

# 49<sup>th</sup> European Go Congress Prague 2005

Bulletin 3

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- More interviews

## A note from the editor

As our job becomes bigger with every new bulletin, while at the same time our editorial team becomes smaller with every issue, we are breaking – once more – some of the promises made in the last issue. Half way during the first week, the typeset specialist in our team became too exhausted from both competing as the lowest ranking player in the top group during the day and producing the bulletin in Tex during evenings and nights. In the top group one is not allowed to withdraw after a few rounds, so we had to let him go..., to continue to play Go... But we also gained in strength, when on Wednesday night Martin Chrz arrived. Some of the pictures you saw in bulletin 2 were already by him.

On Sunday our most experienced editor - who organized our team into an efficient unit – had to leave Poland to her original professional obligations as a deputy editor-in-chief of one of the leading ladies' monthlies there. Also on Sunday most of the professional players were enjoying a sightseeing break. Let us hope the sets of life-and-death problems we promised you will indeed appear in the fourth bulletin together with some more interviews with those professionals, who are our guests from Asia.

We thank all the other contributors to this issue.

*Peter Dijkema (editor), Tomas Grosser (typesetting) and Martin Chrz – Ortenix (photographs)*

## In this issue

In this issue we finally publish a game, which was much discussed during the first week. After miraculously winning the disastrous game against Laurent Heiser, Catalin Taranu 5P again got into deep trouble, when he was playing the strong Korean professor Lee Ki-bong. After they arranged their territories Catalin still thought he had lost. Lee correctly calculated that he had lost by a small margin, signed the game form and handed it to his opponent, as it is the duty of the winner to put the form in the organizers box. Catalin 'corrected' the result on the form, signed and brought the piece of paper away... Later he replayed the game and once more with his opponent. How amazed he was that indeed he had won... Apparently he miscounted one territory as six – and not seven as it actually was - times five... Almost all fans and kibitzers heard about the incident and new names for their former favourite soon sprang up from the crowds: – Kyu Counting Catalin... terrible territory trouble Taranu... Kid Catalin, Go back to basic school and ask your money back... Re-learn the elementary tables of calculations...

