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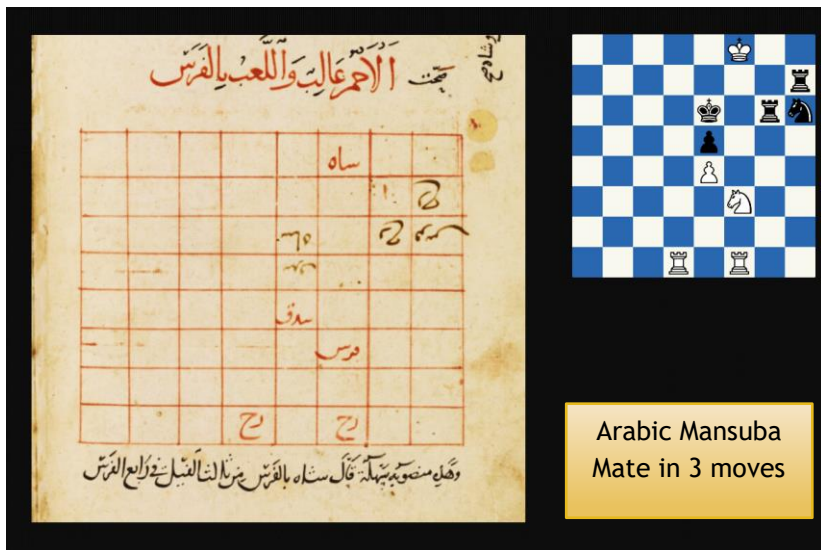


**World Federation for Chess Composition**  
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The great success of the 1<sup>st</sup> Fujairah endurance chess solving competition 2017 inspired organizers from the Fujairah chess & culture club to make some further steps. Firstly, the UAE had joined the World Federation for Chess Composition (WFCC), and allowed participants from UAE to compete for the international solving rating.

Under the patronage of H.H. Sheikh Mohammed bin Hamad Al Sharqi, the Crown Prince of Fujairah, the rated 2<sup>nd</sup> Fujairah endurance chess solving competition was organized on Sunday, 27<sup>th</sup> January 2019, in the frames of the 15<sup>th</sup> International Solving Contest. On the same day, 648 solvers from 49 countries were taking part in the 15<sup>th</sup> ISC, and the tourney in Fujairah proved to be the most successful one.

This was a historical event for Arab countries. More than 1.000 years ago chess



problems were brought to Western Europe thanks to Arab manuscripts, and in 2019 they came back to its origins in the form of the first solving competition under international rules. Arab world may be proud of the word “mansuba” that has been used in the rest of the world, describing the first known chess problems.



### New kinds of chess problems, more difficulty

The week before competition, preparations and lectures started in the form of Emirates Tour, in the chess & culture clubs in Al Ain, Abu Dhabi, Sharjah, Dubai and Fujairah. Under coordination of the International arbiter and International organizer Mahdi Abdulrahim, the lectures were given by the members of the WFCC Youth Committee, GM of solving and composing chess problems Marjan Kovačević, reigning World champion in composing two-move chess problems; and Mrs. Julia Vysotska, the webmaster of the WFCC. The two of them also took duties of the main controllers in the competition.



In order to adjust to the international rules, players and their trainers were acquainted with the kinds of problems they had never solved before: the **helpmates** and the **selfmates**. Also, they got to learn international rules about writing solutions. It all made 2<sup>nd</sup> Fujairah endurance chess solving competition much more difficult than the 1<sup>st</sup> one.



### Perfect conditions

Although the competition was held on working day in UAE, it attracted 113 participants, more than in any other city among 49 locations around the world, where the 15<sup>th</sup> ISC took place. Many of the foreign guests admitted that Fujairah offered the best conditions in the world.

The big and comfortable solving hall in the Novotel hotel was completely prepared one day earlier, under supervision of FIDE Arbiter Mohammad Abdul Ghani Hallak. Participants got all needed equipment, and the time for solving was presented on the big screens.





### World champions in Fujairah



The competition in Fujairah attracted the reigning World champion in solving chess problems, GM Piotr Murdzia from Poland, who won convincingly, with maximum of 60 points. Not only that, the multiple World champion had the best result on the world level, among 261 participants of Category 1.

Among the guests, there was GM Andrey Selivanov from Russia, the reigning World champion in composing selfmates, and GM Oleg Pervakov, the reigning World champion in composing endgame studies.

11 more Grandmasters took part: GM Eltaj Safarli (Azerbaijan), GM Gabriel Sargissian (Armenia), GM Kiril Shevchenko (Ukraine), GM Konstantin Landa (Russia), GM Hicham Hamdouchi (Morocco), GM Elmar Magerramov (Azerbaijan), GM Sergey Kayumov (Uzbekistan), GM Viorel Iordachescu (Moldavia), GM Dimitri Komarov (Ukraine), GM Walter Arencibia (Cuba) and GM Viktor Moskalenko (Spain).



## The Competition

There were 2 rounds lasting 2 hours each, and 3 different categories of participants: 1. with ELO rating above 2.000, 2. with solving rating up to 1.700, or without it, and 3. juniors up to 13 years, born 2006 and younger.



*“The objective behind organizing this event is to help local chess players identify weakness, if any, and correct them. I am very happy that we organized this rated tourney in Fujairah, and very proud that UAE became a part of WFCC. We are thankful to Crown Prince of Fujairah for supporting the tournament.”*

*Dr Abdullah Ali Al Barakat,  
Chairman of the Fujairah Chess and  
Cultural Club Board*







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### Successes of the young participants from UAE



The progress of the young participants from UAE was clearly visible in Categories 2 and 3. In spite of being only 14 years old, and solving helpmates and selfmates for the first time, Ammar Al Sedrani from Fujairah chess & culture club convincingly won competition in Category 2, and was 7<sup>th</sup> in the overall table of 151 solvers in the world. The positive effects of solving were visible right after the competition, in the chess

tournament in Serbia, where the student of GM Igor Miladinović improved his rating 87 points.

