

## ***PRESS RELEASE - ROUND 9***

With draws on the first six boards (players with 6 and 5,5 points) the 9th and last round of the 24th ICT Acropolis 2009 concluded, so the first four leaders kept their positions. The tie-breaks favoured the Bosnian Borki Predojevic, who officially won the tournament. The Greek players Hristos Banikas and Ioannis Papaioannou finished in second and third place respectively.

The tournament was concluded with the Closing Ceremony, which was attended by Deputy FIDE President and Greek Chess Federation President Mr. Georgios Makropoulos, the President of the Turkish Chess Federation Mr. Ali Nihat Yazici, local authorities and many chessplayers.

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