

Rome (Banco di Roma) **1976 (1st) – 1988 (11th)**, no tournament in 1978 and 1987.

This Invitational Tournament was established on initiative of **Alvise Zichichi**, who also was IM, arbiter and organizer, he worked for the Banca di Roma. Prequel in 1964 and 1973 (national).

Mostly there was an “A” - group and a local / junior ”B” - group. Plus an additional **match 1977** between the then leading two Italian players: IM **Tatai vs. GM Mariotti (4.5-3.5)**. Stefano Tatai is a twelve time Italian champion. Sergio Mariotti is the first Italian born GM, awarded in 1974.

International chess invitation tournament in Rome from 1976 until 1988. Then under a new sponsor, twice held as an open event: **Open (Torre & Cavallo) 1989** with “The Sack of Rome” (below: Sofia Polgar’s dominance), and **Open (Magistrale) 1990**, followed later by local Open.

It will be maybe best remembered for its 1989 Open event when Sofia Polgar finished clear first with 8½ out of 9 points and amazing performance of 2910 (some sources say even 2930) Elo!

The winners were (invitation): 1976 Anatoly Lein; 1977 Rafael Vaganian & Adrian Mihalchisin; 1979 Jozsef Pinter; 1980 Georgios Makropoulos; 1981 Viktor Korchnoi; 1982 Jozsef Pinter & Viktor Korchnoi; 1983 Jozsef Pinter; 1984 Gyula Sax & Stefano Tatai 1985 Ulf Andersson; 1986 Gyula Sax & Ulf Andersson; 1988 Slavoljub Marjanovic, Vasily Smyslov & Boris Gulko

Hungarian **Jozsef Pinter** is thrice and record winner of the Rome Invitation series: Rome 1979 (outright), Rome 1982 (together with Viktor Korchnoi) and Rome 1983 (outright).

Banco di Roma: https://it.wikipedia.org/wiki/Banco_di_Roma

Alvise Zichichi: https://it.wikipedia.org/wiki/Alvise_Zichichi



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The winners in 1986: Ulf Andersson (second left), Roman Toran, Gyula Sax and Alvise Zichichi

1989 (**open**) Sofia Polgar and 1990 (**open**) Tony Miles. No edition at all in 1978, and 1987.

Sofia Polgar won the Rome Open in 1989 with **fantastic 8.5/9 points**, her biggest success: http://www.ajedrezdeataque.com/11%20Ajedrez%20Femenino/Torneos/Roma_89.htm

Globetrotter **Tony Miles** took the second and last Rome Open in 1990, edging out among others Oll who was second, Bareev, Chernin, rising Anand, or the veterans Smyslov and Bronstein.

→ **Garry Kasparov** visited in 1990 the Rome Open, and met the Pope! (DIE SCHACHWOCHE)

Albo d'Oro:

http://www.torneionline.com/loto_albi.php?path=albi/06_Grandi_Tornei_e_Festival/&link=85_Roma_-_Banco_di_Roma.htm

Rome (Banco di Roma) 1976 – 1988 (no tournaments in 1978 & 1987) <http://storiascacchi.altervista.org/storiascacchi/Italia/tornei.htm> **On initiative of Alvise Zichichi**

Prequel (international) 1964- 1-2 **Lehmann, Lengyel**; and Prequel (national) 1973- 1 **Mariotti**

