

To Mr. Kirsan Ilyumzhinov
FIDE President
President of Republic of Kalmykia

Dear Mr. President,

The year of 2009 will be the 80th birthday anniversary of genius chess player, the 9th World Champion Tigran Petrosian.

Tigran Petrosian had left an indelible trace in the chess history. His creations will always be a good school for all chess generations, and the interest towards his unique style, beautiful games and personality as a whole never fades.

The Armenian Chess Federation suggests to announce the year of 2009 a Tigran Petrosian year. We are sure that in connection with Petrosian's jubilee many events will be organized worldwide which will become a good way for chess propaganda.

We hope that during the Dresden Congress you will make it public that the year of 2009 is announced a Tigran Petrosian year.

Thank you in advance.

With best regards,

Serzh Sargsyan
President of Armenian Chess Federation
President of Republic of Armenia