

Vladimir Petrov Memorial
Jurmala, Latvia
March 5-6, 2016

Latvia Chess federation has a pleasure to announce the 5th Vladimir Petrov memorial. The aim of the tournament is to pay the tribute to one of the brightest representatives of Latvian Chess ever who tragically died in Soviet camps during the Second World War. The tournament will be supported by the family of Vladimir Petrov among others. It will be held at the Jurmala City museum located at Tirgoņu iela 29, Majori, Jurmala, Latvia.

The festival will feature leading Latvian grandmasters as well as a few strong grandmasters and chess lovers from all around the world.

The tournament will be held in three groups A, B and C:

Tournament A is 12 round Swiss with the time control 15 minutes for each player plus 5 seconds increment for each move. First round on 5th of March 2016 at 14.30 (end of registration at 14.00), further round schedule as follows: 2nd - 15.20 3rd - 16.10 4th- 17.00 5th - 17.50 , 6th 18.40 7th round on 6th of March at 11.00 , 8th - 11.50 9th - 12.40 10th - 15.00 11th - 15.50 , 12th round at 16.40 . Closing ceremony at 18.30 .

The total prize fund is 15200 EUR.

1. 1420 2. 1200 3. 1000

4. 800 5. 700 6. 600 7. 550 8. 500 9.450 10. 400 11. 350 12. 300 13-14. 250 15-19. 200 20-26. 150 EUR.

Best Latvian players: 1. 350 2. 250 3. 180 4. 150 EUR.

Best ladies 1. 500 2. 400 3. 300 4. 250 5. 200 6. 150 EUR.

Best veterans (+50) 1. 200 2. 150 3.100 EUR

Prizes in different categories: 1 prize of 150 EUR in each category. The categories are: Best veterans (+60 and +70), best junior, best Latvian regional (non-Riga) player, best non-EU player, best in rating categories: <2100 ; 2100-2349; 2350 -2549.

The prizes are not shared, the participant may get only one prize.

The entry fees are according to the participants' international rapid (or classical in case of absence of rapid) ratings (**tournament A**):

< 1700	100 EUR
1700-1799	80 EUR
1800-1899	70 EUR
1900-1999	60 EUR
2000-2099	50 EUR
2100-2199	40 EUR
2200-2299	30 EUR
2300- 2349	25 EUR
2350- 2399	20 EUR
2400- 2449	15 EUR
2450- 2549	10 EUR

Women, players born not before 1996 or not after 1956 pay 80% of those fees.

Players born not before 2002, IM, WGM pay 60% of those fees.

GM, players with rapid rating 2550 and higher (2350 and higher for females) - free.

There will be only a few invitations to strong GMs according to their rating on 01.01. 2016. They will be issued around 10th of January 2016. Some personal invitations might be issued earlier.

The list of players is being updated at <http://chess-results.com/tnr182407.aspx?lan=11>

Tournament B is reserved mainly for players rated 1800-2349. Swiss system, 11 rounds. Games will start at the same time as in tournament A. First round is on 5th of March at 14.30 (registration ends at 14.00), last round is on 6th of March at 15.50. Time control is 15 minutes plus 5 seconds per move. The prize fund will be 80% of all entry fees.

The entry fees are according to the participants' international rapid (or classical in case of absence of rapid) ratings (**tournament B**):

1800-2349 - 20 EUR

1750-1799 - 25 EUR

1700-1749 - 30 EUR

1600-1699 - 40 EUR

<1600 50 EUR

Women, players born not before 1996 or after 1956 pay 80% of those fees.

Players born not before 2002, GM, IM, WGM pay 60% of those fees.

Tournament C is reserved for players rated less than 1800. Games will be played March 5-6th at the same schedule as the tournament B. Time control is 15 minutes plus 5 seconds per move; Swiss system; 9 rounds. The prize fund will be 75% of all entry fees. The entry fee is 20 Euros. Women, players born in 1996 or younger and players born in 1956 or older pay 16 Euros. Children born in 2001 or younger pay 12 Euros.

The Blitz Tournament will be held March 4 at 17:00 in the Amber Beach resort (Jaunkemeri). The time control is 3 minutes plus 3 seconds for each move starting with the first move; 11 rounds.

Prize fund 2150 Euros:

1. 400. 2. 300 3. 250 EUR 4. 200 EUR 5. 150 EUR 6-8. 100 EUR 9-12. 50 EUR

Best Latvians 1. 60 2. 40 EUR

Prize fund in different categories - 250 EUR.

Prizes are not shared, the participant can get only one prize.

Entry fee is 14 Euros. Women and players under age 20 and over age 60 or players with blitz rating above 2400 pay 10 Euros. IMs, WGMs, children born in 2002 or younger pay 7 Euros. GMs, players rated above 2500 (2325 for women) play for free.

The organizers recommend accommodation at the 4* hotel Good Stay Eiropa - <http://www.goodstayhotels.com/hotels/eiropa/en/> Room rates from EUR 45 per night for the single accommodation with breakfast.

Other available hotels: please contact organizers if you want to get better rates than ones available on the internet.

Pegasa Pils Spa hotel, located 30 meters from the famous Dzintari concert hall. Art Nouveau architecture. Room rates from EUR 60 per night for double or twin accommodation with breakfast. More info about the hotel at: www.pegasapils.com

Registration and reservation requests should be directed to the chief arbiter of Vladimir Petrov memorial Alberts Cimins at alberts.cimins@inbox.lv, telephone +37128804664 until 1st of March 2016 the latest. Players registered in any event after 1st of March would pay 50% extra of their entry fees.

Alexei Shirov, the tournament director. Riga,01.08.2015