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# FEDERATION INTERNATIONALE DES ECHECS (FIDE): Chronology

**1924**

**1924 16.04**

The Belgian newspaper "La Nation Belge" published a copy of an invitation sent by the French chess federation to all national chess federations to attend a chess congress in Paris on July 20. The main item on the agenda was the creation of an international chess federation.

**1924 12.07**

The 8th Olympic Chess Tournament took place in Paris, France. A special committee that included the mayor of Paris' 9th district, Mr. Sauphar, the Counsel of Argentina, Alexander Alekhine, and all the officials from the French chess federation, witnessed the fifty-four players from eighteen countries taking the Olympic oath. They signed the FFE's Golden Book.

**1924 19.07**

At the end of two days of meetings under the presidency of Mr. Pierre Vincent from France and Mr. Stick van Linschoten from the Netherlands, the delegates of eleven countries agreed to create the Federation Internationale des Echecs. The bureau invited other federations from Germany, Austria, and the Soviet Union, who were not present in Paris, to join the federation. The bureau was in charge of developing the statutes of the Federation Internationale des Echecs, using the draft published in 1914 by the British Chess Federation as a model.

**1924 20.07**

The results of the World Amateur Chess Tournament, i.e. the first national team tournament chess Olympiad held in parallel with the 8th Olympic Games in Paris. They terminated toward the end of July because of an outstanding interest in chess. Aside from its intrinsic merit, which marked another step forward in forming an international federation of amateur chess players.

**1924 20.07**

The Olympic Tournament for national teams was limited to 18 teams. The winner was Czechoslovakia with 31.5 points. The Latvian H. Mattison ranked first individually and earned the title 'Amateur Champion of the 8th Olympiad.

**1924 20.07**

The Olympiad tournament was limited to 18 national teams. The winner was Czechoslovakia with 31.5 points. The Latvian H. Mattison was the individual medal winner and earned the title amateur champion of the 8th Olympic Games. The awarding of prizes and distribution of diplomas took place in the gaily decorated hall. After the national colors had been duly saluted, Monsieur Pierre Vincent, general secretary of the French federation, authorized by the president, officially announced the tournament results. Splendid medals donated by the French ministry of the exterior were then awarded to Messrs. Mattison from Latvia, Apseniecks from Latvia, and Colle from Belgium, as individual medal winners, and also to Alexander Alekhine who officiated at the tournament.

**1924 20.07**

FIDE was created. At the closing ceremony of the tournament held parallel to the 8th Olympic Games, Mr. Pierre Vincent read the membership registration protocols, which were unanimously adopted and signed by the delegates.



## 1946

**1946 25.07**

After six years of silence due to the World War and its misery, the Swiss Chess Federation organized the 17th FIDE Congress in Winterthur, Switzerland, with only eight federations out of 41 represented.

**1946 25.07**

FIDE mourned all friends who died during the seven last years: Treasurer M. Nicollet from Switzerland, Honorary Members Messrs. F.G. Hamilton Russell from England, L.P. Rees from England, Penicka from the CSR, Bedrnicek from the CSR, Miliani from Italy, St John Mildmay from Italy, Abonyi from Hungary and Stick van Linschoten from the Netherlands.

FIDE also mourned four World Champions who disappeared during this tragic period: Ms. Vera Menchik, Emanuel Lasker, José Raul Capablanca, and, recently, Alexander Alekhine.

**1946 26.07**

The Bureau proposed reorganizing and decentralizing the FIDE structure by dividing the world into administrative zones. Seven zones were created: Europe, Scandinavia, Canada, USA, Central America, South America, and Far Eastern. Each zone's delegate would be a member of the Central Committee.

**1946 26.07**

Following the death of the World Champion Alexander Alekhine, the GA had to examine several proposals to institute the organization of a new world championship cycle. A tournament was decided to be organized to determine the next World Champion. FIDE received three bids: from the USA, Argentina, and Netherlands. For practical reasons, Netherlands was chosen. The tournament would be organized during the summer of 1947. Four rounds would be played.

The following chess players were nominated as participants: Max Euwe from the Netherlands, former World Champion; the American Masters Samuel Reshevsky and Ruben Fine or two other players selected by the USCF before 1st September; the Soviet Masters Mikhail Botvinnik, Paul Keres and Vasily Smyslov or three other Masters nominated by the Soviet Federation before 1st September; the winners of the Groningen and Prague tournaments, if they were not already qualified, would have to play a match in Prague to qualify one player.

**1946 27.07**

FIDE was happy to announce that both F.G. Hamilton–Russell and Lady Margaret Hamilton Russell trophies were safe in Argentina.