# Game of the top players: Lee Ki-bong v. Taranu

**White:** Lee Ki-bong, KOR, 7d

**Black:** Catalin Taranu, ROM, 5p

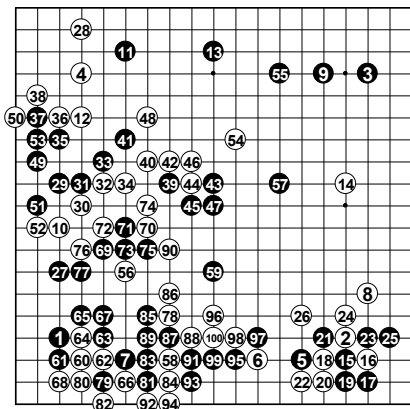
**Round:** 3

**Result:** B+1,5

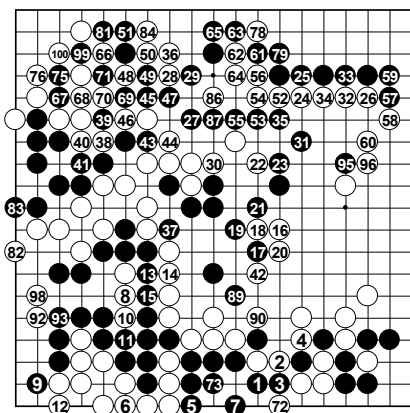


*Lee Ki-bong*

*Catalin Taranu*



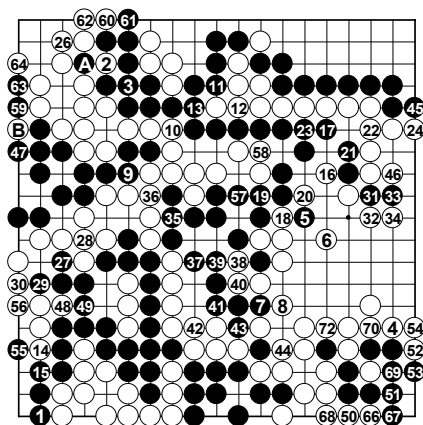
**Figure 1: 1-100**



74 at 48, 77 at 71, 80 at 48, 85 at 71, 88 at 48, 91 at 71, 94 at 48, 97 at 71

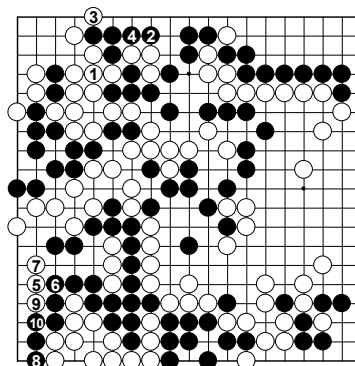
**Figure 2: 101-200**

Lee Ki Bong: 184 is losing move, should be at 1 in Variation 1. This is more than 8 points better.



25 at C4, 65 at F1, 71 at 2

**Figure 3: 200-272**



**Variation 1**

## A new experience

This year more than 50 Korean players participate in main tournament. Some of them are well known, because this is not their first congress. Prof. Lee Ki Bong (7D, Seoul) and other participated in St. Petersburg (2003) and Tuchola (2004) as well. Prof. Lee is teacher at the Myeongji-university in Seoul. This university is the first worldwide to have a baduk-department. The students, mostly strong amateurs, learn how to become a teacher. Topics of study are Baduk-theory, Baduk-history, Baduk-management and many more. Nowadays also strong amateur players from foreign countries started studying at the Myeongji-university. E. g. Svetlana Shikshina (1P, Russia) and Diana Köszegi (6D, Hungary) are also well known to most European players. Some of the Korean students are also participating at this congress.

To give foreign people the chance to gain knowledge about the seminars at the university, we organized a workshop about “Fuseki-Principles” for dan-players and strong kyu-players. The main topic of the first workshop was “extension”. 24 participants of different European countries participated. They got a paper with diagrams, to take notes. They also had a board and stones to go through the examples by themselves. Prof. Lee showed variations, how to handle invasions after extensions and good followup-moves after the extension.

Prof. Lee also played twice simultaneous-games with the Lithuanian-children in the first week.

We try to organize more workshops in the second week.

