

# ANNOUNCEMENT

## HALBERSTADT MT-50

To honour the memory of French composer Vitaly Halberstadt, who died in October 1967, a tourney study is organized by French magazine Phénix.

Section A : free theme. Win or draw studies with **no more than 12 men** in initial position.

Section B : twin studies.

Nota : For good twin studies, there are two main requirements :

- the single 'discriminant', (i.e. the small difference between A and B) should be a light change, creating a subtle change in solution of B. The 'quality' of the discriminant is an essential criterion for the quality of the study.

- a try in A must be a decisive move in B and vice versa (see example). Camil Seneca, in a series of articles written in Thèmes-64, about the theory of twins, called this 'essai caractéristique' (characteristical try). Unlike what happens with problems, the characteristical try is not necessarily the key-move, it can happen after several moves after a parallel sequence of moves in the two lines A and B.

Judges : Jonathan Mestel (IGM) and Alain Pallier

Submit your original studies to the tourney director : Laurent Riguet : travailphenix@gmail.com or at the following address : Laurent RIGUET - 1, rue Jules Verne - 60560 Orry-la-Ville - FRANCE

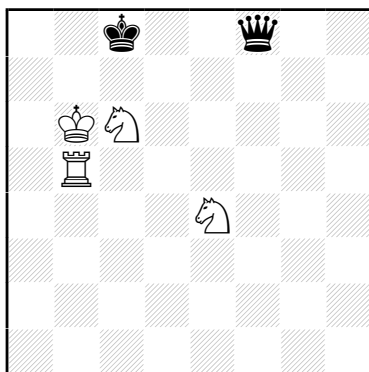
Deadline : October 25<sup>th</sup>, 2016 (anniversary date of Vitaly Halberstadt's death).

Provisonal award will be published in the Phenix issue of October 2017. A pdf file will be published on the website magazine (<http://www.phenix-echecs.fr/>).

Rewards : chess books and reviews

### V. Halberstadt

Československý Šach 1954  
2° Prix



+ (4+2)

b) ♖b5→b4

a)

1. ♖d5? ♔f2+ 2. ♗×f2 stalemate

1. ♖a5! ♔d7
2. ♗é5+ ♔é6
3. ♗g5+ ♔d6
4. ♗éf7+ ♔d7
5. ♖a7+ ♔ç8
6. ♖a8+ and win

b)

1. ♖a4? (with the same idea than 1. ♖a5! in a),  
1... ♔d7 2. ♗é5+ ♔é6=

1. ♖d4! ♔f6
2. ♖d2! ♔f8
3. ♖a2 ♔d7
4. ♗é5+ ♔é6
5. ♗ç5+ ♔d5
6. ♖d2+ ♔×é5
7. ♗d7+ and win