Luxembourg CF became a full member of FIDE. Germany, Latvia, Estonia, and Lithuania were excluded.

## FEDERATION INTERNATIONALE DES ECHECS (FIDE): Chronology

1983

1983 21.07

Deputy President K. Jungwirth from Austria to FIDE: *"Soviet Embassy in Vienna announces serious consequences for FIDE if you stick to the decision"*.

1983 24.07

The President to Dr. N. Krogius: *"Acceding to the request of Deputy Presidents R. Toran and K. Jungwirth, I convene a Special Executive Council (EXCO) meeting to consider the motion that Council affirms Regulation 7.32 empowers the President to decide the venue of Pasadena and Abu Dhabi"*.

1983 28.07

B. Kazic from Yugoslavia to the President: *"According to the Regulations, the President decided about the venues. The Executive Council has no right to change the decision of the President, enforce or abolish the Regulations approved by the Congress". Toran from Spain said: "President acted within power given by FIDE Rules, EXCO should support the decision."*

1983

In Madrid, the Executive Council voted 8-2 for an emergency meeting, overruling Soviet objection against the proposed semi-final match sites scheduled on 5th August in Abu Dhabi and Pasadena. They also demanded that President Campomanes be reprimanded. This was voted down 8-2, as well.

1983 03.08

Kasparov's statement was announced and admitted the legality of the President's decisions but insisted that the Grandmasters themselves should decide upon the venues. He asked the USSR CF to intervene.

1983 03.08

The Hungarian CF stated that Zoltan Ribli was ready to play with Vasily Smyslov at any time and place in the framework of FIDE.

1983 04.08

The President to the USSR CF: *"A friendly European Federation offers to organize Ribli-Smyslov match if Smyslov and USSR CF give their written undertaking to play independently of other conditions attached"*.

1983 06.08

According to the schedule, V. Korchnoi appeared in Pasadena City College Auditorium. He played 1. d4 and waited one hour as Kasparov's clock ran out. Viktor Korchnoi and Zoltan Ribli were declared winners by default. V. Smyslov was technically forfeited when the USSR CF did not respond to a FIDE overture to hold this match in Europe after Abu Dhabi had canceled their match. In his speech, Campomanes said, *"No player, however strong, no member, however large, shall stand above FIDE."*

1983

The USSR won the final group of the European Team Championship in Plovdiv, Bulgaria.

1983 09.08

The President to the Hungarian CF: *"Ribli qualified for Candidates Final."*

1983 28.08

Kiril Georgiev from Bulgaria became the World Junior Champion in Belfort, France.



2015

**2015 21.10**

FIDE Ethics Commission judgement regarding Mr. Kasparov and Leong:

Upon due consideration by the Ethics Commission of the factors relevant to the sanction, including the gravity of the offense and the presence of aggravating and mitigating circumstances, the Ethics Commission imposes the following sanction: Mr. Kasparov and Mr. Leong are both banned for two (2) years from holding any office or position within FIDE, including its member federations, continental associations or any other affiliated international organizations, as well as participating in any FIDE meeting as a delegate, proxy-holder, or other representatives of a FIDE member.

This ban will be effective from 21 October 2015 until 20 October 2017.

**2015 24.10**

In Skopje FYROM, the teams of Siberia (Russia) and Nona Batumi (Georgia) became the winners of the European Club Cup.

**2015 25.10**

In Dresden, Germany, Alexey Smirnov from Russia became the World Chess Champion for Disabled 2015. The silver medal went to Babarykin Stanislav from Russia, and Stanislav Mikheev from Russia became the bronze medalist of the championship.

**2015 04.11**

In Bilbao, Spain, the Cuban Grandmaster Lazaro Bruzo became the FIBDA Champion.

**2015 06.11**

The FIDE World Youth & Cadets Chess Championships 2015 was held in Porto Carras, Halkidiki, Greece, from 24th October to 6th November 2015. The players from India dominated the event, winning as many as 11 medals, among them five gold. Russia and the USA took 4 medals each, but none was gold. Iran, Bulgaria, Azerbaijan, Germany, Greece, Uzbekistan, and Vietnam won one gold medal.

**2015 22.11**

The Italian city of Acqui Terme was the venue for the 25th World Seniors Championship.

In the 50+ section, the winners were GM Predrag Nikolic from Bosnia-Herzegovina and WGM Galina Strutinskaia from Russia. In the 65+ section, the winners were GM Vladimir Okhotnik from Russia and GM Nona Gaprindashvili from Georgia.

