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Michael Negele's chess tours I



Grandmasters among themselves: Julio Sadorra (left) vs Lasse Karlsson

A chess man came travelling ...

Michael Negele's chess tours in the 2nd half of 2015 - Part I

In the second half of 2015 Michael Negele was frequently away on chess travels, we give short résumés of all his tours in chronological order, accompanied by many photos.

Visit to Meerbusch (Lasker meeting)

On July 9th Michael came to Meerbusch (located on the lower Rhine near Düsseldorf) for a short meeting with Jürgen Fleck and yours truly in order to discuss some details of the Lasker book project. The revisions of the two former chapters on Lasker's studies (by J. Fleck) and problems (by myself) had already been done and their English translations will be integrated in one chapter "Lasker's compositions". The pilot phase for our layout man will start in the middle of 2016 when the translations are available.



Jürgen Fleck (on the left) is a well-known German study composer and also IM in OTB play. He lives nearby in Krefeld, but it was for the first time that we met personally.

Vacation in Triberg and Lasker meeting in Zurich (19-07-2015)

In the second half of July Michael Negele was on holiday in Germany's Black Forest, Triberg - as every chess aficionado knows - was the adopted home town of Efim Bogoljubow after WW I. It was also an opportunity for Michael to make a trip to Zurich to meet there once again Richard Forster, the co-editor of the Lasker volumes, and Joachim Rosenthal, professor of mathematics at the University of Zurich who had contributed the chapter on "Lasker the Mathematician". The latter has agreed to provide an English version of his chapter for the new Lasker edition.

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Lasker meeting

in Zurich: Richard Forster, Michael Negele and Joachim Rosenthal.

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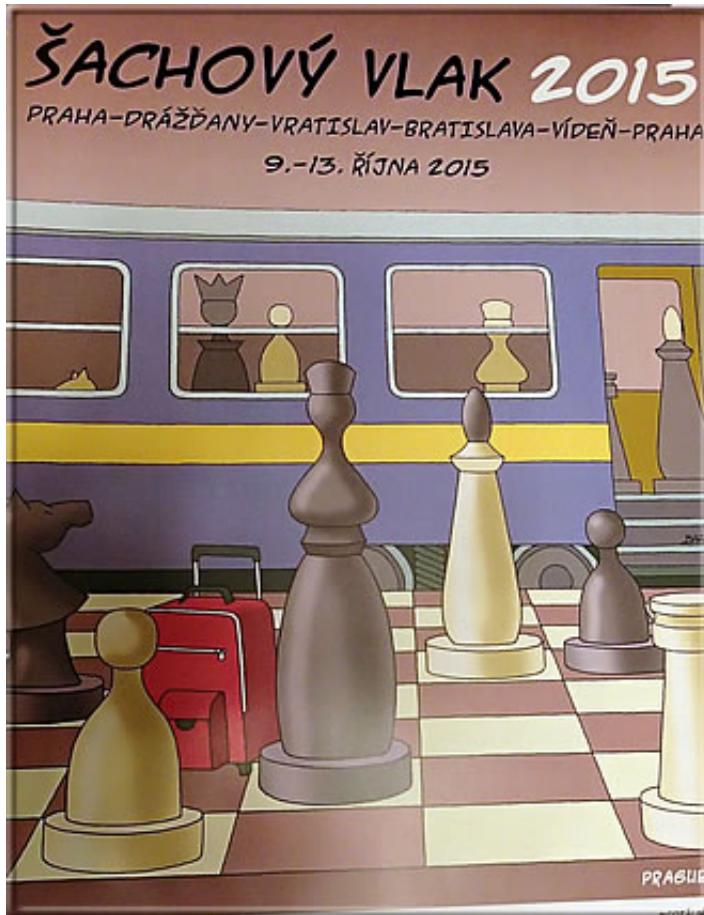
Michael at

Bogoljubow's grave at the Triberg cemetery. The tomb has been donated by Friedrich A. Stock, the then-chairman of the [Freiburg Chess Club of 1887](#) whose member Bogoljubow had been from 1948 until his death 1952.

Further photos of Bogoljubow's grave in our column [Chess Graves](#).