In Category 3, Abdularhman Al Taher from the Sharjah chess & culture club was the only one with maximum of 30 points. He was 8<sup>th</sup> among 236 participants around the world, losing better position only because of more time spent on solving.





## Prize winners in Fujairah

### Category 1

1	<b>Murdzia, Piotr</b>	POL
2	<b>Pavlov, Danila</b>	RUS
3	<b>Shevchenko, Kirill</b>	UKR
4	<b>Selivanov, Andrey</b>	RUS
5	<b>Landa, Konstantin</b>	RUS
6	<b>Viktorov, Evgeny</b>	RUS
7	<b>El Taher, Fouad</b>	EGY

### Category 2

1	<b>Al Sedrani, Ammar</b>	UAE
2	<b>Sameir, Ram</b>	EGY
3	<b>Shanya, Mishra</b>	IND
4	<b>Abdulaziz, Ali</b>	UAE
5	<b>Al Zaabi, Talal</b>	UAE

### Category 3

1	<b>Al Taher, Abdulrahman</b>	UAE
2	<b>Saeed, M Nami</b>	UAE
3	<b>Harshavardhimi, M. S.</b>	IND
4	<b>Shah, Tay</b>	IND
5	<b>Altaher, Khaled Tarek</b>	UAE







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## Conclusions and future possibilities

The Fujairah chess & culture club proved to be capable of organizing biggest rated events in solving chess problems, such as the World Solving Cup. In the same time, Fujairah has a chance to become the leader of the youth solving competitions.

The first step in this direction might be organization of the 1st Arab Youth Solving Championship, with a training center in Fujairah chess & culture club. This way, the youngest participants would be gradually educated to enter more serious competitions.



Marjan Kovačević

ISC 2019 Controller in UAE  
GM Solver & GM Composer

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## ISC 2019 RESULTS: Category 1 UNITED ARAB EMIRATES

Solver	From	Title	Rating	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Points	Time	Rank
Murdzia, Piotr		GM	2682.36	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	60.00	215	1
Pavlov, Danila		IM	2515.05	5	4	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	0	54.00	240	4
Shevchenko, Kirill			2432.80	5	4	5	2.50	0	5	5	4	5	3.50	5	0	44.00	240	17-18
Selivanov, Andrey		GM	2311.21	5	4	1	5	5	5	0	4	0	3.50	3.50	5	41.00	240	28-29
Landa, Konstantin				5	0	5	0	5	0	5	3.50	5	2	0	-	30.50	240	69-71
Viktorov, Evgeny		IM	2477.70	5	2	-	2.50	-	0	5	5	1	3.50	5	-	29.00	240	77-78
El Taher, Fouad				5	2	1	0	0	-	5	3.50	5	2	5	-	28.50	228	79
Safari, Eltaj				5	0	3.50	0	0	0	5	4	5	-	5	-	27.50	208	86
Sargissian, Gabriel				5	-	5	-	0	-	0	3.50	5	3.50	5	-	27.00	237	87
Magerramov, Elmar				5	2.50	1	-	-	0	5	4	5	-	3.50	-	26.00	228	93
Pervakov, Oleg		FM	2334.53	5	0	1	-	-	0	5	5	2.50	2	5	-	25.50	240	99-100
Sebbar, Ali				5	2.50	0	0	5	-	5	3.50	0	-	3.50	-	24.50	240	105-107
Garbea, Bogdan				5	0	5	0	0	0	5	3	2.50	0	3.50	0	24.00	232	108
Hamdouchi, Hicham				5	2.50	0	-	0	-	5	4	5	2	0	-	23.50	240	109-112
Kayumov, Sergey				0	4	1	-	0	-	5	3	5	-	5	0	23.00	240	113-115
lordachescu, Viorel				5	0	2.50	0	-	-	5	2	5	-	0	0	19.50	209	134
Komarov, Dimitri				5	2	1	-	0	-	5	3	0	-	3.50	-	19.50	240	135-136
Arencibia, Walter				5	1	2.50	-	0	-	0	4	5	0	-	-	17.50	233	156
Moskalenko, Viktor				5	2	2.50	-	0	0	5	0	1	-	0	-	15.50	240	173-174
Sohib, Okla				5	-	0	-	-	0	5	0	1	2	1.50	0	14.50	236	182
Sultan, Ibrahim				5	0	0	-	0	0	5	3	1	0	0	0	14.00	217	189
Al Hosani, Omran				5	0	1	-	-	-	5	0	1	0	0	-	12.00	204	201
Pabalan, Rocky				5	-	1	-	-	0	5	0	1	0	-	-	12.00	240	204-209
Rayes, Abdul Kader				5	0	0	-	-	0	5	1	1	-	-	-	12.00	240	204-209
Al Qudaimi, Basheer				0	0	0	0	0	0	5	3	1	0	-	-	9.00	240	233

25 solver(s)

