



FIDE WORLD CUP
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*Play Chess or watch the most intelligent Sport,
at the most prestigious destinations*

1 **European Chess Club Cup 2017**

7 - 15 October, Antalya - Turkey

2 **European - ACP Women Rapid & Blitz Chess Championship**

20 - 24 October, Monte Carlo - Monaco

3 **European Team Chess Championship 2017**

27 October - 7 November,
Hersonisos Crete - Greece

4 **European Small Nations Team Chess Championship 2017**

11 - 19 November, Andorra la Vella - Andorra

5 **European Corporate Chess Championship 2017**

24 - 25 November, Paris - France

6 **London Chess Conference with the ECU support**

2-3 December 2017, London - England

7 **European Rapid and Blitz Championship 2017**

14 - 18 December, Katowice - Poland

Aronian won the FIDE World Cup 2017

FIDE World Cup 2017 took place in Hualing and Biltmore Hotel in Tbilisi/Georgia, from 2nd to 27th September.

After 17 days of long and exhausting fights, Levon Aronian (ARM, 2802) and Ding Liren (CHN, 2771) reached the final of the FIDE World Cup 2017 and qualified for the FIDE Candidates tournament which will determine who will have the chance to play the match for the title of World Chess Champion. The final match of the FIDE World Cup 2017 started on 23rd September at the beautiful playing venue in Biltmore Hotel.

Aronian won the final match with result 4:2 and became the Winner of the FIDE World Cup 2017.



The finalists were competing for the first place of this prestigious tournament in 4 games match with classical time control. All the four games ended in a draw even though Aronian had better positions especially in the last two games. Aronian took the advantage with winning in the first tiebreak game with white pieces in 30 moves and with a creative attack in the kingside. In the second tiebreak game Ding Liren tried to strike back and equalize, but Aronian didn't give him much chances with winning in this game too.



128 the strongest players in the world played the Knock Out tournament with an impressive prize fund of 1.6 million US dollars. Among participants were the World Champion and number one on FIDE rating list Magnus Carlsen, three former World Champions Viswanathan Anand, Vladimir Kramnik and Ruslan Ponomarev, the winner of the previous World Cup in Baku, Sergey Karjakin, top two women players-world number one and former Women's World Champion Hou Yifan and current European woman champion Nana Dzagnidze. The participation of the 15 top players made this event the strongest World Cup in history.

The Closing Ceremony of the FIDE World Cup 2017 took place in the Biltmore Hotel in Tbilisi on 27th September where the players and guests were greeted by the Minister of Sport and Youth Affairs of Georgia- Taniel Khechikashvili, the ECU President - Zurab Azmaiparashvili, the President of Georgian Chess Federation- Giorgi Giorgadze, the former Women's World Chess Champion- Nona Gaprindashvili and the Vice President Gulkiz Tulay. The FIDE Vice President, Gulkiz Tulay, declared the FIDE World Cup closed.



The event was organized by the Ministry of Sport and Youth Affairs of Georgia, the Check In Georgia Sports, the Georgian Chess Federation, Organising Committee of The 2018 World Chess Olympiad and Tbilisi City Hall while the title Sponsor is SOCAR.

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European Youth Chess Championship 2017

The 27th European Youth Chess Championship, one of the most numerous Championships in the ECU calendar, took place in Mamaia, Romania, from 5th-14th September.

The event was played in 6 age categories: U8, U10, U12, U14, U16 and U18, boys and girls separately, according to the Swiss system in 9 rounds with time control 90 minutes for the first 40 moves, followed by 30 minutes for the rest of the game with an increment of 30 seconds per move starting from the move one.

The event gathered 1142 players from 46 European federations and after 9 days of great fights, 12 new European Youth Champions were crowned.

