

Festival Ruy López

- Magistral (invitation) -

YEAR	CHAMPION	COUNTRY	POINTS
2007	Gabriel Sargissian	Armenia	6'5/7
2008	Michael Adams	England	5'5/7
2009	Ivan Cheparinov	Bulgaria	5/7
2010	Ivan Cheparinov	Bulgaria	6/9

- Open apertura Ruy López -

Note: Open where the players had to play the Ruy Lopez opening :)

YEAR	CHAMPION	COUNTRY	POINTS
2007	Gabriel Sargissian Ivan Sokolov	Armenia The Netherlands	7/9
2008	Fabiano Caruana	Italy	7/9
2009	Iván Salgado López	Spain	7'5/9
2010	Fabiano Caruana	Italy	7'5/9

Albo d'Oro: http://www.ajedrezdeataque.com/05%20Palmares/Torneos/Espana/Ruy_Lopez.htm

<http://es.chessbase.com/post/sargian-vence-y-convence> (2007)

<http://www.ajedrez64villalba.com/iii-magistral-ruy-lopez-en-zafra-badajoz-2007/> (2007)

<http://theweekinchess.com/html/twic646.html#4> (2007 TWIC)

A brilliant tournament triumph by Gabriel Sargissian at the Ruy Lopez Masters in 2007 where he steamrolled the opposition to win with 6.5/7, full 2.5 points clear of [Ruslan Ponomariov](#) and [Julio Ernesto Granda Zuniga](#) (eight players in a single round robin).

<https://en.chessbase.com/post/second-ruy-lpez-international-che-festival-in-mrida> (2008)

<https://en.chessbase.com/post/michael-adams-wins-second-ruy-lpez-international-in-mrida> (2008)

<http://theweekinchess.com/html/twic701.html#3> (2008 TWIC)

<https://es.chessbase.com/post/ruy-lpez-2009-cheparinov-reina-en-extremadura> (2009)

<http://theweekinchess.com/html/twic763.html#3> (2009 TWIC)

<http://en.chessbase.com/post/cheparinov-wins-ruy-lopez-masters-with-2904-performance> (2010)

<https://de.chessbase.com/post/ivan-cheparinov-sieger-des-ruy-lopez-festivals> (2010)

<http://theweekinchess.com/chessnews/events/ruy-lopez-chess-festival-2010> (2010 TWIC)

2007 Ruy Lopez International Chess Festival

→ **Zafra** is the hometown of [Ruy Lopez](#), author of one of the first European treatises on chess.
<https://www.chess.com/blog/kurtgodden/ruy-loacuteppez-on-the-ruy-loacuteppez> (on Ruy Lopez)

Location: Zafra, Spain

March 16, 2007 to March 25, 2007

Category XV (average rating 2601 - 2625)

7 rounds

Round robin tournament

Winner: Gabriel Sargissian

<http://www.chessfocus.com/tournament-results/2007-ruy-lopez-international-festival>

Place	Player	Score	W	L	D
1.	Gabriel Sargissian	6.5 / 7	6	0	1
2.	Julio E Granda Zuniga	4.0 / 7	2	1	4
2.	Ruslan Ponomariov	4.0 / 7	3	2	2
4.	Ivan Sokolov	3.5 / 7	3	3	1
5.	Manuel Perez Candelario	3.0 / 7	2	3	2
6.	Krishnan Sasikiran	2.5 / 7	0	2	5
6.	Antoaneta Stefanova	2.5 / 7	1	3	3
8.	Yifan Hou	2.0 / 7	1	4	2

2008 Ruy Lopez International Chess Festival

Location: Merida, Spain

April 04, 2008 to April 13, 2008

Category XV (average rating 2601 - 2625)

7 rounds

Round robin tournament

Winner: Michael Adams

<http://www.chessfocus.com/tournament-results/2008-ruy-lopez-international-chess-festival>

Place	Player	Score	W	L	D
1.	Michael Adams	5.5 / 7	4	0	3
2.	Pengxiang Zhang	5.0 / 7	4	1	2
3.	Humpy Koneru	4.5 / 7	3	1	3
3.	Gabriel Sargissian	4.5 / 7	2	0	5
5.	Fabiano Caruana	2.5 / 7	2	4	1
6.	Julio E Granda Zuniga	2.0 / 7	0	3	4
6.	Yifan Hou	2.0 / 7	1	4	2
6.	Manuel Perez Candelario	2.0 / 7	1	4	2

