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World Champion: Viswanathan Anand!  
Viswanathan Anand (

India

) is the winner of the World Chess Championship 2008! The World Champion from India defended his title with a 6,5:4,5 victory against Vladimir Kramnik (

Russia

). Anand got the half point today in game eleven of the Championship. After three hours and 24 moves the draw and Anand's triumph was perfect!

The old and new World Champion: Viswanathan Anand after game 11 at the press conference. After the decisive game, the trophy giving was held on stage of the Art and Exhibition Hall, by FIDE Honorary President Florencio Campomanes and Josef Resch, UEP president and match director of the World Chess Championship. The national anthem of

India

and the FIDE anthem concluded the trophy giving.

Here is the photo gallery of game eleven and the trophy giving.

All photos: Torsten Behl.

Beginning of game 11.

Draw after 24 moves. Anand's triumph is perfect!

Trophy giving on stage.

FIDE Honorary President Florencio Campomanes.

Press conference after the game.