



**& 67th WCCC
48th WCSC**

5 – 12 July 2025
Alba Iulia, Romania



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Announcement

Romanian Chess Federation and 'Mihnea Costachi Chess Academy' Association have the honor to invite all delegates of the World Federation for Chess Composition (WFCC), national teams and individual solvers, chess composers and all those interested in problem chess, to attend the **67th World Congress of Chess Composition (WCCC)** and **48th World Chess Solving Championship (WCSC)**. Romanian Chess Federation will also celebrate its centennial in 2025.

The congress will be held from **Saturday, July 5th** (arrival) to **Saturday, July 12th, 2025** (departure) at 'Cetate Hotel' *** in **Alba Iulia** (Romania), with the WCSC on Tuesday and Wednesday, July 8th and 9th. The WCCC 2025 director is IM Mihnea Costachi.

WCSC (Prize fund 12,000 €)

Director: Luc Palmans (Belgium)

The results from WCSC 2025 will count towards the WFCC Fujairah Grand Prix 2025-26 series. This new and highly significant initiative has been announced on the WFCC website: [Click HERE](#)

The monetary prizes listed below will be granted by HH Sheikh Mohammed bin Hamad Al Sharqi, Crown Prince of Fujairah. The total prize fund of 12,000 € will be distributed as follows:



a) General Standings (Total **4,500 €**)

1st Place: 1,250 €

2nd Place: 1,100 €

3rd Place: 850 €

4th Place: 700 €

5th Place: 600 €

b) Special Categories (Total **6,300 €**)

Women: 1. 500 €, 2. 400 €, 3. 300 €

Seniors: 1. 500 €, 2. 400 €, 3. 300 €

Juniors U23: 1. 500 €, 2. 400 €, 3. 300 €

Juniors U18: 1. 300 €, 2. 250 €, 3. 200 €

Juniors U14: 1. 300 €, 2. 250 €, 3. 200 €

Romanian solvers: 1. 500 €, 2. 400 €, 3. 300 €

c) Solvers' Rating categories (Total **1,200 €**)

1st Up to 2.600 – 300 €

1st Up to 2.400 – 300 €

1st Up to 2.200 – 300 €

1st Up to 2.000 – 300 €

Prize Rules

- Each solver can receive only one monetary prize (the highest one deserved).
- Prizes for Women, Seniors, and Juniors will be awarded regardless of the number of participants in each category.
- If the number of participants in any prize category is lower than the number of allocated prizes, the remaining funds will stay at the disposal of the Fujairah organizers of Grand Prix 2025-26 series.
- If an award winner does not attend the prize-giving ceremony in person, his prize will be reduced by 20% and sent via bank transfer. In addition to the monetary prizes, regular WCSC awards will also be presented, including cups, medals, and certificates to the winners.



Preliminary Schedule

Saturday, 05.07.2025	Arrival & Registration
	Informal opening
Sunday, 06.07.2025	Quick Composing Tournament
	WFCC opening session
Monday, 07.07.2025	Open Solving (director: Dinu-Ioan Nicula)
	Retro Solving
	Captains Meeting
Tuesday, 08.07.2025	WCSC, Day 1 (director: Luc Palmans)
	Lectures
Wednesday, 09.07.2025	WCSC, Day 2
	WFCC 2nd session
	Fairy Solving
Thursday, 10.07.2025	Guided tour of Alba Carolina Citadel
	Solving Show
Friday, 11.07.2025	WFCC 3rd session
	Prizegiving for unofficial tournaments
	Award Ceremony & Final Banquet
Saturday, 12.07.2025	Departure



Entry Fee

a) Participation and organization fee (all activities of the WCCC included): **90 €**

b) Registration fee for accompanying persons (Final banquet & Guided tour included): **50 €**

c) Surcharge (additional fee) for not choosing the official Hotels (Cetate and Transilvania): **50 €** (reduced from 90 €, as voted). If all the places provided in both official hotels will be occupied, the additional fee will become 0 from that moment on.

d) Participation and organization fee only for the Open: **30 €**



**Registrations should be made before May 15th 2025
(registration deadline)!**

The entry fee is to be paid by bank transfer or in cash upon arrival.

Location & Airport Transfer

Situated in the west-central part of Romania, Alba Iulia has the largest fortress in the country. Alba Iulia is located in the historical region of Transylvania. The average monthly temperature in July is from +22°C to +29°C.

The organizer provides transfer for a fee (which shall be announced in due time) from and to **Cluj-Napoca International Airport** (110 km) and **Sibiu International Airport** (75 km) on the arrival and on departure official days (July 5th and 12th 2025).

