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Dear chessfriends,

in 2017 about 190 players participated in thematic tournaments. I always propose 11 themes (4 by post and 7 on the server) for 2017. Obviously, entries to the series of themes will continue to be always available.

Chess 960 tournaments.

I have started 10 new sections in 2016 and 5 in the first 7 months of 2017.

The 6th Chess 960 World Cup saw the participation of 71 players (were 103, 72, 100, 95, 88 in the previuos WCs) of which there were 15 titled players. The Final of 3rd Chess 960 World Cup, the Semifinals of 4th and 5th Chess 960 World Cup and the preliminaries of 6th Chess 960 World Cup are currently running. The 7th Chess 960 World Cup will start in March 2018.

As usual, I ask all the National Federations to publish the information about 2017 themes and Chess 960 events on their websites and magazines.

Amici sumus.

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