

Zurich Chess Club

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Zurich Chess Challenge 2015: Again a Tournament of Superlatives

From 13 to 19 February 2015, the world chess elite will arrive again in Zurich to the fourth edition of the «Zurich Chess Challenge» at the Hotel Savoy Baur en Ville. With **Fabiano Caruana**, the superior winner of the recently concluded Super Tournament in St. Louis, the currently most attractive chess player comes to our city, where he meets the former world champions **Viswanathan Anand** and **Vladimir Kramnik**, and the absolute Top players **Levon Aronian**, **Sergey Karjakin** and **Hikaru Nakamura**. A Blitz Tournament will determine the colors distribution on the first day. Five rounds of classical chess will then be played from Saturday, February 14th to Wednesday, February 18th followed by a rapid tournament with reversed colors on the last day (February 19th). A won game in the classical tournament counts two points, draws one point. Wins in the rapid tournament count one point and draws half a point.

All games will be commented live and broadcast worldwide via the Internet on www.zurich-cc.com. Admission to the classical and rapid games of this formidable event is free and no previous registration of spectators is required.

This tournament is made possible again by the generous support of **Oleg Skvortsov**, owner of the International «Gemological Laboratories» in Moscow and a passionate strong chess player with good personal relationships to the entire world elite of chess.

Participants: Fabiano Caruana (Italy, Elo 2836, No.2), Levon Aronian (Armenia, Elo 2793, No.3), Viswanathan Anand (India, Elo 2785, No.6), Sergey Karjakin (Russia, Elo 2777, No. 7), Hikaru Nakamura (USA, Elo 2764, No. 8), Vladimir Kramnik (Russia, Elo 2760, No.11).

Schedule: Classical tournament from Saturday, February 14, 2015 to Wednesday, February 18, 2015, starting at 3 pm. Spectators welcome, free entry. Rapid tournament on Thursday, February 19, 2015, starting at 11 am followed by the Closing Ceremony, also public.

Main sponsor: «*IGC International Gemological Laboratories*» is a Russian institute providing gemological services, such as diamond grading reports, enhanced diamonds identification as well as certification of diamonds, gemstones and jewelry in the Russian Federation. IGC is the Russian branch of GCI - a group of gemological laboratories worldwide.

Co-Sponsors: Savoy Chess Corner, Zurich Chess Club (founded 1809, the oldest existing chess club in the world).

Organisation: Schachgesellschaft Zürich (Zurich Chess Club)

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