*Christian Wenzel and Daniela Trinks*



*Lee Ki-bong during his workshop*

# Main tournament results after 5<sup>th</sup> round – top players

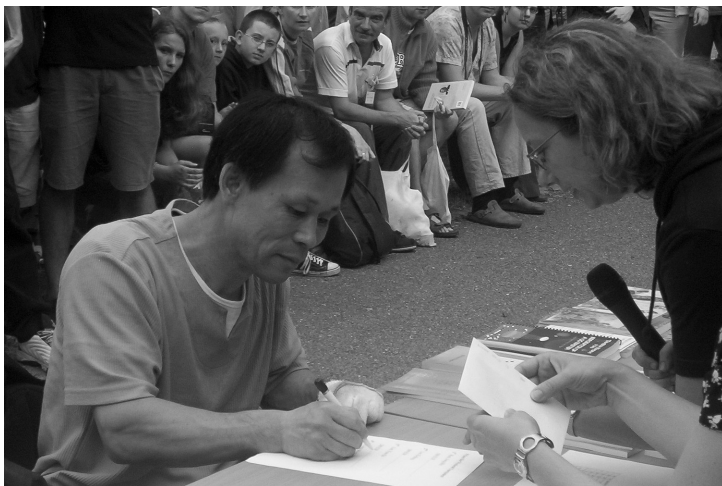
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1	Dinerstein A.	1p	RU	29	5	● Zhao	● Cho S.	● Lim Y.	● Shikshin	● Taranu
2	Cho Seok-bin	7d	DE	28	4	● Corlan	○ Dinerst.	● Yoon S.	● Fujita	● Kim D.
3	Lim Yeon-sik	7d	KR	28	4	● Rehm	● Pop	○ Dinerst.	● Siivola	● Kang N.
	Taranu Catalin	5p	RO	28	4	● Heshe	● Heiser	● Lee K.	● Colmez	○ Dinerst.
5	Zhao Pei	6d	DE	28	4	○ Dinerst.	● Kim H.	● Ohmori	● Kulkov	● Corlan
6	Lee Hong-bok	7d	KR	28	4	○ Lee K.	● Li M.	● Cho C.	● Shikshina	● Colmez
7	Park Jong-Wook	7d	KR	28	5	● Hall	● Heshe	● Yoon S.	● Šilt	● Lee K.
	Kim Kyung-rae	6d	KR	28	5	● Sanchez	● Soldan	● Kokozej	● Heiser	● Shikshin
9	Lee Ki-bong	7d	KR	27	3	● Lee H.	● Gerlach	○ Taranu	● Kim S.	○ Park J.
10	Shikshin Ilia	6d	RU	27	3	● Nemlij	● Yoon S.	● Kang N.	○ Dinerst.	○ Kim K.
11	Colmez Pierre	5d	FR	27	3	● Kokozej	● Dach	● Shikshina	○ Taranu	○ Lee H.
12	Corlan Lucian	4d	RO	27	3	○ Cho S.	● Lee S.	● Jacenko	● Kostka	○ Zhao
13	Kang Na-yeon	7d	KR	27	3	● Verhagen	● Šilt	○ Shikshin	● Yoshida	○ Lim Y.
	Shikshina S.	1p	RU	27	3	● Tanaka	● Kostka	○ Colmez	○ Lee H.	● Cipra
15	Kostka Ivan	4d	CZ	27	3	● Soldan	○ Shikshina	● Jasiek	○ Corlan	● Brubber
16	Pop Cristian	7d	RO	27	3	● Kai	○ Lim Y.	○ Kim S.	● Ward	● A. Dugin
17	Heiser Laurent	6d	LU	27	3	● Kulkov	○ Taranu	● Fischer	○ Kim K.	● Jankovic
18	Kim Dong Chan	7d	KR	27	4	● Cipra	● Beben	● Dach	● Gerlach	○ Cho S.
19	Yoon Sa-Youn	7d	KR	27	3	● A. Dugin	○ Shikshin	○ Park J.	● Li M.	● Lee S.
20	Yoshida Takao	6d	JP	27	4	● Butala	● Solovev	● Verhagen	○ Kang N.	● Fujita
21	Yoon Kwang-sun	7d	KR	27	4	● Matsui	● Kim J.	○ Cho S.	● Jacenko	● Kulkov
22	Kai Naoyuki	6d	JP	27	3	○ Pop	● Giedrojce	○ Kulkov	● Plyushch	● Kim J.
23	Dach Zbynek	4d	CZ	27	3	● Brubber	○ Colmez	○ Kim D.	● Petraus.	● Balaine
24	Cho Chang-sam	5d	KR	27	4	● Winkler	● Zanveld	○ Lee H.	● Giedrojce	● Soldan
25	Jasiek Robert	5d	DE	27	3	○ Gerlach	● Valášek	○ Kostka	● Winkler	● Hall
26	Miyazaki N.	5d	JP	27	4	● Song D.	● Olsson	○ Gerlach	● Fischer	● Ohmori
	Holeček David	4d	CZ	27	4	● Ongaro	○ Nemlij	● Takeda	● Chebur.	● Siivola
28	Kim Se Young	7d	KR	27	4	● Koeduka	● Tarumi	● Pop	○ Lee K.	● Šilt
	Solovev Yuri	4d	RU	27	4	● Tamura	○ Yoshida	● Iijima	● Kokozej	● Nemlij
30	Ichikawa Suguru	5d	JP	27	4		● Celejwski	● Kim H.	● Heshe	● Gerlach
31	Gerlach C.	6d	DE	26	2	● Jasiek	○ Lee K.	● Miyazaki	○ Kim D.	○ Ichikawa
32	Kulkov Andrej	6d	RU	26	2	○ Heiser	● T. Dugin	● Kai	○ Zhao	○ Yoon S.
33	Šilt Ondřej	6d	CZ	26	2	● Jacenko	○ Kang N.	● Chebur.	○ Park J.	○ Kim S.
	Soldan Leszek	5d	PL	26	2	○ Kostka	○ Kim K.	● Renner	● Song S.	○ Cho C.
35	Nemlij Igor	5d	RU	26	2	○ Shikshin	● Holeček	○ Siivola	● Kim H.	○ Solovev