The Winners are:

[Open U8](#): 1. Giang Tram Nam (HUN, 1561) 8 points

[Girls U8](#): 1. Svergina Sofya (RUS, 1472) 8.5 points

[Open U10](#): 1. Maurizzi Marc Andria (FRA, 1947) 7.5 points

[Girls U10](#): 1. Shubenkova Veronika (RUS, 1526) 7.5 points

[Open U12](#): 1. Suleymanli Avdin (AZE, 2351) 7.5 points

[Girls U12](#): 1. Mironenko Galina (RUS, 2035) 7.5 points

[Open U14](#): 1. Bjerre Jonas Buhl (DEN, 2348) 7.5 points

[Girls U14](#): 1. Beydullayeva Govhar (AZE, 2164) 8.5 points

[Open U16](#): 1. Esipenko Andrey (RUS, 2540) 7.5 points

[Girls U16](#): 1. Badelka Olga (BLR, 2335) 7.5 points

[Open U18](#): 1. Thybo Jesper Sondergaard (DEN, 2446) 7 points

[Girls U18](#): 1. Asatryan Sona (ARM, 2043) 7 points



The event was organized by Romanian Chess Federation, "Mind Games&Events" Sports Association under the auspices of the European Chess Union.

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European Universities Chess Championship 2017

European Universities Chess Championship 2017 took place in Las Palmeras Hotel, Fuengirola/Spain, from 21st to 25th September. The Championship had two competitions: team tournament and individual tournament, both played in two categories: Open and Women.

The Open team Championship was played according to the Swiss system in 9 rounds with rapid time control. The Winner became Russia- Ural State Mining University with 16 match points. Serbia- University of Belgrade took the silver with 14 match points and the bronze went to Israel Open University with 13 match points.

Students from Russian Ural State Mining University triumphed also in the Women section after 5 rounds played according to the Robin system since the Championship participated 6 teams. Russia Ural State Mining University finished sole first with 9 match points. Second place went to Serbia- University of Belgrade with 7 match points and Hungary University of physical education finished third with 6 match points.

Final Standings Team Competition



In the Individual Championship which was played with blitz time control the new European Universities Chess Champion in Open section became Nenezic Marko (SRB, 2503) who tied for the first place with Ponkratov Pavel (RUS, 2599) and Lysyj Igor (RUS, 2585) Each of them had the same score of 7.5 points out of 9 games, but thanks to the better tie breaks, Nenezic Marko ended first, Ponkratov Pavel took the silver and Lysyj Igor finished third.

In the Women section of Individual competition, the European Universities Chess Champion for 2017 became Voit Daria (RUS, 2303) who finished sole first with 8 points out of 9 games. The silver went to Kulon Klaudia (POL, 2336) thanks to the better additional criteria since she had the same score of 7 points as the third placed Velikic Adela (SRB, 2224).

Final Standings Individual Competition



The Championship was organized by Universidad Internacional de Andalucia and Spanish University Sport Committee in collaboration with local partners in Fuengirola.

[Official Website](#)

ECU awarded Prof. Kurt Jungwirth

On 23rd of September Prof. Kurt Jungwirth was honoured by the European Chess Union for his contributions to the international chess movement.

ECU Deputy President Mr. Ion-Serban Dobronauteanu arrived together with the Austrian ECU Board Member Mr. Johann Pöcksteiner to Graz, the city where the European Chess Union was founded in 1985 with the aim to unite and to strengthen the chess in Europe.

Prof. Jungwirth was one of the initiators co-founders of the European Chess Union and its president for 12 years, in the period 1986-1998. In Austria he has retired this year after 46- years presidency of the Austrian Chess Federation.

ECU officials awarded to Prof. Kurt Jungwirth the ECU Medal of Honour which was specially designed and constructed this year.



"Let us find the way to each other"-ECU and Chess4Europe

European Chess Union is working hard on promoting chess as a useful tool not only to increase intellectual capacities but also as a social inclusion instrument helping very much in developing core competencies. Chess4Europe was established solely to promote the values of the European Chess Union and to build the chess networks around the Europe in order to design and implement projects focused on European issues of these days.

