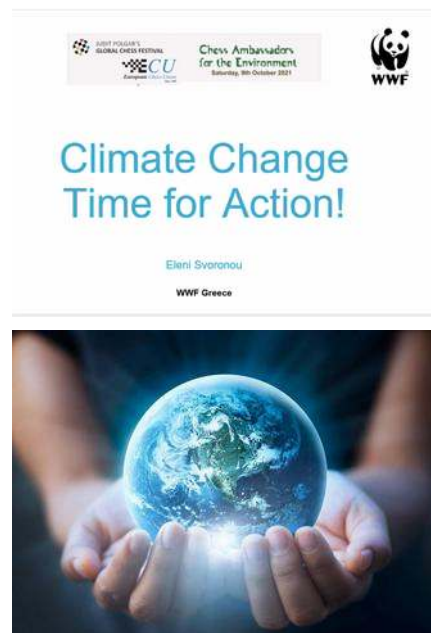
All participants of the event will receive a special certificate of "Chess Ambassadors of the Environment". The first 3 winners of the Blitz Competition will take the following gifts:
 1st Prize: Adoption of a Polar Bear, + Chessable course of Master Your Chess with Judit Polgar
 2nd Prize: Adoption of a Pinguin, + Chessable course of Master Your Chess with Judit Polgar
 3rd Prize: Adoption of a Dolphin, + Chessable course of Master Your Chess with Judit Polgar.



ECU was represented and took part in the annual Judit Polgar's Global festival at the highest level.

ECU President Mr Zurab Azmaiparashvili, ECU Vice President and FIDE Managing Director Mrs Dana Reizniece-Ozola and Chairman of ECU Educational Committee Mr Jesper Hall who all took part in Global Chess Festival in Budapest, Hungary.

More details about the events can be found on Global Chess Festival webpage.



ECU President Mr Zurab Azmaiparashvili, ECU Vice President and FIDE Managing Director Ms Dana Reizniece Ozola at the Global Chess Festival in Budapest, Hungary.

GlobalChessFestival

Chess Ambassadors for the Environment

The special chess and social event "Chess Ambassadors for the environment" took place Online on 9th of October, 2021. The event contained lectures about the Environment and Climate Changes, as well as the masterclass with Judit Polgar.



SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS



Chess Ambassadors for the Environment

Saturday, 9th October 2021



ECU Online Trainers Conference

ECU Online Trainers Conference took place through the ZOOM platform from October 1st until October 3rd 2021.

ECU President, Mr. Zurab Azmaiparashvili opened the Conference and welcomed the participants. He started the first lecture of the conference, discussing the trainers work together with GM Adrian Mikhalchishin,