36	<b>Kokozej V.</b>	4d	UA	26	2	○ Colmez	● de Vos	○ Kim K.	○ Solovev	● Barthel
37	<b>Fujita Izumi</b>	4d	JP	26	3	● Sugime	● Rehm	● Tanaka	○ Cho S.	○ Yoshida
	<b>Hall T Mark</b>	4d	UK	26	3	○ Park J.	● Engels	● Fenech	● Rehm	○ Jasiek
39	<b>Kim Jong-min</b>	6d	KR	26	3	● Radm.	○ Yoon S.	● Ongaro	● T. Dugin	○ Kai
40	<b>Ohmori H.</b>	5d	JP	26	3	● Shepp.	● A. Dugin	○ Zhao	● Song J.	○ Miyazaki
	<b>Siivola Matti</b>	5d	FI	26	3	● Hayashi	● Brubber	● Nemlij	○ Lim Y.	○ Holeček
42	<b>Jacenko Dmitrij</b>	5d	UA	26	2	○ Šilt	● Kim H.	○ Corlan	○ Yoon S.	● Ente
	<b>Verhagen, Rudi</b>	5d	NL	26	2	○ Kang N.	● Fenech	○ Yoshida	○ Balaine	● Frederik.
	<b>Brunner Vit</b>	4d	CZ	26	2	○ Dach	○ Siivola	● Oikawa	● Tanaka	○ Kostka
45	<b>Dugin Artem</b>	4d	RU	26	2	○ Yoon S.	○ Ohmori	● Sora	● Beben	○ Pop
46	<b>Balaine G.</b>	3d	FR	26	4	● Taka.	● Kondo	● de Vos	● Verhagen	○ Dach
47	<b>Fischer Lionel</b>	4d	FR	26	3	● Kuroda	● Ward	○ Heiser	○ Miyazaki	● Trinks
	<b>Giedrojc K.</b>	4d	PL	26	3	● Iijima	○ Kai	● Bro○J.	○ Cho C.	● Sora
49	<b>Tanaka M.</b>	5d	JP	26	2	○ Shikshina	● Song J.	○ Fujita	○ Brubber	● Begger.
50	<b>Rehm Robert</b>	5d	NL	26	2	○ Lim Y.	○ Fujita	● Dilger	○ Hall	● Drost
51	<b>Olsson Ulf</b>	4d	SE	26	3	● Kondo	○ Miyazaki	○ Song J.	● Izaki	● Oikawa
52	<b>Kim Hye-soon</b>	6d	KR	26	3	● Bro○J.	○ Jacenko	○ Ichikawa	● Bogackij	● Song J.
	<b>CheburaKhov A.</b>	5d	RU	26	3	● Spruit	● Take.	○ Šilt	○ Holeček	● Radm.
	<b>Plyushch Yuriy</b>	4d	UA	26	3	○ de Vos	● Kroll	● Konopáč	○ Kai	● Petraus.
55	<b>Lee Sung-keun</b>	6d	KR	26	3	● Jung J.	○ Corlan	● Rams	● Radm.	○ Yoon S.
56	<b>Fenech Antoine</b>	4d	FR	26	3	● Marigo	○ Verhagen	○ Hall	● Li Bo	● Konopáč
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58	<b>Ongaro David</b>	4d	DE	26	3	○ Holeček	● Drost	○ Kim J.	● Jipp	● Zanveld
59	<b>Kim Han Ul</b>	6d	KR	26	3	● Itoh	○ Zhao	● Goedhart	○ Nemlij	● Jurek
	<b>Cipra Petr</b>	4d	CZ	26	3	○ Kim D.	● Takeshi	● Weber	● Zanveld	○ Shikshina
61	<b>Dugin Timur</b>	4d	RU	26	3	● Ree	○ Kulkov	● Tarumi	○ Kim J.	● Ward
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63	<b>Renner Josef</b>	3d	CH	26	4	● Koreki	● Okada	○ Soldan	● Takeda	● Shepp.
64	<b>Song Sang-hun</b>	6d	KR	26	3	○ Zanveld	● Jipp	● Mori	○ Soldan	● Winkler
65	<b>Valášek Petr</b>	3d	CZ	26	4	● Kim J.	○ Jasiek	● Cabre	● Hayashi	● Li M.
66	<b>Marigo F.</b>	4d	IT	26	3	○ Fenech	○ Geerlings	● Tuzhilin	● Sugime	● Sanchez
67	<b>Jadroň Peter</b>	2d	SK	26	5	● Roerm.	● Baek	● Matsum.	● Tarumi	● Heshe
68	<b>Stodte Christian</b>	3d	DE	26	4	● Sasaki	● Jung J.	○ Heshe	● Rams	● Beben
69	<b>Heshe Thomas</b>	5d	DK	25	1	○ Taranu	○ Park J.	● Stodte	○ Ichikawa	○ Jadroň
70	<b>Li Martin</b>	5d	SE	25	2	● Okada	○ Lee H.	● Shepp.	○ Yoon S.	○ Valášek

