



WORLD CHESS CUP  
2017



EUROPEAN SENIOR  
TEAM CHESS  
CHAMPIONSHIP 2017



FIRST ECU CHESS  
CAMP  
FOR TEACHERS



2<sup>ND</sup> ECU CONGRESS  
AND ECU GENERAL  
ASSEMBLY

# EUROPEAN CHESS UNION NEWSLETTER



FIDE World Cup 2017  
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Tbilisi, GEO

## TBILISI TO HOST THE STRONGEST EVER WORLD CHESS CUP

The main event of the 2017 FIDE calendar- Chess World Cup - will take place in Batumi, Georgia, from 2nd-28th September, and it will be especially attractive this year since the World Chess Champion will participate on the Chess World Cup for the first time in the history of this event!

In addition to preparations was held a press conference which took place at the "Amphitheatar" foyer of "The Biltmore Hotel Tbilisi" where Tbilisi Mayor Davit Narnania, First Deputy Minister of Sports and Youth Affairs Akaki Lodiam, Director of Organizing Committee of the 2018 World Chess Olympiad and President of European Chess Union Zurab Azmaiparashvili, President of Georgian Chess Federation Giorgi Giorgadze and Director of "Socar Georgia Petroleum" Levan Giorgadze spoke about the importance of the Chess World Cup, the preparation and the participants of the tournament.



Chess World Cup will bring 128 chess players from 48 countries in Tbilisi. **The top-fifteen chess players of the FIDE rating-list participate in the tournament.**

List of participants of the Chess World Cup can be seen [here](#).

World Chess Cup is held in the framework of project "Check in Georgia Sport".

Matches are held in the hotel "Hualing".

Finalis presented by "The Biltmore Hotel Tbilisi".

The Chess World Cup's title sponsor is SOCAR.

## Serbia and Russia became the European Senior Team Chess Champions for 2017

The event consisted of two categories: 50+ (for players born in year 1967 or earlier) and 65+ (for players who were born in year 1952 or earlier). The Championship participated 18 teams coming from 10 European federations, and in both categories, the tournament was played in 9 rounds Robin-Round System.

In category 50+ Serbian team has dominated the competition with perfect result and all matches won. Serbia scored 18 match points, out of 8 played games and finished as unattainable sole Winner. Second place went to Italy who won all the matches except the one against the Winners from Serbia, when Italian players lost. They scored 14 match points. Sweden took bronze with 12 match points.



Members of the winning team are:

GM Pavlovic Milos (SRB, 2500) with score 5.5/8

GM Todorovic Goran M (SRB, 2444) with score 4/5

GM Drazic Sinisa (SRB, 2426) with score 4/6

IM Arsovic Zoran (SRB, 2422) with perfect score 6/6

GM Ristic Nenad (SRB, 2392) with perfect score 7/7

In Section 65+ Senior Team Chess Champions for 2017 became Russia with perfect score, all matches won and 16 match points. Silver went to Denmark who scored 13 match points and Belgium took the third place with 12 match points.

Members of the winning team are:

GM Sveshnikov Evgeny (RUS, 2512) with score 6/7

GM Balashov Yuri S (RUS, 2418) with perfect score 7/7

GM Vasiukov Evgeni (RUS, 2460) with score 3/4

IM Zhelnin Vladimir V (RUS, 2460) with perfect score 7/7

GM Pushkov Nikolai (RUS, 2339) with score 5.5/7



The total prize fund of the event was 6000 euros. All the winners were awarded with cups and medals and the best individuals of each board got additional prizes. Ranking lists of the individuals can be found below:

[Final rankings Individuals 50+](#)

[Final rankings Individuals 65+](#)

All results, games and photo gallery may be found on the [Official Website of the Championship](#).

The Championship was organized by Serbian Chess Federation under the auspices of European Chess Union.



## 1st ECU Chess Camp for Teachers

The first ECU Chess Camp for awarding the ECU School Chess Teacher Certificate took place in Madrid/ Spain from 28th June to 2nd July. The ECU introduced a Certificate for school chess teachers with requisite for recognizing the high standard of knowledge and skills required for teachers of Chess in Schools.