## ISC 2019 RESULTS: Category 2 UNITED ARAB EMIRATES

Solver	From	Title	Rating	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Points	Time	Rank
Al Sedrani, Ammar				5.00	5.00	3.50	5.00	5.00	2.00	5.00	5.00	3.00	5.00	1.00	5.00	49.50	186	7
Sameir, Ramez				5	0	-	0	5	5	5	5	5	5	1	5	41.00	235	16
Shanya, Mishra				5	0	0	-	5	5	5	5	5	5	1	4	40.00	228	17
Abdulaziz, Ali				5	0	0	5	3	2	5	5	3	5	1	4	38.00	186	20
Al Zaabi, Talal				5	0	5	0	5	0	5	5	3	5	0	0	33.00	218	28
Essam, Hamad				5	5	0	0	5	5	0	0	0	5	1	5	31.00	231	31
Ali Alamin, Yasmeen				5	0	0	0	4	5	5	0	0	5	1	0	30.00	223	35
Stanley, Samson P.				5	0	0	-	5	5	0	5	0	5	1	4	30.00	240	37-38
Mohd Hayel, Rafee				5	0	0	0	1	0	5	5	0	5	1	2	24.00	240	54
Hareb Nasser, Alshamsi				0	0	0	-	1	3.50	5	5	0	5	1	3	23.50	240	56
Al Maamari, Wafia Darwish		w		0	0	0	0	3	0	5	5	3	5	1	1	23.00	220	57
Al Taher, Omar				5	0	0	0	1	0	5	5	0	5	1	0	22.00	234	60
Saketh, Pedagandham				5	-	0	0	0	-	5	5	-	5	1	-	21.00	240	63
Balaji, Sidharth				0	0	0	0	5	2	5	0	0	5	1	2	20.00	232	67
Ahmed, Rashed				0	0	0	0	0	2	5	5	0	5	1	0	18.00	235	71-72
Haj Bakri, Abd Algouni				5	0	0	0	1	0	0	5	0	5	0	2	18.00	240	73-74
Salvi, Amit				5	0	-	-	1	-	0	5	-	5	1	0	17.00	240	75-79
Nouman, Amna		w		5	0	0	0	3	2	0	0	0	5	1	0	16.00	204	80
Alkhour, Ezzedin				0	0	0	-	-	-	5	5	-	5	1	-	16.00	240	82-88
Pedarse, Marlon				5	-	0	0	-	-	0	5	0	5	1	0	16.00	240	82-88
Al Busaidi, Hamood				0	0	0	0	3	-	5	0	1	5	0	-	14.00	240	89-90
Al Darwashi, Usama				5	0	0	-	1	0	0	0	-	5	0	-	11.00	240	96-99
Abdulrahim, Salem				0	0	0	0	1	3.50	0	0	0	5	1	0	10.50	239	100
Ghaith, Ahmed				0	0	-	-	5	0	0	0	-	5	0	-	10.00	240	101-107
Hudaifa, Farouk				5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	10.00	240	101-107
Hamad, Bader				0	0	-	0	-	2	0	5	0	0	1	1	9.00	240	108-109
Al Hammadi, Abdulla				0	-	-	0	3	-	0	0	-	5	0	0	8.00	240	111-112
Al-Mansoori, Nawaf Ali				5	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	-	1	0	7.00	140	113
Al Darwashi, Anas				0	0	0	-	0	2	0	0	0	5	0	0	7.00	190	114
Al Jamri, Maleeha		w		0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	5	1	0	7.00	230	116
Alkhour, Seifedin				0	0	0	-	1	0	-	0	-	5	1	0	7.00	240	118
Huda, Najamul				0	0	0	0	1	-	0	5	0	0	0	0	6.00	210	120
Khezrian, Nooralzahra		w		0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	6.00	239	121
Alsalti, Rania		w		0	0	0	-	-	-	0	0	0	5	-	-	5.00	240	125-131
Yunus, Mohammad Yunus Ansari				0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	-	0	1.00	210	135
Al Mamari, Bader				0	0	-	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1.00	240	137-143

36 solver(s)





