

**Vladimir Petrov Memorial**  
**Jurmala, Latvia**  
**February 15-20, 2012**

Latvian Chess federation and Grandmaster Alexei Shirov have a pleasure to announce the 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 (the qualifier and the tournament B on 16<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> of February 2012) and in Amber Beach Resort in Jaunkemeri (the final on 18-19<sup>th</sup> of February 2012) in Jurmala, Latvia.

The event will include the following tournaments:

**Tournament A:** Feb. 16-17 (qualifier) and Feb. 18-19 (final). The final will feature 8 players: four Super GMs by invitation and the top four from the qualifier. As of now the super GMs Vassily Ivanchuk (Ukraine), Alexander Morozevich (Russia), Shakhriyar Mamedyarov (Azerbaijan) and Alexei Shirov (Latvia) have confirmed their participation. The time control is 15 minutes plus 6 seconds per move.

Prizes in the final are: 1st: €1250, 2nd: €825, 3rd: €600, 4th: €400, 5th: €300, 6th: €250 7th €225, 8th €200, for the total of €4050.

The preliminary tournament (9 rounds; Swiss system; time control 15 minutes plus 6 seconds per move) is open. Entry fees are also payable in Euros.

With a rating      below 1951: 30 Lats (€43)  
                          1951-2100: 25 Lats (€36)  
                          2101-2200: 20 Lats (€29)  
                          2201-2250: 15 Lats (€21)  
                          2251 and up: 10 Lats (€14)

Women and players under age 18 or over age 55 pay 70% of the regular entry fee. Players rated 2500 and up (2300 and up for women), GMs, and IMs over age 55 play for free.

The preliminary tournament is expected to feature 20 high level Grandmasters including 12 players with the rating 2600+ and also chess legends such as Ulf Andersson, Evgeny Sveshnikov and Andrei Sokolov (the latter achieving his peak in Latvia in 1986 by winning the final of the Fide Candidates). The full list of participants can be found on the page [www.chess-results.com](http://www.chess-results.com) and it will be regularly updated.

The prizes for the preliminary tournament are: 1th: €750, 2nd: €500, 3rd: €400, 4th: €350 5th: €300, 6th: €250, 7th: €200, 8th: €150, 9th: €120rd, 10th: €100, 11th: €80, 12-16<sup>th</sup>: €70.

Special prizes by nomination include: best result for juniors born no later than 1992, veterans over age 55 and players rated below 2250: €50 for each category. There are also two prizes for women and players rated 2251-2500: 1st: €60, 2nd: €40 in each category. Prizes are not shared, each player can only receive one prize. The total prize fund for the preliminary tournament is €3850.

**Tournament B** is reserved for players rated below 2251. Games will be played Feb. 16-17. Time control is 14 minutes plus 5 seconds per move; Swiss system; 9 rounds. The prize fund will be 80% of all entry fees. The entry fee is 10 Lats. Women and players under age 18 or over age 55 pay 7 Lats.

All players registering after February 12 pay an additional late registration fee of 5 Lats.

Schedule of A (qualifier) and B tournament:

On 16<sup>th</sup> of February 2012

Registration 16:00-17:00

1<sup>st</sup> round 17.30 – 18.15

2<sup>nd</sup> round 18.30 – 19.15

3<sup>rd</sup> round 19.30 - 20.15

On 17<sup>th</sup> of February 2012

4<sup>th</sup> round 10.30 -11.15

5<sup>th</sup> round 11.30 – 12.15

6<sup>th</sup> round 12.30 -13.15

7<sup>th</sup> round 14.30 – 15.15

8<sup>th</sup> round 15.30 – 16.15

9<sup>th</sup> round 16.30 – 17.15

Closing ceremony at 17.45

Attention! Participants of the Aeroflot Open 2012 playing in the main tournament ending on Feb. 15 but not staying for the Blitz Tournament can take the morning Aeroflot flight from Moscow to Riga on Feb. 16 and be on time for the Vladimir Petrov Memorial. For any questions regarding tickets please contact the Aeroflot Open Organizational Committee.

