

To:  
All European Federations  
Associated members, Board members,  
FIDE and FIDE Zone Presidents

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**Circular Letter No. 7/2011**

Dear chess friends,

The **ECU General Assembly** was held on 05 November 2011. In total, there were 48 votes which were enough to fulfil the necessary quorum for voting. Minutes of this meeting which should be approved at the next GA will be published in the CL 01/2012.

The General Assembly in Porto Carras (Greece) approved the **new ECU Tournament Rules** which will come into force on 01 January 2012. Attached you will find the new ECU Tournament Rules. (Annex 1)

**European Senior Team Championship 2012** will be held in Rogaska Slatina (Slovenia) from March 26th (day of arrival) until April 5th 2012 (day of departure). Attached you will find the announcement/invitation for this event. (Annex 2)

**European Individual Championship 2012** will be held in Plovdiv (Bulgaria) from March 19th (day of arrival) until April 1st 2012 (day of departure). Attached you will find the announcement/invitation for this event. (Annex 3)

During the ECU Board meeting which was held in Porto Carras (Greece) on 04&06 November, the Board made a decision that the deadline for the bidding procedure for competitions in 2014 will be **May 01, 2012**. Invitation for bids will be published in the CL 01/2012.

With this Circular Letter we are opening the procedure for applying **Arbiters for the Chess Olympiad** in Istanbul 2012. Namely, ECU President Silvio Danailov has the right to propose 10 Arbiters from Europe to FIDE President Kirsan Ilyumzhinov.

Each of the national federations is allowed to propose a single Arbiter. If we receive more than 10 proposals, the following criteria will be applied: the title and classification of Arbiters, previous experience, the knowledge of languages, the presence of Arbiters from their regions, as well as the presence of Arbiters from their countries in the Chess Olympiads.

Attached you will find the application form which national federations should fill in and send back to the ECU office in order to apply a candidate for the position of Arbiter at the Chess Olympiad (Annex 4). The deadline for sending application forms is February 15, 2012.

I am taking this opportunity to wish you Happy Holidays!

Best regards,

Sava Stoisljevic  
Secretary General