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New Year's Potpourri



View of an Amsterdam canal on a wonderful late summer day

To conclude this year we would like to review once more the events of the last months, to this end we have prepared some picture galleries.

We hope this last update in 2004 will give you some pleasure and will put you in the right mood for the following year!

At our cash audit on September, 4th we could welcome for the first time both auditors in Amsterdam. In addition our first [picture gallery](#) includes a further pleasing selection of our Forchheim meeting (altogether 10 photos).

Jurgen Stigter likes going on long chess journeys, in the 2nd half of the year 2004 a short European tour is on the programme: Prague, Madrid (CCI Congress), Mallorca (Chess Olympiad at Calvià) and Berlin (Lasker Society - presentation of the Tarrasch biography) along with Forchheim and Brunswick are the stages of his trip and of our [picture gallery 2](#) (incl. 15 photos).

The 45th auction in the House of Klittich-Pfankuch was held on November, 20th in Brunswick, those collectors who had come the day before could spend their time in the inspection of the rarities, and in the evening some met for a friendly get-together in a civilized atmosphere. (See [picture gallery 3](#) / 7 photos.)

The visit to the book market in the Max Euwe Centre (MEC) on November, 27th in Amsterdam could be combined with the attendance at the ensuing KWA Board Meeting, our [picture gallery 4](#) will illuminate this by means of 10 further photos.

Jurgen Stigter's home and the Max Euwe Centre are frequently attractive meeting places for prominent chess guests, such as at the beginning of December 2004. On December, 7th several ARVES members met in the rooms of the MEC: Rene Mayer (from Spain) gave a lecture "A new classification of endgame studies" about his book *El quadrato magico*. ([Picture gallery 5](#), incl. 10 photos.)

Maybe this last gallery will help to bring our members close to the MEC as a venue in September 2005.