



Romanian Chess Federation

CHESS IN SCHOOLS

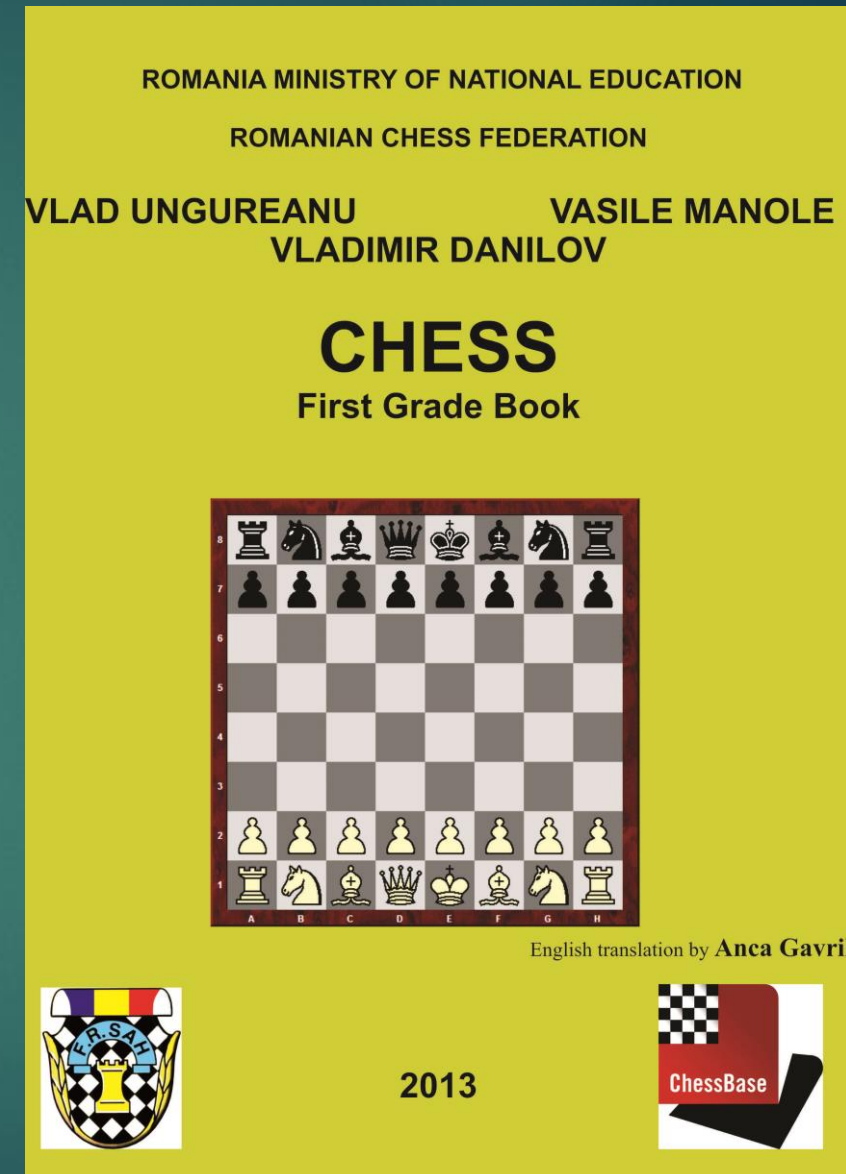
Chess in school 2014-2018

Based on the present legislation, the main objectives are:

- ▶ To include Chess classes in as many Romanian schools as possible
- ▶ To attract, instruct and perfect teachers involved in teaching Chess in schools
- ▶ To organize, together with the Ministry of National Education, the National Olympics of Schools Sport in order to increase the number of participating children, and national champions to be qualified for the World Schools Championship and European Schools Championship that take place every year.

2013 - achievements

- ▶ Chess Symposium “Education through Chess” in partnership with the Ministry of National Education and the Education Sciences Institute
- ▶ Approval of the chess school curriculum for the first two school years
- ▶ Creation of text books consistent with the present requirements



2014 - achievements

- ▶ Issue minister's decree (order) no 3249 from March 31st 2014 which approved the school curriculum for the subject "Education through Chess" and include it in the national education system
- ▶ Signing the collaboration protocol between the Ministry of National Education and the Romanian Chess Federation
- ▶ Introduction of chess classes in over 500 Romanian schools



2014 - on going actions

- ▶ Raise money to equip schools with Chess materials – chess boards, chess clocks, chess demo boards, school books, chess books
- ▶ Create a group of 80-120 trainers on the national level, 2-3 trainers per county, active in permanent Chess training
- ▶ Organizing courses of instruction-perfection at *Casa Corpului Didactic (Teachers'House)* for the teachers that taught Chess in schools, consistent with the protocol of the Ministry of National Education
- ▶ Create the Commission for implementing “Chess in schools” within the Romanian Chess Federation
- ▶ Organize *Elisabeta Polihroniade* National Championship for over 700 children, having the prime minister Victor Ponta and the FIDE president Kirsan Ilyumzhinov as honor guests

September 2014

- ▶ A new minister's decree will be published to allow teachers of at least category II and any University graduate possessing at least category I to teach chess in schools.
- ▶ Actions for implementing Chess in schools have intensified. A commission of RCF met all local inspectors of Physical Education in Romania and then county teachers eager to give such courses. They were successful, as we were able to give clear answers to the difficulties arisen
- ▶ *Casa Corpului Didactic* in every county included Chess as a school subject in their 2014-2015 offer
- ▶ The national program "Pierre de Coubertin", 2014 edition, has started and will involve over 4000 children. It will consist of a local, a regional and a national stage and will end in December.