**2015 22.11**

Great successes for the Russian teams at the European Team Championship in Reykjavik, Iceland. Russia won the title in the Open section ahead of Armenia and Hungary. Russia took the Gold ahead of Ukraine and Georgia in the Women's section.

**2015 26.11**

The Indian Grandmaster Harika Dronavalli won the first FIDE World Online Women's Blitz Championship.



# WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENTS

## WORLD BLITZ CHAMPIONSHIPS

1988	(St. John)	1. Tal Mikhail (USSR) (unofficial)
2006	(Rishon Le Zion)	1. Grischuk Alexander (RUS)
2007	(Moscow)	1. Ivanchuk Vassily (UKR)
2008	(Almaty)	1. Dominguez Leinier (CUB)
2009	(Moscow)	1. Carlsen Magnus (NOR)
2010	(Moscow)	1. Aronian Levon (ARM)
2012	(Astana)	1. Grischuk Alexander (RUS)
2013	(Khanty-Mansiysk)	1. Le Quang Liem (VIE)
2014	(Dubai)	1. Carlsen Magnus (NOR)
2015	(Berlin)	1. Grischuk Alexander (RUS)
2016	(Doha)	1. Karjakin Sergey (RUS)
2017	(Riyadh)	1. Carlsen Magnus (NOR)
2018	(Saint Petersburg)	1. Carlsen Magnus (NOR)
2019	(Moscow)	1. Carlsen Magnus (NOR)
2021	(Warsaw)	1. Vachier-Lagrave Maxime (FRA)
2022	(Almaty)	1. Carlsen Magnus (NOR)
2023	(Astana)	1. Carlsen Magnus (NOR)

## WOMEN'S WORLD BLITZ CHAMPIONSHIPS

2012	(Batumi)	1. Valentina Gunina (RUS)
2014	(Khanty-Mansiysk)	1. Muzychuk Anna (UKR)
2016	(Doha)	1. Muzychuk Anna (UKR)
2017	(Riyadh)	1. Dzagnidze Nana (GEO)
2018	(Saint Petersburg)	1. Lagno Kateryna (RUS)
2019	(Moscow)	1. Lagno Kateryna (RUS)
2021	(Warsaw)	1. Assaubayeva Bibisara (KAZ)
2022	(Almaty)	1. Assaubayeva Bibisara (KAZ)
2023	(Astana)	1. Valentina Gunina (FID/RUS)

## WORLD RAPID CHESS CHAMPIONSHIPS

1998	(Mazatlan)	1. Karpov Anatoly (URS)
2003	(Cap d' Agde)	1. Anand Viswanathan (IND) (unofficial)
2012	(Astana)	1. Karjakin Serguey (RUS)
2013	(Khanty-Mansiysk)	1. Mamedyarov Shakhriyar (AZE)
2014	(Dubai)	1. Carlsen Magnus (NOR)
2015	(Berlin)	1. Carlsen Magnus (NOR)
2016	(Doha)	1. Ivanchuk Vassily (UKR)
2017	(Riyadh)	1. Anand Viswanathan (IND)
2018	(Saint Petersburg)	1. Dubov Daniil (RUS)
2019	(Moscow)	1. Carlsen Magnus (NOR)
2021	(Warsaw)	1. Abdusattorov Nodirbek (UZB)
2022	(Almaty)	1. Carlsen Magnus (NOR)
2023	(Astana)	1. Carlsen Magnus (NOR)