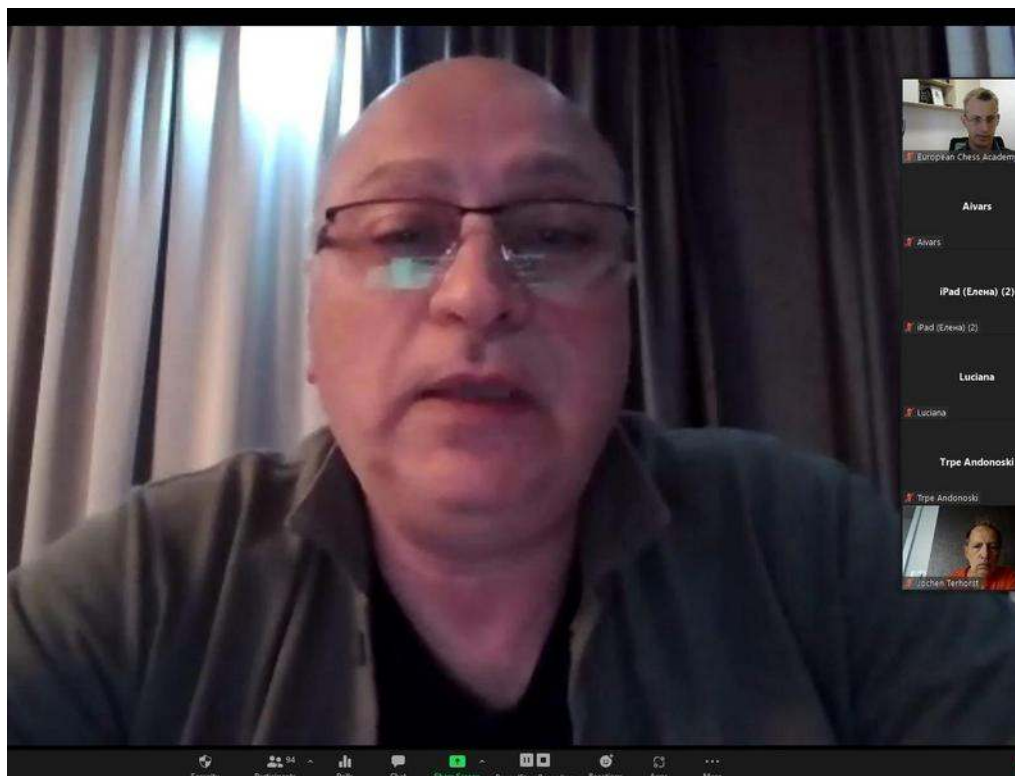
The lecturer of the first day was also Ivan Sokolov, who started the second lecture with the topic "How to teach pawn structure". Slovenian FM Matej Guid, Professor of Computer Science, presented attendees of the Conference the connection between chess and Artificial Intelligence. A chess company Thinkers Publishing which was represented by GM Adrien Demuth and IM Herman Grooten presented The Educational Value of Books – a Publisher's program with a Trainer.

The second day of the ECU Online Trainers Conference was opened by ECU Secretary General, Mr.Theodoros Tsorbatzoglou.

The second day continued with GM Georg Mohr lesson with a topic: How to structure the lecture based on the open file.

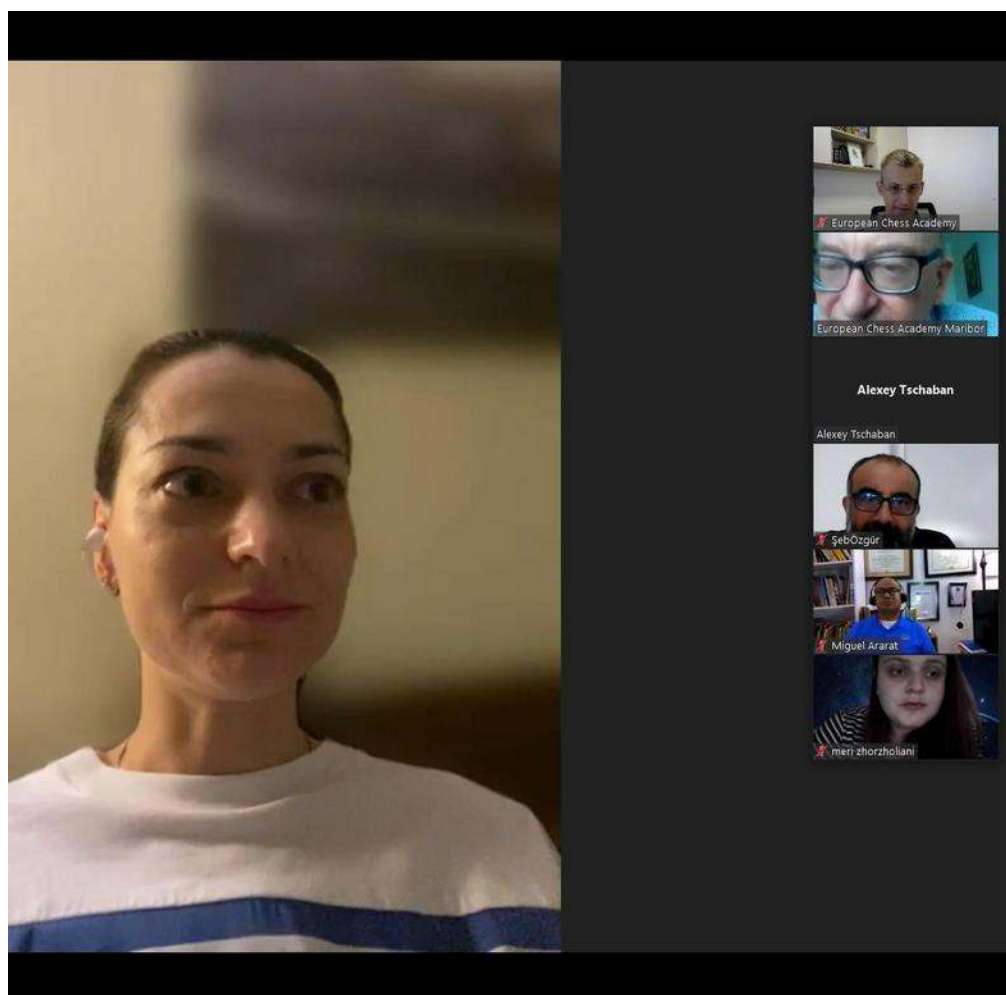
Mr. Martin Fischer from a ChessBase showed attendees of the Conference how to use Chessbase for the training. FIDE Trainers Commission chairman Mr. Mikhail Kobalia joined the Conference and discussed the work of the commission and Russian youth system. One of the most experienced coaches worldwide Greek GM Efstratios Grivas gave a lesson how to teach endgames. The day continued with the conversation of Croatian GM Alojzije Jankovic and Adrian Mikhalchishin about the life of a chess coach.