## ISC 2019 RESULTS: Category 3 UNITED ARAB EMIRATES

Solver	From	Year	Title	Rating	1	2	3	4	5	6	Points	Time	Rank
Al Taher, Abdulrahman	UAE	2006			5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	30.00	67	8
Saeed, M Nami	UAE	2006			5	5	0	5	5	5	25.00	98	28
Harshavardhini, M. S.	IND	2007	w		5	0	0	5	5	5	20.00	63	46
Shah, Tay	IND	2008			5	5	0	0	5	5	20.00	75	47
Altaher, Khaled Tarek	UAE	2006			5	0	0	5	5	5	20.00	81	48-49
Almaamari, Zainab Darwish	UAE	2006	w		5	5	0	0	5	5	20.00	94	51
Aaditya, Hari Krishnan	IND	2007			5	5	0	0	5	5	20.00	120	53-55
Khalifah, Khaled	UAE	2006			5	5	0	5	0	5	20.00	120	53-55
Mithran, Pradeepkumar	IND	2010			5	0	0	5	5	4	19.00	107	59
Al Shamsi, Hamad Naseer	UAE	2007			5	5	0	0	2.50	5	17.50	58	64
Abdulla, Mahmood Abdulla Mohammad	UAE	2007			5	0	0	5	2.50	5	17.50	79	66
Kaushika, Sridharan	IND	2010			0	5	0	0	5	5	15.00	86	81
Saleh, Salem Jasim	UAE	2010			5	5	0	0	0	5	15.00	107	82
Salem, Abdullah Jassim Mohammed	UAE	2009			0	5	5	5	0	-	15.00	120	85-86
Shah, Tvisha Mangesh	IND	2009	w		5	0	5	0	0	4	14.00	76	89
Al Hamadi, Rashed Rashid	UAE	2009			5	0	0	0	2.50	5	12.50	31	95
Al Daher, Amouda	UAE	2008			5	0	0	0	2.50	5	12.50	85	98-99
Al Taher, Zayed Sultan	UAE	2006			5	0	0	0	2.50	5	12.50	85	98-99
Alawadhi, Mohammad Abdulrahman	UAE	2006			0	0	0	5	2.50	5	12.50	120	103-104
Alhejab, Meshal	KUW	2007			0	5	0	0	2.50	3	10.50	83	109
Archit, Vimal	IND	2008			5	0	0	0	5	0	10.00	112	119
Sondos, Ali	EGY	2008			5	0	0	0	0	3	8.00	53	128
Al Blooshi, Talal Mohammed	UAE	2008			5	0	0	0	0	3	8.00	74	129
George, Alex	TKM	2009			0	0	5	0	0	3	8.00	86	131
Ali Abdulaziz, Al Abdouli	UAE	2006			0	0	0	0	2.50	5	7.50	107	134-135
Soud, Jaber	UAE	2008			0	0	0	0	2.50	3	5.50	108	141
Alzarooni, Sultan Jabir	UAE	2011			5	0	0	0	0	0	5.00	57	145-146
Al-Blooshi, Saleh Jasim	UAE	2006			0	0	5	0	0	0	5.00	90	154-156
Bendjebbour, Faycal Ahmed	ALG	2009			5	0	0	0	0	0	5.00	100	157
Mansoor, Khaled	UAE	2006			5	0	0	0	0	0	5.00	104	158
Kaushal, Khushi	IND	2010	w		-	5	0	0	0	-	5.00	113	160
Al Yahmedi, Abdul Rahman	OMA	2008			5	0	0	0	0	0	5.00	116	162
Krishna, Sayanth	IND	2010			0	0	0	0	0	5	5.00	119	163
Al Kindi, Saeed	UAE	2011			5	0	0	0	0	-	5.00	120	164-176
Khezrian, Neda	IRI	2007	w		0	0	5	0	0	0	5.00	120	164-176
Raghavendra, Rakshit	IND	2006			5	0	0	0	0	0	5.00	120	164-176
Gupta, Riaan	IND	2010			0	0	0	0	0	3	3.00	25	179-180
Al Kaff, Hamad Shuaib	UAE	2009			0	0	0	0	2.50	-	2.50	120	192-194
Alhefeiti, Ahmed Khalfan	UAE	2009			-	0	0	-	2.50	-	2.50	120	192-194
Ahmed, Mohamed	UAE	2011			-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00	120	205-236
Al Kaff, Yahya Shuaib	UAE	2007			0	0	0	0	-	0	0.00	120	205-236
Alhammadi, Abdelrahman	UAE	2010			0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00	120	205-236
Aly Mohamed, Nour	EGY	2009	w		0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00	120	205-236
Atharva, Nitin Tarale	IND	2011			0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00	120	205-236
Hamed, Abdulla	UAE	2010			0	-	-	-	-	-	0.00	120	205-236
Iaskevich, Maria	RUS	2010	w		0	0	0	0	-	-	0.00	120	205-236
Khalfan, Anas Ali	UAE	2008			0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00	120	205-236
Khalfan, Ali	UAE	2009			0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00	120	205-236
Khezrian, Ali	USA	2011			0	-	-	-	-	-	0.00	120	205-236
Saeed, Aamer	UAE	2011			0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00	120	205-236
Saeed, Mohammed Abdalfu	UAE	2007			0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00	120	205-236
Sharafat, Rashid Masoud	UAE	2010			0	-	0	-	-	-	0.00	120	205-236

52 solver(s)



## ISC 2019 RESULTS: Overall TOP 10

This year 648 solvers from 49 countries took part in 3 Categories of ISC. Apart from the overall winner Piotr Murdzia, participants from Fujairah were placed among top 10 in each of three groups.

ISC 2019 TOP 10: **Category 1** (261 solvers)

Solver	From	Title	Rating	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Points	Time	Rank
Murdzia, Piotr	POL	GM	2682.36	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	60.00	215	1
Nunn, John	GBR	GM	2632.95	5	4	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	59.00	217	2
Caillaud, Michel	FRA	GM	2484.70	5	5	0	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	55.00	240	3
Pavlov, Danila	RUS	IM	2515.05	5	4	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	0	54.00	240	4	
Piorun, Kacper	POL	GM	2638.45	5	4	1	5	5	5	5	5	5	3.50	5	5	53.50	235	5
Voigt, Ulrich	GER		2430.78	5	4	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	3.50	5	–	52.50	226	6
Zude, Arno	GER	GM	2512.33	5	5	5	5	0	5	5	4	5	3.50	5	5	52.50	235	7
Borodavkin, Sergey	UKR		2256.75	5	4	5	5	–	5	5	5	5	5	3.50	52.50	240	8	
Sidiropoulos, Nikos	GRE	FM	2365.74	5	5	5	5	0	5	5	5	5	5	–	50.00	236	9	
Pfannkuche, Michael	GER	GM	2421.81	5	3	3.50	5	5	5	5	5	1	2	5	5	49.50	240	10

ISC 2019 TOP 10: **Category 2** (151 solvers)

Solver	From	Title	Rating	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Points	Time	Rank
Baum, Jonasz	POL			5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	3.50	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	58.50	150	1
Jankowiak, Tomasz	POL			5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	1	5	56.00	177	2
Świątek, Bartosz	POL			5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	1	5	56.00	202	3
Czäczine, Anne	GER	w		5	5	0	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	55.00	226	4
Harikrishnan, A.Ra.	IND			5	5	5	–	5	5	5	5	4	5	5	4	53.00	240	5
Hoffmann, Hendrik	GER			0	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	1	5	5	51.00	182	6
Al Sedrani, Ammar	UAE			5	5	3.50	5	5	2	5	5	3	5	1	5	49.50	186	7
Pintér, Jozef	SVK			5	5	5	0	3	5	5	5	4	5	1	5	48.00	223	8
Mihalcescu, Alexandru	ROU		1600.00	5	5	5	0	5	2	5	5	4	5	1	4	46.00	208	9
Hiren, K.G.	IND		1576.60 h	5	5	5	0	5	3.50	5	5	2	5	1	3	44.50	240	10

ISC 2019 TOP 10: **Category 3** (236 solvers)