Prague Chess Train 2015, 9 to 13 October

Prague - Dresden - Wrocław - Bratislava - Vienna - Prague were the stops of last year's chess train; Michael Negele was for the first time among the participants who constituted a new peak of 120 chess people. The Swede Lasse Karlsson came off as winner of the "tournament on wheels", while the Filipino Julio Sadorra and Raj Tischbierek finished second and third respectively. The event is well documented by a series of articles on praguechess.cz, so I will give here only a selection of photos with short captions. (For German speaking readers we also refer to Raj Tischbierek's contribution [Der tschechische Schachzug](#) in SCHACH 11/2015, p.56.)



Poster of the Prague chess train 2015

- we still link the posters of the [2011 + 2012](#) and the [2013 + 2014](#) trains.

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A promising start in

Prague



GM Ján Plachetka with the president of the Prague Chess Society and organizer Pavel Matocha



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Erlandsson, Wojtek Zawadzki and Michael Negele in Wrocław



Grandmasters

among themselves: Julio Sadorra (left) vs Lasse Karlsson



A prominent participant: [Hanon W. Russell](#) from Milford, CT, well-known chess author and publisher, founder and long-time director of ChessCafe.com (until 2014).



Announcement of the Vienna Chess History Tour "Auf den Spuren der Luftmenschen"

- [enlarged detail](#)



Vienna eating house

[Naked mate in a](#)



Maria Horvath and Iris Mai

[Karl Kadletz,](#)



Amazing photos and prizes in the new Prague chess café on Wenzelplatz



Raj Tischbierek has received his third prize, a set of Bohemian glasses with a carafe.



Under the Steinitz plaque in Prague: Quartet with a lady - from left: Dr. Holger Ohst, WIM Iris Mai, GM Raj Tischbierek, Dr. Michael Negele

Some more photographs in this [gallery](#)!

Symposium "Schach (in) der DDR" in Dresden, 16-17 October and World Chess Championship for Disabled

The [symposium](#) was held on the occasion of "25 years of unification of the two German chess federations" (after the fall of the Berlin wall).

In Dresden Michael Negele had to cope with a bad mishap: Already during the flight he had noticed that he couldn't open the powerpoint presentation anymore that he had prepared with much effort for the symposium. So he had to improvise his lecture completely which he could manage quite satisfactorily. We regret to have no photo of Michael giving his somehow "reduced" speech, but at least we can offer now his complete presentation (as PDF) - [Schach blüht aus den Ruinen. Wiederbelebung des organisierten Schachs in der Bundesrepublik bis 1955](#) (8.8 MB) [Chess prospers from the ruins. Revitalization of organized chess in the Federal Republic of Germany until 1955].



The auditorium in the "Sächsische Landeszentrale für politische Bildung" - in the first row Paul Werner Wagner, chairman of the Lasker Society and organizer of the symposium.



Andreas Saremba, DSB chairman
Herbert Bastian and GM Hans-Joachim Hecht



GM Helmut Pfleger, Fritz Baumbach (former ICCF World Champion) and Paul Werner Wagner in a panel discussion

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Herbert Bastian with Paul Werner Wagner

A retrospect of the symposium with more photos has been published on the DSB web site (in German only): [Part 1/2](#) and [Part 2/2](#).

The **2nd World Chess Championship for Disabled** was held from 17th to 25th October in the Dresden Wyndham Garden Hotel (63 participants, 7 rounds). You will find a full coverage of the event with reports, games and photos on www.worldchess-disabled.com/en/.



the left (standing) Herbert Bastian.

The first round begins. On

Visit to Kórník, 18-20 October

Subsequent to the Dresden symposium Herbert Bastian and Michael Negele went to Kórník Castle where the outstanding collection of Tassilo von Heydebrand und der Lasa is housed in the Biblioteka Kórnicka PAN. And the new curator of the library, Monika Małecka kindly backed the German guests in their research work, naturally - given the lack of time - only a few focal points could be worked on; for the evaluation of von der Lasa's documents and letters would certainly require a research work of many months.

A more detailed report of the visit (in German) has been published on www.schachbund.de/news/....

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Michael Negele

Herbert Bastian examines the Chapais manuscript (Paris 1780), virtually the first fundamental work on endgames on 500 pages.