Albanian Chess Federation and Chess Club Prievidza agreed to join the efforts, and under the ECU initiative Chess4Europe, designed the project "Let us find the way to each other!". The project was selected and got finances under the Erasmus plus Youth Mobility Programme. The project objective was to ensure learning and starting the intercultural dialogue among young people and to support young people not having sufficient opportunities.



7 girls and 10 boys of the age 13-16 years (8 of them Albanians and 9 Slovaks) spent together 16 days in a beautiful Slovak nature during the period 14-29 August 2017. 4 experienced and relevantly educated facilitators, lead the participants on the way of intercultural education and, motivated them by the focused programme outdoor and indoor activities to increase their key competences (like critical thinking, problem solving, teamwork, decision making etc.).

The participants increased their knowledge in the areas like Man and values, Language and communication, Man and nature, Man and society and Art and Culture from both Albania and Slovakia point of view. The participants enhanced their intercultural communication and presentation skills through many role plays, workshops, presentations and guided discussions. The understanding of other cultures grew and new friendships were established. Every participant received Smart Kids t-shirts, small souvenirs and a Youth Pass Certificate.



Albanian Chess Federation and the Chess Club Prievidza are very active organisations having intensive contacts for several years trying to develop chess as the instrument of increasing the intercultural understanding to support the future international cooperation.

The project is without any doubt an excellent example and therefore the partners are ensuring the project results to be promoted at local and national levels. Both partners will disseminate results in their countries to motivate design and implementation of more intercultural projects in the future.

The whole text about the project can be read [here](#).

ECU School Chess Teacher training course - London

The 2nd ECU School Chess Teacher training course will take place in London, United Kingdom from 14th to 15th October 2017.

The ECU School Chess Teacher Certificate is available to those who complete the course which comprises two days of interactive presentations, group discussions and practical exercises and pass an online test taken at the end of the course. The Certificate is awarded by the European Chess Union (ECU) to recognize that the individual has an adequate level of chess knowledge and is familiar with didactic methods for the classroom.

The first ECU course took place at the Madrid Chess Academy in July 2017 led by IM Jesper Hall ([details](#)). Attendees gave very positive feedback on the course. Interviews with some of the participants are on the ECU Education [channel](#).

Course leaders:

- **Jesper Hall**- Chairman of the ECU Education Commission, FIDE Senior Trainer, Director of the Chess in Schools project in Sweden. Author of several chess training books.
- **John Foley**- member of the ECU Education Commission, former Director of Education and Training at Chess in Schools and Communities in the UK. Author of classroom books for chess teachers and pupils.
- **Rita Atkins**- Woman International Master. Mathematics and physics teacher.

Schedule:

Saturday 14 October 10.00-18.00

- Introduction
- Classroom Chess
- Language of Chess
- History of Chess
- The Pieces
- Minigames
- Didactic Model
- Teaching Checkmate
- Organizing Competitions

Sunday 15 October 10.00-17.00

- Lesson Planning
- Behaviour
- Teaching tactics
- Problem solving
- Social chess



Registration and Fee

Reserving the place on the course is available [here](#). The fee for the course is 195£.

More information about the course are available on the ECU website or [here](#).

Upcoming events in October

European Club Cup 2017

The 33rd European Club Cup and 22nd European Club Cup for Women will be held in Avantgarde Hotel, in Antalya, Turkey, from 7th-15th October.



47 teams coming from 24 European federations registered for the event, 35 teams in Open section and 12 teams in Women section whose members are the biggest World and European chess stars, which is promising an amazing tournament with big fights and interesting games.

"Alkaloid" (MKD) and "Cercle d'Eches" (MNC) are defending the titles of this prestigious European event in Open and Women's section respectively.



Both Champions will be played in 7 rounds according to the Swiss system, in accordance with the ECU Tournament Rules with time control 90 minutes for 40 moves plus 30 minutes for the rest of the game, with an increment of 30 seconds per move starting from the move one.

The total prize fund of the event is 34.000 Euros (24.000 for the Open section and 10.000 for the Women section).

