

From February, 11<sup>th</sup>, to February, 18<sup>th</sup>, in Moscow there will be held a traditional chess festival “Aeroflot OPEN – 2013” that will be dedicated to the 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the leading Russian airline company. The total prize fund of all tournaments is 150 000 USD.

### **Festival schedule:**

**February, 11<sup>th</sup>** – Arrival, Opening Ceremony.

**February, 12<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup>** – Qualifying rapid tournament for all players who have registered and paid the registration fee (but no more than 300 participants in total). Swiss system, 9 rounds, time control – 15 minutes for the game with 10 seconds increment per move, starting from the first move. 32 winners qualify for the knockout tournament, which will be held on February, 15<sup>th</sup>, and thus secure themselves a minimal prize of 1 000 USD.

**February, 14<sup>th</sup>** – mass open blitz tournament for all players who have registered and paid the registration fee (but no more than 300 participants in total), including 8 invited chess stars (Alexander Grischuk, Peter Svidler, Dmitry Andreikin and Sergey Karjakin have already confirmed their participation in the tournament) and Russian most prominent young chess players. Swiss system, 9 double rounds. Time control – 3 minutes for the game with 2 seconds increment per move, starting from the first move.

Prize fund – 50 000 USD (1<sup>st</sup> place – 10 000, 2<sup>nd</sup> place – 7 000, 3<sup>rd</sup> place – 5 500, 4<sup>th</sup> place – 4 000, 5<sup>th</sup> place – 3 500, 6<sup>th</sup> place – 3 000, 7<sup>th</sup> place – 2 500, 8<sup>th</sup> place – 2 000, 9<sup>th</sup> place – 1 500, 10<sup>th</sup> place – 1 000, 11<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> places – 600, 21<sup>st</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> places – 400).

**February, 15<sup>th</sup>** – knockout tournament of 32 players who have qualified on February, 12<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup>. In each round there are two games played with the time control being 15 minutes for the game with 10 seconds increment per move, starting from the first move. If the score is level one decisive game is played, the time control – 5 minutes (for the Whites) and 4 minutes (for the Blacks) for the rest of the game with 3 seconds increment to each player per move, starting from the 61<sup>st</sup> move. In case of a draw a player with the black pieces is declared the winner. 8 winners qualify for the main final tournament. The players tied for 9<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> places, receive 1500 USD each, and those tied for 17<sup>th</sup>- 32<sup>nd</sup> places, receive 1000 USD each.

**February, 16<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup>** – The main final with the 8 invited chess stars (Alexander Grischuk, Peter Svidler, Dmitry Andreikin and Sergey Karjakin have already confirmed their participation in the tournament) and 8 qualified players taking part. Knockout system, in each round there are two games played, the time control – 15 minutes for the game with 10 seconds increment per move, starting from the first move. If the score is level one decisive game is played, the time control – 5 minutes (for the Whites) and 4 minutes (for the Blacks) for the rest of the game with 3 seconds increment per move, starting from the 61<sup>st</sup> move. In case of a draw a player with the black pieces is declared the winner.

Prize fund – 72 000 USD (1<sup>st</sup> place – 16 000, 2<sup>nd</sup> place – 10 000, 3<sup>rd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> places – 6 000, 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> places – 3 500, 9<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> places – 2 500).

**February, 17<sup>th</sup>** – Closing Ceremony.

**February, 18<sup>th</sup>** – Departure.

The prize funds are stated net of income tax that is subject to payment according to the current legislation of the Russian Federation. The prizes are paid via bank transfer by the Russian Chess

Federation. To receive their prizes the participants are to submit their full bank details (in the form of a bank certificate) and passport data (a copy of the passport – the 1<sup>st</sup> page and the page with the note of registration) to the RCF Account dept.

During the festival there will be organized online transmission of the first 16 boards with the commentaries of the famous grandmasters. The spectators will, as well, be able to visit the lectures on the history of chess, to take part in master classes of the leading Russian grandmasters and in the multi-board plays. A special programme will be organized for the children of the “Aeroflot – Russian Airlines” company employees.