The transfer fee is to be paid by bank transfer or in cash upon arrival.

Reservations and details for airport transfer should be done no later than **June 20th 2025**, at: wcsc2025transfer@yahoo.com





Accommodation

a) Cetate Hotel *** - the main venue of the event and the playing hall

- single room at **60 €**/room /night with breakfast and local taxes included.
- double room at **75 €**/room /night with breakfast and local taxes included.
- triple room (apartment) at **90 €**/room /night with breakfast and local taxes included.

The Hotel offers live music every evening in the restaurant!



Reservations and details for **Cetate Hotel** should be done at:
rezervari@hotelcetate.ro, E-mail subject: **WCSC2025**

b) Transilvania Hotel ***** (located 1.7 km from Cetate Hotel)

- Superior single room at **75 €**/room /night with breakfast and local taxes included.
- Superior double room at **86 €**/room /night with breakfast and local taxes included.



Reservations and details for **Hotel Transilvania** should be done at:
office@hoteltransilvania.eu, E-mail subject: **WCSC2025**

**These are special discounted prices provided for us by the official hotels.
The accommodation is to be paid directly to the hotels!**

Please consider the high season: for both official hotels, rooms could be booked no later than **May 5th 2025 and payment should be done no later than **June 5th 2025!****



Force Majeure

The Organizing Committee is bearing no responsibility in case of a Force Majeure which might cancel or postpone the event.

Financial details

Bank account for the entry fee and airport transfer

Bank	BANCA TRANSILVANIA
Account currency	EUR
Beneficiary	ASOCIATIA ACADEMIA DE SAH MIHNEA COSTACHI
IBAN	RO47BTRLEURCRT0CR1309501
SWIFT/ BIC	BTRLRO22
Beneficiary address	ROMANIA, ALBA, ALBA IULIA, str. GEORGE BACOVIA, no. 3

All bank commissions must be paid by the sender. If they are not paid, the organizer will issue an invoice which must be paid before the start of the championship!

Information and visas

The organizing committee may provide invitation for visas. Participants needing visas are requested to contact the organizing committee before the registration deadline of May 15th 2025.

The Organizing Committee has no responsibility in case of late requests or for unsuccessful visa applications.

Schengen visas are valid in Romania.

Organizers:

'Mihnea Costachi Chess Academy' Association
Romanian Chess Federation

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The official website will be available in due time. The announcements for the WCCC and WCSC will be available on the official website, where a link for participants registration will soon be available. Relevant activities to be announced on the official website.

**We look forward to welcoming
you to Alba Iulia!**



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Annexes

Direct flights to Cluj-Napoca International Airport 'Avram Iancu':

Bucharest (Romania), Abu Dhabi (UAE), Alicante (Spain), Barcelona (Spain), Bari (Italy), Basel (Switzerland), Bergamo (Italy), Bologna (Italy), Budapest (Hungary), Brussels Charleroi (Belgium), Catania-Sicily (Italy), Corfu (Greece), Crete Chania (Greece), Dortmund (Germany), Dublin (Ireland), Eindhoven (Netherlands), Frankfurt Hahn (Germany), Istanbul (Turkey), Larnaca (Cyprus), Leeds (United Kingdom), Lisbon (Portugal), London Luton (United Kingdom), London Stansted (United Kingdom), Lyon (France), Malaga (Spain), Madrid (Spain), Malmo (Sweden), Memmingen (Germany), Munich (Germany), Naples (Italy), Nice (France), Nuremberg (Germany), Palma de Mallorca (Spain), Paris Beauvais (France), Rome Fiumicino (Italy), Stuttgart (Germany), Valencia (Spain), Warsaw (Poland), Venice (Italy), Vienna (Austria), Zaragoza (Spain), Zakynthos (Greece), Zurich (Switzerland)

During summer (2024): Larnaca (Cyprus), Dubai (UAE), Hurghada (Egypt), Sharm el Sheikh (Egypt), Crete Heraklion (Greece), Patras (Greece), Rhodes (Greece), Skiathos (Greece), Monastir (Tunisia), Enfidha (Tunisia), Antalya (Turkey), Alanya Gazipasa (Turkey)

Observation: Even not with direct flights, several European cities (e.g. Athens, Vilnius, Riga) have good connections for Cluj-Napoca!

Source: [HERE](#)

Direct flights to Sibiu International Airport:

Barcelona (Spain), Dortmund (Germany), Karlsruhe Baden-Baden (Germany), Londra Luton (United Kingdom), Memmingen (Germany), Milano Malpensa (Italy), Munchen (Germany), Nurnberg (Germany), Roma (Italy), Stuttgart (Germany), Vienna (Austria).

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