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Zone 1

Report of the Zonal Director

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Dear EU Officials and Delegates,
here is my report of Zone 1 activity for 2015.

In 2015 we have known the winner of the European Individual Championship.
68th European Champion is SIM Daði Örn Jónsson from Iceland. Congratulations !

Financial Matters

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European Team Championships

The Final of the 9th E.T.C. started on 10th June 2014 with 13 teams. 19 games ongoing and 605 finished.

Russia is in the lead with a + 14 score followed by Slovenia + 9, Italy +9 and Sweden +8

TD for EU T.C. Finals is IA Thed Klauner from Luxembourg.

The Semi-finals of the 10th E.T.C. started on 10th June 2014 with 32 teams divided in 3 preliminary groups. 1219 games finished (out of 1240, 98,3 %) at 20.06.2015.

- Semifinal 1

1. Russia	47.5	(RG - 4)	62%	+19	– Qualified to the Final
2. Poland	45	(RG - 1)	56%	+11	
3. Germany	44	(RG - 3)	57%	+11	
4. Italy	43	(RG - 4)	56%	+10	
5. Slovenia	42,5	(RG - 2)	54%	+7	

Remaining games - 12

- Semifinal 2

1. Estonia	47	(RG - 0)	58%	+14	– Qualified to the Final
2. Romania	44	(RG - 1)	55%	+9	– Qualified to the Final
3. Portugal	43,5	(RG - 0)	54%	+7	
4. Ukraine	42,5	(RG - 2)	54%	+7	
5. Bulgaria	40,5	(RG - 0)	50%	+1	

Remaining games - 4

- Semifinal 3

1. Spain	42	(RG - 0)	58%	+12	– Qualified to the Final
2. Switzerland	40,5	(RG - 1)	57%	+10	– Qualified to the Final
3. France	40,5	(RG - 0)	56%	+9	– Qualified to the Final
4. Slovakia	38.5	(RG - 0)	53%	+5	
5. Luxemburg	36,5	(RG - 2)	52%	+3	

Remaining games - 5

TD for EU T.C. Semi-Finals is IA Karel Glaser from Czech Republic.

European Individual Championships

Finals

The Final of the 68th E.I.C. finished on 09.04.2016.

European Champion is IM (now SIM) Daði Örn Jónsson from Iceland (10,5/16)

Runner-up is SIM Enver Mikhailovic Efendiyev (RUS) (10/16), third placed SIM I.V. Telepnev (RUS), SIM I.M. Dolgov (RUS) and GM C. Cruzado Dueñas (ESP) (9,5/16).

The Final of the 69th E.I.C. started on 15.12.2015.

15 players (1 GM, 8 SIM and 4 IM). At present 20 games are finished and 85 games are ongoing.

TD for EU I.C. Finals is IA Valery Myakutin from Russia.

Candidate's Tournament

EU WS Candidate's Tournament 2014 started on 15.03.2014.

4 sections with 15 players each, all Cat. 8.

In section 1, on Jun 26, 104 games are finished and 1 game is ongoing.
Nekhaev A.I. (RUS) and Raijmaekers Rene C.H. (NED) became the winners with 8.5 points.

In section 2, on Jun 26, 104 games are finished and 1 game is ongoing.
Zuev A.I. (RUS), Nefedov S.V. (RUS) and Laghetti G. (ITA) became the winners with 9.5 points.

In section 3, on Jun 26, 104 games are finished and 1 game is ongoing.
Emelyanov M.N. (RUS), Feco J. (SVK) and Cavajda I. (SVK) became the winners with 9 points.

Section 4 finished on 03.04.2016. Delizia C. (ITA) is the winner with 9 points,
Punzón Moraleda J. (ESP) took second place with 8 points.

EU WS Candidate's Tournament 2015 started on 15.03.2015.

5 sections with 15 players each, all Cat. 9.

In section 1, on Jun 26, 104 games are finished and 1 games is ongoing.

In section 2, on Jun 26, 103 games are finished and 2 games are ongoing.

In section 3, on Jun 26, 90 games are finished and 15 games are ongoing.

In section 4, on Jun 26, 90 games are finished and 15 games are ongoing.

In section 5, on Jun 26, 95 games are finished and 10 games are ongoing.

EU WS Candidate's Tournament 2016 started on 15.03.2016.

5 sections with 12 players each, all Cat. 8.

In section 1, on Jun 26, 43 games are finished and 35 games are ongoing.

In section 2, on Jun 26, 11 games are finished and 67 games are ongoing.

In section 3, on Jun 26, 26 games are finished and 52 games are ongoing.

In section 4, on Jun 26, 21 games are finished and 57 games are ongoing.

In section 5, on Jun 26, 9 games are finished and 69 games are ongoing.

