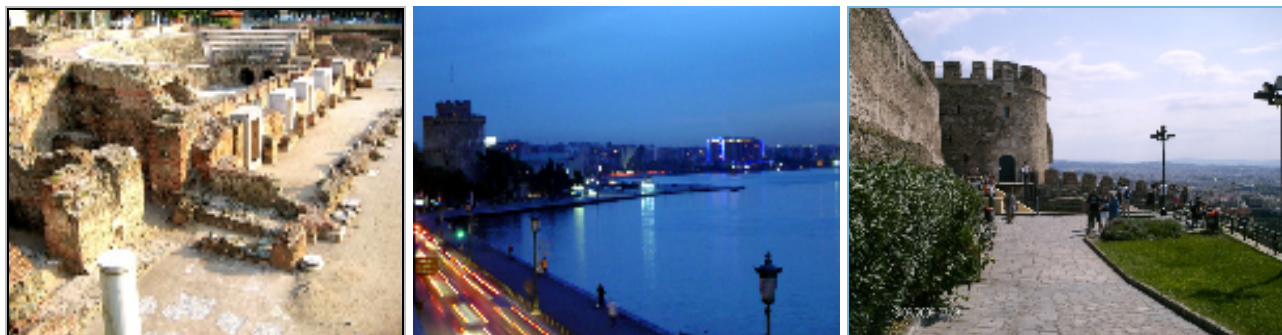




INTERNATIONAL CHESS OPEN THESSALONIKI 2010 5 – 11 April 2010, Thessaloniki, Greece



Thessaloniki is 2.300 years old city, was founded in 315 BC by King Cassandros and was named after the sister of Alexander the Great. Thessaloniki is the center of Greek North and the country's second largest city with 1.200.000 population. Thessaloniki is the leading conference city in Greece and one of the main cultural destinations in Europe. A city by the sea with annual average of 300 days of sunshine. International airport with direct flight to European capitals and other cities. Excellent starting point for interesting excursions. **Organizing Committee will provide the information and help** for visits in various museums, ancient places, cultural events, concerts and marvelous seaside restaurants.

GENERAL INFORMATION:

The Chess Club "Chess Academy of Thessaloniki Galaxias" announces the International Open Chess Tournament Thessaloniki 2010", which will be held with open participation and nine (9) rounds Swiss system. The tournament will be held in Hotel Grand Hotel Palace, Thessaloniki, **from April 5 to 11 2010**. The tournament will be held with time control for each player regulations 90 minutes for 40 moves plus 30 minutes for the rest of the Game with an increment of 30 seconds per move starting from move 1. The FIDE system rules are valid. The tournament will be FIDE rated.

PLAYING GROUPS:

A Group: Players with FIDE Rating over 1800

B Group: Players with FIDE Rating till 2000 and players without FIDE Rating (players with rating 1800-2000 can choose between the two groups).

*The O.C. has the right to move limited number from B group to A.

PLAYING SCHEDULE:

Sunday	April 4 th	Arrival of Participants - Confirmations
Monday	April 5 th	12:00 Technical Meeting - Pairings
Monday	April 5 th	16:00 Round 1
Tuesday	April 6 th	10:00 Round 2
Tuesday	April 6 th	17:00 Round 3
Wednesday	April 7 th	16:00 Round 4
Thursday	April 8 th	16:00 Round 5
Friday	April 9 th	10:00 Round 6
Friday	April 9 th	17:00 Round 7
Saturday	April 10 th	16:00 Round 8
Sunday	April 11 th	09:30 Round 9
Sunday	April 11 th	16:00 Closing Ceremony
Sunday	April 11 ^h	18:00 Blitz tournament
Monday	April 12 th	Departures of Participants

PARTICIPANT'S FEES:

General participant's fee	50 €
Players U20 & Students	40 €
Players 2200 - 2400	40 €
Players of B Group	40 €
Participants with FIDE Rating over 2.400 or IMs & Gms	0 €
Women with Rating over 2.200	0 €

CUPS – MONEY PRIZES:

There will be given cups and medals to places 1-3, concerning the categories of General Standings, and the Women standings.

PRIZE FUND A GROUP – min. 3200 euros			
GENERAL STANDINGS		WOMEN	
1.	1000	1.	300
2.	700	2.	200
3.	400		
4.	300		
5.	200		
6.	100		

PRIZE FUND B GROUP – min. 1000 euros			
GENERAL STANDINGS		1st WOMEN	
1.	300	1.	150
2.	200		
3.	150		
4.	100		
5.	100		

Money prizes may increase with a later announcement.

Prizes are shared. In case a player has the right to two prizes, he gets the biggest one
The tournament is possible to give FIDE title norms.

OFFICIAL HOTELS - RATES

Accommodation and board will be provided **at GRAND HOTEL PALACE***** and MEDITERRANEAN PALACE HOTEL ****. Playing Hall is Conference Center at the GRAND HOTEL PALACE*****.**

Lodging for players, coaches and accompanying persons will **cost per person, for 6 or 7 nights** (includes breakfast and dinner in buffet): For 8 nights or more add the charge of one night. For the second meal, participants will have plenty of choices.