- I. Banco di Roma 1976- 1 Lein** (a.o.: Toth, Kirov, Zichichi, Tatai, Mariotti, Bukic, 8. **Bilek**)
- II. Banco di Roma 1977- 1-2 Vaganjan e Mihalchisin** (a.o. **Pfleger**, Ostojic, **Bilek**, Forintos)
- III. Banco di Roma 1979- 1 Pinter** (a.o. Mariotti, **Csom**, Toth, Tatai, **Hug**, Keene, Marovic)
- IV. Banco di Roma 1980- 1 Makropoulos** (a.o. Parma, **Szabo**, Tatai, Mariotti, Robatsch)
 - > [Banco di Roma 1980 B-](#) 1 De Eccher (Medina)
- V. Banco di Roma 1981- 1 Korcnoj** (a.o. **Csom**, Parma, Tatai, **Matanovic**, Mariotti, Makropoulos)
 - > [Banco di Roma 1981 B-](#) 1 Popov L. (a.o. Medina, **Lobron**, Hoi)
- VI. Banco di Roma 1982- 1-2 Pinter e Korcnoj** (a.o. Mariotti, **Benko**, **Marovic**, Tatai, Zichichi, Robatsch, Soos, **Unzicker**)
 - > [Banco di Roma 1982 B-](#) 1 Martin A. (a.o. Bouaziz, Ralf Hess)
- VII. Banco di Roma 1983- 1 Pinter** (a.o. Toth, Tatai, **Gheorghiu**, **Lobron**, Bellon, **Benko**)
 - > [Banco di Roma 1983 B-](#) 1 **Fernand Gobet** won the B-group (a.o. Skembris, Danner)
- VIII. Banco di Roma 1984- 1-2 Sax e Tatai** (a.o. Toth, **Pinter**, Inkirov, Mednis, **Gobet**, Zichichi)
 - > [Banco di Roma 1984 B-](#) 1 Gross (a.o. Skembris)
- IX. Banco di Roma 1985- 1 Andersson** (a.o. of **Sax**, Cebalo, Yap, Inkirov, Bellon, Tatai)
 - > [Banco di Roma 1985 B-](#) 1 Bukal (a.o. Skembris, **Bhend**)
- X. Banco di Roma 1986- 1-2 Andersson e Sax** (a.o. **Farago**, Kirov, Tatai, Bukal, **Sosonko**)
 - > [Banco di Roma 1986 B-](#) 1 Rigo (a.o. **Trepp**, Teschner)
- XI. Banco di Roma 1988- 1-3 Marjanovic, Smyslov e Gulko** (a.o. **C. Hansen**, Braga, Tatai)
 - > [Banco di Roma 1988 B-](#) 1 L.B.Hansen (a.o. **Partos**) **Swiss players in red**

Record winners: Pinter (3x (four entries)), Korchnoi (2x (two entries)), Andersson (2x), Sax (2x)

Banco di Roma 1981

				1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	0		
1	Korchnoi, Viktor	2650	+195	*	1	½	½	1	1	1	1	1	1	8.0/9	!
2	Csom, Istvan	2500	+67	0	*	½	1	½	0	½	1	1	1	5.5/9	
3/4	Parma, Bruno	2500	+25	½	½	*	½	½	½	½	1	½	½	5.0/9	21.75
3/4	Tatai, Stefano	2495	+31	½	0	½	*	½	1	½	½	1	½	5.0/9	20.75
5	Matanovic, Aleksandr	2500	-15	0	½	½	½	*	½	½	½	1	½	4.5/9	
6-9	Rodriguez, Orestes	2455	-47	0	1	½	0	½	*	½	0	½	½	3.5/9	15.25
6-9	Mariotti, Sergio	2485	-80	0	½	½	½	½	½	*	0	½	½	3.5/9	15.00
6-9	Toth, Bela	2395	+19	0	0	0	½	½	1	1	*	0	½	3.5/9	13.25
6-9	Makropoulos, Georgios	2485	-80	0	0	½	0	0	½	½	1	*	1	3.5/9	12.50
10	Zichichi, Alvise	2400	-29	0	0	½	½	½	½	½	½	0	*	3.0/9	

