

EVENT : FIDE WORLD SCHOOL CHAMPIONSHIP 2013

DATE & PLACE : 6- 15 May 2013 Porto Carras, Halkidiki, Greece

Organizers: FIDE Chess Academy of Thessaloniki - Greek Chess Federation

official website: <http://gamesfestival.chessdom.com/>

Tournament Director: Ioannis Mitrou (GRE)

Chief Arbiter : IA Tsorbatzoglou Viron (GRE)

Chairman of Appeals Committee: Pr. Alexander Kostyev (RUS)

REPORT

World School Chess Championships 2013 hosted in the resort Porto Carras, Halkidiki, Greece. A record number of 550 players from 42 countries took part. The playing Hall was spacious from the participants. An analysis room was provided in the next conference room. A Café-Bar was available for participants, coaches and parents.



Playing Hall

The well-known venue of Porto Carras hosted more than 1000 participants and accompanied persons in the two 5 stars Hotels Meliton and Sithonia. All the meals offered in a rich Buffett. No problems reported in accommodation and food issues.



Venue

Transportation provided from Thessaloniki International airport (100 Km) with buses and taxis. A number of delegations arrived by their own means. In co-operation with an insurance Company a full equipment medical center was installed next to the Paying Hall. A professional team gave all the necessary assistance to the participants.



Parallel to the tournament organized an International Open Tournament. A Greek night with live traditional music was offered to participants.



Arbiters team (25 in total) made a good work so no appeals or any complain by the players. Live Games and e- bulletin were available daily. Tournament web site had daily reports, daily photo gallery and live games.

In the closing ceremony the winners were greeted enthusiastically with rounds of applause and cheering. Trophies and medal were given by FIDE Honorary Member David Jarrett, ISCU President Alexander Kostyev, Porto Carras Sales Manager Photis Politis, Greek Chess Federation Board Member Argiris Kitharidis, Chief Arbiter Viron Tsoarbatzoglou, Honorary FIDE Member Elizabetha Polihroniade, and Representative of Al Ain Chess Club Tarek Al Taher.



Viron Tsoarbatzoglou, Chief Arbiter