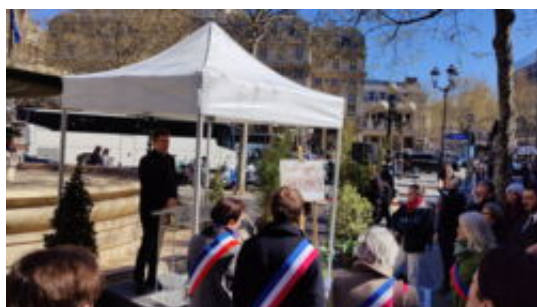


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## Paris celebrates the Café de la Régence



Speech of the President of the French Chess Federation, Eloi Relange

A landmark in chess history. On Tuesday 4 April 2023, the ceremony for the inauguration of the commemorative plaque of the Café de la Régence took place at N°161 rue Saint-Honoré in Paris.

This ceremony marks the end of a cultural project led by Jean-Olivier Leconte (FIDE master and chess historian) and that lasted several years, in particular to convince the City of Paris of the interest to pay tribute to this place known worldwide by chess players.

The ceremony took place with several deputies of the Mayor of Paris, as well as the president of the French Chess Federation.



The commemorative plaque

Text of the commemorative plaque:

Ici  
se trouvait de 1855 à 1955  
le Café de la Régence  
fondé en 1718 place du Palais Royal.  
Ce café était mondialement connu  
pour ses joueurs d'échec  
et les célébrités  
qui le fréquentèrent :  
Philidor, Rousseau, Robespierre,  
Bonaparte, Musset, Grévy ...

[From 1855 to 1955, the Café de la Régence founded in 1718 on the Place du Palais Royal, was located here.

This café was world famous for its chess players and the celebrities who frequented it:  
Philidor, Rousseau, Robespierre, Bonaparte, Musset, Grévy ...]

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Unveiling of the commemorative plaque

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Several deputies of the Mayor of Paris, Eloi Relange and myself, in front of the photo of the Café de la Régence around 1895

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With my wife (WGM Maria Leconte)