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### **The 2005 World Chess Championship to be held 27 September - 16 October in San Luis, Argentina under the aegis of the Province of San Luis**

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The World Chess Federation (FIDE: <http://www.fide.com>) is pleased to announce that the World Chess Championship Tournament 2005 will take place 27 September - 16 October in the city of San Luis, Argentina under the aegis of the Province of San Luis.

The ongoing bidding procedure concerning the World Championship 2005 has been resolved in favour of the San Luis candidacy, whose negotiation team in Athens exercised the option provided in article 2.5.1 of the official regulations and offered on 15 April a prize fund of USD 1,000,000 (one million) for the event. The offer is also backed by a financial guarantee and an agreement concerning further organizing details has been signed by the Governor of San Luis, H.E. Dr Alberto Rodriguez Saa and the FIDE President H.E. Kirsan Ilyumzhinov.

FIDE is positive that the games will be held successfully in San Luis and this year's World Chess Championship will further establish the image of chess as a competitive and educational sport not only in Argentina but in the whole geographical region of South America. Towards this aim, the attractive image and the positive reputation of the province of San Luis are considered as valuable assistance to FIDE's efforts.

The format of the tournament will be an 8-player double round robin. The total prize fund of USD 1,000,000 will be distributed to the players according to the final standings, as described in the official regulations, with the World Champion receiving the valuable title and the amount of USD 300,000. Together with this event, the total funds raised by FIDE for the World Championships have well exceeded the figure of USD 3,000,000 (three million) for the years 2004 and 2005.

The final list of the 8 world-class Grandmasters who shall contend this year for the ultimate title of World Champion will soon be announced, in accordance with the official regulations of the World Chess Championship Tournament 2005. All relevant information will also be available on FIDE's website at <http://www.fide.com>

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#### **About FIDE**

The World Chess Federation (FIDE: <http://www.fide.com>) is recognized by the International Olympic Committee (IOC) as the supreme body responsible globally for the game of chess and its championships. FIDE is organizing the World Chess Championship as well as all world championships for women, junior and youth categories, the bi-annual Chess Olympiad and it also publishes the official FIDE Rating List. FIDE has a membership of 160 national chess federations and it retains offices in Greece and Russia.

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