



Record of participation in CHESS WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP AMATEUR! World Chess Federation with the Romanian Government, the Ministry of Youth and Sport, City Hall of Iasi, Romanian Chess Federation, Iasi County Council and Iasi County Chess Association will organize for 10 days one of the most important competitions in the world. 207 players from 37 countries will battle in Iasi - Romania for the amateur world title with total prizes of 10,000 euro.

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ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

Presidents of Honour:

Nicolae Banicioiu - Minister of Youth and Sport

Gheorghe Nichita - Mayor of Iasi City

Chairman of the Organizing Committee:

Sorin Iacoban - Deputy of the Romanian Parliament

Vice Presidents of the Organizing Committee:

Ion Serban Dobronauteanu - Vice President of the European Chess Federation

Mariana Ionita - President of the Romanian Chess Federation

Mihai Chirita – Deputy Maior of Iasi City

FIDE Technical Delegate:

Theodoros Tsorbatzoglou

Tournament Director:

Manole Vasile - Vice President of the Romanian Chess Federation

Members of the Organizing Committee:

Margareta Perevoznic - Honorary Citizen of the City of Iasi, International Master

Ciprian Rosca - Iasi County Councillor

Vladimir Danilov - Vice President of Iasi County Chess Association

Alan Statache - Manager of the Hotel Moldova Iasi

Vlad Ungureanu - FIDE CIS Member



Tuornament Hall and Moldova Hotel

The official tournament schedule

April 18	Tuesday	11.00 - Iasi City Hall, Press conference 1
April 21	Sunday	Arrival of participants
April 21	Sunday	20.00 - 21.00 Technical Meeting
April 22	Monday	14.00 - 14.30 Press Conference 2 - Palas Congress Hall
April 22	Monday	14.30 - 15.00 Opening Ceremony - Palas Mall
April 22	Monday	15.30 – First Move!
April 22	Monday	15.30 - 20.00 Round 1
April 23	Tuesday	15.30 - 20.00 Round 2
April 24	Wednesday	30.09 - 12.00 Iasi City tour
April 24	Wednesday	15.30 - 20.00 Round 3
April 25	Thursday	30.09 - 13.00 Blitz Tournament
25 April	Thursday	15.30 - 20.00 Round 4
April 26	Friday	15.30 - 20.00 Round 5
April 27	Saturday	15.30 - 20.00 Round 6
April 28	Sunday	15.30 - 20.00 Round 7
April 29	Monday	15.30 - 20.00 Round 8
April 30	Tuesday	15.30 - 20.00 Round 9
April 30	Tuesday	21.30 Closing Ceremony
May 1	Wednesday	Departure of participants

Awards and honors:

Amateur champion will receive the title of FIDE master and 2200 Elo rating . Amateur world women champion will receive the title of FIDE Master and 2050 Elo rating. Second place in open, silver medal winner will receive 2100 Elo rating and 2050 Elo rating bronze medal winner.

Prizes

GENERAL	WOMEN
(TOTAL: 10 000 eur)	
1. 1500	1. 500
2. 1200	2. 400
3. 1000	3. 300
4. 700	4. 200
5. 600	5. 100
6. 500	
7. 400	
8. 300	
9. 200	
10. 100	

Organizers offers and other special prizes.



Palas - Heart of the city

Interview with the President of the Organizing Committee,

Sorin Iacoban deputy in the Romanian Parliament



We know that you are a man of sport. Why do you love chess, Mr. Deputy Sorin Iacoban?

"I started playing chess at 7 years old since I participated with great interest in school lessons. In addition, my daughter practiced the chess in primary school for four years and she won several national and international medals. I can say that now, after all these years, chess has a direct influence being very good at sciences: mathematics, chemistry, physics. "

What does it mean for Romania to organize the World Amateur Chess Championships?

"It's a special event. Completes the World School Chess Championship 2012, with 503 children from 40 countries - and brings a very good image to Iasi and Romania. However, we have to find the financial resources for a better organization, to mobilize all local authorities as well as major sponsors for the smooth running of the competition. At the same time we aim to promote the event in local and national media and to have a very good relationship with the participants from all over the world. "

How do you see the development of chess in Romania?