A very interesting lecture How to teach beginners by Vladimir Grabinsky. ECU Education commission chairman Mr. Jesper Bergmark Hall talked about Chess in school, while German Captain Mr. Bernd Voekler shared details of German youth system.





ECU Online Trainers Conference



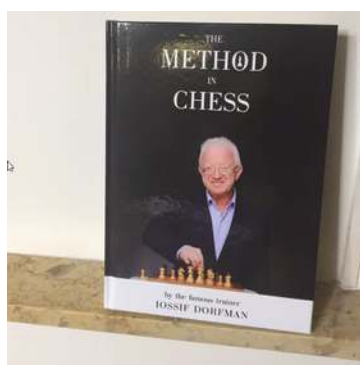
The third and the last day of the ECU Online Conference started with a surprise attendees.

A current Women's World Cup winner GM Alexandra Kosteniuk joined and shared her thoughts about her way of becoming a top player. She spoke about the role of her father as a coach and the role of a great trainer Yuri Razuvaev.

After very interesting speech of the surprise guest, GM Adrian Mikhalchishin gave a lecture about the role of studying classics.

The Conference continued with the lecture of the legendary GM and famous coach Iossif Dorfman about "The method".

Mrs. WGM Dana Rezniece-Ozola, FIDE managing director, and ECU Vice president, shared her thought about specifics in Women chess, within the last lecture of the Conference.



Tournament of Peace 2021

The historical chess event, Tournament of Peace 2021, takes place from 5th-10th October 2021, in Zagreb, Croatia.

The tournament is played in the National and University Library, with participation of 10 Grandmasters playing a round-robin event in 9 rounds.

The participants are: Ernesto Inarkiev (RUS, 2668), Etienne Bacrot (FRA, 2658), Igor Kovalenko (LAT, 2647), Sergei Movsesian (ARM, 2627), Ante Brkic (CRO, 2621), Zdenko Kozul (CRO, 2601), Marin Bosiocic (CRO, 2573), Hrvoje Stevic (CRO, 2570), Robert Zelcic (CRO, 2522), Mladen Palac (CRO, 2517).

