

## NEWSLETTER 20 (April 4, 2011)

### 12<sup>th</sup> EUROPEAN INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIP VLADIMIR POTKIN CHAMPION!



The 12<sup>th</sup> European Individual Championship was held in Aix les Bains, France from March 21 to April 3.

393 players participated and among them were – 163 GM, 64 IM, 31 FM, 4 WGM, 5 WIM, 2 WFM

Russian Grandmaster Vladimir Potkin scored 8,5 points from 11 games the same as GM Radoslaw Wojtaszek (silver medal), GM Judit Polgar (bronze medal) and GM Alexander Moiseenko but with the better tie break.

#### **18 norms achieved - 6 GM norms, 12 IM norms.**

*GM norms* : Daniil Dubov, Sasa Martinovic, Peter Michalik, Artem Smirnov, Kevin Terrieux, Anthony Wirig

*IM norms* : Radu-Marian Doros, Nicolai Getz , Clément Houriez, Hagen Poetsch , Dany Raznikov, Andrea Stella, Jolanta Zawadska, Robin-Alexandru Dragomirescu, Jan Rindlisbacher, Naim Sahitaj, Alexandru-Ovidiu Stanciu, Nuri Kambez

Final standing (first 45 players)

Rank		Name	FED	Rating	Points	TB1	TB2	TB3
1	GM	Potkin Vladimir	RUS	2653	8.5	2849	64	78
2	GM	Wojtaszek Radoslaw	POL	2711	8.5	2826	63	77
3	GM	Polgar Judit	HUN	2686	8.5	2799	64	77
4	GM	Moiseenko Alexander	UKR	2673	8.5	2755	62	75
5	GM	Vallejo Pons Francisco	ESP	2707	8	2819	67	80
6	GM	Ragger Markus	AUT	2614	8	2783	63	76
7	GM	Feller Sebastien	FRA	2657	8	2766	59	71
8	GM	Svidler Peter	RUS	2730	8	2751	63	77
9	GM	Mamedov Rauf	AZE	2667	8	2751	61	74
10	GM	Vitiugov Nikita	RUS	2720	8	2741	63	77
11	GM	Zhigalko Sergei	BLR	2680	8	2732	60	72
12	GM	Jakovenko Dmitry	RUS	2718	8	2719	60	73
13	GM	Korobov Anton	UKR	2647	8	2697	62	75
14	GM	Inarkiev Ernesto	RUS	2674	8	2695	60	73
15	GM	Postny Evgeny	ISR	2585	8	2633	52	64
16	GM	Azarov Sergei	BLR	2615	7.5	2776	63	75
17	GM	Khairullin Ildar	RUS	2634	7.5	2771	62	75
18	GM	Kobalia Mikhail	RUS	2672	7.5	2754	57	71
19	GM	Guliyev Namig	AZE	2522	7.5	2739	60	71
20	GM	Zherebukh Yaroslav	UKR	2560	7.5	2739	59	72
21	GM	Riazantsev Alexander	RUS	2679	7.5	2728	60	73
22	GM	Iordachescu Viorel	MDA	2626	7.5	2725	62	76
23	GM	Lupulescu Constantin	ROU	2626	7.5	2722	58	71
24	GM	Mcshane Luke J	ENG	2683	7.5	2718	59	73
25	GM	Fridman Daniel	GER	2661	7.5	2717	57	69
26	GM	Motylev Alexander	RUS	2677	7.5	2716	59	71
27	GM	Ivanisevic Ivan	SRB	2617	7.5	2712	59	71
28	GM	Jobava Baadur	GEO	2707	7.5	2711	58	72
29	GM	Parligras Mircea-Emilian	ROU	2598	7.5	2709	65	79
30	GM	Romanov Evgeny	RUS	2624	7.5	2709	56	69
31	GM	Esen Baris	TUR	2528	7.5	2707	61	73
32	GM	Nielsen Peter Heine	DEN	2670	7.5	2703	55	68
33	GM	Cheparinov Ivan	BUL	2664	7.5	2698	62	75
34	GM	Gustafsson Jan	GER	2647	7.5	2687	55	67
35	GM	Kulaots Kaido	EST	2601	7.5	2669	55	68
36	GM	Smirin Ilia	ISR	2658	7.5	2668	57	69
37	GM	Saric Ivan	CRO	2626	7.5	2651	59	73
38	GM	Pashikian Arman	ARM	2642	7.5	2649	56	68
39	GM	Edouard Romain	FRA	2600	7.5	2634	53	66
40	GM	Bologan Viktor	MDA	2671	7.5	2629	56	69
41	GM	Beliavsky Alexander G	SLO	2619	7.5	2627	58	71
42	GM	Rublevsky Sergei	RUS	2678	7.5	2627	55	67
43	GM	Volkov Sergey	RUS	2621	7.5	2625	55	67
44	GM	Sjugirov Sanan	RUS	2643	7.5	2594	56	68
45	GM	Mastrovasilis Dimitrios	GRE	2584	7	2703	59	72

## THE EXTRAORDINARY ECU GENERAL ASSEMBLY



The Extraordinary ECU General Assembly was held on 29 March 2011, which was the rest day at the European Individual Chess Championship in Aix-les-Bains. Apart from the awarding of the tournaments in 2012 and 2013, the General Assembly discussed the proposals on changing the Statute and Tournament Regulations suggested by the ECU Board.

The delegates voted on the proposal on the change of the Statute according to which the competition organization would again be assigned by the Board, and the majority of them did not vote in favor of the change of Statute.

The ECU Board proposed to change the Tournament Rules and Regulations by introducing the Sofia Rule, Dressing Code and the Copyright on the use of chess games from the ECU competitions. The Delegates at the General Assembly agreed on achieving all three goals. They decided that the Board should establish Committees and inform all the Delegates upon doing so. Details will be presented at the next General Assembly. Having agreed on the details, the Delegates will vote for passing the new rules which should be applied at the competitions starting from 01 January 2012.



It was decided that the European Team Championship 2013 will be hosted by Warsaw (Poland), the European Club Cup 2012 will take place in Eilat (Israel) and Prague (Czech Republic) was granted the organization of the European Youth Championship 2012.

## GARRY KASPAROV A GUEST AT THE ECU BOARD MEETING



A day before the General Assembly, the ECU Board meeting was held and the Board members dealt with the Agenda issues as well as with the preparations for the General Assembly. However, special attention was given to the visit and presentation of chess legend Garry Kasparov.

Kasparov informed the Board members on the recent meetings he and President Danailov had in Brussels. Kasparov also talked about some further steps concerning the implementation of the project “Chess in Schools” and expressed his continued optimism regarding the issue.