European Chess Union
International School Chess Union
Bulgarian Chess Federation
National Children Chess Foundation "Morsko Konche"
Municipality of Varna

June 29th – July 3rd 2007, Varna, Bulgaria

FOURTH OPEN EUROPEAN FESTIVAL "THE HOPES OF THE WORLD"

Tournaments for school chess champions in categories U8, U10, U12, U14, U16

The First International Tournament "The Hopes Of The World" was held in September 1997.

GENERAL REGULATIONS

1. Invitation

The Bulgarian Chess Federation, the National Children Chess Foundation "Morsko Konche", the Administration of Varna have the honour of inviting National Chess Federations and School Chess Champions to participate in the **FOURTH OPEN EUROPEAN FESTIVAL "The Hopes Of The World"** organized in Varna, Bulgaria from June 29th (Arrival) to July 3rd (Departure) 2007 under the auspices of European Chess Union.

2. Participation

2.1. Right to participate have school champions (boys and girls) for the separate age groups (to 8, 10, 12, 14, 16 years old) born after 1 Jan. 1999, 1997, 1995, 1993 and 1991 respectively.
The tournament is represented in FIDE and is valid for the international qualifications.

2. Applications To Participate

3.1. The applications to participate in the tournament have to include: name and surname and date of birth of the applicant; names, contact addresses and telephones of the school principal and team leader. The applications needs to be on official letterhead, signed by the principal and sealed with the school seal.

3.2. The applications must be accompanied by a coloured actual picture of the applying person.

3.3. The applications must be sent to the Organizing Committee till **May 1st 2007.**

3. Financial Conditiones

4.1. According to the European Visa Act each participant, coach and team leader have to book in the hotel **Exotika***, Flirt***, Jambo***** (Golden Sands) appointed to be hosts of the Championship.
4.1.1. Meals will be served in the restaurant of the rispective hotel.
4.1.2. The tournament games for the separate age groups will be played in the halls of **the Palace of Culture and Sports** in Varna.

4.2. According to the contract with the Hotels all participants, coaches, leaders and accompanying persons have to pay:
4.2.1. Accommodation and board:
a) **Exotika***** – Phone, Tv, Minibar, Swimmnig pool, Fitnessroom, Airconditioner

	participants up to 12	*participants up to 16 and older*
4-people room – FB (full board)	**20 EURO**	**22 EURO**
3-people room – FB	**22 EURO**	**25 EURO**
double room – FB	**24 EURO**	**28 EURO**
b) **Flirt***** – Airconditioner, Tv, Refrigerator		
apartment – 4 people – FB	**20 EURO**	**22 EURO**
apartment – 3 people – FB	**22 EURO**	**25 EURO**
double room – FB	**24 EURO**	**28 EURO**
c) **Jambo***** – Airconditioner, Refrigerator, Tv		
4-people room – FB	**20 EURO**	**22 EURO**
3-people room – FB	**22 EURO**	**25 EURO**
double room – FB	**24 EURO**	**28 EURO**

4.2.2. Participation in the cultural program – visiting the Dolphinarium, excursions to Varna and Balchik – **20 EUR.**
4.2.3. Participation fee – **25 EUR**.
** The organizers take on a full responsibility for the staying of the participants and guests of the Festival.*

5. Playing Schedule

Fri **June 29.**	Arrival, accommodation and registration.
14:00.	Technical Meeting
16:00.	First round
Sat **June 30, 09:00.**	Second round.
16:00.	Third round
Sun **July 1, 09:00.**	Fourth round.
16:00.	Fifth round
Mon **July 2, 09:00.**	Sixth round
Tue **July 3, 09:00.**	Seventh round.
14:00.	Awarding and Closing Ceremony.

6. Rules and Regulations

6.1 The tournament will be played according to the Swiss System in 7 rounds. National ratings will not be taken into consideration for the parings. Rate of play will be according to FIDE regulations. The time limit will be 90 minutes for 40 moves plus 15 minutes for the rest of the game with an increasement of 30 seconds per move starting from move 1.

6.2. Separate tournaments will be held upon the arrival of at least 16 participants in the separate age groups (boys and girls).

7. Prizes – Awards

7.1. The winners in the different age groups to 8, 10, 12, 14 and 16 years will be awarded with the title **Champion of the School Champions.**
7.1.1. The winners in U10 (girls) and U14 (boys) will be awarded special cups presented by the grand masters Antoaneta Stefanova and Veselin Topalov (World Champions from Puerto Rico, resp. U10 and U14 in 1989).
7.1.2. Awards for most beautiful game and for youngest participant (boy and girl).

7.2. Monetary prizes:
Tournament A – boys U10: I – 250; II – 200; III – 150; IV – 120; V – 100; VI – 80 leva
Tournament B – girls U10: 200 180 150 100 80 60
Tournament C – boys U12: 250 200 150 100 80 60
Tournament D – girls U12: 200 180 150 100 80 60
Tournament E – boys U14: 300 250 150 120 100 80
Tournament F – girls U14: 250 200 150 120 100 80
Tournament G – boys U16: 350 300 250 200 150 100
Tournament H – girls U16: 300 250 200 150 100 80

Note 1: *The winners in the tournaments for boys and girls in U8 categoriy will be awarded with article prizes.*
Note 2: *The prizes in the separate tournaments are guaranteed at the participation of at least 16 players in each age group.*

8. Visa information

Teams or players needing visa are requested to contact the Organizing Committee before May 1st. The Organizing Committee will provide invitations for visas only after the necessary payments.

9. Contact the Organising Committee

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