Starting rank list can be found [here](#).

The opening ceremony of the event took place today with attendance of the ECU President, Mr. Zurab Azmaiparashvili who addressed all the players and the organizers of the event.



All the games will be in LIVE broadcast, and can be followed live on the following link.

Time control is: 90 minutes for 40 moves + 30 minutes for the rest of the game + 30 seconds increment for every move starting from the first one.

The event is organized by Croatian Chess Federation, and supported by European Chess Union and FIDE Development Fund.



ECU President, Mr. Zurab Azmaiparashvili attended the Opening Ceremony of the event.



Tournament of Peace

The historical chess event - Tournament of Peace for the first time took place from 12th April - 9th May 1965, in Zagreb, Croatia.

The tradition of the tournament was kept in 1970, 1975, 1985, and then revived in 2018 and 2019.

Due pandemic of Covid19 virus, the event didn't take place in 2020, but this year, the event is again organized in Zagreb, Croatia.

European Youth Rapid&Blitz Championships 2021

The 20th edition of the European Youth Rapid&Blitz Chess Championships 2021 will take place from 26th-31st December in Novi Sad, Serbia.

The first on the schedule will be the **20th European Youth Individual Rapid Chess Championship** (U8, U10, U12, U14, U16 and U18, open and girls sections separately), taking place from 27th-28th December. The event will be played in 9 rounds, Swiss system, with time control: 15 minutes+ 10 seconds of an increment. Registration fee is 20 EUR per participant. The best 3 players, in each category, will receive trophies, medals, and gift prizes.



European Problems solving Championship will take place on 28th of December. The event will be organized within 3 age categories: U10, U14 and U18, open and girls categories separately. Registration fee is 5 EUR per participant. The best 3 players, in each category, will receive trophies, medals, and gift prizes.

20th European Youth Individual Chess Championship will be played on 29th and 30th of December. The event will be played in 6 age categories: U8, U10, U12, U14, U16 and U18 (open and girls separately), in 9 rounds, Swiss system, with time control of 3 minutes + 2 seconds of an increment. Registration fee is 5 EUR per participant. The best 3 (three) players, in each category, will receive trophies, medals, and gift prizes.

European Team Chess Championship 2021 will be played on 30th of December, within U10, U14 and U18 age sections. Teams should be composed of 4 players without reserves from the same federation. The tournament will be held in 7 rounds, according to the Swiss system, with the rate of play: 10 minutes + 5 seconds of an increment. Registration fee is 20 EUR per team. Members of the 3 (three) best placed teams in each will receive trophies, medals, and gift prizes.

Registration of participants should be done by filling the registration form and sending it to the e-mail address of the organizer, not later than **December 3rd**.



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All information, including the registration form, can be found on the official website of the tournament:
www.youthchess.org

Contact Email:
youthchess2021@gmail.com
 Contact person: Boško Stanimirović, tel: +381 63 840 6135 (Viber + whatsapp)

Official regulations can be found on the ECU Website.

*Photo from
European Online
Youth Chess
Championship
2020*



European Youth and Junior Chess Championships 2021 will take place from 15-21 October 2021 and will be played as a “hybrid” event within 14 categories: U8, U10, U12, U14, U16, U18 and U20, open and girls sections separately.

European Youth&Junior Hybrid Chess Championships 2021

More than 900 players from 34 European Federations will participate in the event, making the European Youth&Junior Hybrid Chess Championship one of the biggest hybrid chess events ever held.

Starting lists of participants can be found [here](#).

The events will be played in several venues with all FIDE rules through Tornelo platform and will be submitted for rating.

The events will be played in Swiss System, 9 rounds, with rate of play 90 minutes for a game per player + 30-seconds of increment after each move.

The winner in each of 12 categories will become the European Chess Champion 2021 in the respective category and will be invited to European Youth Chess Championships 2022.