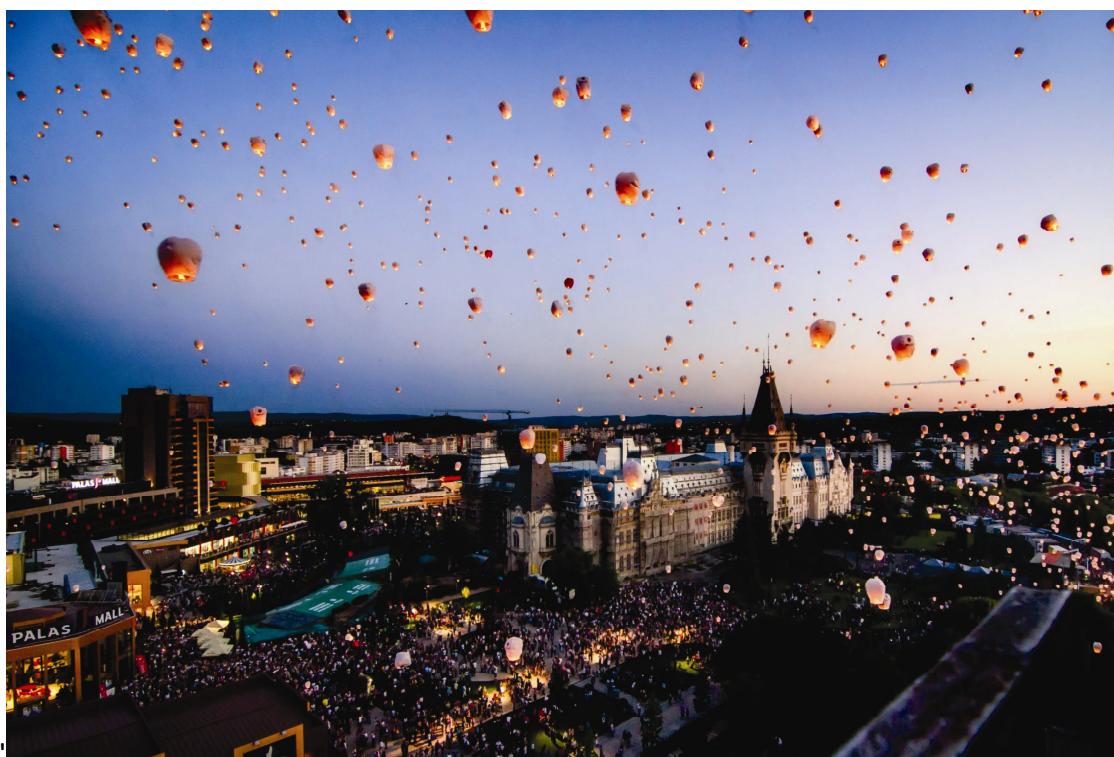
"Iasi is the border city of European Union, in a region where chess is developed. Thus, it appears that interest has spread in our town and I think it has very good future: nearly all schools and kindergartens from Iasi has chess lessons, Iasi students are attracted each year to chess and we must recognize that in Iasi parks chess is representative sport. This movement we want to develop over the country, to support where needed, to start where interest is low. "

Which are Romania's qualities for organizing such continental and world events?

"Iasi is full of history, the cultural capital of the country. Who discovered Iasi actually discover a lot of Romanian history. National events were held in Iasi. Moreover, chess in Iasi found a great opening: Iasi City Hall by Mayor Gheorghe Nichita, a man of sport, increasingly supported chess, and this developing was spectacular. Every year over 4,000 children learn chess, more chess programs and projects are takes place each year. Coaches and instructors make an outstanding work, with very good results, putting value on organization, dedicated to their work. Our city has had the honor to be declared European City of Sport in 2012 when it was organized in Iasi World School Chess Championship."

What do you want to say to the participants of World Amateur Chess Championships?

"Welcome! We are very pleased to come and visit us! To enjoy special conditions provided by the organizers and to return to Iasi whenever they can, not necessarily because of chess competitions. Thanks to chess and those who agreed to compete in international tournaments - the European Youth Team Championship 2011, World School Chess Championship 2012, World Amateur Chess Championship 2013, the European Youth Team Championship 2014 - Iasi and Romania becomes a default point on the global map chess and we hope to be known through sport, performances and achievements.



Interview with the Vicepresident of the Organizing Committee,

Ion Serban Dobronauteanu, ECU Vicepresident



Why do you love chess, Mr Ion Serban Dobronauteanu, ECU Vicepresident?

Chess was present in my family since my early days, my father used to play chess when I was young, later he became a trainer. In my family this hobby came from my grand-father, he taught it to my father and my uncle.

What does it mean for Romania to organize the World Amateur Chess Championships?

Such an event for our country is of extreme importance. What is even better, is that this World Championship comes after another world competition: World School Chess Championship also organized last year in Iasi, and the participation records to these events make of Romania a major possible organizer on the international level.

How do you see the future of chess in Romania?

There's a lot to be done. But I can put it this way: in my opinion, the raise of chess popularity and increase of players number with ages comprised between 7-14 are our first objectives. What has happened in the past years in our country makes me quite optimistic.

Which are Romania's qualities for organizing such continental and world events?

Very good conditions of organization, (playing halls, accommodation services,) at very good prices and a group of professional competition organizers.

What do you want to say to the participants of World Amateur Chess Championships?

Welcome to Romania, may they have a wonderful competition and be glad of our city hospitality, Iasi! I am convinced that this competition will represent for Romania a key for promoting it on the world level.



Tournament Hall of World Amateur Chess Championships 2013

On Thursday, the 18th of April, in the City Hall Iasi, took place the first press conference of the World Amateur Chess Championships. The leading members were Mr Gheorghe Nechita, the mayor of Iasi, Mr Sorin Iacoban, Member in Romanian Parliament and Manole Vasile Vicepresident of The Romanian Chess Federation. It was a technical discussion about the organizing details and the conditions offered to the players in Iasi.