The ECU Chess Camp is a training course designed by the leading chess educationists in Europe and it's validated by an international academic panel expert in disciplines from cognitive science and psychology to statistics and pedagogy.

The Chess Camp course held in Madrid, contained of three days of interactive presentations, group discussions and practical exercises. Participants of the course had a test to do after the end of the program and on successful completion they received the ECU School Chess Teacher Certificate.

### The Course Leaders were:

**Jesper Hall**, Chairman of the ECU Education Commission, Director of the Chess in Schools project in Sweden and FIDE Senior Trainer

**Luis Blasco de la Cruz**, member of the ECU Education Commission, Director of Madrid Chess Academy, a distinguished chess trainer and a chess teacher of children with Special Needs



### [Videos from the 1st Chess Camp](#)

## 2<sup>nd</sup> ECU Congress and ECU General Assembly

The 2nd ECU Congress and the Annual ECU General Assembly will be held in beautiful Creta Maris Beach Resort, Creta/Greece from 1st-5th November 2017 concurrently with European Team Chess Championships.

The official venue will be Creta Maris Convention Centre.



### Schedule:

<b>Wednesday 1st of November</b>	Arrival of Delegates/ Congress Participants
<b>Thursday 2nd of November</b>	Commissions' Meetings
<b>Friday 3rd of November</b>	Commissions' Meetings
<b>Saturday 4th of November</b>	Annual General Assembly with start at 9.30 am
<b>Sunday 5th of November</b>	Departure of Delegates/ Congress Participant

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The official invitation can be downloaded bellow or [here](#).

[2<sup>nd</sup> ECU Congress and ECU General Assembly Invitation](#)

## Official Invitation for European- ACP Women's Rapid & Blitz Chess Championship 2017

The European- ACP Women's Rapid & Blitz Chess Championship 2017 will take place in Monaco, from 20th to 24th October 2017, in the Hotel Novotel as the official venue of the events. The events are organized by the Monaco Chess federation, under the auspices of the European Chess Union.

The first on schedule is **European – ACP Women Individual Rapid Chess Championship 2017**, which takes place from 21st to 22nd October. The event will be played according to the Swiss system, in 11 rounds, with the time control 15 minutes game + 10 seconds per move starting from the first move.

The total prize fund of the event is 8.100€ + 150€ PACA prizes +150€ CDO6 (by Chess Committee Alpes-Maritimes) + 5000€ ACP, as well as the category prizes – watch Yves BERTELIN.

**The European Women's Blitz Chess Championship** will be held after the Rapid competition, on 23rd October, 2017, at the same venue. The European Individual Blitz Chess Championship will be played according to the Swiss system, in 12 rounds, with the time control 3 minutes game + 2 seconds per move starting from the first move.

The total prize fund for the Blitz event is 5.500€ + 150€ PACA Prize +150€ CDO6 + Special prizes.

Registration for both the events starts after **1st August 2017**, and the **registration deadline is 20 October 2017** for the Rapid Championship and 21 October 2017 for the blitz Championship. The accommodation is offered at Novotel Hotel, which is the official venue of the Championships, as well as at Aparthotel Monte Cristo and Adagio Aparthotel Palais Joséphine.

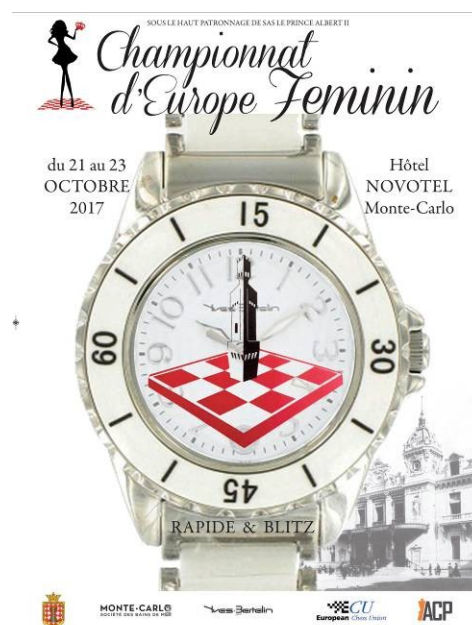
On request, the organizers will provide transfer (10€ one way, 20€ two ways) from Nice Airport to the official hotels on 20<sup>th</sup> or 21<sup>st</sup> October and from the official hotels to Nice Airport on 23<sup>rd</sup> or 24<sup>th</sup> October 2017.

