

## **Commission for Women's Chess (WOM)**

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The Women's Commission has been very active in promoting the participation of all female players, arbiters, trainers and organizers in various events and activities around the world. This report will highlight the main FIDE activities whilst noting a number of continental and regional initiatives. More detailed information can be obtained from:

<http://womenchess.fide.com/>

## **1. EVENTS**

### **1.1 Women's World Chess Championship 2017**

**Teheran, Iran, 10 FEBRUARY – 5 MARCH 2017.**

Women's World Chess Championship was held in the Espinos Palace Hotel in Tehran, Iran, from February 10 (day of arrival) to March 4 (day of departure) 2017.

63 players (excluding Ms. Foisor, who passed away just few weeks before championship) from 28 countries participated in the WWCC2017.

A tournament was played according to the knock-out system of 6 rounds, according to the FIDE WCC regulations for the event (FIDE Handbook, D 07).

Title of FIDE Women's World Champion 2017 was won by Tan Zhongyi (China), 2<sup>nd</sup> place Muzychuk Anna (Ukraine), and 3<sup>rd</sup> place took Harika Dronavalli (India) and Alexandra Kosteniuk (Russia).

Final match	1	2	3	4	Tie-breaks		Score
Anna Muzychuk	½	0	1	½	½	0	2.5
Tan Zhongyi	½	1	0	½	½	1	3.5

## 1.2 European Individual Women Chess Championship 2017

Georgian Grandmaster Nana Dzagnidze is the winner of the 18th European Individual Women's Chess Championship, which was held in Riga/Latvia, from 10th to 23rd April at the Radisson Blu Latvija Conference & Spa Hotel.

In the final decisive round, she drew with Russian Natalija Pogonina, and triumphed as a sole leader with 8.5 points.

Second place was shared between two Russian players Aleksandra Goryachkina and Alisa Galliamova, who both scored 8 points. According to the tie-breaks, silver went to the young Russian, while the bronze went to her older colleague, who defeated Alina Kashlinskaya in the final round.

The Championship was the qualifying event for the next Women's World Championship, and 14 players qualified.

The qualifiers are: Kateryna Lagno (Russia), Mariya Muzychuk (Ukraine), Monika Socko (Poland), Elina Danielian (Armenia), Elisabeth Paetz (Germany), Marina Nechaeva (Russia), Bela Khotenashvili (Georgia), Natalia Zhukova (Ukraine), Natalija Pogonina (Russia), Hoang Thanh Trang (Hungary) and Anita Gara (Hungary).

## 1.3 WOMEN'S WORLD TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP, Khanty-Mansiysk, Russia 16-27 June 2017

In the Women's Championship, Russia took 1<sup>st</sup> place, 2<sup>nd</sup> place is China, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place was Georgia.

Each member of the winning teams (players, reserve and captain) received gold, silver and bronze medals, trophies and diplomas.

## Final rankings:

Rank	Team	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	M P	Pts.
1	RUSSIA	*	3	2½	3	3	3½	2	3	2	3½	16	25½
2	CHINA	1	*	3½	2	2	3	3	2½	2	3	13	22
3	GEORGIA	1½	½	*	2	2½	2	3	3	3	4	12	21½
4	INDIA	1	2	2	*	1½	2½	2½	2½	3	3	12	20
5	UKRAINE	1	2	1½	2½	*	2	2½	3	2½	2½	12	19½
6	POLAND	½	1	2	1½	2	*	2	2½	3½	3½	9	18½
7	USA	2	1	1	1½	1½	2	*	2	2	3½	6	16½
8	VIETNAM	1	1½	1	1½	1	1½	2	*	2½	4	5	16
9	AZERBAIJAN	2	2	1	1	1½	½	2	1½	*	4	5	15½
10	EGYPT	½	1	0	1	1½	½	½	0	0	*	0	5

## 2. FORTHCOMING ACTIVITIES

European Club Cup for Women 7-15 October, Manavgat, Turkey

World Junior and Girls U20 Chess Championship 12-26 November, Tarvisio, Italy

## 3. TRAINERS & ARBITERS SEMINARS

### 4. CAISSA AWARD

The winner of the 2016 Caissa award is GM Anna Muzychuk of Ukraine.

## 5. PROJECTS

### “Rumbo a la Gran Maestría”:

- 8 talented WIMs from 8 different countries received Online training with a GM-FST from January to June
- 6 participants from 6 different countries the project played the Catalan Circuit (4 International Opens) in Spain

### **Castle Camp Scholarship:**

Mona Khaled from Egypt was awarded the Castle Camp Scholarship that consisted in one-week intensive training with different GMs and an international Open tournament in Atlanta-USA.

WGM Mona Khaled: "Participating in the castle chess camp was like a dream; it was great to be surrounded with all those people who shared immense love for chess. After hours of training, analyzing and playing chess, you'd still find kids in the cafeteria challenging each other on the board. What a delight it was to see such passion! Not only did I receive invaluable feedbacks and had the opportunity to attend lectures of 2600+ instructors, but also I was reminded of the pure love towards chess. The instructors were so good and knew how to deliver everything in the most exciting way. Everything was organized perfectly, everyone was so helpful and great and I wished I could see something similar in Egypt one day"

### **Sponsorship:**

#### **WGM Closed Metz International Tournament**

- 1) **WGM Yuliya SHVAYGER** (2434 F) Israel
- 2) **IM/WGM Olga ZIMINA** (2390 F) Italy
- 3) **IM/WGM Anastasia SAVINA** (2364 F) Russia
- 4) **WGM Evgeniya DOLUHANOVA** (2314 F) Ukraine
- 5) **WIM Julianna TERBE** (2260 F) Hungary
- 6) **WFM Hanne GOOSSENS** (2175 F) Belgium
- 7) **WIM Marina ROUMEGOUS** (2142 F) France
- 8) **WFM Cyrielle MONPEURT** (2135 F) France
- 9) **WFM Cécile HAUSSERNOT** (2092 F) France
- 10) **Anysia THOMAS** (2069 F) France

### **SPFGI**

The SPF Girls' Invitational is the richest all-girls championship in the world, it took place July 22-27 in St. Louis in the United States. Over \$207,500 in scholarships, chess and cash prizes were awarded to the winners among the 68 nominated and qualified participants. The event had participants from the following 12 countries:

Canada, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Hungary, Iran, Jamaica, Latvia, Mexico, Panama, Puerto Rico, Vietnam and the United States.

Photos and Results can be seen here:

<https://chessdailynews.com/2017-spfgi-photos-results/>

## **6. PROPOSALS**

1. We suggest that in future World Championship cycles, if the Women's World Champion declines her invitation to the "Open" World Cup, she would be replaced by another woman player from the top of the rating list, and not by a man.
2. We strongly recommend again obligating players of all official FIDE events to follow regulations and Dress code rules, by contracts and official FIDE events rules.
3. We would like to request to change our name (Commission for Women's Chess) to "Commission for Women in Chess".