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ECU GENERAL ASSEMBLY HELD IN PORTO CARRAS, GREECE



The ECU General Assembly was held in Porto Carras, Greece on November 5, 2011 on the occasion of the 18th European Team Chess Championship. ECU President Mr. Silvio Danailov and ECU Board members as well as delegates from 48 countries - members of the European Chess Union were present at the meeting.

At the beginning of the GA meeting, the delegates saw a 20-minute video presentation which was basically the summary of the activities performed by the ECU President Mr. Silvio Danailov, Secretary General Ms. Sava Stoislavljevic and other ECU Board members and officers. The delegates were very much pleased with the presentation.



General Assembly accepted the ECU financial report for 2010 with the discharge of the ECU Board and approved the annual budget for 2012 – both unanimously.

According to the decision made at the extraordinary General Assembly in Aix-les-Bains, the ECU President Mr. Silvio Danailov established Committees for Sofia rule, Dress Code for participants and officials in the ECU competitions and Copyrights on the use of chess games from the ECU competitions. Following the presentations by Herman Hamers and Tomasz Sielicki, the proposals were accepted by the General Assembly.

The important decisions were made concerning the Dress code as well as the rule which states that in the official ECU competitions it will not be possible to offer a draw before the 40th move. The decisions will come into effect starting from January 01, 2012.



During the meeting, the list of amendments to the current ECU Tournament Rules also received the approval of the General Assembly. In addition, the delegates also voted for the host of the European Senior Championship 2013. The competition was granted to Plovdiv, Bulgaria.

At the end of the General Assembly, the delegates were acquainted with the overall ECU marketing plan for 2012 - 2013 made by the ECU Commercial Director Ms. Mariana Todorova.

The next General Assembly will take place in connection with the Chess Olympiad and FIDE Congress 2012 in Istanbul, Turkey.

Web site: www.europechess.net



ECU BOARD MEETING IN PORTO CARRAS

The European Chess Union Board meeting took place in Porto Carras, Greece.



Beside the preparations for the ECU General Assembly, the Board made some important decisions concerning the ECU competitions.

The organizer of the following European Individual Championship 2013 will be Legnica, Poland.

In addition, the Board made a decision that the deadline for the bidding procedure for competitions in 2014 will be May 01, 2012.

The ECU Board also accepted the proposal by the FIDE Trainers' Commission to establish cooperation in the field of the education of chess trainers in Europe.

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RECORD PRIZE MONEY FOR THE EIWC IN GAZIANTEP



The President of the European Chess Union, Silvio Danailov, and the President of the Turkish Chess Federation Ali Nihat Yazici signed the contract about the organization of the European Individual Women's Championship. The Championship will take place in Gaziantep, Turkey, from 01-14 March 2012.

Its prize money fund will amount to 120.000 EURO - the highest prize money in the history of the competition.



The European Individual Women's Championship' 2011 was held in Tbilisi, Georgia with the record-breaking prize fund of 110.000 EURO.

Beside this competition, Gaziantep will host two more European Championships from 15-19 March - the Rapid and the Blitz Championships. The regulations of the three championships will be published soon.

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ECU PRESIDENT SILVIO DANAILOV OPENED THE EUROPEAN TEAM CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP



The European Team Chess Championship began in the famous Greek paradise for tourists - Porto Carras Grand Resort. The President of the European Chess Union, Mr. Silvio Danailov, officially opened the Championship at the ceremony before the first round.

There are 38 teams participating in the open section and 28 teams in the women's section.



Apparently this is one of the strongest competitions in its history, according to the compositions of teams. The fight to get medals will be uncertain in both sections until the very end of the competition.

Official web site: <http://euro2011.chessdom.com/>



TOP 50 PLAYERS NOVEMBER 2011 - FIDE RATINGS

Rank	Name	Title	Country	Rating	Games	B-Year
1	Carlsen, Magnus	g	NOR	2826	10	1990
2	Anand, Viswanathan	g	IND	2811	10	1969
3	Aronian, Levon	g	ARM	2802	10	1982
4	Kramnik, Vladimir	g	RUS	2800	6	1975
5	Radjabov, Teimour	g	AZE	2781	15	1987
6	Ivanchuk, Vassily	g	UKR	2775	26	1969
7	Topalov, Veselin	g	BUL	2768	0	1975
8	Karjakin, Sergey	g	RUS	2763	15	1990
9	Morozevich, Alexander	g	RUS	2762	17	1977
10	Nakamura, Hikaru	g	USA	2758	10	1987
11	Gashimov, Vugar	g	AZE	2757	10	1986
12	Svidler, Peter	g	RUS	2755	21	1976
13	Grischuk, Alexander	g	RUS	2752	21	1983
14	Gelfand, Boris	g	ISR	2744	4	1968
15	Tomashevsky, Evgeny	g	RUS	2740	22	1987
16	Wang, Hao	g	CHN	2736	6	1989
17	Adams, Michael	g	ENG	2734	10	1971
18	Mamedyarov, Shakhriyar	g	AZE	2733	11	1985
19	Kamsky, Gata	g	USA	2732	16	1974
20	Nepomniachtchi, Ian	g	RUS	2730	11	1990
21	Jakovenko, Dmitry	g	RUS	2729	23	1983
22	Vitiugov, Nikita	g	RUS	2729	22	1987