[Bookings are possible only by the Organizing Committee by priority for each hotel](#)

VENUE: GRAND HOTEL PALACE (5 stars) – Monastiriou str. 305 -307
www.grandhotelpalace.gr

Prices per person H/B Breakfast and dinner	GRAND HOTEL PALACE VENUE *****	GRAND HOTEL PALACE VENUE *****	EXTRA NIGHTS PER PERSON PER DAY
TYPE OF ROOM	COST PER PERSON for 6 nights	COST PER PERSON for 7 nights	
SINGLE ROOM PACKAGE	590 € per person	680 € per person	95 € per person per day
DOUBLE ROOM PACKAGE	380 € per person	440 € per person	62 € per person per day
TRIPLE ROOM PACKAGE	330 € per person	380 € per person	55 € per person per day
TRIPLE ROOM PACKAGE One person 6 - 12 years	295 € per person	340 € per person	48 € per person per day
Kids 0 - 5	Free of charge	Free of charge	Free of charge

Rooms available in Grand Hotel Palace: 200
Suites Available on request

All the packages for 6 or 7 nights include:

- Breakfast and Dinner in 5 stars Restaurant
- Free use of Gymnastirium
- Free use of Sauna
- Free use of Internal Heating Swimming Pool
- Free transfers to Thessaloniki center with Hotel Settle buses (scheduled times)

MEDITERRANEAN PALACE (5 stars) –2 km from venue
City Centre – Port - 3, Salaminos Str.
<http://www.mediterraneanpalace.gr>

Prices per person H/B Breakfast and dinner	MEDITERRANEAN PALACE *****	MEDITERRANEAN PALACE *****	EXTRA NIGHT PER PERSON PER DAY
TYPE OF ROOM	COST PER PERSON for 6 nights	COST PER PERSON for 7 nights	
SINGLE ROOM PACKAGE	660 € per person	770 € per person	110 € per person per day
DOUBLE ROOM PACKAGE	420 € per person	490 € per person	70 € per person per day
TRIPLE ROOM PACKAGE	360 € per person	420 € per person	60 € per person per day
TRIPLE ROOM PACKAGE One person 6 - 12 years	310 € per person	360 € per person	50 € per person per day
Kids 0 – 5	Free of charge	Free of charge	Free of charge

Rooms available in Mediterranean Palace: 70
Suites Available on request

All the packages for 6 or 7 nights include:

- Breakfast and Dinner in 5 stars Restaurant
- Free use of Gymnastirium
- Free use of Sauna
- Free use of Internal Heating Swimming Pool
- Free transfers to Thessaloniki center with Hotel Settle buses (scheduled times)

REGISTRATION - BOOKINGS

At the time of registration till **Friday March 5th 2010** the amount of 50 or 40 EUR (open fee) + 50% of the total accommodation cost + 30 EUR transportation cost (if required) must be transferred , free of bank charges, to the following bank account of the Organizing Committee for each participant or accompanying person. The participation is valid with the payment of the participation fee in the bank account:

Bank Account: BANK: EFG EUROBANK ERGASIAS S.A.
 SWIFT/BIC : EFGBGRAA.
 IBAN: **GR3102601380000960200289132**
 BANK CODE: 026
 BRANCH CODE: 0138
 ACCOUNT NUMBER: **0026.0138.96.0200289132**
 BANK ADDRESS: SALAMINOS STREET
 THESSALONIKI GREECE
 ACCOUNT HOLDER: THEODOROS TSORBATZOGLOU

Once the transfer has been confirmed, the Organising Committee will confirm the assigned booking confirmation for all the hotel reservations.

ONLINE BOOKINGS for CHESS: www.eventravel.net

The hotel bookings and transfers can be made and with online credit card payment through the only authorized site: www.eventravel.net . **From the menu choose Games Festival then Chess and the package of your choice.**

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The cost of bus transportation from Thessaloniki airport (25 km) to the Tournament hotels (Grand Hotel Palace and Mediterranean Palace Hotel) with return on the departure day is 30 EUR per person.

Hotel Cancellations are not possible after 1st March 2010

CHESS PROGRAM – GAMES FESTIVAL <http://gamesfestival.chessdom.com>

- **European School Chess Championship – International School Cup – Open to all Fide countries**
9 rounds Swiss system – same schedule day and time with the School Championship
- **European Chess Championship & Rapid**
9 rounds Swiss system – 8 -18 April 2010
- **International Open Blitz Tournament**
7 rounds Swiss system - Sunday 11 April 18:00 – Money Prizes
- **International Arbiter Seminar**
According the FIDE rules – Arbiter norms and titles
7 - 10 April 2010 (exams) min participants: 8
Information: Takis Nikolopoulos IA, Chairman of FIDE Arbiter Council
- **Excursions Program**
The O.C. will propose excursions in ancient and famous Greek places
- **Special offers for Easter in Greece in Thessaloniki or Halkidiki (1 – 4 April 2010)**

CONTACT THE ORGANISING COMMITTEE - <http://gamesfestival.chessdom.com>

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VISA INFORMATION

Teams or players needing visas are requested to contact the Organizing Committee **before March 1st 2010 2009** and apply on time to Greek Authorities. The Organizing Committee will provide invitations for visas only after the necessary payments.