The winners in Open U20 and Girls U20 sections will become the European Junior and Girls Champions 2021 and will be invited (free accommodation) in the European Individual Chess Championships 2022 (qualifiers for FIDE World Cup).

The first 6 winners of each category (84 players) will be awarded with an annual training Program (8 months) through the European Chess Academy program with Top Trainers.

More details about regulations and special prizes can be found on ECU Website.

European Team Chess Championship 2021 and European Women's Team Chess Championship 2021 will take place from 11th-22nd November in Catez, Slovenia.

70 teams from 38 European federations have registered for the event.



21st
European
Team Chess
Championship
2021

Regulations

Championship starts in: **31 : 10 : 21 : 18**
Days Hours Minutes Seconds

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European Team Chess Championship 2021

Preliminary starting rank lists of teams have been published.

Team of Russia with average rating of players 2722, Azerbaijan with average rating of players 2717 and France with average rating of players 2708 are the top seeds of the Open section, among the 33 registered teams.

The battlefield of Women's section is led by Russia with average rating of players 2539, Georgia with average rating of players 2474 and Poland with average rating of players 2403.

Top rated players of the event are: Anish Giri (NED,2774), Firouzja Alireza (FRA, 2770), Mamedyarov Shakhriyar (AZE, 2765) and in Women's section: Goryachkina Aleksandra (RUS,2602), Lagno Kateryna (RUS,2550) and Dzagnidze Nana (GEO, 2524).

Starting rank list of teams and list of players participating the event can be found here.

The events will be played according to the Swiss System in 9 rounds, with time control of 90 minutes for 40 moves + 30 minutes for the rest of the game, with 30 seconds increment for every move played starting from the move on.

The playing venue of the event will be Hotel Terme Čatež Spa.

Official regulations and schedule of the event can be found on the ECU Website.

European Online Rapid School Chess Championship 2021

The European Chess Union, the Georgian Chess Federation & the Georgian Chess Club “64” invite all ECU member national federations to participate in the ECU Online Rapid School Championships, under 10 – 17.



The European Online Rapid School Championships will be played in 5 different age groups – under 10, 11, 13, 15, 17 and 2 sections – open and girls, separately.

The Rapid Championships will consist of two stages: selection and final, both taking place through Tornelo Online platform.

The selection stage tournaments will be played by separate online 7-round Swiss System tournaments (Girls under 10, 11, 13, 15, 17 and Open under 10, 11, 13, 15, and 17). The time control for the selection stage will be 10 minutes + 3 seconds increment starting from the first move. First 8 winners per category will be qualified to the final stages.

For any age group (open and girls) the second stage event (Finals) will consist of an 8 – player KO tournament based on 2 games (with alternate colours) and possibly one Armageddon tie-break 5/4 minutes game with no increment and the black qualifies if the game is drawn.

The time control for the final stage will be 15 minutes + 10 seconds increment starting from the first move.

The registration deadline for the highest rating player to participate in FIDE Grand Prix (15.1-15.5) is October 28, 22:00 CET, 2021. Registration deadline is November 20, 22:00 CET, 2021.

The highest rated registered player (by FIDE October, 2021 standard rating) from each category will gain the right to participate in FIDE Online Rapid Grand Prix Series 2021. The first three winners of the event (in each category) will be awarded with E-Medal and diploma.

Contact information, details about registration and Official invitation can be found on the ECU Website.

European School Chess Championship 2021

Qualification December 3 - 5
Finals December 10 - 12

FIDE Arbiters Seminar in Terme Catez, Slovenia

With the cooperation of the Slovenian Chess Federation and FIDE Development Commission, the European Chess Union organizes a "Mixed" FIDE Arbiters' Seminar in the English language.

The accommodation shall be booked with the ETCC Organising Committee. It is highly recommended to wait for the Arbiters' Council's confirmation email before booking any accommodation and transportation.

The registration is free of charge in cooperation with FIDE Development Commission.