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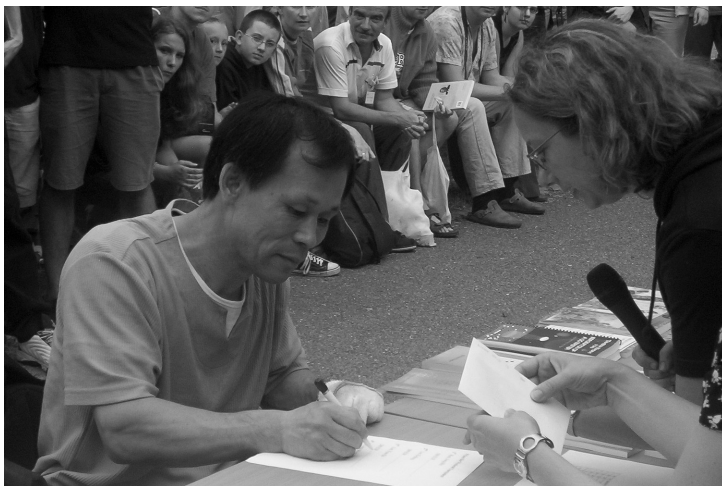
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# European Masters

## Top Tournament at the Middle Weekend of EGC 2005

The European Masters is very special championship with unique tournament rules. In the Masters each of the eight participants can qualify for an Asian championship. The winner will get first choice, next the loser of the final will choose a starting place in an international tournament, and so on... The winner will also be invited to play for the Seimitsu Cup against the US champion on the Internet in September. The European Masters is also unique with its system of qualification through several sets of European tournaments. The best three of the most recent Toyota Tournaments Tour earned places in the Masters. Others qualified by finishing at the top of other European tournaments.

