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Presentation of the event in Terrasini in the “Morgante” Room of the CDSHotels - Città del Mare
“Senior World Chess Championship”.

We start today at 3pm with the 1st round of games

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PALERMO (25 October 2023) – Everything is ready at the CDSHotels - Città del Mare in Terrasini for the start of the "Senior World Chess Championship" whose presentation is scheduled today in the "Sala Morgante" of the hotel facility not far from Palermo and where the entire event will take place, the organization of which has been entrusted to the Monrealese Chess Academy and Unichess, under the aegis of FIDE (International Chess Federation) and FSI (Italian Chess Federation).

The organizers of the event, which is being held in Sicily for the first time, have meanwhile announced the program of the competitions which until November 5th will keep the elite of Over 50 and Over 65 chess players busy, both men and women, coming from every corner of the world. This is the current ranking of the Grand Masters of the Over 50 category (which includes 93 players of which 14 are Italian): 1st) Michael Adams (England), 2nd) Hannes Stefansson (Iceland), 3rd) Maxim Dlugy (United States) , 4th) Zurab Sturua (Georgia), 5th) Fernandez Morovic (Chile), 6th) Jean-Marc Degraeve (France), 7th) Klaus Bischoff (Germany), 8th) Frank Holzke (Germany), 9th) Artashes Minasian (Armenia), 10th) Franco Carlos Matamoros (Ecuador) and 11th) Michele Godena (Italy). There are 161, of which 16 Italian, registered in the Over 65 category. Here is the Over 65 category: 1st) John Nunn (England), 2nd) Rafael Vaganian (Armenia), 3rd) Lubomir Ftacnik (Sweden), 4 °) Rainer Knaak (Germany), 5th) Yuriy Sergeevic Balasov (Russia), 6th) Garcia Fernandez (Spain), 7th) Vlastimil Jansa (Czech Republic), 8th) Evgueni Chevelevitch (Germany), 9th) Nikolay Legky (France) and 10th) Daniel Campora (Argentina).

Finally, a single list for women with 18 chess players over 50 and 16 over 65. These are the top 9 positions in the current ranking: 1st) Nona Gaprindashvili (Georgia), 2nd) Monica Ruiz Calzetta (Spain), 3rd) Irina Mikhaylova (Russia) , 4th) Sopio Tereladze (Georgia), 5th) Brigitte Burchardt (Germany), 6th) Galina Strutinskaia (Russia), 7th) Elena Krasenkowa (Poland), 8th) Marina Makropoulou (Greece) and 9th) Tatiana Bogumil (Russia).

The calendar of games, the start of each round of which is scheduled for 3pm, is as follows: 25 October 10am technical meeting, 2.30pm opening ceremony followed by 1st round of play; 26 October 2nd round; 27 October 3rd round; 28 October 10am conference “Queen Gamble the game of chess as a preventative tool for gambling addiction” at Palazzo d'Aumale in Terrasini; 3pm 4th shift; 29 October 5th round; 30 October 6th round; October 31st Rest; November 1, 7th round; November 2, 8th round; November 3, 9th round; November 4, 10th round; 5 November 11th and final round.

Two “FIDE rated” blitz tournaments are scheduled for 27 and 30 October, while for 31 October, the rest day, the organizers have scheduled a visit, reserved for players, to the city of Monreale and the historic center of Palermo. On Friday 3 November, in Città del Mare, the president of the World Chess Federation, Arkadij Vladimirovic Dvorkovic, will be a guest of the event. For the occasion, the Palermo Calcio managers will give Dvorkovic a pink and black shirt with his name and number 64 imprinted, to recall the total number of squares (squares) that make up a chessboard.

The awards ceremony will be held on Sunday 5 November.

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