The Tournament Director of the event is Mr. Jean-Michel Rapaire

The Official regulations of both events can be downloaded bellow.

[European ACP Women's Rapid 2017](#)

[European ACP Women's Blitz 2017](#)





## ECU Congratulated Mr. Boris Kutin on his 70th Anniversary on 21st of July

European Chess Union congratulated FIDE Vice President Mr. Boris Kutin on his 70th Anniversary!

Mr. Boris Kutin has connected his name with the European Chess Union history, serving as:

- ECU President from 1998 till 2010
- ECU Honorary President from 2011 till 2014
- Member of the ECU Board of Trustees from 2014 till today

Mr. Boris Kutin has organized several top chess tournaments including the 35th Chess Olympiad 2002 in Bled, Slovenia.



## FEDERATION NEWS

### Armenian Chess Federation hold a reporting-voting conference

On July 8, Armenian Chess Federation hold a reporting-voting conference chaired by President of Armenian Chess Federation, President of the Republic of Armenia Serzh Sargsyan. During the meeting, President of the Republic of Armenia Serzh Sargsyan was unanimously re-elected to the post of President of the Armenian Chess Federation.

The conference delegates discussed and approved the composition of the Presidium and the Audit Committee. The newly elected Armenian Chess Federation Presidium held its first sitting after the election. In line with the CFA Charter, the Presidium approved the candidacies of vice presidents, executive director and secretary-general who are members of the Federation Council.

Smbat Lputyan was elected First Vice President of the Federation. Taron Margaryan and Levon Yolyan will serve as vice presidents, Hrachik Tavadyan as executive director and Mikayel Andriasyan as secretary-general. Vanik Zakaryan was re-elected to the office of Honorary President of the Armenian Chess Federation.

The meeting approved the list of federation commissions and commissions heads. On behalf of the Armenian Chess Federation, CFA President, President of the Republic of Armenia, Serzh Sargsyan awarded Tigran Petrosyan's gold medal to two meritorious veterans of the Federation- Yuri Arustamyan and Alyosha Khachatryan.



The full report can be seen [here](#).



## Chess Events on the 20th Maccabiah games

The chess tournaments in the 20th Maccabiah took place in Dan hotel, Jerusalem from 5th-14th July. Chess games are the part of Maccabiah games since 1935. In this edition of the Chess Events of Maccabiah games, there are 6 different tournaments with participation of more than 150 players coming from 16 different countries. The chess event consisted of 4 closed tournaments (2 grandmaster groups and 2 international master groups) and one open tournament.

The Winners of 2 grandmasters groups are GM Meier Georg (GER , 2644) with 7.5 points and GM Baron Tal (ISR, 2547) with 7 points.

The Winners of 2 international masters groups are IM Pasman Michael (ISR, 2355) with 7 points and IM Bar Roman (ISR, 2471) with 7 points.

The Winner of the open tournament is Gal Moshe (ISR, 2141).



Beside the regular competitions, the Blitz tournament freshened the Maccabiah games. In a competition of 37 players, GM Alexander Moiseenko from Ukraine became the winner of the event with 9 points out of 11 games with the whole point ahead of the silver GM Georg Meier. The third place went to WIM Svetlana Bezgodova from Russia who surprised competitors and took bronze with 7.5 points.

On the 11th July, Natan Sharansky played simul against 20 participants of Maccabiah open competition. The simul exhibition lasted 3 hours and attracted quite a few viewers. Saransky won 17 games and drew 3, against Jacob Berman (South Africa), Michael Volodarsky and Dan Zrihan.