Solver	From	Year	Title	Rating	1	2	3	4	5	6	Points	Time	Rank
Pashayev, Elgun	AZE	2006			5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	30.00	18	1
Fedotov, Daniil	RUS	2007			5	5	5	5	5	5	30.00	19	2
Ismayilov, Murad	AZE	2007			5	5	5	5	5	5	30.00	20	3
Kejna, Piotr	POL	2007		1714.05 h	5	5	5	5	5	5	30.00	38	4
Butai, Bilguun	MGL	2009			5	5	5	5	5	5	30.00	43	5
Christodoulou, Panormitis	GRE	2006		1650.22	5	5	5	5	5	5	30.00	50	6
Vorontsov, Nikita	RUS	2008			5	5	5	5	5	5	30.00	58	7
Al Taher, Abdulrahman	UAE	2006			5	5	5	5	5	5	30.00	67	8
Terler, Bohdan	UKR	2008			5	5	5	5	5	5	30.00	91	9
Koutras, Konstantinos	GRE	2007			5	5	5	5	5	5	30.00	99	10

Detailed official results with complete statistics are on official website of the World Federation for Chess Composition ([www.wfcc.ch](http://www.wfcc.ch))

15<sup>th</sup> International Solving Contest: Final Results

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Final results for the **15<sup>th</sup> International Solving Contest** are published! 49 tournaments in 33 countries, 648 solvers from 49 countries.

Results and the winners:

- **Category 1** (261 solvers): Piotr Murdzia (POL) – his 6<sup>th</sup> win of the ISC !
- **Category 2** (151 solvers): Jonasz Baum (POL)
- **Category 3** (236 solvers): Elgun Pashayev (AZE)

See the Overview, Winners of all categories, Statistics in the section Competitions→Solving→15<sup>th</sup> ISC: Results.

Solvers have the possibility of appeals to the central controllers until 25<sup>th</sup> of February according to the rules.

Axel Steinbrink, Luc Palmans - Central controllers ISC 2019

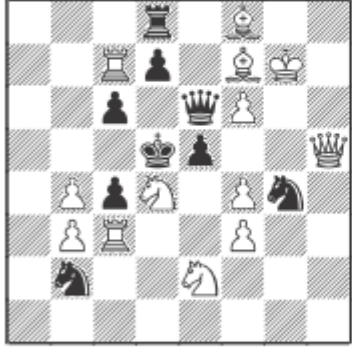
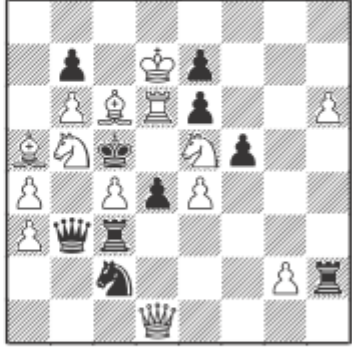
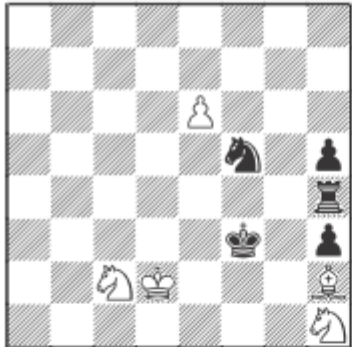
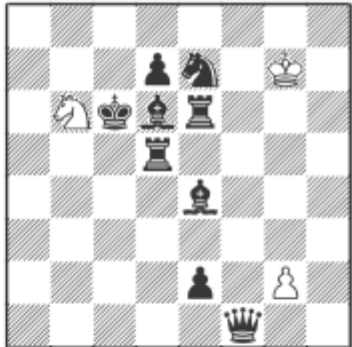
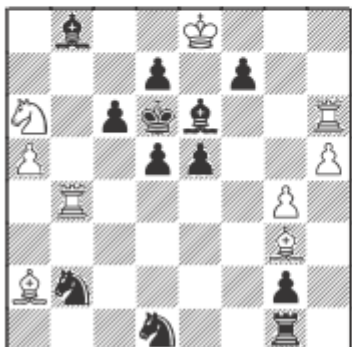
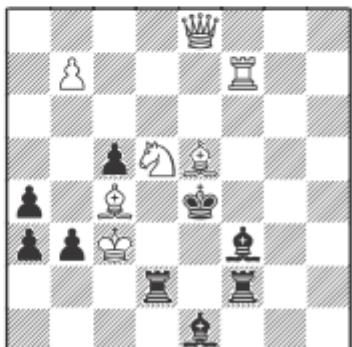




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<p align="center">— N° 1 —</p>  <p>#2 <span style="float: right;">13+9</span></p>	<p align="center">— N° 2 —</p>  <p>#3 <span style="float: right;">14+10</span></p>
<p align="center">— N° 3 —</p>  <p>+ <span style="float: right;">5+5</span></p>	<p align="center">— N° 4 —</p>  <p>H#4 <span style="float: right;">2 sol.</span> <span style="float: right;">3+9</span></p>
<p align="center">— N° 5 —</p>  <p>#8 <span style="float: right;">9+12</span></p>	<p align="center">— N° 6 —</p>  <p>S#3 <span style="float: right;">7+9</span></p>



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### Category 1 — Round 1 — Solutions

#### 1) Raymond Gevers, 1st honourable mention *Good Companion Folder*, 1918 (#2)

1. ♖f5! ..... 5,0

#### 2) Joe Bunting, *To Alain White*, 1945

1. ♗c7!