**The Team Blitz tournament** (teams of 4) will be held on Feb. 18 celebrating the 20 year anniversary of the historic 5th place result of the Latvian Team at the 1992 Olympics in Manila. Anyone can play in the tournament except players advancing to the Tournament A finals. The entry fee is 5 Lats. Women and players under age 18 and over age 55 pay 3 Lats. GMs, IMs over age 55, players rated 2500 and up (2300 and up for women) play for free. The prize fund is 80% of all entry fees. Participants form their own teams and choose their own team names. The average rating for any team may not exceed 2401.

**There will be also simulms of players with the rating over 2600** against players of the rating below 2150 are planned. Minimum 12 and maximum 16 boards in each simul. Participation fee is 7 lats (10 Euros), the participant who doesn't lose his game gets back half of the paid fee.

The team blitz and the simulms will take place in Kauguri district of Jurmala, in Kauguri house of Culture and Kauguri chess Club, not far from „The Amber Beach resort” where the Petrov memorial final will start later on the same day.

**The Blitz Tournament** will be held Feb. 19 at 16:30 celebrating the 75th anniversary of Vladimir Petrov's success in the historic 'Kemeris 1937' tournament. The tournament will take place in the Amber Beach resort (Jaunkemeris). The time control is 3 minutes plus 3 seconds for each move starting with the first move; 12 rounds.

Prize fund: 100 Lats plus 100% of all entry fees. The entry fee is 4 lats. Women and players under age 18 and over age 55 pay 3 Lats. GMs, IMs over age 55, players rated above 2500 (2300 for women) play for free. The Blitz Tournament is expected to feature GM Alexei Shirov.

The organizers offer the accommodation for players and guests in the following hotels:  
(it will be regularly updated as more hotels collaborate with us)

1. Hotel Eiropa, Majori (500 meters from Jurmala City museum) All prices include breakfast, VAT and free WIFI  
Budget double rooms – 30 Euro per day  
Comfort double rooms – 35 Euro per day  
Junior Suits – 40 Euro per day  
Budget Suits (possible for 3 persons) – 45 Euro per day  
Business Suits (possible for 3 persons) - 70 Euro per day  
Superior Suit (possible for 4 persons) – 140 Euro per day  
The number of rooms available is limited due to the fact that the grandmasters playing the qualifying event will be accommodated there.
2. Se La Vie hotel <http://www.baltichotelsonline.com/lv/Jurmala-hotels-Se-La-Vie/Se-La-Vie-hotel-Jurmala.html>  
A very small luxurious hotel situated on walking Jomas street some 300 meters from Jurmala City museum. It has 2 rooms for 60 Euros, 4 rooms for 70 Euros and one room for 90 Euros per day. All 7 rooms are like suits.
3. Jurmala SPA hotel [www.hoteljurmala.com](http://www.hoteljurmala.com)

Single standard	35.00Ls
Twin standard	40.00Ls
Twin superior	48.00Ls
Twin superior for 3 persons	57.00Ls

All room rates include buffet breakfast and free admission to the "Wellness Oasis" centre (until 23 PM except departure day until 12 PM) that includes 5 saunas, 3 swimming pools, 2 Jacuzzi, cascade, gym. 200 meters from Jurmala City museum.

4. Hostal Excelsior guesthouse <http://www.booking.com/hotel/lv/excelsior-guesthouse.en.html>  
Appartments from 1 to 4 bedrooms with the kitchen and facilities. Breakfast not included. 9 Ls per person. Availability for 21 persons. About 400 meters from Jurmala City museum.
5. The Amber Beach Resort [www.sanatorij.lv](http://www.sanatorij.lv) The venue of the final of Vladimir Petrov memorial (18th-19th of February) , children's event „Alexei Shirov winter cup” on 15th-20th of February and the blitz tournament in memory of Vladimir Petrov on 19th of February. It is also the place where super Gms will be staying. The only inconvenience is that it is about 12 kilometres away from the qualifying event and the tournament B on 16th-17th of February however the transportation would be provided. The daily rates include accommodation, breakfast and half pension:  
Single room: 35 Lats (€50);  
Twin standart - 20 Lats (€29) per person.  
Twin comfort - 22 Lats (€32) per person  
Full pension (breakfast, lunch and dinner) costs additional 2 Lats per day per person.  
Any other accommodations and resort services are offered at a 10% discount from the official internet prices.

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