67 WORLD CONGRESS OF CHESS COMPOSITION Alba Iulia (Romania) July 5th - 12th, 2025 Mario Garcia Memorial Tourney

The well known composer and judge **Mario Garcia** passed away last year (b. June 22, 1948 – d. July 12, 2024) The news of Mario García's death has shocked chess players and chess composers all over the world. He was the editor of *Estudios Artisticos de Ajedrez*, a magazine dedicated to studies from Argentina. He began in the late 1990s with composition, dedicated until 1996 to direct work mates and in the last 20 years the artistic endgame studies.

His current production includes 230 direct mates and more than 500 endgame studies.



Here, Mario Guido Garcia in 2024

Integrates the team of editors of the magazine EG being responsible for the analysis and technical controls, of the studies that are published in international tournaments.

He was International Judge of the FIDE for Chess Compositions and very active one.

In his memory, Quartz launches a thematic tournament at WCCC Alba Iulia 2025.

The requirement is: in direct play, *the checkmate is given with at lest one black pinned piece*.

The Tournament has two sections:

A) Moremovers - see example 1)

Solution: **1.Bc7+ Kb7 2.Bxe5+ Kb6 3.Bc7+** (3.Bf6? Ka5!) **4.Bd8+ Kb8 5.Be7 Kb7 6.Bxb4+ Kb6 7.Be7 Kb7** (7... Ka5 8.Bd8+, #10) **8.Bd6+ Kb6 9.Bc7+ Kb7 10.Be5+ Kb6 11.Bf6 a5** (11... Ka5 12.Bd8+ Rb6 13.Rh5+) **12.Bd8+ Ka6 13. Rc5 Rb6 14.Rxa5+ Kxa5 15.Rxa7#** Here, the pinned unit is bRb6.



2) Serghey Borodavkin 1 Comm, Jenever TT 2010



8+5

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3) A.Maksimovskikh &
V.Shupletsov
2 HM Suomen Shakki, 1985



B) Studies (see examples 2, 3 and 4)

2) 1.**R5a6** Sxe7 2.g4+ Bxg4 3.Rh6+ Kg5 4.h4+ Kf4 5.Rhf6+ Sf5 6.Ra4+ Qd4+ 7.e3# Here, two black units are pinned.

3) 1.f7 Rg2+ 2.Kxg2 Sxe3+ [2... Qa8+ 3.Kg3 Kh7 4.Re8] 3.Kg3 Sf1+ [3...Sf5+ 4.gxf5 Qa3+ 5.Re3 Qf8 6.Re8] 4.Kh4 Qxf4 5.Re8+ Kh7 6.f8S+ Kh6 7.Re6+ Qf6+ 8.g5#

4) N.Rezvov - Shakhmatnaya Kompozitsia, 1993 (v)



4) 1.Rg1+ d1Q 2.Ka3 Qxe7 3.Bg7+ Kb1 [3...b2 4.Bxb2+ Kb1 5.Bf5+ Qe4 6.Sxe4 Kc2 7.Sf6+ Kd2 8.Rxd1+ Bxd1 9.Sxe8] 4.Bf5+ Kc1 5.Bh6+ Qe3 6.Sxb3# This study is a correction by **Mario Garcia** and Peter Krug, Estudios Artisticos de Ajedrez, 2015 (a black Pawn b3 was added)

Deadline: July 5, 2025.

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Prize: Studies of Emilian Dobrescu