



To: All European Federations  
Associated members, Board members,  
Commission members,  
FIDE and FIDE Zone Presidents

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Dear Chess Friends,

Let us begin by wishing you all the best for the year 2015. Especially, several and successful chess activities. Attempting to schedule all of our events on time and publish all the invitations the soonest possible, we are able to send you today the official regulations for all ECU events for the first half of 2015.

- **The European Individual Chess Championship 2015** will take place in Jerusalem, Israel, from 23rd of February to 9th of March. (**Annex 1**)
- **The European Small Nations Team Chess Championship 2015** will take place in Guerseny from 18th to 26th April. (**Annex 2**)
- **The European Senior Chess Championship 2015** will take place in Eretria, Greece, from 28th April to 8th of May. (**Annex 3**)
- **The European Individual Women Chess Championship 2015** will take place in Chakvi, Adjara (13km from Batumi) Georgia, from 18th to 31st of May 2015 with a Prize fund of 60000 euros. (**Annex 4**)
- **The European Women Rapid Chess Championship 2015**, after 2 years without an organizer, will take place in Kutaisi Georgia from 31st May to 3rd of June 2015 with a Prize fund of 10000 euros. (**Annex 5**)

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European Chess Union expresses its gratitude to the Georgian Chess Federation for the constant support to the major chess events and especially to the Women's chess.

- **The European Schools Championship 2015** will take place in Konya, Turkey, from 24th of June to 3rd of July. (**Annex 6**)
- **The European Seniors Teams Championship 2015** will take place in Vienna, Austria, from 12th to 20th of July. (**Annex 7**)
- The complete (16 Competitions) ECU Calendar 2015. (**Annex 8**)

The Extraordinary ECU GA in Batumi decided on the amendment of the ECU tournament rules and financial regulations. The new Tournament regulations will be approved by the 2015 Annual ECU GA. For that purpose, ECU Board is inviting proposals from all the National federations. Please forward your proposal to the ECU Events Commission with a copy to the ECU Secretariat.

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ECU President Zurab Azmaiparashvili appointed the **WGM Alisa Maric** as President's Adviser. Alisa was the youngest ever winner of the Yugoslav Chess Championship (1986), and a Candidate for the World Women Championship title for six consecutive cycles (1990-2000). From 2012 to 2013 she served as Minister of Youth and Sports of Serbia. Today Alisa is serving as advisor of the Minister of Foreign Affairs in Serbia.

ECU President & administration are currently finalizing important agreements **for the ECU corporate sponsorship and Media partnership**. The official announcements will follow the next 2 months.

The next ECU Board meeting will take place on **6th and 7th March in Jerusalem, Israel**. The agenda for the meeting will be completed on the 16th of February.

With kind regards,  
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