The themes of the Seminar will be:

- >Laws of Chess
- >Competitions Rules and standards of chess equipment
- >Anti-cheating guidelines for Arbiters
- >Regulations for the rating and over-the-board titles
- >Regulations for the titles of the Arbiters
- >Use of electronic clocks
- >System of games and tiebreaks
- >Swiss system and pairing rules
- >Examination

Contact information, application form and invitation for the FIDE Arbiters seminar can be found on the ECU Website.

The venue will be the city of Terme Catež, Slovenia, concurrently with the European Team Championship. The event will take place from Sunday, Nov. 15th, to Thursday, Nov. 19th, 2021.

The lecturer of the Seminar will be Ms Jiřina Prokopová, International Arbiter and FIDE Lecturer.

25 places are available, summing up in person and remote participation. Applicants requiring participating in the Seminar may apply to email to ecuarbiterscouncil@gmail.com submitting the application form. The registration is confirmed only once the applicant receives the confirmation from the Arbiters' Council. The deadline to apply is Sunday, November 7th.





FIDE Arbiters' Seminar



Terme Catez, Slovenia
15 - 19 November 2021

FIDE ARBITERS' COMMISSION



The Lecturer - IA Prokopova, Jirina (CZE), FIDE Lecturer.
The language of the Seminar - English.

The Seminar will give norms and titles of FIDE Arbiter, according to the Regulations for the titles of Arbiters.

ecuarbiterscouncil@gmail.com

Text by: IA Jirina Prokopova

Future of chess competitions



About 13 years ago I was teaching at an arbiter seminar for the first time. I was 16 and I was brought into the 'craft' because times were changing and 'new blood' was needed.

Why? During the years leading to that point, the job of an arbiter changed drastically. A great arbiter used to be recognised by excellent manual pairing skills with cards and by carrying a tiny screwdriver for setting analogue clocks with broken knobs.

But then computers came along, equipped with 'magical' programs that could pair all the players with a few simple clicks. How frustrating it must have been, if you spent years honing your pairing skills to perfection and now having every little girl accomplish the same thing with near zero effort?!

And not just pairings; digital clocks with confusing settings appeared next to chess boards and soon after, electronic boards with wires replaced the familiar plastic sets. A new era of chess events was upon us.

New technology kickstarted the modern image of chess. It gave us databases, engines, online commentary for games which are transmitted live and ultimately made chess more attractive and accessible. Everything changed. This meant a new wave of players were drawn to chess.

And a new wave of arbiters as well! The newbies and those who welcomed this change. Lucky enough to have those experienced long standing members of the arbiter world alongside us.

And now, here we go again! Recently online mega-platforms have appeared and developed into unprecedented dimensions, covid forced everybody to stay locked-up at home, watch Netflix and play chess. Overcoming a crisis always brings new possibilities. Motivates you to acquire new skills and gives you an incentive to question the old ways and explore new tools that are available to you.

What an exciting time to be alive! If you are a chess arbiter at least. Let's close our eyes and imagine a possible future of online competitions.

Hybrid and online chess can make chess accessible to anyone, anywhere in the world. Everybody now has an option to play a rated game with someone on the other side of the world with no need to travel.

But let's take it a step further, what if you are just running late? Could you start playing your game on a phone and join your friends in the playing venue when you get there? Could we let players record their games via an online platform on their smartphones instead of deciphering their scribbles on a piece of paper?

Future of chess competitions

No need for expensive equipment and all the games would be recorded and transmitted live.

People now use their phones to manage their lives, to pay for stuff, to play around in virtual words and to do pretty much anything. And we can be part of that, we can let players check in to our tournaments by scanning QR codes, we can send them rules in a form of app, where they can collect points, instead of listening to a technical meeting. Wouldn't that be a good way to bring a new wave of players in today's world?

