

Report of the Continental President for Europe

The General Assembly of the European Chess Union took place on 22 November 2008 in Dresden.

In my report to the GA I pointed out three major successes of the work of the Board:

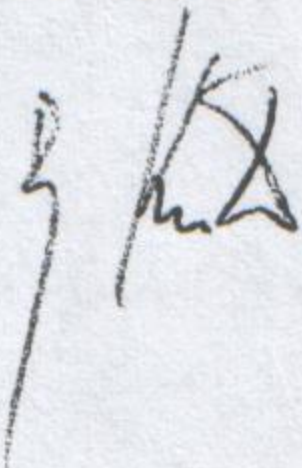
1. The number of participants of the European Championships has reached new records
 - New records of participants in the European Youth and Senior Championships
 - The number of Grandmasters in the European Individual Championships in Plovdiv grew up to 229 GM and WGM. Therefore it was the absolutely strongest open tournament ever.
2. We have continued the co-operation with the Dallas University in Texas and extended it for the next 3 years. The winners of the European Championship under 16 (boys and girls) receive a scholarship with is worth an amount of approximately 90.000 USD per year.
3. The Board of ECU decided to establish a new European Grand Prix starting next year. The contract with the sponsor will be signed soon.

As due to professional reasons our Treasurer Mahir Mammedov had to resign the General Assembly elected Kurt Gretener (Switzerland) to his successor.

Attached you will find the updated European Tournament Calendar. Our aim is to fix all dates two years prior to the events.

Dresden, 24 November 2008

Boris Kutin
President

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