At the press conference on the 22nd of April, which took place in the gorgeous hall of the Palas Mall that hosts the tournament, many world and local chess personalities were present, among which Margareta Perevoznic, chess trainers Vasile Manole , Vlad Ungureanu and Vladimir Danilov, FIDE Technical Delagte Theodoros Tsorbatzoglou (Greece) and many others. The minister Nicolae Banicioiu, the mayor Gheorghe Nichita, the member of Romanian Parlament Sorin Iacoban, ...S I, the counselor Vasile Catea, Mihai Pricop, Ionel Popa și Sebastian Buraga, Leonida Antohi (president of the CS Politehnica Iași), Cristian Filip (Orange Romania), Oana Diaconescu (Palas), Vasile Chebac (SC Antibiotice SA), Ciprian Paraschiv (manager of the DJST Iași), were also present, along with representatives of the local and national media.

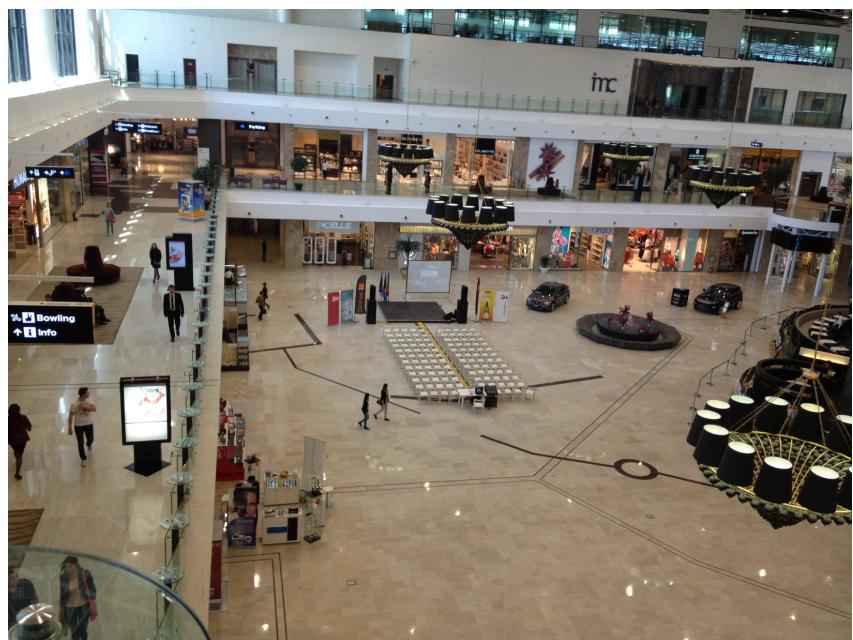


In his opening speech, from the desk of the press conference, the mayor of Iasi, Gheorghe Nichita underlined this: Hosting such an important sports event is a great honor for our city! Chess mingles sports with culture very well. I welcome the presence at this ceremony opening of the minister Nicolae Banicioiu and the Fide representative. I wish all players good luck, hoping they would come back to Iasi. In his speech, the minister MTS, Nicolae Banicioiu said: Thank you for bringing to Romania this WACO. Chess is the sport of the mind that everyone plays with great pleasure. It's a means of getting disconnected from daily routine and problems and of getting connected to other players. I've also tried to play it, at low levels, but still at the amateur ones. The joy is so much bigger that we register two records, the one of the participants number and of the countries number. Good luck to all players and congratulations to the organizers!

From FIDE, Theodoros Tsorbatzoglou took the floor and said: I wish good luck on behalf of FIDE to all participants and organizers. Iasi is an extremely beautiful city and a great host. We thank the minister Nicolae Banicioiu and the mayor Gheorghe Nichita for having given us the opportunity to organize this event in Iasi.



After the trainer Vasile Manole mentioned the sponsors, in the Atrium Palas Mall took place the public opening ceremony of the competition, where the young 7 year-old chess player , Emilia Mihiut sang LIVE the Romanian national anthem.



In a presentation given by the sport journalist Vasile Arhire, took the floor the mayor Gheorghe Nichita, the minister Nicolae Banicioiu and the FIDE Technical Delegate Theodoros Tsorbatzoglou, after which the folk dance group from the Iasi Student Cultural House performed a short show. The mayor Gheorghe Nichita and the minister Nicolae Banicioiu were offered from the organizers two excellency diploma. Then followed the „first move” of the competition hall, the competitors being the minister Nicolae Banicioiu (the White) and the mayor Gheorghe Nichita (the Black). After the White moved the pawn to d4, and the Black the knight to f6, the two shook hands before the audience delighted with the interesting opening of the match. The WACO goes on until the 30th of April 2013, the competition gathering awards up to 10.000 euros. As the minister N B mentioned in his opening ceremony speech, Iasi, the Romanian chess capital, is now the world chess capital!



Tournament Hall



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