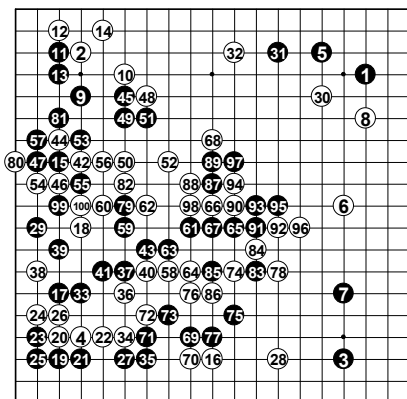
Also the competition schedule is something new for us. In order to get a unique result for players finishing on places one till eight, officials of the EGF came up with a system where one doesn't know how many games to expect. For sure everybody plays two games on Saturday, with winners of the first round playing each other in the second game of the day. The two winners after the first day play only one more game on Sunday – the final. The other six play several more rounds, fighting for the remaining places.

The first round on Saturday already brought much excitement for the fans of the Czech participants and some surprises. Both faced opponents of professional strength. Ondrej Silt met Svetlana Shikshina over the board and Radek Nechanicky had to overcome the resistance of top favorite Catalin Taranu, 5P. According to some spectators the Rumanian pro was leading by about twenty points in the middle game, but the Stubborn Czech participant is known for his tenacity. He never resigns early. Later in the game Taranu sensei made a 'poka', a terrible blunder, and lost the game. First big smiles on the faces of Czech fans for their countryman and the supporters of the top European pro showed sad shades... Later during the lunch break Catalin told us: - I played a 20th kyu mistake - beginners blunder.

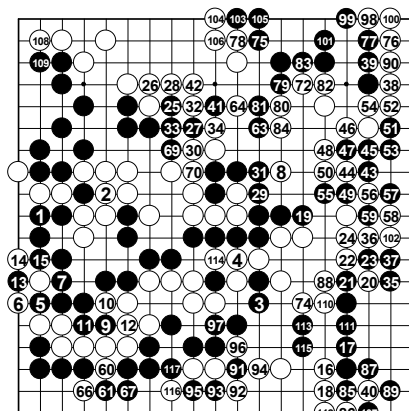
Ondrej Silt (6D, 16th in rating with 2654) only studied several times for some months in Japan, while Svetlana Shikshina, 1P (2683), still studies in Korea. The local hero did not reach professional strength yet, but he built up some useful knowledge and experience, which probably showed in their encounter, because he won as well ... Another occasion for broad smiles on the faces of the fans.



**White:** R. Nechanický, CZE, 6d  
**Black:** A. Dinerstein, RUS, 1p  
**Round:** Final  
**Result:** B+R



**Figure 1: 1-100**



62 at 56, 65 at 59, 68 at 56, 71 at 59, 73 at  
56, 118 at 91

**Figure 2: 101-219**



*Alexandr Dinerstein after the triumph in European Masters 2005*



*It was very hot on Thursday and Friday...*



*Studying before game*



*Bag from '89 EGC*



*Playing go in the Blanice pub*



*Fido – our first-board recorder*

# The EGF meeting of Friday evening

*by Jan van Rongen, EGF secretary*

It was a very hot evening, but nevertheless the meeting had a record attendance. 33 of the 35 member countries of the EGF were present!

Because of the heat I only made brief notes. From these notes again I summarize the most important points of the meeting.

The EGF has three new members: Azerbeidjan, Bulgaria and Cyprus. Next year we hope to be able to welcome Greece.

The International Go Federation has become a member of a new worldwide “Mindsports” organization, together with chess, bridge and draughts (= European checkers). One of the serious aims of this organization is to start with Mindsports in some Olympic format, i. e. every four years. Dates are not clear yet, either 2009 or 2013 are possible target years.

Related to this is the effort that is now underway to standardise the rules of Go, so that, at least for these type of worldwide events, there are rules that have been accepted by every Go (Baduk, Wei-chi) organization worldwide. This effort, led by the Ing Foundation, includes the Nihon Ki-in (Japan), the Korean Baduk Association, the Chinese Wei-chi Association, plus representatives from the US, the EGF and Singapore.

For players in a Congress of course the most interesting part of the EGF meeting is where we decide about tournaments. For everything below, please ask your national representative about the details.

First of all, there is a new Student Championship, for the first time to be held in Finland, 21-23 October 2005.

