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The 24th ICT Acropolis 2009 begins!

With the participation of 26 Grandmasters, 20 International Masters, 10 FIDE Masters, 12 Women Grandmasters, 8 Women International Masters, 2 Women FIDE Masters and many other strong chess-players from 26 countries (Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Byelorussia, Bulgaria, Ecuador, England, Georgia, Greece, India, Israel, Italia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Moldavia, FYROM, Netherlands, Poland, Romania, Russia, South Africa, Slovenia, Serbia, Turkey, Ukraine, Venezuela) the 24th ICT Acropolis 2009 is ready to begin.

On Monday, August 10th, 104 chess-players will begin their games in the beautiful town of Chalkida (around 70 km north of Athens) that will last for nine days, until August 18th, according to the following program:

Monday	10/8	(17:00)	Opening Ceremony
Monday	10/8	(17:30)	Round 1
Tuesday	11/8	(17:30)	Round 2
Wednesday	12/8	(17:30)	Round 3
Thursday	13/8	(17:30)	Round 4
Friday	14/8	(17:30)	Round 5
Saturday	15/8	(17:30)	Round 6
Sunday	16/8	(17:30)	Round 7
Monday	17/8	(17:30)	Round 8
Tuesday	18/8	(14:30)	Round 9
Tuesday	18/8	(21:00)	Closing Ceremony

This year's *Acropolis ICT* is a co-organisation of the *Greek Chess Federation* and the *Chalkida Chess Academy 'Palamedes of Evia'*, sponsored by the *Greek Ministry of Tourism* and the *Greek National Tourism Organisation (EOT)*, the *Greek Ministry of Culture*, the *Greek General Secretariat of Sports*, the *Region of Attica*, the *Region of Sterea Ellada*, the *Prefecture of Evia*, the *Chalkida Municipality*, the *TEDK N. Evias*, the *Football Games Prognosis Organisation (OPAP)*, the *Chalkida Sports Organisation* and the '*Chalkis*' *AVEE*.

Parallel with the Acropolis ICT, one more open tournament for players under 2200 FIDE rating will take place, on the same dates and on the same time-schedule. 68 participants have already been registered.

More info can be found in *Bulletin 0* and on the official site of the event:
<http://acropolis-en.skakistikiakadimia.gr>.

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