The Maccabiah is the world's largest Jewish athletic competition in the tradition and values of Maccabi, emphasizing the centrality of the State of Israel in the life of the Jewish people. The Maccabiah takes place every four (4) years in Israel – “the Jewish Olympics” as they are often called, are Maccabi World Union's largest and most famous enterprise. Around 10 thousands sportsmen from 80 countries are taking part in about 3000 competitions in 46 different sports all over the country.

All the results, live games and PGN files can be seen on the [Official website](#) of the Maccabiah games or [here](#).

[The chess history of the Maccabiah and Jerusalem](#)

## Czech Open 2017

The 28th International Chess and Games Festival Czech Open 2017 started on July 13th and finished on July 30th. As usual, the event took place in hockey Tipsport arena in Pardubice.

The very first tournament of Czech Open was really successful. 131 teams made of four players have participated Cesky Lev Kolesovice Open. This tournament is also played as Championship of Czech Republic. After seven rounds gold medals went to Czech team “Zikuda Turnov” who won the competition for the fourth time in a row. The second place went to team “Imenitni” from Slovenia, and the bronze to team “With no mercy” from Ukraine. The best player of the event was Czech player GM Petr Neuman who scored 6.5 points out of 7 games among the very strong competition of 6 GMs.



The first weekend of the event was traditionally dedicated to the games- tournaments in various disciplines, such as: Scrabble, Gomoku, Mancala, Go, and many others. After the weekend the other chess tournaments were proceeding- bughouse, blitz chess, superblitz and blitz marathon.

The main tournament of the Czech Open 2017 started on 21st of July and last finished on 29th of July in Tipsport arena. 335 players from 38 federations took participation on this event- 46 GMs and 62 IMs. In this very strong competition, Jan Krejmcí won Pardubice open.

Second place went to GM Abhijeet Gupta. Bronze went to Russia thanks to GM Lintchevski. The second best performance among the Czech players gave twofold winner of Czech Open GM Babula (5th place with 7 points) and third Czech player was first seeded GM Viktor Laznicka (8th place with 6,5 points).



The results of all the tournaments and games are available on the [Official Website of the event](#).

## Upcoming events in August

### ECU Events:

<b>European Senior Chess Championship</b>	Sabadell, Spain	11th-21st August	<a href="#">Official Website</a>
<b>European Youth Team Chess Championship</b>	Rymanow Zdroj, Poland	16th-24th August	<a href="#">Official Website</a>
<b>EU Youth Chess Championship U8-14</b>	Kouty Nad Desnou, Czech Republic	18th-27th August	<a href="#">Official Website</a>

### Events:

<b>GCT- Sinquefield Cup 2017</b>	Saint Louis, Missouri	2nd-12th August	<a href="#">Official Website</a>
<b>4th Summer Prague Open</b>	Prague, Czech Republic	4th-11th August	<a href="#">Official Website</a>
<b>10th Arad International Chess Festival</b>	Arad, Romania	6th-13th August	<a href="#">Official Website</a>
<b>7th Riga Technical University Open</b>	Riga, Latvia	7th-13th August	<a href="#">Official Website</a>
<b>24th Abu Dhabi International Chess Festival</b>	Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates	13th-23rd August	<a href="#">Official Website</a>
<b>GCT- Saint Louis Rapid&amp; Blitz</b>	Saint Louis, Missouri	14th-19th August	<a href="#">Official Website</a>
<b>World Cadets U8, U10, U12 Chess Championship</b>	Pocos de Caldas, Brazil	21st-31st August	<a href="#">Official Website</a>



# FUN ZONE

For July Newsletter we prepared very nice mate in 3 positions. Enjoy!



## Solutions from NL June 2017

### Puzzle #1:

1.Qd5 Rxd5 2. b7# (1...Rxb6 2.Nxb6#)

### Puzzle #2:

1.Nhg6+ Kxh7 2. Ne7+ Kh8 3.Qh3#

### Puzzle #3:

1. Kc8! Bb7+ 2.Bxb7#

### Puzzle #4

1.Ne4! Rf3 2.Ng4# (1...Rb2 2. Ng4#; 1...Rg3 2.Nf2#)