2009 Ruy Lopez International Chess Festival

Location: Zafra, Spain

June 13, 2009 to June 19, 2009

Category XIV (average rating 2576 - 2600)

7 rounds

Round robin tournament

Winner: Ivan Cheparinov

<http://www.chessfocus.com/tournament-results/2009-ruy-lopez-international-chess-festival>

Place	Player	Score	W	L	D
1.	Ivan Cheparinov	5.0 / 7	3	0	4
2.	Michael Adams	4.5 / 7	3	1	3
3.	Fabiano Caruana	3.5 / 7	3	3	1
3.	Julio E Granda Zuniga	3.5 / 7	2	2	3
3.	David Larino Nieto	3.5 / 7	3	3	1
6.	Pia Cramling	3.0 / 7	2	3	2
7.	Humpy Koneru	2.5 / 7	2	4	1
7.	Manuel Perez Candelario	2.5 / 7	1	3	3

2010 Ruy Lopez International Chess Festival

Location: Villafranca de los Barros, Spain

June 11, 2010 to June 19, 2010

Category XIV (average rating 2576 - 2600)

7 rounds

Round robin tournament

Winner: Ivan Cheparinov

<http://www.chessfocus.com/tournament-results/2010-ruy-lopez-international-chess-festival>

Place	Player	Score	W	L	D
1.	Ivan Cheparinov	6.0 / 7	5	0	2
2.	Fabiano Caruana	4.5 / 7	3	1	3
2.	Vladimir Malakhov	4.5 / 7	4	2	1
4.	Ivan Salgado Lopez	4.0 / 7	3	2	2
4.	Gabriel Sargissian	4.0 / 7	2	1	4
6.	Pia Cramling	2.0 / 7	1	4	2
6.	Manuel Perez Candelario	2.0 / 7	1	4	2
8.	Deysi Cori T.	2.0 / 8	2	6	0

→ Second win for Bulgarian GM Ivan Cheparinov at the Ruy Lopez Magistral (2009 & 2010), meanwhile GM Fabiano Caruana won twice the Ruy Lopez Open (2008 & 2010).

This edition of 2010 turned out to be the last international invitation tournament of the series.



Ruy Lopez Chess Festival (IV) 2010

The fourth and final edition of the **Ruy Lopez International Chess Festival** took place on 11-19th June 2010 in Villafranca de los Barros, Extremadura, Spain. Numerous events enjoyed the public, some of them being youth and amateur tournaments, lectures, master tournament, rapid open ...

The Festival has been consolidated through the efforts of the sponsors and organizers: Ministry of Youth and Sport of Extremadura, Extremadura Assembly, City of Villafranca, Diputación de Badajoz, Caja Badajoz, Extremadura Brand, Cafés Delta, Foundation for Youth and Sport, Glass BA, Hoy and the collaboration of the Spanish Federation of Chess and numerous private entities.

Everything coordinated by the Chess Club Linex-Magic Extremadura and the Association Ruy Lopez de Zafra.

The main event of the Festival is the round robin Master Tournament with 8 players. The entry list **combines experience and youth, talent and desire to progress**: Vladimir Malakhov (RUS 2722), [Fabiano Caruana](#) (ITA 2675 Elo), [Ivan Cheparinov](#) (BUL 2640), Gabriel Sargissian (ARM 2677), [Pia Cramling](#) (SWE 2536), WGM Deisy Cori (PER 2409), GM Ivan Salgado (ESP 2606) and IM Manuel Pérez Candelario (ESP 2527).

This Master Group of the Ruy Lopez International Chess Festival 2010 was a Category 14 event (average Elo 2599). It was marked by the exploit of **Ivan Cheparinov** (*photo below*), who finished a point and a half ahead of his nearest rivals (Caruana and Malakhov). The Bulgarian grandmaster, produced five wins and two draws for a 6.0/7 final score, with a stunning 2904 Elo performance: <http://en.chessbase.com/post/cheparinov-wins-ruy-lopez-masters-with-2904-performance>.



Photo: Maria Emelianova