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1) The 4th ACP World Rapid Cup

The 4th ACP World Rapid Cup took place in Odessa in May 2010. The winner of the event became Sergey Karjakin. Bank PIVDENNY was once again the organizer and main financial partner of the tournament. The event attracted a lot of attention from media and the whole atmosphere was nice and friendly.

Detailed information can be found on the tournament's site <http://www.worldcup.pivdenny.com>.

The 1st round table on the issues of chess popularization took place at the last day of the event – the 29th of May 2010 (Saturday). Results of the round table can be found at

<http://worldcup.pivdenny.com/ru/index.php?newsid=238> (Russian)

<http://www.marketingchess.com/2010/06/blog-post.html> (Russian)

<http://chessbase.com/newsdetail.asp?newsid=6462> (English)

<http://www.chessvibes.com/reports/how-to-make-chess-more-popular>
(English)

2) Changes in the ACP Board

ACP Secretary **Olena Boytsun** is leaving the ACP Board in order to concentrate on the work as the Marketing Director of the Ukrainian Chess Federation as well as her personal literary projects. The ACP Board is glad that Olena will continue to be attached to the chess world and would like to thank her for the outstanding work for the ACP during 2008-2010, especially in the field of the ACP-FIDE relations.

3) Report on the ACP Tour and ACP Women Series 2009-2010

Both final tournaments of the ACP Tour and ACP Women Series 2009 - 2010 have been completed in the first days of July. Vassily Ivanchuk emerged as the winner for the second time after the edition 2007 - 2008. He gathered 2897 points in ten events. Curiously enough, two players finished joint second with 2340 points! Levon Aronian reached this score out of eleven tournaments, while Vladimir Kramnik needed only six. As usual, the first 13 places of the final standings (http://www.chess-players.org/eng/tour/tour_2009/standings.html) qualify to the next ACP World Rapid Cup.

The race in the Women Series has been dominated by the Kosintseva sisters. Thanks to her second place at the recent FIDE Grand Prix in Jermuk, Tatiana eventually edged out Nadezhda, and repeated her success of the Second Women Series. She scored a total of 2232 points out of nine tournaments, while her sister came to 2172 out of nine events as well. Anna Muzychuk ended third with 1803 points out of seven tournaments. The first 8 players of the final standings (http://www.chess-players.org/eng/tour/tour_2009/standings_wom.html) qualify to the Second ACP Women World Rapid Cup.

Whereas the Rules of the 4th ACP Women Series 2010-11 remain the same, the Rules of the 7th ACP Tour 2010-11 have been slightly modified. In view of the increasing number of tournaments rated as Level A, the ACP Board decided to create a new level. The so-called Super Level will apply to tournaments whose strength exceeds 2725 according to the ACP scale. Consequently, the tables of the ACP Points System have been adjusted at some places. Everything can be checked at http://www.chess-players.org/eng/tour/tour_2010/rules.html

3) ACP-FIDE relations during the 2nd quarter 2010

The 2nd quarter FIDE Presidential Board meeting took place in Sofia in April 2010. The ACP Board prepared and registered three official letters for the agenda. The main subjects of the letters were:

- To include the representative of the ACP into the Presidential Board without the voting rights (accepted under the condition that the representative of FIDE will be invited as the observer to the ACP meetings);
- to abolish the Zero-tolerance rule (declined) or in case the abolishment was not possible, to implement obligations for organizers, if they want to apply the Zero-tolerance rule during tournaments (accepted).

The obligations for organizers are the following:

For events with more than 30 participants, a large digital countdown clock must be installed in the playing hall. For events with less than 30 players an announcement by microphone must be made 5 minutes before the game is due to start and again one minute before the start of the game.

(<http://www.fide.com/component/content/article/1-fide-news/4561-zero-tolerance-rule.html>)

- to include the representative of the ACP into Appeal Committees of main official tournaments (declined) as well as to provide the ACP the right to nominate Technical Director for official tournaments, where such position is planned (accepted).

It was also accepted the proposition from the 1st quarter Presidential Board to cooperate on the informational questions, including publications of the ACP materials on the FIDE web-site.

The 3rd quarter FIDE Presidential Board meeting is scheduled for the 23rd -26th July 2010 in Tromso, Bulgaria. The ACP Board registered new official letters to the agenda.

5. Presentation of the ACP

The presentation of the ACP can be found at

<http://narod.ru/disk/22995105000/ACP-presentations-eng-2010.pdf.html>

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