

FIDE Press Release regarding Challenger Match
Veselin Topalov – Gata Kamsky

FIDE is pleased to announce that an agreement has been reached for organisation of the Challenger Match between Topalov and Kamsky. There has been full agreement between FIDE and the players regarding all aspects of the Match.

The Match will take place in Sofia, Bulgaria, from 16th to 28th February, 2009 with a prize fund of USD 250,000 which will be shared equally by the players.

Both teams agreed on the following appointments:

Appeals Committee:

Nigel Freeman (BER) Chairman
Boris Kutin (MNE)
Vanik Zakarian (ARM)

Arbiters:

Ignatius Leong (SIN)
Ashot Vardapetian (ARM)

Match Supervisor:

Hal Bond (CAN)

Gata Kamsky announced that Mr Chernenko is no longer his Representative and that he has appointed Emil Sutovsky as his Official Representative in all negotiations and as chief of his delegation and spokesperson for the team.

FIDE is pleased that the meetings with both delegations were conducted in a very friendly and constructive atmosphere and thanks both teams for their cooperation.