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Yet another successful Gibraltar International Chess Festival

Gibtelecom was once again a leading sponsor of the Tradewise Gibraltar International Chess Festival

The 16th Tradewise Gibraltar International Chess Festival, powered by Gibtelecom, was held between Sunday 21 January and Thursday 1 February 2018.

Once again, this proved to be a hugely successful tournament with over 60 countries being represented. The tournament saw the participation of more than 400 entries in all three tournaments - Masters; Challengers; and Amateurs - from over 275 players and more than 60 countries.

Gibtelecom powers the technology that transports the event online around the world, attracting over a million of visitors to the website and broadcasting the event around the world. The Company was the lead commercial sponsor for the tournament from its inception in 2002 until 2010 and is now concentrated on the technology aspects of the event. The Gibraltar Chess Festival was one of the first of its kind to be broadcast on the internet over a decade ago and still attracts the world's top players. Enthusiasts could follow the games online at www.gibchess.com which provided virtual chessboards and live commentary throughout the tournament.

The 2017 tournament was voted the flagship "Overall Best" event by the Association of Chess Professionals (ACP) as part of their survey of the World's most important chess events. The tournament came well ahead of a number of strong rivals, including the Isle of Man; London; Paris; Moscow; and Dubai.

The festival also came first in the "Open Events" category. This was the seventh consecutive year that the Gibraltar chess tournament has taken this award and top honours. Armenian Levon Aronian, the fourth highest ranked active player in the world, secured the top prize of £25,000. The top Women's prize of £15,000 went to Pia Cramling from Sweden.

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The competition ran during the months of October, November and December last year. The question was 'What is the default chargeable data threshold limit?' The correct answer was £42.

Philip Eynaud is pictured below receiving his prize with Johnny Martinez from Gibtelecom's Marketing team.



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