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Guided tour in felt slippers through the treasuries of the Zamoyski and Działyński families (Herbert Bastian, Monika Małecka, Tomasz Lissowski)

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The White Lady, Teofila Szoldrska-Potulicka

née Działyńska

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In the library of

Kórnik Castle - but not the Lasz collection

Moreover this visit was an opportunity to renew the relations between Polish and German chess historians and to intensify generally contacts between chess players and historians. In the evening of 19th October a meeting with representatives of the Polish Chess Federation (PCF) took place which had been arranged at short notice. On the Polish side were present

- [Piotr Murdzia](#), Secretary-General of the PCF, IM and world class problem solver
- Włodzimierz Schmidt, vice president for sports of the PCF, the first Polish grandmaster
- Janusz Woda (from Poznań), former president of the PCF
- Tomasz Lissowski, our member from Warsaw, well-known chess historian and author



_ Meeting with the Polish Chess Federation, from left: Piotr Murdzia, Herbert Bastian, Janusz Woda, Tomasz Lissowski and Włodzimierz Schmidt

Main subject-matter of the discussion were all the anniversaries in the coming years -

90 years of Polish Chess Federation in 2016

140 years of German Chess Federation in 2017

- and in 2018:

200th birthday of Tassilo v. Heydebrand u.d. Lasa (*17-10-1818)

200th birthday of Adolf Anderssen (*06-07-1818)

150th birthday of Emanuel Lasker (*24-12-1868)

150th birthday of Richard Teichmann (*24-12-1868)

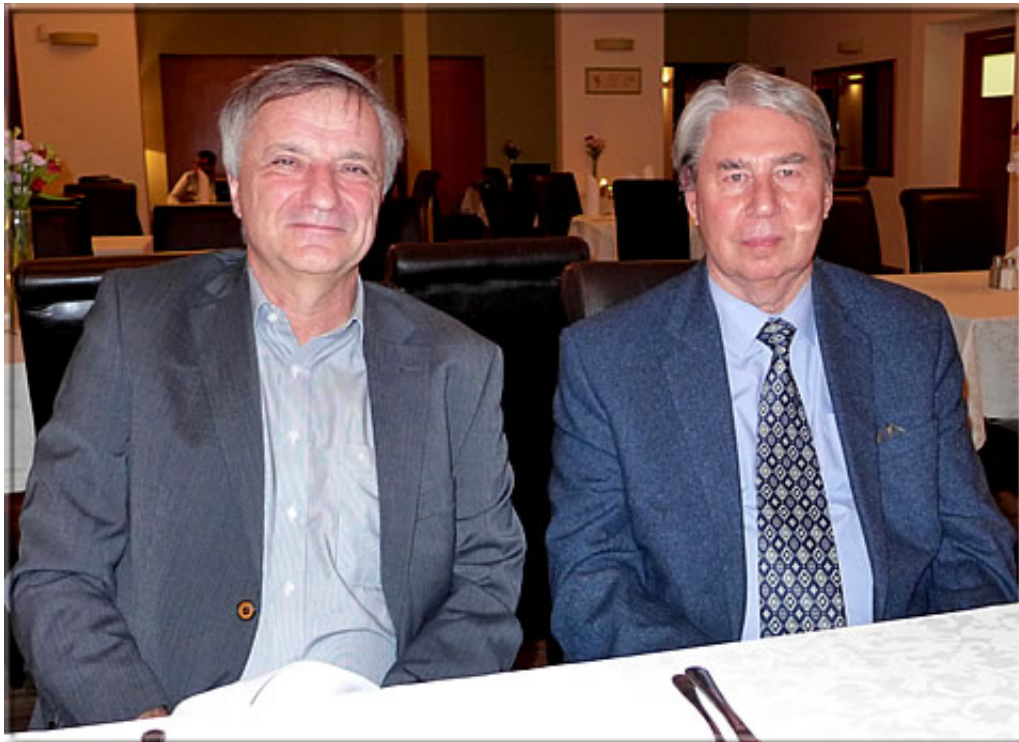
130th anniversary of the death of Johannes Hermann Zukertort (†20-06-1888)

and a lot of proposals were made for joint actions of the two federations on these occasions, among them a 3rd von der Lasa Conference in Kórnik in 2018. Let's hope that most co-operations and events contemplated in the above circle will come true. I will mention here only three desirable book projects:

- Translation of the book *War Chess* by Paweł Dudziński into English or German (we still link a recent [interview](#) with the author on ChessBrains.pl [in Polish])
- New edition of the Zukertort biography by Cezary W. Domański and Tomasz Lissowski
- Publication of the documentation of the 2nd von der Lasa Conference 2007

(possibly with the collected games of von der Lasa [legacy Nathan Divinsky] as well as v.d.L.'s travel diary)

We are looking forward to most interesting chess years!



with GM Włodzimierz Schmidt

Michael Negele



and Herbert Bastian

Piotr Murdzia

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Will be continued.