I wouldn't implement it for the World Championships just yet, but 99% of chess events don't include professionals. Let's have fun with those! Start with an open mind. Let's find new ways to do old things, because there are no limits to what we can do in this new era.

I am excited to see who will be the next to join our forces.

Jiřina Prokopov



*Text by
Jiřina
Prokopov*



Meet GM ANATOLY VAISSER, 4 times Senior World Champion

10 questions by GM Adrian Mikhalchishin



1)What are You doing in life at the current moment?

Try to do something interesting.

2)Your recollections of meetings with the World Champions?

I spoke more than once with any World champions between Botvinnik and Anand. I've played with Tal (some draws and one win in 30 min game in 1988, Spassky (just draws), Karpov (Cap d'Agde 2017– match; tournament of legends 2018 – Platja d'Aro with almost equal score in both), Lost a famous game against Kasparov in 1981; With Anand made two draws in 1987-1988 and won 2:0 in Grand Prix Intel in Paris 1994). Some years from 2000 was manager of Kramnik for France.

3)Your best game?

Vaisser-Kupreichik, 1973 or Miles-Vaisser, 1998

4)Which Your achievement You consider to be most important?

Victory in the big tournament of Oviedo 1993 with 11 out of 13 and 4 times Senior World Champion in 2010-2016.

5)Best and most important chess book?

I started to study chess thanks to “My system” of Nimzovich and Zurikh, 1953 of Bronshtein

6)How did You start Your chess career?

When I was 6 I won a match against my neighbor – confirmed amateur with the result of 6:2.

7)Your favourite openings?

4 pawns attack– In 1997 I've published the book on it – “Beating the Kings-Indian and Benoni”

