Latvian Chess problem society kindly invites solvers to participate in the **45th Latvian Chess Solving Championship**. The championship will take place in the heart of Art Nouveau district, 4**** Monika Centrum Hotels in Riga, set in a Neo-Gothic building, 10 minutes walking distance from the old town of Riga.

Please register by April, 3rd.

The competition is registered for the **3rd World Solving Cup**.

**Tournament venue**

Monika Centrum Hotels, Elizabetes iela 21, Riga, Latvia

Accommodation prices:
- Double room for single use €49 per night
- Double/twin room €54 per night
- Junior suite €69 per night

Price includes rich breakfast buffet at hotel’s restaurant; wireless internet; fitness hall, sauna; luggage storage; porter services

**Format of competition**

*Two rounds* featuring 14 problems in total of the following genres:
#2, #3, endgame, h#, #n, s# and a fairy problem (hs#), 105 minutes per round with a coffee break between rounds. 70 maximum points across all problems, every solved problem counts.

**Timetable**

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**Coffee!**

A lot of it. In the breaks and afterwards, as well as tea, pastries and snacks.

**Tournament director**

Ilja Ketris, Latvia

**Registration and inquires**

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**Participation fee**

€10 for participants with solving rating below 2000
Free for participants with solving rating >=2000
Fairy problems included in the competition — orthodox help-self mate (hs#):

In a help-self mate white moves first, black and white cooperate until the last move of black, which must be forced checkmate to white, as in selfmate.

If half-move stipulation is given, (hs#2.5, hs#3.5), black moves first.

Examples:

**Julia Vysotska**

Уральский проблемист - 2012, #1190
6° Commendation

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\begin{array}{|c|c|c|}
\hline
a) & Bb5 & Bc7+ \\
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b) & Sb8 & 7+4 \\
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\end{array}
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\begin{array}{|c|c|c|}
\hline
1. & Bb5 & Bc7+ \\
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2. & e8=S & Bd8 \\
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3. & Sf6+ & Bxf6# \\
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\end{array}
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**Vitaly Medintsev**

Julia’s Fairies 2016/II, #1115
1° Prize

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a) & 1.Kf7 & Rh8! \\
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b) & Bh1! & 2.Qg2 \\
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I. & 1.Kf7 & Rh8! \\
\hline
II. & 1.Kf5 & Bh1! \\
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\end{array}
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No other fairy conditions or fairy pieces expected.