> 2. ♖xd4 ..... @  
 1... ♖xb5 2. ♗xb5 ..... @  
 1... ♗d3 2. ♗d5 ..... @  
 1... ♗ch3 2. ♖xd4 ..... @  
 1... d3 2. ♖g1+ ..... @  
 1... exd6 2. ♖d7+ ..... @

@ = 1,0 / 2,0 / 2,5 / 3,0 / 4,0 / 5,0

#### 3) Jindrich Fritz, *Shakhmaty v SSSR*, 1963 (+)

1. ♖e1+ ♗e4 2. ♖g3+ ..... 1,0  
 2... ♗e5 3. e7 ..... 1,5  
 3... ♖xe7 4. ♖f3+ ♗f4 5. ♖xh4 ♗g4 6. ♗e3 ..... 1,0  
 6... ♗xh4 7. ♖f5+ ..... 1,5  
 7... ♖xf5+ 8. ♗f4 ♖d4 9. ♗g3#

\* 1... ♗g4 2. ♖f2+ ♗g5 3. e7 ♖xe7 4. ♖f3+  
 \* 2... ♗f4 3. ♖d3+ ♗g5 4. ♖xf5 ♗xf5 5. e7 ♗e4 6. ♖e5  
 \* 3. ♖f3+? ♗xe6! 4. ♖xf5 ♗a4!

#### 4) Dieter Müller & Rolf Wiehagen, 1st prize *Problem-Echo (12th TT)*, 1995 (H#4)

I) 1. ♗f4 g4 2. ♗d6 ♖c8+ 3. ♗e5 ♖xe7 4. d6 ♖c6# ..... 2,5  
 II) 1. ♖f5 ♖xd7 2. ♗d5 ♖b8 3. ♗e5 g3 4. ♖d5 ♖c6# ..... 2,5

#### 5) Dieter Werner, 2nd prize *Schach-Aktiv*, 1994 (#8)

1. ♗h4 f6 2. ♗xf6 e4 3. ♗h4 ♖d3/♖c4 4. ♗g3+ ♖e5 5. ♖b7 ♗c7 6. ♖xc7 c5 7. ♖b7 ..... 5,0  
 \* 2... ♗f7(?) 3. ♗xf7 ♖f1 4. ♗e8 (#6)

#### 6) Volker Gülke, 3rd prize *Die Schwalbe*, 2007 (S#3)

1. ♖e3!

> 2. ♗f6+ ♗f4 3. b8 ♖+/b8 ♗+ (♖d6#) ..... @  
 1... ♗xe3 2. ♗d6+ ♗e4 3. ♗xc5+ (♖d4#) ..... @  
 1... ♗~ 2. ♗f4+ ♗f3 3. ♖c6+ ♖d5# (♖xd5#) ..... @  
 1... ♗g4 2. ♗d4+ ♗e6 3. ♗d3+ (♖xd3#) ..... @

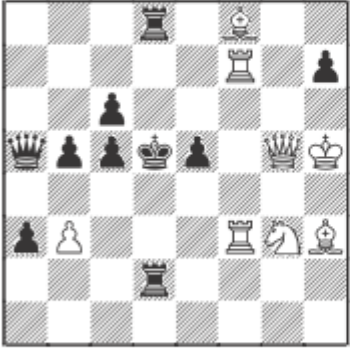
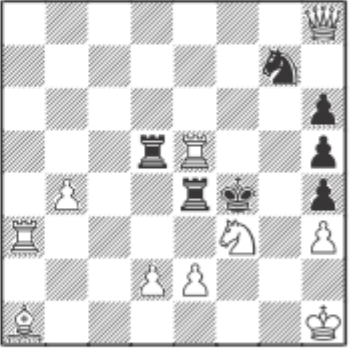
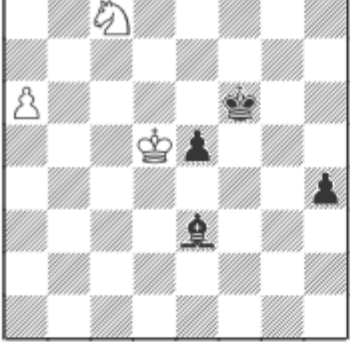
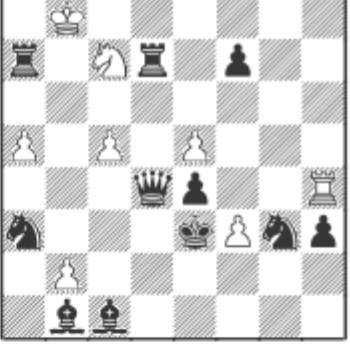
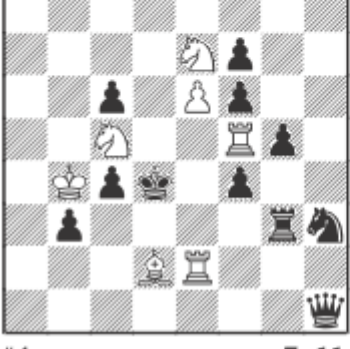
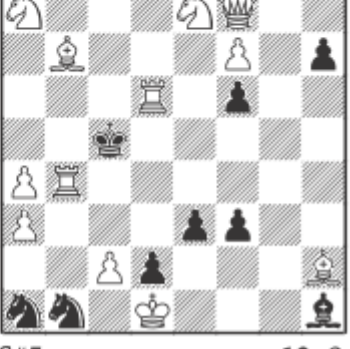
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<p style="text-align: center;">— N° 7 —</p>  <p>#2 <span style="float: right;">8+10</span></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">— N° 8 —</p>  <p>#3 <span style="float: right;">10+7</span></p>
<p style="text-align: center;">— N° 9 —</p>  <p>= <span style="float: right;">3+4</span></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">— N° 10 —</p>  <p>H#3 <span style="float: right;">3 sol. 8+11</span></p>
<p style="text-align: center;">— N° 11 —</p>  <p>#4 <span style="float: right;">7+11</span></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">— N° 12 —</p>  <p>S#5 <span style="float: right;">12+9</span></p>



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### Category 1 — Round 2 — Solutions

#### 7) Efim Rukhlis, *Československý šach, 1976 (#2)*

1. ♕g7! ..... 5,0

\* 1. ♖c3? ♖d1!; 1. ♖c7? ♖d6!; 1. ♖e3? ♖c7!; 1. ♖e7? ♖c3!;

#### 8) Otokar Votruba, 4th honourable mention *British Chess Federation, 1936 (#3)*

1. ♖d4!