Collaboration Protocol between the Ministry of National Education and the Romanian Chess Federation

- ▶ 5.2. Romanian Chess Federation
- ▶ 5.2.1. Names a responsible for collaboration with other partners, in view of optimizing the present protocol progress
- ▶ 5.2.2. Informs and promotes, by own means, the present protocol provisions
- ▶ 5.2.3. Ensures, free of cost, the training of a sufficient number of trainers to cover the whole country. The trainers will fulfill the following requirements:
 - ▶ Long term university courses, Bachelor degree or Master degree;
 - ▶ Work experience as teachers or Chess trainers;
 - ▶ Superior sports ranking (Sports master, FIDE master, International master, Best international master);
 - ▶ Qualified for teaching Chess at school.
- ▶ 5.2.4. Ensures the schools included in the national Program with 500 Chess kits

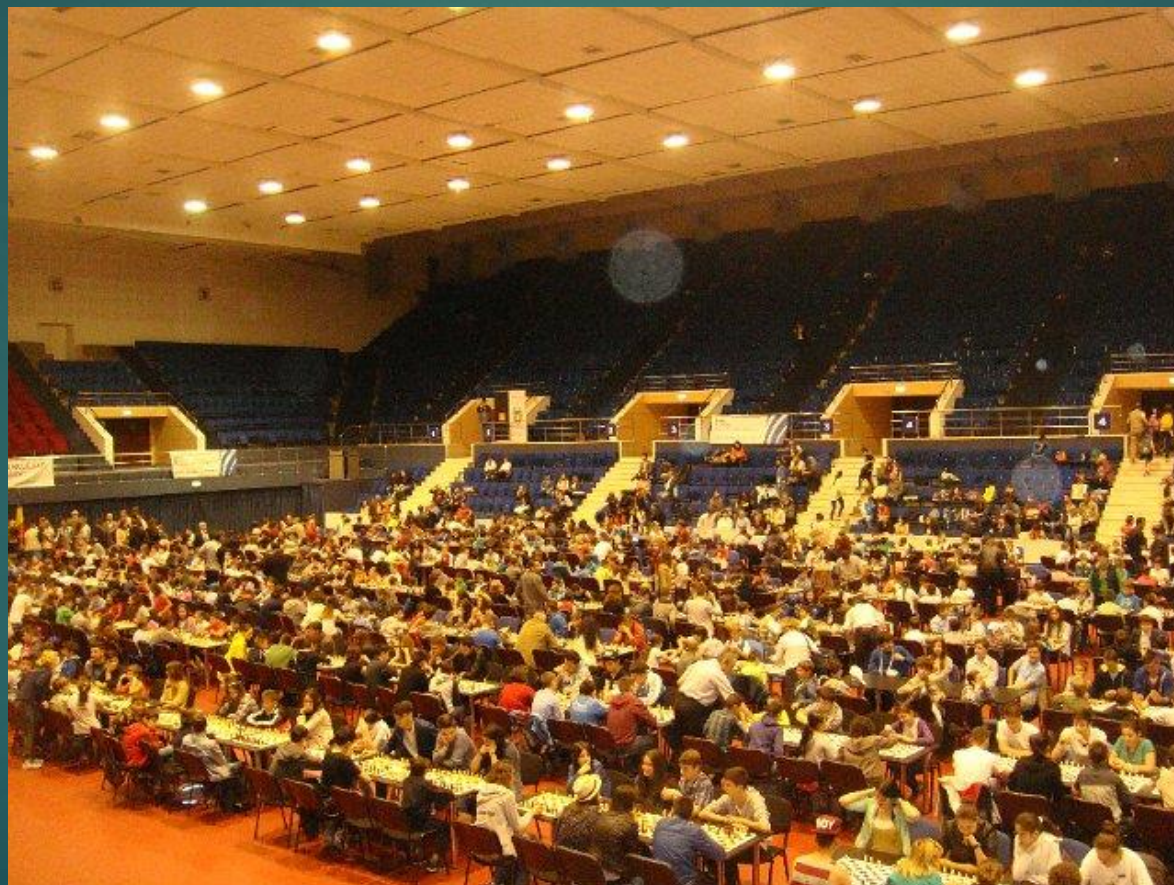
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- ▶ necessary to the activities developed during the optional class “Education through Chess”. Every kit will include:
 - ▶ 10 sets of Chess pieces
 - ▶ 10 foldable Chess boards
 - ▶ A portable demonstration board
 - ▶ Two school books (for every grade)
 - ▶ The curricula for the first two grades.
- ▶ 5.2.5. Creates and informs MNE, by September the 15th 2014, about a data base with the registered Federation sportsmen, graded according to sport categories and a data base with the RCF trainers.
- ▶ 5.2.6. Works together with the Teachers’ Houses to organize training activities for the teachers involved in teaching “Education through Chess”.
- ▶ 5.2.7. Works together with the MNE to organize National School Championship.

2014-2015

- ▶ Continual increase of the number of schools where Chess is taught
- ▶ Attract other teachers and train them within *Casa Corpului Didactic*
- ▶ Raise funds to support including Chess among school subjects
- ▶ Implement European projects for both disadvantaged areas and talented children; attract European funds to train new teachers and perfect the active ones
- ▶ Submit annual projects, in partnership with other ministries, about Chess for children: more than 4000 children participated in the project “Pierre de Coubertin” 2013

Elisabeta Polihroniade School Championship







Written Declaration was open for signatures
in November 2011. The deadline for signing
the declaration was March 15, 2012.

- ✓ It was necessary to be collected at least 369 signatures
(50% +1 from the total number of 736 MEPs) in order
the declaration to be accepted officially by the EU
Parliament.

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