23	Caruana, Fabiano	g	ITA	2727	27	1992
24	Navara, David	g	CZE	2724	19	1985
25	Ponomariov, Ruslan	g	UKR	2723	33	1983
26	Leko, Peter	g	HUN	2720	12	1979
27	Moiseenko, Alexander	g	UKR	2715	23	1980
28	Le, Quang Liem	g	VIE	2714	25	1991
29	Bacrot, Etienne	g	FRA	2714	21	1983
30	Giri, Anish	g	NED	2714	14	1994
31	Naiditsch, Arkadij	g	GER	2712	26	1985
32	Dominguez Perez, Leinier	g	CUB	2712	18	1983
33	Dreev, Aleksey	g	RUS	2710	23	1969
34	Movsesian, Sergei	g	ARM	2710	20	1978
35	Polgar, Judit	g	HUN	2710	16	1976
36	Riazantsev, Alexander	g	RUS	2710	11	1985
37	Vachier-Lagrave, Maxime	g	FRA	2710	10	1990
38	Almasi, Zoltan	g	HUN	2707	4	1976
39	Shirov, Alexei	g	ESP	2705	22	1972
40	Vallejo Pons, Francisco	g	ESP	2705	14	1982
41	Wojtaszek, Radoslaw	g	POL	2705	14	1987
42	Berkes, Ferenc	g	HUN	2705	10	1985
43	Malakhov, Vladimir	g	RUS	2705	8	1980
44	Laznicka, Viktor	g	CZE	2703	22	1988
45	Efimenko, Zahar	g	UKR	2702	21	1985
46	Li, Chao b	g	CHN	2700	19	1989
47	Fressinet, Laurent	g	FRA	2700	5	1981
48	Short, Nigel D	g	ENG	2698	0	1965

49	Wang, Yue	g	CHN	2697	18	1987
50	Sutovsky, Emil	g	ISR	2696	12	1977

TOP 50 WOMEN

Rank	Name	Title	Country	Rating	Games	B-Year
1	Polgar, Judit	g	HUN	2710	16	1976
2	Koneru, Humpy	g	IND	2600	0	1987
3	Hou, Yifan	g	CHN	2578	19	1994
4	Muzychuk, Anna	m	SLO	2562	25	1990
5	Lahno, Kateryna	g	UKR	2549	17	1989
6	Kosintseva, Nadezhda	g	RUS	2546	11	1985
7	Ju, Wenjun	wg	CHN	2543	31	1991
8	Zhao, Xue	g	CHN	2541	22	1985
9	Stefanova, Antoaneta	g	BUL	2531	17	1979
10	Kosintseva, Tatiana	g	RUS	2526	11	1986
11	Dzagnidze, Nana	g	GEO	2516	7	1987
12	Gunina, Valentina	m	RUS	2514	15	1989
13	Harika, Dronavalli	g	IND	2513	7	1991
14	Sebag, Marie	g	FRA	2512	0	1986
15	Zatonskih, Anna	m	USA	2506	7	1978
16	Cmilyte, Viktorija	g	LTU	2503	28	1983
17	Chiburdanidze, Maia	g	GEO	2500	0	1961
18	Danielian, Elina	g	ARM	2497	18	1978
19	Khotenashvili, Bela	m	GEO	2497	0	1988
20	Cramling, Pia	g	SWE	2495	15	1963
21	Galliamova, Alisa	m	RUS	2490	20	1972

