



TÜRKİYE SATRANÇ FEDERASYONU TURKISH CHESS FEDERATION

24th December 2010

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TO EUROPEAN CHESS UNION BOARD MEMBERS

Dear Members of European Chess Union Board,

As you undoubtedly know, we were granted the organisation of the 2011 European Women Individual Chess Championship, Rapid and Blitz in 2009 and we signed a contract in Rijeka in front of all delegates on 13 March 2010 (contract attached)

I would like to emphasise the point that for the first time in chess history a Women's tournament will attract more prize Money than the equivalent open championship. The first fifteen prizes offered in Gaziantep are higher than the first fifteen prizes in Aix-Les Bains. Also the same event would be ever the best prize awarded to our eminent European women players.

In order that we finalise the planning stages of this tournament, I contacted the General Secretary of ECU so that we can agree on all the points to be included in the tournament regulations based on the above signed contract.

After the exchange of a few emails, we reached a point where there General Secretary clearly insulted the Turkish Chess Federation and me, not only through the tone of her email but also by patronising me with her comments. You have seen all these points in the communication dated 21st December which I had already forwarded to all ECU Board Members.

The General Secretary also attempted to humiliate the previous ECU Board management by alleging that she had inherited a very bad contract. She purposely ignored the main achievement that this agreement successfully achieved, that is, a record prize fund in the history of chess. Despite the problems that I had had with the previous leadership, I still acknowledge the good work they did for this specific event.

The Turkish Chess Federation has a concrete strategy in investing in women's chess by supporting and organising Atatürk Memorial in 2008, FIDE Women Grand Prix in 2009, Women's World Championship in 2010, ACP Women World Cup in 2009 and the events granted specifically for women are 2011 European Women Individual Championship, 2012 European Women Individual Championship, 2011 Women World Team Championship, ACP Women World Cup 2011, FIDE Women Grand Prix in 2012.

On the 22nd December I received an email from ECU President which surprised me as in it he requested that I should change the regulations and send them to ECU. I would like to



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remind the Board Members that this responsibility lies solely with General Assembly which is the sole body which can sanction any changes to the regulations.

Furthermore, it appears that ECU President was not informed correctly about the contract that had been signed, as the change of event dates was a right given to the TSF and not a concession by the General Secretary. Nevertheless, we also explained our rationale of not wishing to clash with any FIDE event at the time, more so once both events are part of the World Championship cycle.

We requested a final answer to our question from ECU President by 23rd December morning as we had a TSF Board meeting in the evening but unfortunately it appears that ECU President is ignoring the TSF completely and has failed to give any answer to our last email.

The TSF Board deliberated on the 23rd afternoon and the behaviour of the ECU General Secretary and the silence from the ECU President were not appreciated given the importance of this event. TSF thereby requests an apology from ECU on this behaviour by not later than Monday 27th December, 5.00pm CET failing which it reserves the right to withdraw from this event in 2011 and probably in 2012 as well.

Chess regards,

Ali Nihat YAZICI

President

Appendixes:

1. E-mail from General Secretary of ECU on 17.12.2010
 - a. Attached to e-mail regulations
2. Revised regulations for EIWCC 2011, sent back to G.S. on 17.12.2010
3. E-mail sent by G.S. to Yazici on 19.12.2010
4. Answer to (3) sent by Yazici to G.S. 20.12.2010
5. Letter to E.C.U. Board members on 21.12.2010
6. Letter from ECU President to TSF on 22.12.2010
7. Answer to ECU President on 22.12.2010

X letter from Georgios Makropoulos for clashing dates to TSF

Xx letter from FIDE President to ECU President for clashing dates

Xxx Contract signed on 13 March 2010