

Havana City, July 12th 2017

Announcement

We are pleased to invite you to the XI Remberto Fernández Chess Tournament in its Second International Edition, to be held in Havana, Cuba.

The event is scheduled from May 3rd to 15th, 2018. See the event program at the end.

International norms will be granted during the event and certificates will be delivered in the closing ceremony.

The tournament will be held at the University of Informatics Sciences, at <http://www.uci.cu> you can get more information about this center. The institution is located 15 minutes from José Martí International Airport.

FIDE current international regulations will apply; the game time will be 90 minutes with 30 seconds increment from move 1.

It will be played by the Swiss System to 10 rounds. The tolerance time will be half an hour.

Tie-Break Systems to be applied will be: Buchholz System, Buchholz Cut 1, Buchholz Cut 2, Number of games won and Direct encounter.

The treatment of games not played: "Calculate with real points" "Do not add own points" "Compute Buchholz Tie-Break for dropped players"

All the participants should be dressed in a suitable manner and maintain a properly behaviour, as it is an international event and be willing to give interviews. Ingestion of alcoholic beverages is not permitted. It is compulsory to attend the technical meeting of the event. Failure to comply will prevent players's participation in future editions.

Fifty players are estimated to participate; Grand Master, International Master, Woman Grand Master and Woman International Master players will have priority. Cuban chess players possessing Elo of 2400, foreigners who has Elo superior to 2200 and those players from the university with Elo superior to 2150 or that hold the titles of FIDE Master and Woman FIDE Master. The organizing committee reserves the right of admission.

The participants in the previous edition are assured their inclusion, they must confirm.

Those who are interested, can confirm participation to IA Isbel Herrera del Sol (tournament organizer) to isbel@uci.cu, from September 1st, 2017. They will receive an invitation letter immediately.

Foreign chess players must pay 350.00 CUC, which cover: accommodation (university hotel in double rooms), food (breakfast, lunch and dinner), bottled water, coffee and snack on game days, transfer to and from the airport, accreditation. During the rest-day a small tour to places of interest and an optional Blitz tournament are offer to all participants. Internet service is included since your arrival.

Payments will be made in CUC (Cuban Convertible Pesos). All participants who register will receive an accrediting certificate.

Payment must be made to the college account number, previously communication via email (see above) for details. Preferably before December 1st, 2017.

Countries that register 6 players or more will have a discount of 50.00 CUC. Payment must be made collectively.

The first 10 foreign players with title, that register, only have to pay the following amount (the list will be immediately updated at [chess- results.com](http://chess-results.com)):

Payment	Title
International Master	100.00 CUC
Woman Grand Master	150.00 CUC
Woman International Master	200.00 CUC

The oficial cancelation to the event must be before February 1st, 2018, 100% of the money will be refunded, after deadline only 50% will be refunded.

Foreign Grandmasters do not pay and have the right to a single room.

Send the details of your return trip before February 1st, 2018.

Arbiters do not receive remuneration, but do not have to pay. If they work 100% efficiently during the tournament they will receive the norms according to their title.

It is not possible to give cash prizes, prizes will be awarded to the three winners and the best by categories: foreign, women and by age. Prizes are not divided, you can only get a prize, the biggest. To receive the prize, you must attend the closing ceremony.

Foreign chess players participating in the 11th Remberto Fernández University Tournament will have the option of participating in the events Guillermo García and José Raúl Capablanca in May and June of 2018. They must declare their intention.

Their inclusion in a certain group and the conditions will be according to the title and Elo that they possess in the list Elo of accomplishment of each tournament. In order to guarantee your participation you must confirm before December 1st, 2017.

In case Capablanca changes the starting date the other previous tournaments will change as well. We will notify you in advance if necessary.

Tournament Schedule

No.	Day	Activity	Time	Place
1	Thursday 3/5	Arriving	Todo el día	University Hotel
		Technical meeting	9:00 p.m.	Building 6
2	Friday 4/5	Registration	9:00 a.m.	Building 6
		Blitz Tournament	9:30 a.m.	Building 6
		Opening ceremony	2:00 p.m.	Building 6
		Round 1	2:30 p.m.	Building 6
3	Saturday 5/5	Round 2	2:30 p.m.	Building 6
4	Sunday 6/5	Round 3	2:30 p.m.	Building 6
5	Monday 7/5	Round 4	2:30 p.m.	Building 6
6	Tuesday 8/5	Round 5	2:30 p.m.	Building 6
7	Wednesday 9/5	Rest-day: Trip to Viñales.		
8	Thursday 10/5	Round 6	2:30 p.m.	Building 6
9	Friday 11/5	Round 7	2:30 p.m.	Building 6
10	Saturday 12/5	Round 8	2:30 p.m.	Building 6
11	Sunday 13/5	Round 9	2:30 p.m.	Building 6
12	Monday 14/5	Round 10	8:30 a.m.	Building 6
		Closing Ceremony	3:00 p.m.	Building 6
13	Tuesday 15/5	Departure	All day	University Hotel

Participants who attended the previous edition expressed, in the surveys, that the event was successful. A Round Robin tournament of 10 players was achieved and three International Master norms were materialized. See <http://chess-results.com/tnr265649.aspx?lan=2> and <http://chess-results.com/tnr270573.aspx?lan=2>

We are aware that it is a challenge to achieve a Swiss event with 50 players, but with your contribution we are sure that we will achieve it.

The Organizing Committee is grateful for the announcement of the event.

Hoping to have you soon between us,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read 'Merced Len', is written over a rectangular stamp. The stamp contains the UCI logo and the text 'VICERRECTOR EXTENSIÓN UNIVERSITARIA Y RESIDENCIA'.

MSc. Silvano Merced Len
Vicerrector