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CH&LS General Assembly 2025 in Valencia!



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In 1475, Francesco Vicent wrote his famous manuscript about chess with the modern rules in Valencia. Our member José A. Garzón has organised an exhibition to celebrate the 550 anniversaries thereof! Our society will visit the town and hold its general assembly from 5.-6. September 2025 with a first-class programme. We will hear lectures about different phases in the Spanish chess life, visit the old town and enjoy the exhibition. Details of the programme are enclosed.

Members and non-members are invited to register with our Secretary-General, Claes Løfgren (claes.lofgren54@gmail.com). We would look forward to numerous participation!

Frank Hoffmeister, President

General Assembly, Valencia, 5-6 September 2025

Location: Municipal Sports Foundation of Valencia, Fundacion Deportiva Municipal Valencia, Passeig de la Petxina 42, 46008 València

Friday, 5th September 2025

14.30: Opening by the President

15:00: Chess in Spain before modern chess (Alejandro Melchor, confirmed)

15.30: Spain as the cradle of modern chess: Scachs d'amor (1475) and the first works on modern chess by Vicent/Lucena/Damiano (José Garcon - confirmed)

16.00: Coffee break

16.30: Ruy Lopez and his reception in Europe (Herbert Bastian - confirmed)

17.00: Collector's Corner: NEBEA, Spanish Chess Bibliography: Genesis, contributions and curiosities (José Garzón, confirmed) NEBEA bibliography (José Garçon, confirmed)

17:30: Coffee Break

18.00: General Assembly

1. General Report (Frank Hoffmeister)
2. Report about To Biblion (Per Skjoldager)
3. Report about the Website (Jean-Olivier Leconte)
4. Financial accounts (Henri Serruys)
5. Administrative organization of the CHLS
6. Any other business

20.00: Joint Dinner at Restaurant upon invitation of the CHLS

Saturday, 6th September 2024

10.00-12.00: Guided tour to the old town of Valencia (confirmed)

12.00-14.00: Lunchtime at the disposal of members

14.00: St. Sebastian 1911 – l'entrée triomphale de Capablanca en Europe (Georges Bertola, confirmed)

14.30: 1943 – Alekhine escapes to Spain (Denis Teyssou, confirmed)

15.00: Coffee break

15.30: Madrid 1973 – Karpov on the way to the throne (Jesus Seoane, confirmed)

16.00: Sevilla 1987 – Kasparov v. Karpov Round 3 (Frank Hoffmeister, confirmed)

16.30 Donation of the "Viktor" Prize of the Lasker-Gesellschaft to Victor Moskalenko (Thomas Weischede, confirmed) and acceptance speech about chess in contemporary Spain

17.00-18.00: Visit of the exhibition: 550 aniversario del nacimiento del ajedrez moderno - Valencia, Origin of Modern Chess, 1475. Gift to the participants of the comic "Francesch Vicent. First Author and Master of Modern Chess". Edition 2025.

Participants are invited to book their accommodation on their own initiative. We would recommend hotels nearby the venue, such as Novotel Valencia Lavant (Av. Pio XII, 4. 46009 Valencia), NH Valencia Center (Ricardo Micó, 1, 46009 Valencia), or Hotel Villarreal (Calle Angel Guimera 58, 46008 Valencia)..

Non-members are invited to participate in the General Assembly for free. Only for the restaurant on Friday evening, we would charge a fee if a non-member would like to join us also on this occasion.

Both members and non-members should please register with our Secretary-General, Claes Løfgren by 31 August 2025 so that we can book the Restaurant and city tour accordingly.

Looking forward to see many of you in Valencia for another thrilling General Assembly!

Yours

Frank Hoffmeister (President)