Average elo: 2486 <=> Category: 10 ; gm = 6.03 m = 4.23

Korchnoi vs. Csom: <http://www.chessgames.com/perl/chessgame?gid=1082680>

Banco di Roma 1982

				1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	0		
1	Pinter, Jozsef	2520	+173	*	½	½	½	1	½	1	1	1	1	7.0/9	27.50
1/2	Korchnoi, Viktor	2645	+34	½	*	0	1	½	1	1	1	1	1	7.0/9	26.75
3	Mariotti, Sergio	2455	+100	½	1	*	0	½	1	½	½	1	½	5.5/9	
4/5	Benko, Pal	2470	+1	½	0	1	*	½	½	½	½	½	½	4.5/9	19.50
5/6	Marovic, Drazen	2440	+34	0	½	½	½	*	½	½	½	1	½	4.5/9	18.25
6	Tatai, Stefano	2440	-6	½	0	0	½	½	*	½	½	½	1	4.0/9	
7-8	Zichichi, Alvise	2400	-3	0	0	½	½	½	½	*	½	½	½	3.5/9	13.75
7-8	Robatsch, Karl	2415	-20	0	0	½	½	½	½	½	*	½	½	3.5/9	13.75
9	Soos, Bela	2415	-63	0	0	0	½	0	½	½	½	*	1	3.0/9	
10	Unzicker, Wolfgang	2510	-216	0	0	½	½	½	0	½	½	0	*	2.5/9	

Average elo: 2471 <=> Category: 9 ; gm = 6.30 m = 4.50

 Pinter Jozsef (09.11.1953)



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Hungarian Grandmaster (1982, IM 1976). **Hungarian Champion in 1978 and in 1979**. Writer, coach, leading instructor at the Hungarian junior chess school and captain of the national team.

Won or shared first Plovdiv 1979 (outright), three times winner of the Rome Invitation series: **Rome 1979** (outright), **Rome 1982** (together with Viktor Korchnoi) and **Rome 1983** (outright), Balatonbereny 1983, Prague zonal 1985 (together with Mihai Suba and Vlastimil Jansa, surpassing amongst others Lubomír Ftacnik, Florin Gheorghiu, Andras Adorjan, Ivan Farago, or Istvan Csom), **Copenhagen (Jubilee) 1985** (best performance of Pinter according to chessmetrics, clear first, full 1.5 point ahead of 2.-4. Bent Larsen, Helgi Olafsson, Curt Hansen, followed by Vasily Smyslov, Nick DeFirmian, Johan Hjartarson, James Plaskett, Carsten Hoi, Lars Karlsson, etc.), that strong international invitational was held to celebrate **the 50 years jubilee of the chess club Brønshøj**, the corresponding district is part of the municipality of Copenhagen, **Szirak 1985** (together with Vladimir Tukmakov, ahead of Gyula Sax, Andras Adorjan, Kiril Georgiev, Anatoly Vaissar, Andronico Yap, Wolfgang Uhlmann, Rainer Knaak, Josef Klingner, a.o.), Warsaw zonal 1987, **Léon GM 1989** (together with Zsuzsa Polgar, who had the better tie-break, the official website shows him as first in a retrospective survey), Budapest (Perenyi Memorial) 1989 (together with Jozsef Horvath), **Beersheba 1991** (ahead of Sergey Dolmatov in a closed double round robin), Balaton GM-A in 2005. =**2nd at Dortmund 1988** (joint with Daniel King, Smbat Lputian won).

Jozsef Pinter is thrice and record winner at Rome International GM ("Banco di Roma"), see above. Pinter qualified three times in a row for an Interzonal tournament: 1982 in Las Palmas, 1985 in Taxco, and 1987 in Zagreb. He finished always on a solid midfield place.