22	Ruan, Lufei	wg	CHN	2483	11	1987
23	Atalik, Ekaterina	m	TUR	2481	0	1982
24	Socko, Monika	g	POL	2479	12	1978
25	Krush, Irina	m	USA	2476	4	1983
26	Javakhishvili, Lela	m	GEO	2475	6	1984
27	Xu, Yuhua	g	CHN	2472	0	1976
28	Zhu, Chen	g	QAT	2471	29	1976
29	Mkrtchian, Lilit	m	ARM	2469	20	1982
30	Dembo, Yelena	m	GRE	2468	16	1983
31	Skripchenko, Almira	m	FRA	2468	4	1976
32	Ushenina, Anna	m	UKR	2463	8	1985
33	Muzychuk, Mariya	m	UKR	2460	9	1992
34	Munguntuul, Batkhuyag	m	MGL	2459	28	1987
35	Paetz, Elisabeth	m	GER	2457	9	1985
36	Pogonina, Natalija	wg	RUS	2451	15	1985
37	Tan, Zhongyi	wg	CHN	2448	11	1991
38	Moser, Eva	m	AUT	2448	9	1982
39	Shen, Yang	wg	CHN	2448	0	1989
40	Zaiatz, Elena	m	RUS	2446	15	1969
41	Hoang, Thanh Trang	g	HUN	2446	0	1980
42	Arakhamia-Grant, Ketevan	g	SCO	2443	9	1968
43	Khurtsidze, Nino	m	GEO	2440	0	1975
44	Kosteniuk, Alexandra	g	RUS	2439	25	1984
45	Matnadze, Ana	m	GEO	2438	10	1983
46	Kovalevskaya, Ekaterina	m	RUS	2435	22	1974
47	Gaponenko, Inna	m	UKR	2435	9	1976

48	Tania, Sachdev	m	IND	2428	12	1986
49	Rajlich, Iweta	m	POL	2428	3	1981
50	Zhukova, Natalia	g	UKR	2427	6	1979

Official web site: www.fide.com



ALEXANDER GRAF WON THE 15TH OPEN INTERNATIONAL BAVARIAN CHAMPIONSHIP



GM Alexander Graf

GM Alexander Graf won the 15th Open International Bavarian Championship with 7.5 points from possible 9. With the same result second finished GM Parimarjan Negi, third - GM Robert Kempinski. This is the second win for Alexander Graf in the history of the event.

The tournament was held on October 29 - November 06, 2011 in Bad Wiessee, Germany in 9 rounds according to the Swiss system.

The rate of play was 90 minutes for 40 moves + 30 minutes for the rest of the game + 30 seconds increment per move.

The prize fund of the tournament was 16.500 EURO. The total number of participants was 463.



The winners

Final ranking - first 15 positions

Rk.	Name	Pts.	Buchh
1.	Graf, Alexander	7.5	54.5
2.	Negi, Parimarjan	7.5	53.0
3.	Kempinski, Robert	7.5	53.0
4.	Zhigalko, Sergei	7.5	51.0
5.	Nisipeanu, Liviu-	7.0	56.5
6.	Markowski, Tomasz	7.0	56.5
7.	Ernst, Sipke	7.0	56.0
8.	Eingorn, Vereslav	7.0	56.0
9.	Sokolov, Andrei	7.0	55.5
10.	Volkov, Sergey	7.0	54.5
11.	Lenderman,Aleksan	7.0	54.5
12.	Baklan, Vladimir	7.0	54.5
13.	Khenkin, Igor	7.0	54.0
14.	Zhigalko, Andrey	7.0	53.5
15.	Krivoborodov,Egor	7.0	52.5

Official web site: www.ti-bad-wiessee.de/Schach_cms/



VISWANATHAN ANAND WON CORSICA MASTERS KNOCKOUT



GM Viswanathan Anand won Corsica Masters Knockout against Shakhriyar Mamedyarov with result 2-0 in the final.

Corsica Masters was held on October 22-31, 2011 Ajaccio and Bastia, Corsica, France. The tournament was played according to the Swiss system in 9 rounds + knockout.

The winner- Viswanathan Anand

In the semifinals Viswanathan Anand won against Krishnan Sasikiran with 3-1, Shakhriyar Mamedyarov won against Ivan Cheparinov with 2 - 0.

Rate of play was 90 minutes for the whole game and 30 seconds increment from move 1; Knockout: 10 minutes + 3 seconds increment.

The prize fund of the tournament was 60 000 EURO.

Official web site: www.opencorsica.com



HIKARU NAKAMURA IS WORKING WITH GARRY KASPAROV

The top America's chess player, Hikaru Nakamura is working with the chess legend Garry Kasparov. This was reported in the latest issue of the New in Chess Magazine. According to the report their collaboration started before the Tata Steel Tournament in Wijk aan Zee last January.



Earlier, Kasparov worked with another top grandmaster: Magnus Carlsen of Norway. This cooperation started in the summer of 2009 and ended about half a year later.



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