

CHESS COLLECTORS INTERNATIONAL

18th Biennial Convention Prague 18th- 22nd April 2018

Dear Friends and Members of CCI

Our next international meeting will be in the beautiful central European city of Prague, the birth place of world champion Wilhelm Steinitz in May 1836. There is much history to be seen as Prague Castle dates from the end of the 9th century and the city flourished during the 14th-century reign (1346–1378) of Charles IV, Holy Roman Emperor and the king of Bohemia of the new Luxembourg dynasty. As King, Charles transformed Prague into an imperial capital and at that time it was the third-largest city in Europe after Rome and Constantinople.

We anticipate a high attendance for this meeting as many members and friends have already indicated their wish to participate. Early bookings are therefore advised, to take advantage of the special discounted room rates. Members of the Ken Whyld Association, <http://www.kwabc.org/> which is dedicated to the collection of chess books, are again cordially invited.

We will have a chess market open for 2 to 3 hours in the conference hotel; please bring chess items for sale or exchange and let us know if you wish to participate so that we can arrange sufficient space. To cover the cost of the room a small contribution of 15 euros per table will be collected.

Our convention hotel will be The Grandior in the centre of Prague where a contingent of rooms is being held for us. Please make your own hotel reservation using the keyword "CCI2018" at

<http://www.hotel-grandior.cz/en/>

Grandior Hotel, Na Porici 42, 11000 Prague.

Booking code to punch in the Grandior Hotel Prague website for your event is **CCI2018**. Or use this booking link to get to the accommodation allocation for direct booking on the hotel website for contracted period.

http://www.hotel-grandior.cz/en/bookings/?date_in=2018-04-18&date_out=2018-04-22&promo_code=CCI2018

The rate per night including breakfast and all taxes is 155 euros per double room increasing to 185 euros for a deluxe room. Hotel garage parking is available at an additional cost.

In order to ensure a smooth and uncomplicated meeting we have negotiated special rates with restaurants and guides etc. which we have combined in a participation fee of EUR 385 per person to include:-

welcome drink and dinner on 18th April
visit to castle, lunch, National Gallery & river boat dinner on 19th April
presentations, lunch, chess market & dinner in Plzenska Restaurant on 20th April
museum visit, walking tour of old town & gala dinner on 21st April
bus transfers, coffee breaks, entry fees and tours.

Please transfer EUR 385 per person to the following CCI account:-

Chess Collectors International
Deutsche Bank
IBAN: DE06500700240471205500
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Yours Sincerely

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Provisional Programme 18th – 22nd April

Wednesday 18th April

17.00 - registration

18.30 – meeting of participants on upper ground floor of the conference hotel Grandior for sparkling wine cocktails followed by dinner at 19.30 in the hotel [included in conference fee]

Thursday 19th April

09.30

Bus leaves for visit to Castle

13.00

Lunch local to castle and near river [included in conference fee]

14.00

Bus leaves for visit to National Gallery to see 16thC – 18thC items

19.00

Bus leaves for dinner on River Boat [included in conference fee]

Friday 20th April

09.30 – 13.00

Presentations in Euforie room of hotel

11.00

Coffee break

13.00

Lunch in hotel [included in conference fee]

14.00

Setting up of chess market

15.00

Chess market opens

20.00

Dinner at Plzenska restaurant, walking distance of hotel [included in conference fee]

Saturday 21st April

09.30

Bus leaves for visit to chess set display at Museum of Decorative Arts

13.00

Lunch at your leisure [not included in fee]

14.30

Walking tour of old town starting from lobby

20.00

Gala dinner with guest speaker in Ceremonie & Dialog rooms of hotel. Jacket and tie requested

Sunday 22nd April

08.30

Farewell Breakfast and end of official part of meeting