The European Youth Go Championship will be in Russia in 2006 and in the Netherlands in 2007.

Pairgo in 2006 will be in Germany. In 2007 Pairgo and a women championship will be held in Russia, St. Petersburg, before and during the Toyota Cup there. The Ing Cup will be in Romania in 2006 and in the EGCC center in the Netherlands in 2007.

Last but not least the Go Congresses. Probably known to everybody, it will be held 2006 in Italy, 2007 in Austria and 2008 in Sweden. This time we had to choose 2009. After an exciting voting round the Netherlands emerged as the winner. Peter has already reported about this in bulletin 2: European Go Congress 2009, Groningen, the Netherlands.

*The Editors added: In the final deciding vote 30 countries took part. Groningen won only by the smallest of margins: 16-14. The candidacy of Leuven in Belgium lost in the first round of voting. In the final voting after the break almost all EU-member counties voted for the bid from the Dutch Go Association. An exception was Italy. At least that is what we were told after the meeting, which was not attended by our bulletin reporter.*



*The executive of the EGF from left to right: Matti Siivola (FIN) president Tony Atkins (GBR), Martin Stiasny (GER), secretary Jan van Rongen (NED) and Oleg Gavrilov (RUS)*

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## How to become a Professional in Korea

*Diana Kösegi was one of the strongest women in the EGC in Tuchola. In last years' bulletin she told us of her ambitions to become a professional player. Many people here in Prague wondered why the ambitious young woman from Hungary did not compete here once more. In an exclusive article for the most recent issue of the Deutsche Go Zeitung she explains why. We translated – and slightly adapted - her short essay for you:*

On the middle weekend of May I first had a Youngseng test. (A Youngseng is what the Japanese call Insei, a student of Go, who tries to reach Professional strength and status). In the test 18 girls took part. We had to play 5 games with only half an hour each and three times half a minute for over-time. Pooh!

Already the first game I lost, but luckily I won the other four. With this result I got accepted as a Youngseng. There are four groups of Youngseng students in the girls' league, each with 12 participants. I started on place eleven, because I qualified only as third in the test, thanks to my early loss. The last weekend of May we began our league games, two each day. Time for each game is one hour each with the same short system of three byo-yomi periods of half a minute.

By qualifying I finally fulfilled my dream of many years: I was studying to become a Pro! This made me feel less nervous, I acted with more self-confidence and clearly I started to play better and ... I won all my games. However, the girls in the fourth Youngseng league are not so strong.

If I will continue to play so well – no one else has four wins in my group – then I will finish at one of the four top-places and earn promotion to the third group of the league. The four last players in my league will lose their status of Youngseng.

In Korea there are two possibilities to become a Pro:

Firstly they have the league system. The girls in the top group gather points and every year the girl who has most points becomes Professional. Hence, first I will have to reach the first league.

Every October there is a tournament with forty participants. This is the second opportunity to reach officially the professional strength. After a couple of rounds the best-placed 18 are divided into three groups of six, which play five rounds. Next the top two finishers of each group move into another all-play-all league of eight together with those girls who took second and third places last year.

The winner of this final league also becomes professional. Number two and three qualify for next years final for eight girls. Did you get it?

Let us hope that I can use one of those opportunities some time soon. In a later issue I will let you know about my life at the Myungji University.

*Diana Köszegi, 6dan*

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## Corrections

In our article about numbers and nations we completely forgot about the quartet from Luxembourg. They never before showed up in such a large number. A shame, and Laurent Heiser (LUX) wrote a very instructive game commentary for us. How ungrateful we were! Also there are far more Russians playing in the Main Tournament than we mentioned. They number over twenty. A first correction came in by phone from someone, who had read the commented game of Dinerstein on the net. You will read more about it in the next bulletin in an article about GoGoD – Games of Go on Disk, which is available here at the Congress from T. Mark Hall (4D). Last remark: we could not print all names of the prizewinners of the first week and the weekend tournaments in this issue. You will read many more names in the next bulletin.