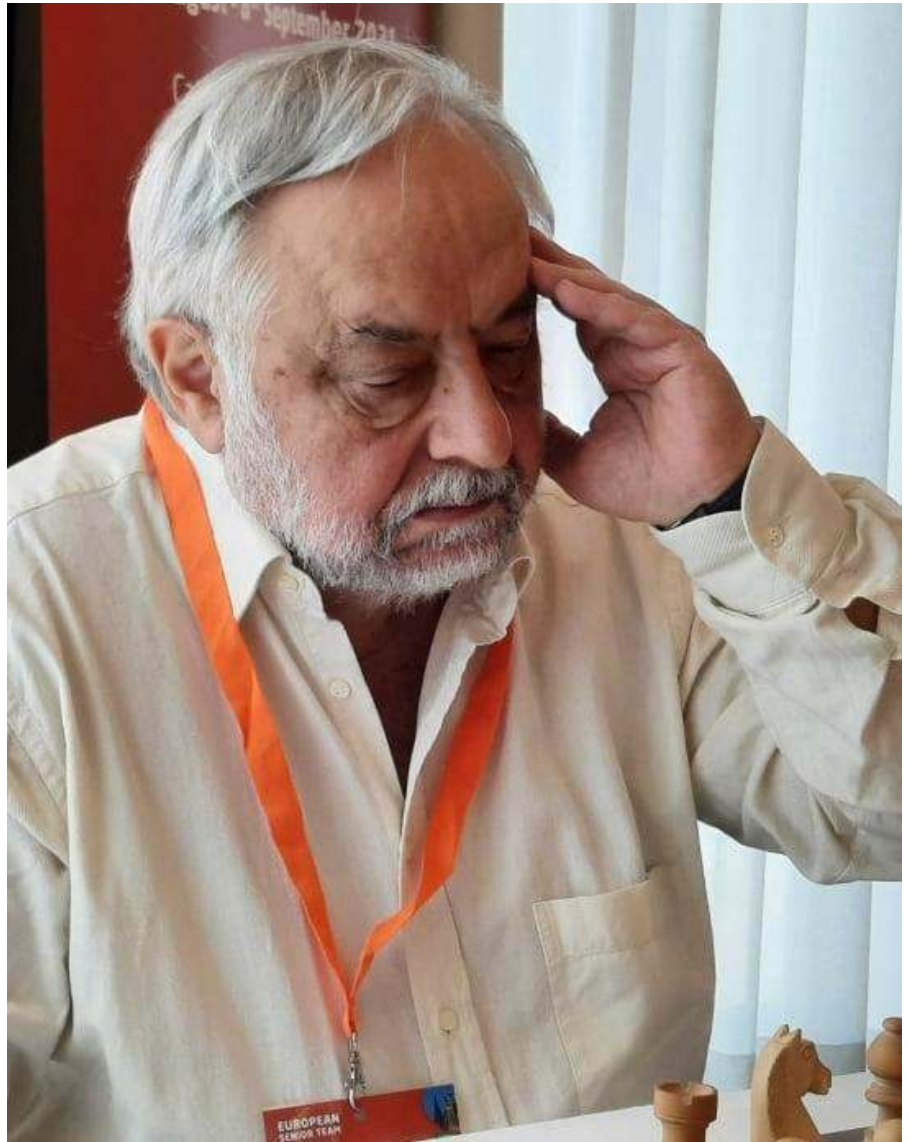


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8)Who was the most difficult and most easiest opponent in your career?

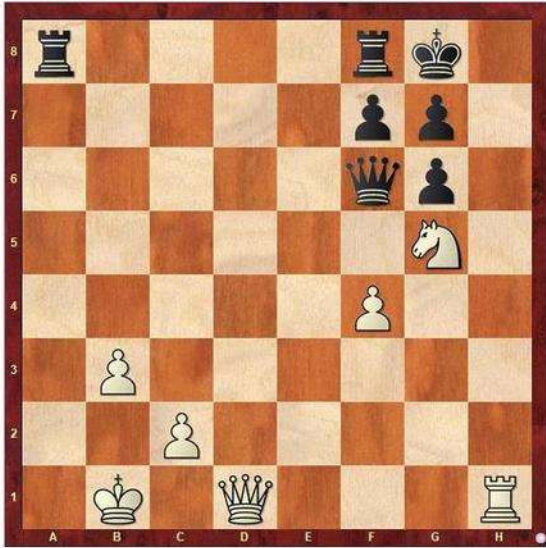
Most difficult was Lautier, easiest – some French grandmasters.

9)Non chess best book, movie and song for You?

Book and film – “Master and Margarita” of Bulgakov, singer Vysotsky since 60 years

10)Favourite city, food and drink Favorite city not really, probably London.

Town - Paris;
Drink -some sorts of French red wines;
food - scallop shell.



MIKHAIL BOTVINNIK SAID ABOUT CHESS:

> It is a well known fact that almost all the outstanding chess-players have been first-class analysts.

>Above all else, before playing in competitions a player must have regard to his health, for if he is suffering from ill-health he cannot hope for success. In this connection the best of all tonics is 15 to 20 days in the fresh air, in the country.

>There is no better place for learning to work independently and to extend your horizon than in higher school.

>You have to accustom yourself to practical study at home, you have to devote time to studies, to the history of chess, the development of chess, of chess culture.

>If you are going to make your mark among masters, you have to work far harder and more intensively, or, to put it more exactly, the work is far more complex than that needed to gain the title of Master.

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Solutions from August Magazine

#Puzzle 1:

1.Qg7+!! Kxg7 2.Nf5+ Kg8
3.Nh6#

#Puzzle 2:

1.Nxg6+! Kg8 [1...Ke8 2.Qe7#]
2.Qf8+!! Rxf8 3.Ne7#

#Puzzle 3:

1.Rd8!! Bxg7 [1...Rxd8
2.Bxe6#; 1...Re7 2.Rxf8#]
2.Rxe8+ Bf8 3.Bxe6+ Kh8
4.Rxf8#

#Puzzle 4:

1.Bc5+ Ne7 [1...Qe7 2.Rd8#]
2.Rd8#



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