## WORLD SENIOR CHAMPIONS

1991	<b>(Bad Worishofen)</b>	I. V. Smyslov, USSR – women I. E. Ladanyine-Karakas, HUN
1992	<b>(Bad Worishofen)</b>	I. E. Geller, RUS – women I. E. Ladanyine-Karakas, HUN
1993	<b>(Bad Wilbad)</b>	I. M. Taimanov, RUS – women Tatania Zatulovskaya, RUS
1994	<b>(Biel)</b>	I. M. Taimanov, RUS – women I. E. Ladanyine-Karakas HUN
1995	<b>(Bad Lebenzell)</b>	I. E. Vasiukov, RUS – women I. N. Gaprindashvili, GEO
1996	<b>(Bad Lebenzell)</b>	I. A. Suetin, RUS – women I. V. Kozlovskaya RUS
1997	<b>(Bad Wilbad)</b>	I. J. Klovans, LAT – women I. T. Zatulovskaya RUS
1998	<b>(Grieskirchen)</b>	I. V. Bagirov, LAT – women I. T. Khmiadashvili GEO
1999	<b>(Gladenbach)</b>	I. J. Klovans, LAT – women I. T. Khmiadashvili GEO
2000	<b>(Rowy)</b>	I. O. Chernikov, RUS – women I. E. Fatalibekova RUS
2001	<b>(Arco)</b>	I. J. Klovans, LAT – women I. E. Fatalibekova RUS
2002	<b>(Naumburg)</b>	I. J. Petkevich, LAT – women I. M. Litinskaya UK
2003	<b>(Bad Zwischenahn)</b>	I. Y. Shabanov RUS – women I. T. Khmiadashvili GEO
2004	<b>(Halle)</b>	I. Y. Shabanov, RUS – women E. Fatalibekova RUS
2005	<b>(Liniano)</b>	I. L. Spassov BUL – women I. L. Saumina RUS
2006	<b>(Arvier)</b>	I. V. Korchnoi SUI – women I. L. Saumina RUS
2007	<b>(Gmunden)</b>	I. A. Butnorius LTU – women H. Erenska-Bario (POL)
2008	<b>(Bad Zwischenahn)</b>	I. L. Kaufman, USA – women I. T. Vilerte LAT
2009	<b>(Condino)</b>	I. M. Cebalo (CRO) – women N. Gaprindashvili, GEO
2010	<b>(Arco)</b>	I. A. Vaisser FRA – women T. Khmiadashvili GEO
2011	<b>(Opatija)</b>	I. V. Okhotnik FRA – women G. Strutinskaya RUS
2012	<b>(Kamena Vourla, GRE)</b>	I. J. Kristiansen DEN – women G. Strutinskaya RUS
2013	<b>(Opatija)</b>	I. A. Vaisser FRA – women Y Ankudinova KAZ

# FIDE TITLES



## INTERNATIONAL GRANDMASTERS

### 1950

Saemisch, Friedrich, FRG, b-day 29.09.1896; Najdorf, Miguel, ARG, b-day 15.04.1910; Grunfeld, Ernst, AUT, b-day 21.11.1893; Rubinstein, Akiba, BEL, b-day 12.10.1882; Fine, Reuben, USA, b-day 11.10.1914; Reshevsky, Samuel, USA, 26.11.1911; Bernstein, Ossip, FRA, b-day 20.09.1882; Tartakower, Xavier, FRA, b-day 09.02.1887; Mieses, Jacques, ENG, b-day 27.02.1865; Maroczy, Geza, HUN, b-day 03.03.1870; Szabo, Laszlo, HUN, b-day 19.03.1917; Euwe, Machgielis, NED, b-day 20.05.1901; Stahlberg, Gideon, SWE, b-day 26.01.1908; Duras, Oldrich, CZE, b-day 30.10.1882; Boleslavsky, Isaak, USSR, b-day 17.05.1919; Bondarevsky, Igor, USSR, b-day 12.05.1913; Botvinnik, Mikhail, USSR, b-day 17.08.1911; Bronstein, David, USSR, b-day 19.02.1924; Flohr, Salomon, USSR, b-day 21.11.1908; Keres, Paul, USSR, b-day 07.01.1916; Kotov, Alexander, USSR, b-day 12.08.1913; Lilienthal, Andre, USSR, b-day 05.05.1911; Levenfish, Grigory, USSR, b-day 09.03.1889; Ragozin, Viacheslav, USSR, b-day 08.10.1908; Smyslov, Vasily, USSR, b-day 24.03.1921; Kostic, Boris, YUG, b-day 24.02.1887; Vidmar, Milan, YUG, b-day 22.06.1885

### 1951

Bogoljubow, Efim, GER, b-day 14.04.1889; Gligoric, Svetozar, YUG, b-day 02.02.1923

### 1952

Eliskases, Erich, ARG, b-day 13.01.1913; Pilnik, Hermann, ARG, b-day 08.01.1914; Averbakh, Yuri, USSR, b-day 08.02.1922; Geller, Efim, USSR, b-day 08.03.1925; Taimanov, Mark, USSR, b-day 07.02.1926

### 1953

Rossolimo, Nicolas, USA, b-day 28.02.1910; Tolush, Alexander, USSR, b-day 01.05.1910; Pirc, Vasja, YUG, b-day 19.12.1907; Trifunovic, Petar, YUG, b-day 31.08.1910

### 1954

Pachman, Ludek, GER, b-day 11.05.1924; Unzicker, Wolfgang, GER, b-day 26.06.1925; Kashdan, Isaak, USA, b-day 19.11.1905; Gedeon, HUN, b-day 21.08.1911; Stoltz, Gosta, SWE, b-day 09.05.1904

### 1955

Panno, Oscar, ARG, b-day 17.03.1935; Ivkov, Borislav, YUG, b-day 12.11.1933; Matanovic, Alexander, YUG, b-day 23.05.1930; Spassky, Boris, USSR, b-day 30.01.1937; Filip, Miroslav, CSR, b-day 27.10.1928

