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## Homage to Yuri Averbakh



The Russian chess legend GM Yuri Averbakh with his daughter and Thomas Thomsen, Weimar 2014

This month Yuri Averbakh, our oldest member, celebrated his 99<sup>th</sup> birthday. On behalf of our Society we send him our warmest congratulations and wish him many years to come in good health!

Yuri Averbakh is not only our oldest member, but also of the [Chess Collectors International](#). Its President, Michael Wiltshire, has received a request from Raymond Keene to share his tribute to Averbakh, published in The Times on February 20<sup>th</sup>, with all CCI members and other interested parties. It was the former President of the CCI, Thomas Thomsen, who was so friendly as to send us the link to The Article, where Keene's panegyric, as he himself called his article, can be found:

<https://www.thearticle.com/averbakh-at-99-mens-sana-in-corpore-sano>

It goes without saying that we are glad to comply indirectly to Raymond Keene's request and to give our members the opportunity to take note of his contribution to the celebration of Yuri Averbakh's birthday.

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