

The ACP Board Newsletter – # 2/2009



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1) ACP-Chessbase questionnaire

On the 13th of February the Association of Chess Professionals in cooperation with Chessbase announced **the poll conduction among top chess players on the most important issues of their professional life**. The criteria of the participation were as follows: players with a rating above 2690 (on the January 2009 FIDE list), plus the participants of the current cycle, plus some ex-world champions.

The preliminary results of the poll have been prepared for the attention of the FIDE Presidential Board, whose meeting took place in Istanbul on the 6-8th of March 2009. The report with the preliminary results can be downloaded at the ACP official web-site - <http://chess-players.org/img/news/ACP-Chessbase-poll-preresults-05Mar2009-eng.pdf> A more detailed report with a deep analysis of the poll results as well as players' suggestions will be published in the course of this month.

The questionnaire was sent to the respondents by email. Most of the participants have already replied and expressed their opinions. **We would encourage those ACP members, who received the questionnaire and still didn't fill it out, to send your answers by the 25th of March 2009.**

If you are a 2690+ player or in any way a participant in the World Championship cycle, and you did not receive the questionnaire, please contact **Olena Boytsun** (strategical.development@gmail.com) with your correct email details.

More information on the subject can be found on the web-sites of the partners:
<http://chess-players.org/eng/news/viewarticle.html?id=746> (English)

<http://www.chessbase.com/newsdetail.asp?newsid=5209> (English)

<http://chess-players.org/rus/news/viewarticle.html?id=746> (Russian)

<http://www.chessbase.com/espanola/newsdetail2.asp?id=6837> (Spanish)

2) ACP welcomes new members:

IA Markus Keller (Germany)

3) Investigation of the situation with European Women Championship, March 7-21, 2009

The ACP Board investigated the situation with European Women Championship that is taking place in March 7-21, 2009. The tournament was going to take place in Olgino, outside Saint-Petersburg, Russia, and the ACP Board received some inquires concerning the hotel prices at the official hotel. However, the organizers decided to move the Championship to Saint-Petersburg, which significantly extended the number of available hotels in the market, and therefore solved problems with hotel prices.

The ACP Board member **Sergey Movsesian** is present at the event and keep the contact with the organizers.

4) Cheating in chess

Recently the ACP Board received some inquires concerning the cheating problems in chess. Such information goes under the consideration. The ACP Board acknowledges the cheating problem in chess and investigates both the specific cases and the situation in general.

If you have any thoughts about the anti-cheating measures in chess, please, share them with ACP Board members. If you would like to keep your identity in secret, your letter will be dealt in full privacy. The contacts are available at the <http://chess-players.org/eng/news/viewarticle.html?id=22>

5) Volunteering

The ACP is the only organization in the chess world that is a civic initiative of a significant group of chess players. If you feel, that you could fit in your schedule some kind of assistance to the organization that you belong to, the ACP Board would welcome such an initiative. It could be contacts, or information, or help with translations to different languages, or organizational help, or technical assistance

(programming, designing) etc. It would be great to have volunteers, who could contribute to the association's development.

If you have such an idea, please, write a short email to any Board member, stating, what could be the main areas\activities you could assist the association.

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