

## **REPORT OF THE ECU PRESIDENT FOR THE FIDE EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING IN TALLINN, ESTONIA FROM MAY 2013 UP TO THE PRESENT MOMENT<sup>1</sup>**

### 1. The ECU Board meetings

The ECU Board meetings were held in Legnica/Poland on 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> May, 2013 and Baiona/Spain on 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> September, 2013. The next ECU Board meeting will be held in Warsaw/Poland on 15<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> November, 2013.

### 2. ECU competitions

- 14th European Individual Championship 2013 was held in Legnica, Poland from 4-17 May, 2013 with the participation of 286 players from 38 countries. GM Alexander Moiseenko from Ukraine became the new European champion, followed by GM Evgeny Alekseev from Russia who won the silver medal. The bronze went to GM Evgeny Romanov from Russia.
- European School Championship was held in Novi Sad, Serbia from 20-28 June, 2013 with the record number of participants – 274 players from 13 national federations.
- European Youth Team Championship was held in Maribor, Slovenia from 5-13 July, 2013. The team of Poland was the most successful in the boys' section, while the team of Hungary won in the girls' section.
- European Senior Team Championship took place from 20-28 July, 2013 in Dresden, Germany with the participation of 325 players, i.e. 71 teams from 16 nations. The team of Israel won the first place, while the second and third places went to the teams of Belarus and Russia respectively.
- 14th European Individual Women's Championship was held from 22 July – 4 August, 2013 in Belgrade, Serbia. The championship has managed to set a new record in the number of participants – 169 players from 34 federations. GM Hoang Thanh Trang from Hungary became the new European champion. The silver medal was won by IM Melia Salome from Georgia, while bronze went to IM Lilit Mkrtchian from Armenia.
- EU Youth Championship was held from 27 August – 5 September, 2013 in Malenovice, Czech Republic with the participation of 110 players from 15 national federations.
- European Individual and Team Championships for Cadets and Juniors (Rapid and Blitz) were held from 24-28 September, 2013 in Budva, Montenegro. 244 players took part in the Blitz Championship, whereas 257 players competed in the Rapid Championship.

I would like to thank the host federations and organizers for the organization of the competitions.

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<sup>1</sup> Please note that the report for the preceding period has been already submitted for the Presidential Board meeting in Baku, Azerbaijan

### 3. ECU General Assembly

The ECU General Assembly 2013 will be held in Warsaw/Poland on 16 November during the European Team Championship.

In addition to the afore-stated, I would like to mention some of my activities in the past period:

- In May I attended the European Individual Championship in Legnica/Poland. I had meetings with the mayor of Legnica Mr. Tadeusz Krzakowski and Mr. Andrzej Dadelo, owner of the Polonia Wroclaw Chess Club and the main organiser of the Championship.

- The Romanian Chess Federation organized together with the National Education Ministry the "Education through chess" seminar in Bucharest on 4-5 June at the Romanian Academy. This event was honoured by the presence of the Minister of Education Mr. Remus Priscopie, the Deputy Minister of Education Mrs. Stefania Duminica, 6 members of Romanian Parliament and many other officials. I gave a live skype presentation related to chess in schools.

- In June this year I took part in UNICEF Origami Festival, dedicated to the promotion of the ECU project Chess in school in Galicia and Spain. The event was organised by the Higher school "Pedro Florian" in collaboration with the city of Redondela and Vigo Chess Club "Xadrez Galego" and was held on 20-21 June, 2013 in Redondela, Galicia. At the official reception in the City Hall I presented all the details of the ECU "Chess in School" program, with the emphasis on the benefits from the introduction of the game of chess in schools.

- I attended the 5th stage of FIDE Grand Prix Series which took place 3-17 July in Beijing where I had a chance to be present at the opening ceremony and meet with Mr. Chu Bo, FIDE Vice President.

- During my stay in Belgrade, Serbia in connection with the 14th European Individual Women's Championship I met with the Serbian President Mr. Tomislav Nikolic. During our discussion, which was focused on youth chess, Serbian President expressed his willingness to provide full assistance in order to help the popularisation of chess in Serbian schools. I also attended and took part in the opening ceremony of the 14th European Individual Women's Championship. In addition, I had a meeting with Serbian Minister of Youth and Sports Ms. Alisa Maric.

- On 1 August in Paris, I had a meeting with the President of the French Chess Federation, Mr. Diego Salazar. During the meeting we discussed common projects between ECU and the French Chess Federation.

- On 16 September I attended a simultaneous chess event played by famous Spanish players, organised in Vigo, Spain. Following the game, I gave a lecture as part of the seminar at the Museum Marco in Vigo about the program Chess in Schools. In addition, I had a chance to meet with the representatives of Vigo City Council at Pazo Quiñones de León.

- On 24 September I met with the Minister of Education and Sport of the Czech Republic Ph Dr. Jindrich Fryc. In the meeting which was also attended by the President of the Czech Chess Federation Mr. Victor Novotny and the General Secretary Mr. Petr Pisk, the ECU program Chess in Schools was discussed and the introduction of chess as an educational tool.

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