**Porto Santo to host FIDE World Senior Championships 2024**

Island Porto Santo (Madeira archipelago) will host the FIDE World Senior Championships 2024 from November 16 to 29, 2024.

Porto Santo is also known as Golden Island because of its unique colour of the sand. This seashore is rightfully considered as one of the most prestigious beaches on the planet. Porto Santo is expecting to welcome about 300 chess players from all over the world, who will compete in two age groups 50+ and 65+, both Open and Women sections.

The tournament will take place in the magnificent facilities of the Vila Baleira Hotel, located next to the place that was recently recognised as the “Best Beach Destination in Europe” by the World Travel Awards.

The presentation of the event at the Vila Baleira Hotel was attended by Mr Bruno Martins, the General Manager of the Vila Baleira Hotels & Resorts Group, Mr Dominic Cross, the President of the Portuguese Chess Federation (FPX) and Mr Gilberto Garrido, the President of the Chess Association of the Autonomous Region of Madeira (AXRAM).

Bruno Martins emphasised: “We have large scale experience of cooperation with diferente international sports organisations. Chess fit in well with our aims of combining high level competition with some lesuer time and comfort using the great capacity of the Hotel Vila Baleira”.

“Portuguese Chess Federation is growing in its ability to organise events on an international scale. The good relations with the tourism authorities in Madeira, especially in Porto Santo, have allowed us to think of a great chess tournament and FIDE World Senior Championships fit like a glove with the dynamics of playing high-level chess, while also being able to enjoy the incredible potential of Porto Santo and the hotel that will host the event,” said the president of the FPX Dominic Cross.

Gilberto Garrido, for his part, described the upcoming event as “Another great opportunity to develope and promote chess in the Autonomous Region of Madeira.”