

# Server24 Chess Festival 2012 Official Press Release

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### SERVER24 CHESS FESTIVAL

The strongest chess tournament in South Tyrol gets underway for the first time at Ortisei in Val Gardena on 2nd June 2012 where some of the strongest players of Italy and Europe will be lining up.

At their head is GM Vladimir Baklan, twice winner of the Ukrainian Chess Championship, winner of the Dutch Open Blitz chess championship in 2005 and tied 1st-6th in the MP Reykjavik Open. He is closely followed by GM Ernst Sipke, author of „Gambits and Flank Openings 6: Gambits and Flank Openings“. Notable is also the participation of GM Oleg Romanishin, winner of tournaments in Antwerpen, Novi Sad, Jerewan, Dortmund, Hastings and many others including 1985/86 in Reggio Emilia.

Female IM and WGM Fierro Baquero Martha, who is also an accredited FIDE Trainer and who has represented Ecuador in several Chess Olympiads, is leading the participating women group. The Italian contribution to the Open A are attending players IM Dvirnyy Daniyyl, second at the Italian Chess Championship 2011 and one of the most promising young-stars of Italy; IM Roberto Mogranzini, who played very aggressive and successful chess at the 2011 SPICE Cup, IM Stella Andrea, the winner of the 2011 Cento Open, IM Manca Federico, who achieved bronze at the Chess Olympics in Novi Sad, FM Valsecchi Alessio, who achieved his IM title at the Crespi tournament as recently as December 2011, IM Borgo Giulio, the trainer and captain of the female and male team winning the Mitropa Cup 2010 in Coira; FM Marco Codenotti who earned an IM norm at the Italian Chess Championship 2011.

The winner of the Open A will get – additionally to refunds / price funds - the trophy „Trofeo ad Gredine“, specially crafted for the event by the famous sculptor Gregor Prugger who held and holds exhibitions at Pedifesta 3, Bressanone, Innsbruck and Den Haag. The wooden trophy shows the clash of forces and energy between the white and black pieces on the chess board.

The first Server24 Chess Festival will take place from 2nd to 10th June 2012 in the Cultural Center Luis Trenker in Ortisei. Admission is free to the public. Participants can register using the website form located at <http://www.server24chess.eu/registration/>.

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