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Dear Ludwig and Verena Zier, Klauss Steffan and other members of the Organizing Committee of the Wunsiedel Chess Festival!

Dear participants, grand masters and amateurs!

Dear friends!

On behalf of International Chess Federation I send my heartiest greetings to the beautiful Bavarian land, where for the 8<sup>th</sup> time already your Festival is being held.

In the domain of sports they use to say: stability is a sign of mastery. On your great example we all can see how mastery and enthusiasm give a start to a good tradition of a noticeable chess event that hopefully will grow even stronger with years.

It's a great pleasure to witness the support of the community, local authorities and business, which year after year contribute into the Festival, thus making it develop into a real international tournament. This is just the way every significant sports event evolves.

I wish the Wunsiedel Chess Festival and its strong in sports spirit founders a great success.

I wish the participants interesting and straight-out fight! And let the strongest win!

Gens una sumus! – We are one family!

Yours truly,

Kirsan Ilyumzhinov,

FIDE President