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Motion and Proposal to the General Assembly to award the Grandmaster title to Elisabeth Paehtz (FIDE ID 4641833)

Background

On March 7, 2022 the German Chess Federation applied to award the Grandmaster title to Elisabeth Paehtz. The Qualification Commission questioned the validity of Ms. Paehtz' second norm and the FIDE Council postponed the decision.

The norm in question was achieved at the 2016 European Individual Women's Championship as a "Performance Norm" under the FIDE Title Regulations in effect from 2014 to 2017. A norm certificate was issued by Chief Arbiter IA Ashot Vardapetyan on June 6, 2016 and posted on the FIDE website.

On June 11 2016 the German Chess Federation contacted then QC Chairman IA Werner Stubenvoll with the request to confirm the validity of the GM norm. Mr. Stubenvoll replied on the same date stating that the norm was fully valid as a performance norm since it was achieved at a continental championship.

In November 2021 Ms. Paehtz achieved her third norm at the Women's Grand Swiss in Riga. FIDE reported the norm and the upcoming GM title widely on its website and social media. As a result, Ms. Paehtz was celebrated in the German media as the country's first female Grandmaster and gave numerous interviews on national TV, radio and in the national press.

Final Remarks

The public debate about the validity of the norm and her status as Grandmaster-elect has caused Elisabeth Paehtz significant emotional distress and threatens to damage her reputation and credibility. Our athletes should be at the very center of FIDE. They should be able to rely on the statements of FIDE officials and on publications on the FIDE website. Their protection should be our highest priority.

The German Chess Federation asks the General Assembly to protect the career and reputation of our top female player, especially in FIDE's official Year of Women in Chess.

Gens una sumus!

Ullrich Krause
President, German Chess Federation

----- Weitergeleitete Nachricht -----

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Lieber Klaus,

meine endgültige Antwort folgt schneller als ich dachte.

Ich bin die möglichen Normen bei Kontinental-Meisterschaften nochmals durchgegangen. Die Norm von Elisabeth ist eine „Performance Norm“. Sie ist voll gültig falls zumindest eine der Normen, die bei einem Titelantrag eingereicht werden, alle Voraussetzungen (Ausländer, Titelträger) erfüllt.

Schöne Grüße

Werner

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Betreff: GM-Norm Pähtz

Lieber Werner,

kannst Du mir bitte informell mitteilen, ob diese Normbestätigung so in Ordnung ist. Ich habe Zweifel wegen der Zahl der GM, aber vielleicht gibt es ja für die EM Sonderbestimmungen, die mir nicht geläufig sind.

Viele Grüße und herzlichen Dank

Klaus

FIDE Website

Elisabeth Paehtz was playing for the GM title today. As White on board three, she was up against **Bibisara Assaubayeva**. In a long theoretical line of Grünfeld Defense, Black made a mistake on the move 19 and fell in a positional bind. To make things worse, Bibisara committed a fatal error five moves later, and Elizabeth seamlessly converted her advantage. This was Paehtz's final norm before having the right to claim the title of Grandmaster.



"This was a tournament of my life... My main aim was to qualify for the Grand Prix, and for this reason today, I didn't want to take any risks in the opening." Luckily, the game went her way, and the German achieved her key goal in style, adding a GM norm to it.

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The icing on the cake of her great performance at the #GrandSwiss2021, Elisabeth Paehtz beats Bibisara Assaubayeva in a critical game to finish on 7½/11 and guarantee herself a medal and a spot in the Women's Grand Prix. With her amazing run in Riga, she also made her final GM norm and will become a Grandmaster. Congratulations, [Elisabeth Paehtz!](#)



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