> 2. ♖e6+ ..... @

1... ♖dx4 2. ♖xh6+ ..... @

1... ♖dx5 2. ♖f3+ ..... @

1... ♖ex5 2. ♖f3+ ..... @

1... ♖ex4 2. ♖f8+ ..... @

1... ♖e3 2. ♖h6+ ..... @

1... ♗xe5 2. ♖xg7+ ..... @

@ = 1,0 / 1,5 / 2,0 / 3,0 / 3,5 / 4,0 / 5,0

\* For the controllers: "1... ♖~xe5 2. ♖f3+" = 2@; "1... ♖xe5 2. ♖f3+" = 1@

#### 9) Martin Minski & Helmut Waelzel, Original for *Schach, 2019 (=)*

1. ♗e4 h3 2. ♗f3 ..... 1,0

2... ♕c5 3. ♖d6 ..... 1,5

3... ♕xd6 4. a7 e4+ 5. ♗g4 ..... 1,0

5... h2 6. a8 ♖ h1 ♖ 7. ♖h8+ ..... 1,5

7... ♖xh8 stalemate

\* 1. ♖d6? h3! 2. ♖e4+ ♗f5!-+

\* 2. ♗xe3? h2 3. a7 h1 ♖+

\* 2... e4+ 3. ♗xe3! (3. ♗g3? ♕c5!-+) 3... h2 4. a7 h1 ♖ 5. a8 ♖=

\* 3. ♗g3? e4! 4. ♗xh3 e3 5. ♖d6 (5. ♗g3 e2-+) 5... e2!-+

\* 5. ♗xe4? h2 6. a8 ♖ h1 ♖++ skewer; 5. ♗f2? ♕c5+ 6. ♗g3 ♕xa7-+; 5. ♗e2? h2 6. a8 ♖ h1 ♖ 7. ♖d8+ ♕e7-+

\* 7. ♖d8+? ♕e7+

\* Ideal stalemate, after a game A. Alavkin – E. Sapunov, 53rd RUS-ch Samara 2000.

#### 10) Christopher Jones, Original for ISC, 2019 (H#3)

I) 1. ♕xb2 ♖h7 2. ♗f4 ♖xf7+ 3. ♗xe5 f4# ..... @

II) 1. ♖d1 ♖a6 2. ♖d2 ♖xe4+ 3. ♗d3 ♖b4# ..... @

III) 1. ♖d5 fxe4 2. ♗d4 exd5+ 3. ♗xc5 b4# ..... @

@ = 2,0 / 3,5 / 5,0

#### 11) Herbert Kromath, *Die Schwalbe, 2013 (#4)*

1. ♖ee5!

> 2. ♖d5+ ♖xd5 3. ♖xd5+ ..... 2,0

1... fxe5 2. ♖xf7 (> 3. ♖f5+) ..... 1,5

2... e4 3. ♖f5 ..... 1,5

#### 12) Venelin Alaikov, 2nd prize *Thema Danicum, 1998 (S#5)*

1. ♕c8!

> 2. ♖d8+ ♗c6 3. ♕d7+ ♗d5 4. ♕g4+ ♗c6 5. ♕xf3+ (♕xf3#) ..... @

1... ♖xc2 2. ♖a6+ ♗d5 3. ♖b6+ ♗c6 4. ♖c4+ ♗d5 5. ♖xe3+ (♖xe3#) ..... @

1... f5 2. ♖h6+ ♗d5 3. ♖f6+ ♗c6 4. ♖e4+ ♗d5 5. ♖c3+ (♖xc3#) ..... @

@ = 2,0 / 3,5 / 5,0



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Category 2 — Round 1 — Problems — Time 2 hours

<p align="center">— N° 1 —</p> <p>#2 <span style="float: right;">7+12</span></p>	<p align="center">— N° 2 —</p> <p>#2 <span style="float: right;">12+9</span></p>
<p align="center">— N° 3 —</p> <p>#3 <span style="float: right;">5+2</span></p>	<p align="center">— N° 4 —</p> <p>#4 <span style="float: right;">5+2</span></p>
<p align="center">— N° 5 —</p> <p>+ <span style="float: right;">3+4</span></p>	<p align="center">— N° 6 —</p> <p>H#2 <span style="float: right;">3 sol. 5+9</span></p>



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### Category 2 — Round 1 — Solutions

- 1) David Shire, 2nd prize *Probleemblad*, 1997 (#2, version)**  
 1. ♖c7! ..... 5,0  
 \* 1. ♗c7? Sg6! 1. ♗c7? g3!
- 2) Ludovít Lačný, 1st prize *Československý šach*, 1958 (#2)**  
 1. ♖xf5! ..... 5,0  
 \* 1. ♖dc6? ♗c1!; 1. ♖f3? ♗d2!; 1. ♖c2? f4!; 1. ♖c6? ♗c3!
- 3) Raymond Gevers, *La Stratégie*, 1916 (#3)**  
 1. ♖e6!  
 1... ♗d6 2. ♗e3 ..... @  
 1... ♗xe6 2. ♗d8 ..... @  
 1... fxe6 2. ♗c8 ..... @  
 @ = 2,0 / 3,5 / 5,0
- 4) Aleksandr Kalinin, 64, 1988 (#4)**  
 1. ♗b8! (> 2. ♗c7) 1... ♗xb8 2. ♗b3 ~ 3. ♗d5 ..... 5,0  
 \* 1. ♗b3? d2 2. ♗d5 d1 ♗ 3. c7+ ♗xd5!
- 5) Martin Minski (after Pogosyants), original for ISC, 2019 (+)**  
 1. ♖e3+ ..... 1,0  
 1... ♗h1 2. ♗f1+ ♖g1 3. ♗e1 ..... 2,0  
 3... g2 4. ♖f5 ..... 1,0  
 4... gxf1 ♗+ 5. ♗xf1 ♖e2/~ 6. ♗f2 ..... 1,0  
 6... ♖g3 7. ♖xg3# ideal mate  
 \* 1... ♗g1 2. ♗f1#  
 \* No Indian! 3. ♗c1? g2 4. ♖d1? ♖f3+!+ (4... ♖h3? / ♖e2? 5. ♖f2#)  
 \* 4. ♗f2? ♖f3+!+; 4. ♖g4?/♖d1? 4... gxf1 ♗+ 5. ♗xf1 ♖h3! = zugzwang; 4. ♗f2? gxf1 ♗+ 5. ♗xf1 ♖f3! 6. ♖f5 ♖d2+ =
- 6) Silvio Baier, *Die Schwalbe*, 2008 (H#2)**  
 I) 1. ♗d8+ exd8 ♗ 2. ♗d6 ♗xd6# ..... @  
 II) 1. ♗f8 exf8 ♗ 2. ♗g7 ♗fxg7# ..... @  
 III) 1. ♖f8 exf8 ♖ 2. ♗h7 ♖xh7# ..... @  
 @ = 2,0 / 3,5 / 5,0