### 1956

O'Kelly de Galway, BEL, b-day 17.05.1911; Larsen, Bent, DEN, b-day 04.03.1935; Korchnoi, Victor, USSR, b-day 23.07.1931

### 1957

Bisguier, Arthur, USA, b-day 08.10.1929; Evans, Larry, USA, b-day 22.03.1932, Tal, Mikhail, USSR, b-day 09.11.1936

### 1958

Benko, Pal, USA, b-day 15.07.1928; Fischer, Robert, USA, b-day 09.03.1943; Olafsson, Fridrik, ISL, b-day 26.01.1935

### 1959

Schmid, Lothar, GER, b-day 10.05.1928; Uhlmann, Wolfgang, GER, b-day 29.03.1935; Donner, Jan Hein, NED, b-day 06.07.1927



## INTERNATIONAL ARBITERS

### 2023

Aimar, Rayene, ALG; Charef Khodja, Djamel, ALG; Oukid, Amine Faycal, ALG; Pomar, Marcelo Nascimento, BRA; Delgado Gutierrez, Juan Carlos, COL; Shah, Omaray M., CAN; Gomez Huertas, Stanley, CRC; Brulic, Denis, CRO; Almenshaw, Wael, EGY; Hassan, Amr, EGY; Mounir, Gaber, EGY; Shoieb, Mohamed, EGY; Valhondo Morales, Ruben, ESP; Flament, Sebastien, FRA; Bandlow, Matthias, GER; Muenstermann, Claudia, GER; Wieland, Karsten, GER; Subandrijo, Agus, INA; Jaiswal, Puneet, IND; Subramaniam N, IND; Thakare Pravin, IND; Masoumi, Amirhossein, IRI; Avineri, Paz, ISR; Sijenyi, Stephen Ouma, KEN; Damir, Talapker, KGZ; Ahmad Nazari, Ellie Emira Syamimi, MAS; Espindola Moran, Daniel Rey, MEX; Jongerius, Marc, NED; Van der Graaf, Andre, NED; Solonkov, Dmitrij, RUS; Djordjevic, Nebojsa B, SRB; Jovicic, Dragan, SRB; Gunasena, H N Chathuranga, SRI; Bingolbali, Bilal, TUR; Karac, Recep, TUR; Kartal, Ayhan, TUR; Harding, Andre, USA; Kanguma, Jeffrey, ZAM; Goh, Casey, AUS; Hardegen, Andrew, AUS; Soto Olivera, Lester Jesus, CUB; Martin Martin, Antonia, ESP; Ramon Herraes, Mireia, ESP; Azzegag, Jocelyn, FRA; Bracq, Christian, FRA; Katz, Roland, FRA; Kapas, Robert, HUN; Hariputra, Chessy Prila, INA; Anil N J, IND; Anupam Bhattacharjee, IND; Arun Kumar G, IND; Atul Mishra, IND; Charvak, IND; Gaikwad, Sumukh Sudhakar, IND; Godbole, Atharva, IND; Ladhe Mohit, IND; Naresh Sharma, IND; Neelesh, Kumawat, IND; Pathak Vivek Kumar, IND; Phani Kumar N M, IND; Praful, Zaveri, IND; Ramendra Dutt Sharma, IND; Tapi Shah, IND; Vishal Kumar Minz, IND; Eivazi, Halimeh, IRI; Ghorbani, Bahareh, IRI; Harirpoosh, Soheila, IRI; Mozafar, Milad, IRI; Saraf Nia, Ardalan, IRI; Savabieh, Vahideh, IRI; Shahmoradi, Arash, IRI; Balzarini, Tiziana, ITA; Metelena, Yekaterina, KAZ; Shimelkov, Vasilij, KAZ; Shopanov, Akzhan, KAZ; Wanjiru, Moses Maina, KEN; Cueva Loria, Ruben Jesus, MEX; Tulga Tserengavaa, MGL; Vella, Duncan, MLT; Kvisla, Johannes Luangtep, NOR; Rondon Chacon, Yolys Desiree, PAN; Ibanez, Rudy, PHI; Stefaniak, Tomasz, POL; Minnaar, Ricardo, RSA; Babic, Janko, SRB; Markovic, Miroslav R, SRB; Ondo, Radoslav, SVK; Msibi, Dumsane, SWZ; Phanudom, Khosak, THA; ALTaher, Salman Tarek, UAE; Bui Vinh, VIE; Quach Phuong Minh, VIE.