

Orense – International Chess Tournament (Invitation series)

In the 1970s, Galicia was one of the main areas of Spanish chess activity, hosting many strong international events. More recently, the area has been overshadowed by Linares, Dos Hermanas, Madrid and Bilbao, but the 2009 Galicia Chess Festival marked a return of major chess events to Galicia: <http://theweekinchess.com/html/twic779.html#13>. Several Open Festivals were held in the beautiful city of Orense, which hosted some of the strongest Spanish chess tournaments of the 1970s (the famous **Orense series**, Larsen and Ljubojevic among the winners), and some independent Prequels.

(1951 1^o Torneo de La Coruña, Galicia):

1. Rossolimo, 2. Pomar 3. Pilnik (9 players)

http://historiadelaajedrezspanol.es/torneos/coruna_51.htm

http://www.ajedrecito5.galeon.com/ibero/ti_coruna1951.html

1973 GALICIA - 73 in **Orense**, Vigo Y La Coruña:

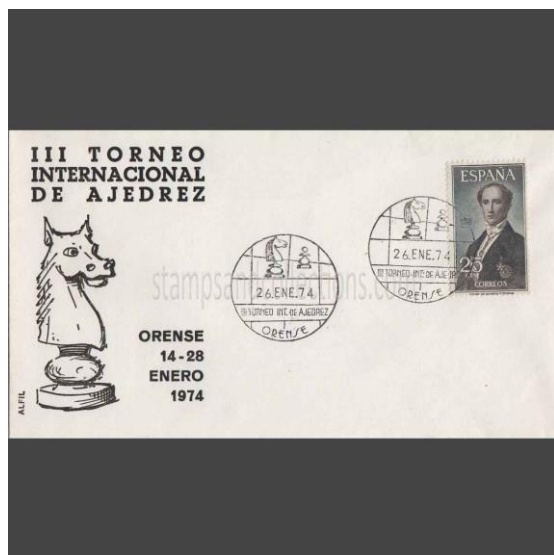
1. Torre, 2.-4. Rodolfo Tan Cardoso (The Phillippines), Durao (Portugal), Andersson, 5./6. Quinteros, Hartoch, 7. Medina (10 players)

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1973 (2nd) in **Orense**:

1. Gheorghiu, 2./3. Padevsky, Benkö, 4./5. Ciocaltea, Parma (incl. Pomar Salamanca, Janosevic, Mednis, 12 players)

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1974 (3rd) in **Orense**:

1. Ljubojevic, 2. Benkö, 3. Torre (incl. Bisguier, 12 players)

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1975 (4th) in **Orense**:

1. Larsen, 2./3. Ljubojevic, Andersson, 4./5. Gheorghiu, Quinteros, 6./7. Lombardy, Pomar Salamanca (incl. Keene, Tarjan, 16 players)

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Gudmundur Sigurjonsson
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Gudmundur Sigurjonsson was born on the 25th of September 1947 in Reykjavik. Awarded the IM title in 1970 and the GM title in 1975, **he was national Icelandic champion in 1965, 1968 and 1972.**

International Tournament results include **1st at Reykjavik (closed) 1970** (ahead of 2. Ghitescu, 3. Bruce Amos, 4. Padevsky, 5. F. Olafsson, 6. Hecht; 16 players), **1st= at San Feliu de Guixols (Costa Brava), 1974** (together with Kurajica), *2nd= at Hastings 1974-75 (Hort won, Sigurjonsson alongside Vaganian half a point behind, but ahead of 4./5. Andersson, Beliavsky, 6. Planinc, 7. Miles; 16 players), 1st= at Orense 1976, 2nd= at Cienfuegos (Capablanca Memorial) 1976* (Gulko won, Sigurjonsson runner-up alongside Razuvaev), 1st= at Brighton (closed) 1982.

He played for Iceland in the [Chess Olympiads](#) of 1966, 1968, 1970, 1972, 1974, 1978, 1980, 1982, 1984 and 1986.

Famous game: Timman vs. Sigurjonsson 0-1 in Geneva International 1977
Replay: <http://www.chessgames.com/perl/chessgame?gid=1142385> (Chessgames)

1976 (5th) in **Orense**:

1. Sigurjonsson (best on tie-break), **Rogoff**, **Garcia Gonzales**, 4. Rodriguez Vargas, 5./6. Bellon Lopez, Keene, 7. Timman, 8.= Pomar Salamanca (12 players)

http://historiadelaajedrezspanol.es/torneos/orense_76.htm

http://www.ajedrecito6.galeon.com/ibero/ti_orense1976.html

1977 (6th) in **Orense**:

1. IM (GM 1978) Rodriguez Vargas (Peru), 2. Browne, 3./4. Gheorghiu, Keene, 5. Pomar Salamanca, Hernandez Onna (12 players)

Rodriguez won as an IM, unbeaten and outright, ahead of four grandmasters

2. Browne, 3./4. Gheorghiu, Keene, 5.= Pomar (12 players from nine countries):

http://historiadelaajedrezspanol.es/torneos/orense_77.htm

http://www.ajedrecito6.galeon.com/ibero/ti_orense1977.html