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<p style="text-align: center;">— N° 7 —</p> <p>#2 <span style="float: right;">8+5</span></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">— N° 8 —</p> <p>#2 <span style="float: right;">15+16</span></p>
<p style="text-align: center;">— N° 9 —</p> <p>#3 <span style="float: right;">5+2</span></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">— N° 10 —</p> <p>#5 <span style="float: right;">5+5</span></p>
<p style="text-align: center;">— N° 11 —</p> <p>+ <span style="float: right;">5+5</span></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">— N° 12 —</p> <p>S#2 <span style="float: right;">10+11</span></p>



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- 7) Raymond Gevers & Emile Van Damme, 1st prize *Echec et Mat*, 1948 (#2)  
1. ♖c4! ..... 5,0
- 8) Arsen Dobrila, *The Problemist*, 1992 (#2)  
1. ♕e8! ..... 5,0
- 9) Arthur William Daniel, *777 Chess Miniatures*, 1908 (#3)  
1. ♖d1!  
> 2. ♖f3+ ..... 1,0  
1... ♕e3/♕f4 2. ♖c2+ ..... 1,0  
1... ♖d3 2. ♖d5 ..... 1,0  
1... ♖f4 2. ♖d5 ..... 1,0  
1... ♖e5 2. ♖g4 ..... 1,0
- 10) George Nelson Cheney, *Source?*, 1860 (#5)  
1. ♖h4 ♖xh4 2. ♖f4 g5+ 3. ♖f3 g4+ 4. ♖f4 ..... 5,0
- 11) L. Van der Marel, *EBUR*, 2000 (+)  
1. ♖b4 ..... 1,0  
2... ♖xa7+ 2. bxa7+ ♖a8 3. ♖h6 ..... 3,0  
3... ♖xh6 4. ♖d5 +- ..... 1,0
- 12) Leonid Makaronez, *Boletim da UBP*, 1994 (S#2)  
1. ♖g6!  
> 2. ♖xg5+ (♖xg5#) ..... 1,0  
1... ♖xd5 2. ♖g7+ (♖f6#) ..... 1,0  
1... ♖4xd5 2. ♖xa1+ (♖d4#) ..... 1,0  
1... ♖6xd5 2. ♖b8+ (♖d6#) ..... 1,0  
1... ♖xd5 2. ♖c5+ (♖xc5#) ..... 1,0



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<p>— N° 1 —</p> <p>#2 <span style="float: right;">4+3</span></p>	<p>— N° 2 —</p> <p>#2 <span style="float: right;">8+4</span></p>
<p>— N° 3 —</p> <p>#2 <span style="float: right;">7+8</span></p>	<p>— N° 4 —</p> <p>#2 <span style="float: right;">7+4</span></p>
<p>— N° 5 —</p> <p>#3 <span style="float: right;">3+4</span></p>	<p>— N° 6 —</p> <p>= <span style="float: right;">3+4</span></p>



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### Category 3 — Solutions

<b>1) Georgi Kakabadze, <i>Die Schwalbe</i>, 2000 (#2)</b>	
1. ♖c5! .....	5,0
* 1. ♖g3? ♗g4!; 1. ♖d2? ♗d5!	
<b>2) Herman Leonard Jonsson, 1st prize <i>Sporten</i>, 1893 (#2)</b>	
1. ♖h6! .....	5,0
<b>3) Gerhard Latzel, 1st prize <i>Springaren</i>, 1950 (#2)</b>	
1. ♖b2! .....	5,0
* 1. ♖d2? ♗g7!; 1. ♖e3? c6!; 1. ♖e5? ♖c1!; 1. ♗xa1? ♖c3!; 1. ♗xa1? b2!	
<b>4) L. Mortimer, <i>American Chess Problemist</i>, 1950 (#2)</b>	
1. ♗c4! .....	5,0
* 1. ♗b2, ♗c3? ♖d6!	
<b>5) Jørgen Moller, <i>Nationaltidende</i>, 1918 (#3)</b>	
1. ♗g8!	
1... ♗xg8 2. a8♖+ .....	2,5
1... ♗a2 2. ♗b8 .....	2,5
<b>6) Alex Markevitch, <i>StrateGems</i>, 2002 (=)</b>	
1. ♗xa2 .....	2,0
1... ♗xa2 2. ♖c2 .....	1,0
2... ♗b5 3. ♗b3 .....	1,0
3... ♗a4 4. ♖a3+ = .....	1,0
* 1. ♖xg2? a1♖+ 2. ♗c4 ♖f1+!	
* 1... ♗g3 2. ♗d4	