Turkish Chess Federation published the info Bulletin with all the information about the event, organization, other events, social and cultural life in Antalya etc. which can be downloaded down bellow or [here](#).

[European Club Cup Info Bulletin](#)

[Official Website](#)

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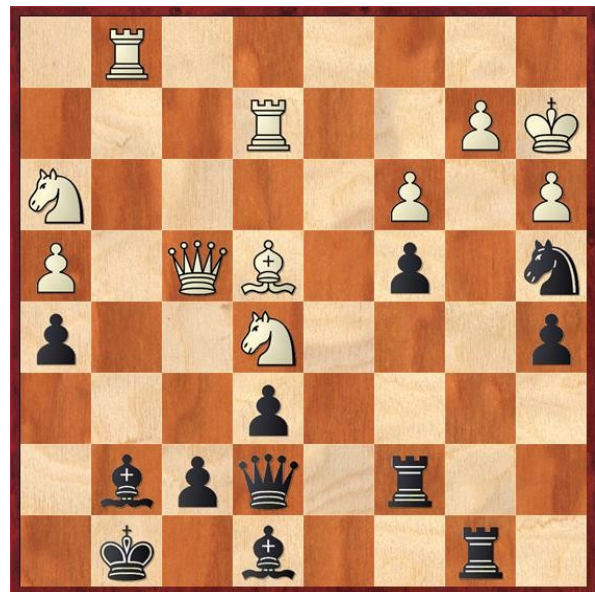
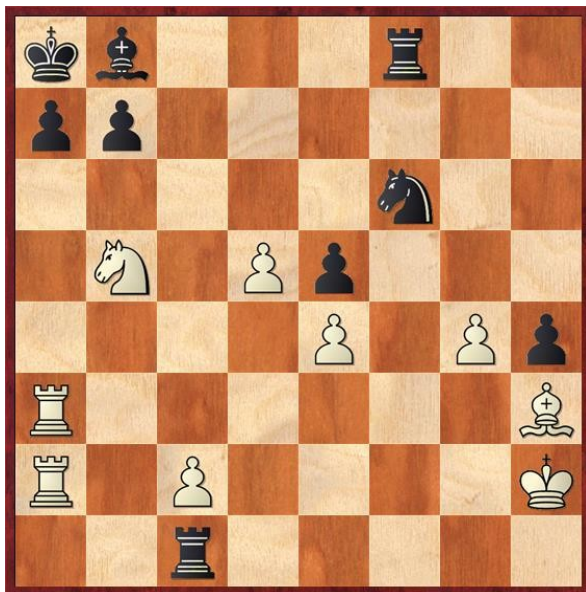
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| European Club Cup 2017 | Antalya, Turkey | 7th-15th October | Official Website |
| European Women Rapid & Blitz Chess Championship 2017 | Monaco | 20th-24th October | Official Website |
| European Team Chess Championship | Crete, Greece | 27th-7th November | Official Website |

Events:

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| Stavanger Open 2017 | Stavanger, Norway | 11th-15th October | Official Website |
| M.Chigorin Memorial 2017 | Saint Petersburg, Russia | 20th-29th October | Official Website |
| Corsican Circuit 2017 Open Oscaro | Bastia, Corsica, France | 21st-26th October | Official Website |
| World Youth U14,U16,U18 Rapid Blitz Chess Championship 2017 | Crete, Greece | 27th-31st October | Official Website |

FUN ZONE

For this edition of the ECU Newsletter we prepared very nice mate positions. Enjoy!



Solutions from NL August 2017

Puzzle #1:

1... Rxh2! 2. Kxh2 Qg3+ 3. Kh1 Qh3#

Puzzle #2:

1.Qxb7+ ! Kxb7 2. Ra7+ Kf8 3.Rc7#

Puzzle #3:

1. Nd3+! Kd1 2. Qe1+!! Rxe1 3. Nf2#

Puzzle #4

1.Qxh6+ Kg8 2.Qg5+ Kh7/8 3. Rh6#