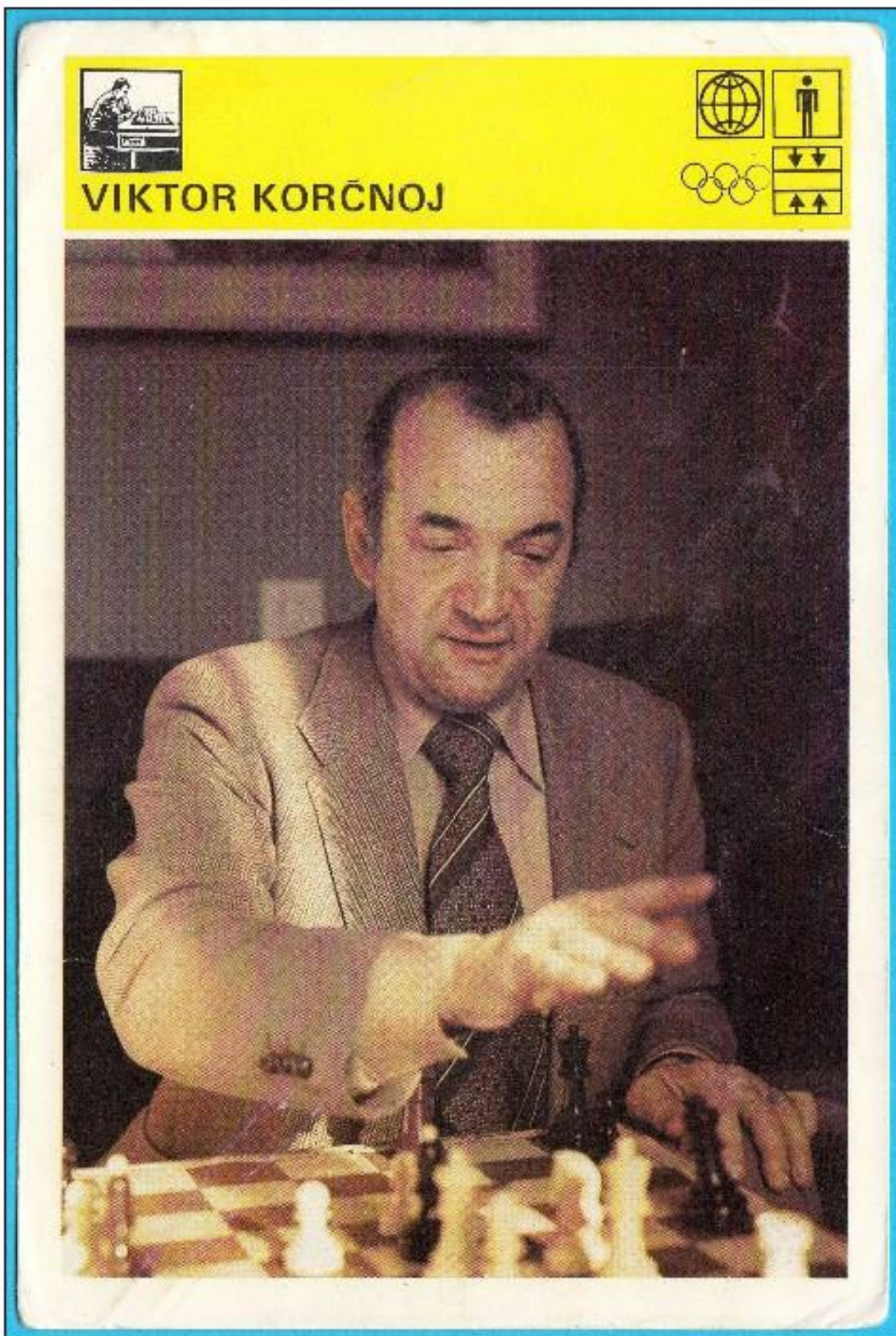
A participant in eight Olympiads from 1980 until 1998 where Pinter collected one **individual gold medal in 1984** for the best performance at board five and a team silver medallist in 1980. European Club Cup Champion. Highest ranking =**22 in 1985** (July – Dec). Highest ELO rating 2595 in 1998.

Famous games: Pinter is well known for a **1984 brilliancy against his compatriot Portisch** in that year's Hungarian Championship: <http://www.chessgames.com/perl/chessgame?gid=1063968>. More about his immortal game: <http://en.chessbase.com/post/pinter-s-brilliance-against-portisch>.

Kasparov close to loose, French T-ch 1993: Kasparov (Auxerre) vs. Pinter (Montpellier) ½- ½, <http://www.chessgames.com/perl/chessgame?gid=1064295>, a battle of 114 moves!

Apr-26-08 percyblakeney: Garry Kasparov never lost (with classical time controls) against a Hungarian opponent! He played lots of games versus the top notches Portisch, Judit Polgar, Leko, Almasi, Ribli, Sax, Adorjan, Csom, and some other Hungarians without losing in classical chess (Judit Polgar, Linares 1994 is a separate story), but here it wasn't that far away against the somehow less known Jozsef Pinter. The endgame reminds of [Radjabov vs Van Wely, 2008](#) (posting in chessgames)

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