TD for EU I.C. Candidate's Tournament is IA Valery Myakutin from Russia
In section 1/2015 TD is IA Marco Caressa from Italy.

Semifinals + Preliminaries + Open Round

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Old O-H-M Class

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Gerhard Radosztics Memorial

The Memorial "Gerhard Radosztics" – Final is now complete in what was a closely contested tournament. Seven National Federations took part having qualified from earlier held preliminary groups.

The winner was Spain, with Germany as runner-up, and Italy in third place. The final cross-table is reproduced below.

		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Score	%	+/-	Team results	FG	RG	Place
 Spain	2112		2.5	1.5	2	2.5	3.5	4	16	66	8	9	24	0	1
 Germany	2006	1.5		2.5	2	2.5	2.5	4	15	62	6	9	24	0	2
 Italy	2097	2.5	1.5		1.5	3	2.5	3.5	14.5	60	5	8	24	0	3
 England	2039	2	2	2.5		2	3	2.5	14	58	4	9	24	0	4
 Israel	1922	1.5	1.5	1	2		1	2	9	37	-6	2	24	0	5
 Portugal	1953	0.5	1.5	1.5	1	3		1	8.5	35	-7	2	24	0	6
 Netherlands	1962	0	0	0.5	1.5	2	3		7	29	-10	3	24	0	7

The players in the winning team from Spain were (in board order):

Guevara i Pijoan, Josep
 Calonge González, Alfonso
 Juárez de Vena, Antonio
 Jurado Pérez, Oliver

My congratulations to the winning team, and my thanks to all players who participated.

IA Ian M Pheby (TD)

Thor Løvholt Memorial

The 2nd Thor Løvholt Memorial Team Tournament Final was started in October 2015. Eleven National Federations are taking part having qualified from earlier held preliminary groups.

With 206 out of 330 games completed Belarus are currently leading the tournament with Germany in second place.

TO and TD for this event is IA Ian M Pheby

Witold Bielecki Memorial

This European national team tournament was the second edition of a team event for players with low ELO (average rating not higher than 2000).

Preliminaries were played from 25.01.2012 to 07.12.2013 with 22 teams divided in 3 preliminary groups. Final started on 08.09.2013 with participation of 9 national teams and completed on 27.01.2016.

All 3 top finishing teams were already known before Congress 2015 in Cardiff where certificates were presented to members of these 3 teams - winner was Belarus, before Ukraine and Czech Republic.

TO and TD for this event is IA Mariusz Wojnar from Poland.

European Team Postal Cup

Invitations were sent to all European federations-ICCF members.

Entries were received from 9 countries (Czech Republic, Finland, France, Germany, Italy, Netherlands, Russia, Spain, and Sweden).

Tournament started on the 15th December, 2015. For the time being 7 games are finished.

TD is IA Vladimir Valentinovich Popov (RUS)

European Postal Cup (for club teams)

9 teams were qualified for final. Entries were received from 6 teams including one that shared a promotional place in semi-final.

Final started on the 31st March, 2016, Due to relatively small number of teams it was decided to play round robin tournament.

TD is IA Vladimir Valentinovich Popov (RUS)

I ask the Congress to fix title norms in the tournament.

TO is Deputy Zonal Director Sergey Grodzenskiy.

Chess 960 Team Cup for Europe

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Baltic Sea Cup

The 9th Baltic Sea Team Tournament is organized by Germany and started on 30/03/2014.

13 teams are playing this event (Estonia 2 teams, Finland, Germany 3 teams, Latvia, Poland 2 teams, Russia 3 teams, and 1 International Team with players from Germany, Russia and Sweden.

620 games are finished, 4 ongoing.

The winner is "Germany 1", runner-up still undecided between "Russia 1" and "International Team"

TD for this event is IA Willi Moedl from Germany.

Friendly match "One country vs Rest of Europe"

As it was agreed such a match "One country vs Rest of Europe" would be organized annually.

Match "Germany vs Rest of Europe" started on 17.03.2014 on 265 boards. Germany has won the match, final score is 281,5 : 248,5 .

Match "Italy vs Rest of Europe" started on 07.03.2015 on 127 boards. Europe has won the match, current score is 106,5 : 141,5 .

Match "Czech Republic vs Rest of Europe" started on 31.12.2015 on 119 boards. Czech Republic leads the match, current score is 67,5 : 63,5 .

This year we are going to organize a match "Poland vs Rest of Europe".

The match is to be started in December 2016. TD Carlos Cranbourne (ARG).

Proposals

Organization of the following events :

- 2nd C960 EU Team Championship
- 3rd Thor Løvholt Memorial Team Tournament

Finally, I'd like to thank all the friends who actively worked in European Zone Executive Board, all Tournament Directors and webmaster.

Thank you all.

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