

## **European Youth Team Chess Championship 2017**

Dear Chess Friends,

Boys and Girls,

It gives me great pleasure to welcome you at the European Youth Chess Team Championship 2017 taking place in Rymanów Zdrój, Poland.

I would like to take this opportunity to extend a warm welcome to all teams, officials, trainers, participants and their family members.

I wish to express my gratitude to the Polish Chess Federation and PST STOMIL in Rymanow Zdroj for the organization of this event. The championship is growing in popularity with each passing year and I am sure that in a country like Poland, with a big success in school and youth Chess programs, we will have a great event.

I am sure that we will witness chess performances of the highest quality over the course of this championship. Furthermore, this championship also provides a good opportunity for the participants, to meet their friends from the whole Europe and exchange views.

I always repeat, to our young players "Do your best and compete in the spirit of sportsmanship and fair play" Chess and sports make you strong, healthy and teach us to accept defeat and celebrate victory. These lessons later become building blocks of success in life".

I wish you every success and a nice staying in Poland!

Zurab Azmaiparashvili

**ECU President**