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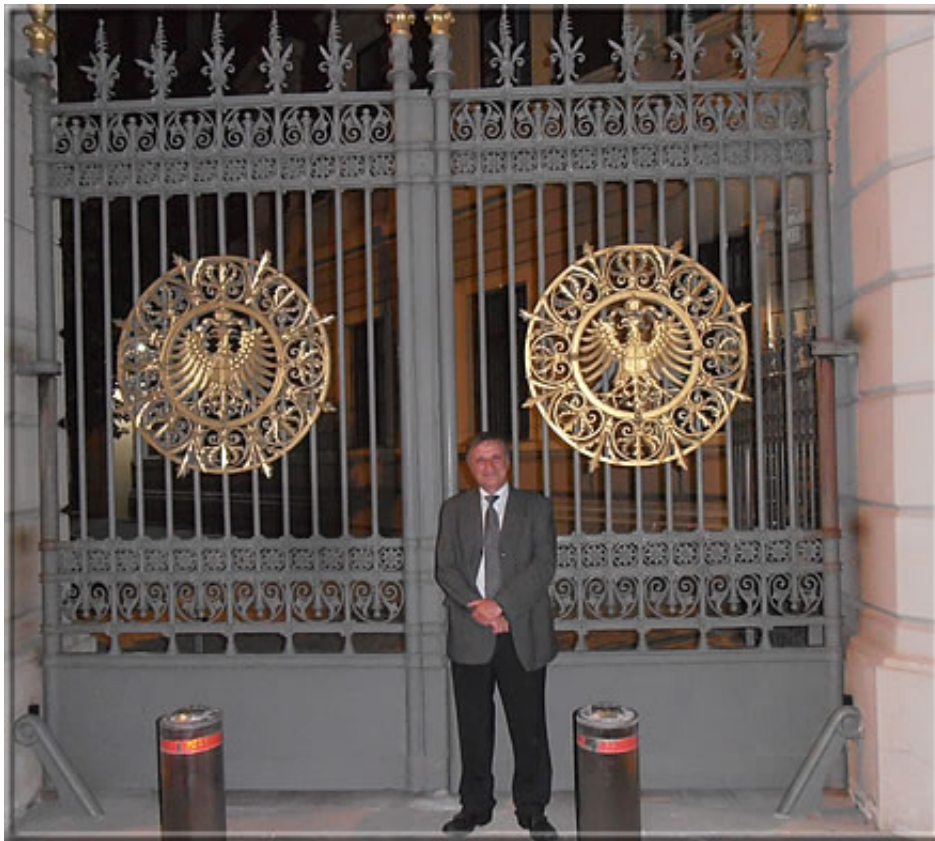
Chess Olympiad Istanbul 2012



Our treasurer Michael Negele was not the only KWA member who recently visited the Chess Olympiad in Istanbul. He and Calle Erlandsson (who was there a little earlier together with Jurgen Stigter) have provided us with a selection of photos which we like to show you in the following...

Michael Negele: "I was an eye witness of the 10th and 11th round, both were full of suspense. However I had to leave round 10 very early as I had been invited to the reception in the German consulate – together with my friend Dr. Kirkor Sirinyan."

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Michael Negele in front of the consulate



Kirkor Sirinyan has a conversation with Dirk Sander, the cultural affairs officer and press relations officer of the consulate in Istanbul who had organized this reception.



The German national teams with their entourage, in front of the last German Emperor, Wilhelm II.





Jürgen Stigter in company of the FIDE president!



Guinness World Records Certificate: "The largest collection of chess sets consisting of 412 belongs to Akin Gökyay (Turkey), ... in Ankara ..., as of 30 January 2012." The poster on the right is a contribution by Akin Gökyay: "Am I a Chess Collector? I don't know."



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Our Hungarian

member Tamás Erdélyi with Michael Negele

Michael Negele: "Altogether the Olympiad was a success for me, apart from the unfavorable location of the Expo-Center with regard to the city. Moreover the spectators were a little disadvantaged, you could really watch the top boards only..."

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US team captain IM

John Donaldson with young GM Ray Robson

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GM Raj Tischbierek from Exzelsior

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Swiss IM Richard

Forster waiting for his opponent ...



... the same with

Belgian GM Luc Winants.



Well-known arbiter Geurt Gijssen



Last round

encounter: Germany vs. Russia



Ukraine had to
fight against China

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... and the
German woman team against Ukraine.

You will find additional 16 photos in this [picture gallery](#).