## Preparations for Rome

Friday night Italian resident Yuki Shigeno, 2P, was already distributing leaflets to invite people to attend next year in Frascati near Rome as well. Main organizer Gionata Soletti attended only the first week of our Congress. He used the occasion to talk to several people to complete his team of organizers and editors. However, other members of the Italian delegation will stay for the second week. They can provide you with all the information you might want. Just ask any Italian player and he or she will know to whom you should talk to, if they would not be able to answer your questions.

Also you can look on the Internet:

Congress web site: [www.figg.it/rome2006](http://www.figg.it/rome2006)

Rome: [www.romaturismo.com](http://www.romaturismo.com)

Frascati: [www.italyheaven.co.uk/frascati.html](http://www.italyheaven.co.uk/frascati.html)

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## A very special Garden Party

Main sponsor RSJ invited organisers and officials of the Congress to a Garden Party in the Wratislavski Palace in the ‘Mala Strana’ part of the Old Town of Prague. Because of the rainy weather the opening speeches were held inside the Palace. Main organizer Jana Hricova thanked the many people and organizations, which helped to make this Congress possible. The Ambassadors of Japan – Hideaki Kumazawa – and China – Mr. Kang spoke about our game of wisdom and skill, competition and communication, which generates friendship among players from so many different countries in Asia, America and Europe. The welcome toast was celebrated with a glass of champagne, which had half a strawberry inside. The speaker for RSJ Company explained that he employs specialists in probability calculations. And the forecasts for the rest of the evening showed that the rain would stop soon.

Indeed we could move immediately into the beautiful garden, guided by hosts in traditional ancient Asian formal clothing. The garden gives a great view over the rest of the Old Town of Prague. While guests waited for the barbecue, they were entertained with traditional Japanese music played on the Samisen instrument. Next on the highest point of the terraced garden a tea ceremony got under way. All was set for a wonderful night with friendly conversations over good food and wine among new acquaintances and old friends.

In the queue for food I changed back into my role as reporter of the Congress competitions. I asked some of the Masters, how their game in the second round had been. Christian Pop: “I was ahead, but I lost in small yose to Alexander Dinerstein.” Of the four games I watched, the game between the Czech masters progressed the slowest. I had no opportunity to look at the end game, but it seemed to me that Radek Nechanicky was leading. I asked him: Did your game finish by counting? – “No, I won by resignation, but it was a close game.”

Next I asked EGF President Tony Atkins about the decisions taken during the meeting on Friday evening. He confirmed my impression that the close vote on the venue for the EGC in 2009 was the most important, but also some smaller European tournament dates were set.

Unfortunately, soon another cloud broke into heavy rain. The go players and probability specialist in the garden were quickly calculating the chances to get food before they would be completely wet. Those who took part in the tea ceremony showed the strongest nerves. Once it starts, it would be impolite to run away halfway. People got as wet as the tea which would be served to them. Fortunately the tea cooled off very quickly under these circumstances...

For about an hour people were staying in the shelter of several rooms or covered small verandas of the Castle. The most courageous among them took a quick run back into the garden to grab another bottle of wine for the group of people with whom they were enjoying conversation. In the end everybody met again downstairs in the main hall, where the opening speeches had been held, a beautiful large room. Some started to realize that it might be fun working for a Company, which has its representational office in a Palace in the Old Town...

As a farewell present every attendee received a bag of Gunpowder Tea “Temple of Heaven” from the province of Fujian in China.

It was still raining when we ran back to buses which would take us back to the University and when we arrived the rain got a bit more spectacular with thunder and lightning. We had attended a very special Garden Party indeed!

*Peter Dijkema*

## Another successful champagne celebration

One of the new people who arrived to be with us during the middle weekend and the second week celebrated his birthday on Saturday night. A certain German called Mark invited a large group of friends and fresh acquaintances to a discotheque in Old Town. He ordered many bottles of champagne. Some of the invitees only woke up late Sunday afternoon, so apparently their party has been a huge success...