



International Correspondence Chess Federation

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To all Correspondence Chess Friends,

Every year at the same period it is now an established tradition for the ICCF President to send to all Delegates, ICCF officials, Correspondence Chess friends all over the world and their families, his seasonal greetings, wishing to all of you a Happy New Year 2011.

Some days ago, the final version of the Minutes of the Congress held in Antalya last October has been distributed to all Delegates and they are now available of iccf.com so that you can read what has been decided by the Delegates and what will be implemented by the Executive Board throughout the year.

I am glad to announce to all chess friends that the ICCF Executive Board has awarded to the Finnish Federation the host of the 2011 ICCF Congress. The Congress will be held in Järvenpää from July, 30th till August 5th in the hotel Scandic, the same hotel that hosted the 1991 ICCF Congress. More details will be sent very soon by the General Secretary to all Member Federations Delegates. I would also like to thank the Austrian, Polish and South African Federations for submitting a bid for the 2011 Congress. They were all very good proposals and we hope to have the chance to visit them in the future.

2011 will be the 60th anniversary of ICCF – the diamond year – and many specific open tournaments will be organized for celebrating this anniversary – a webserver world cup organized by the Polish Federation, a postal open, a Chess960 open

Meanwhile the entries for the Direct Entry 5th webserver anniversary have started since December, 15th (<http://www.iccf-webchess.com/Message.aspx?message=324>) and more than 130 players have already registered included more than 25 titled players. It already proves to be a very successful tournament.

Besides, all ICCF traditional tournament (promotional class tournaments, thematic tournament, veterans world cups, world championship cycle – preliminaries, semi final, candidates - , preliminaries of the Olympiads by post,...) will be played next year as well as the final of the 27th Correspondence Chess World Championship.

I wish you a Happy New Year 2011 and many successes in your chess games!

Amici Sumus,

Eric Ruch
ICCF President