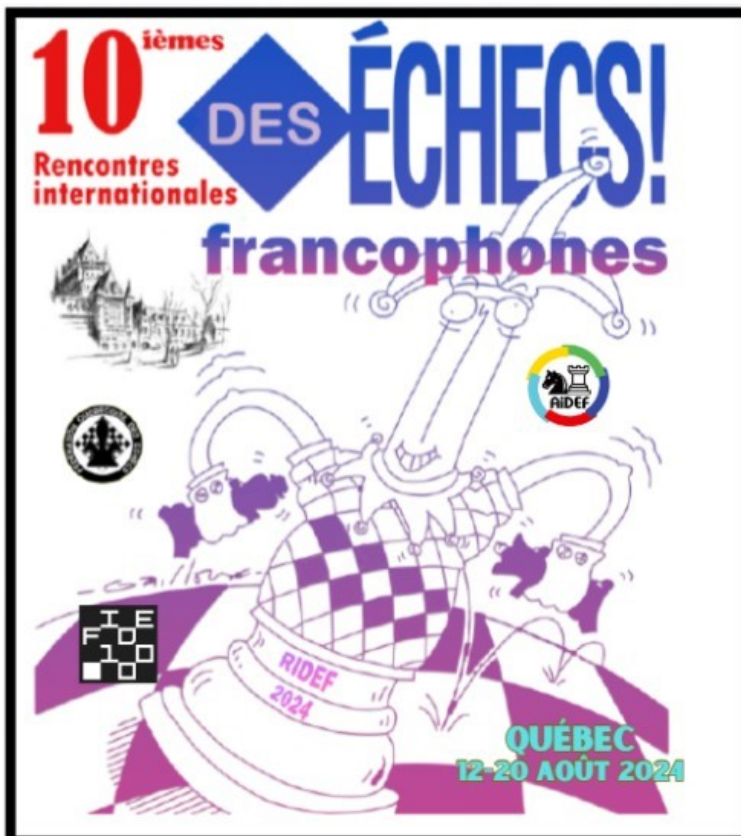


## 10th « Rencontres Internationales des Echecs Francophones »



It's official: the 10th edition of the Francophone Chess Championships will take place this summer, from August 12th to 20th in Quebec City.

This event is the flagship annual event of the International Association of Francophone Chess (AIDEF), which, as an affiliated organization, officially represents the Francophonie within the International Chess Federation (FIDE).

The inaugural edition was held in 2013 in Marrakech, followed by Beirut in 2014, Montreal in 2015, Menton in 2016, Yasmine Hammamet in 2017, Tirana in 2018, Paris in 2019, Casablanca in 2022, and Yamoussoukro in 2023.

These meetings gain importance every year and have become a highly anticipated global event. They provide Francophone chess players with the opportunity not only to participate in competitions awarding the titles of Francophone champion and championess but also to share moments of conviviality conducive to building a space of solidarity based on the principles of humanism, democracy, and respect for the diversity of cultures and languages.

The Francophone Championship, comprising classical and blitz games, will take place at the Maurice Pollack Pavilion of Laval University. Initially built in the 1950s and renovated in 2018, this pavilion now forms a complex with the Alphonse-Desjardins Pavilion. It pays tribute to Maurice Pollack, a businessman and philanthropist from the Quebec region, whose foundation significantly

contributed to its construction. Equipped with a multifunctional hall, the Grand Salon, capable of accommodating up to 900 people, this venue will provide an ideal setting for the competition.

As for the rapid chess championship, it will be held at the legendary Château Frontenac, a historic luxury hotel located in the Old Quebec district. Overlooking the Saint Lawrence River from the Dufferin Terrace, this establishment, built in 1892 and inaugurated in 1893, was designated a national historic site of Canada in 1981. Its chateau-style architecture, inspired by the French Renaissance and the Loire Valley chateaux, gives it an incomparable charm. Operated and managed by the Fairmont Hotels and Resorts company, this 5-star hotel promises a unique and memorable experience.

It is important to note that players are only allowed to participate in the Francophone Championships if they have a FIDE identifier corresponding to a country that is a member of AIDEF, currently consisting of 47 nations united by the same passion for a sport and a language: <https://aidef.fr/spip.php?article27>

As usual, participants and accompanying persons will be warmly welcomed, and they will be offered a varied and enriching program as well as excellent playing and accommodation conditions.

Let's not forget that, in accordance with the decision made by FIDE since July 1st, 2017, the Francophone Championships have obtained the same status as the Commonwealth or Arab League championships. This implies that titles and norms can be directly awarded to the winners. In 2019 in Paris, Malagasy player Milanto Harifidy Ralison obtained his IM title under this rule.

The dedicated website is now online and fully functional. You will find a wealth of valuable information: the event's history, detailed presentation, description of playing venues, accommodation options, online registration procedures, prize details, complete program, visa application procedures, list of previous winners, and much more. Don't miss out on this exceptional opportunity: registrations are now open.

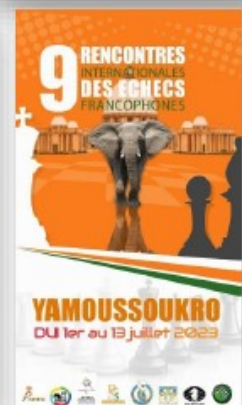
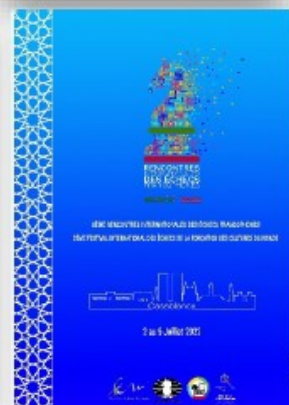
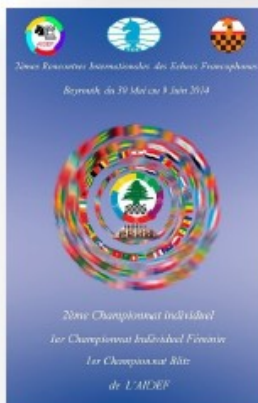
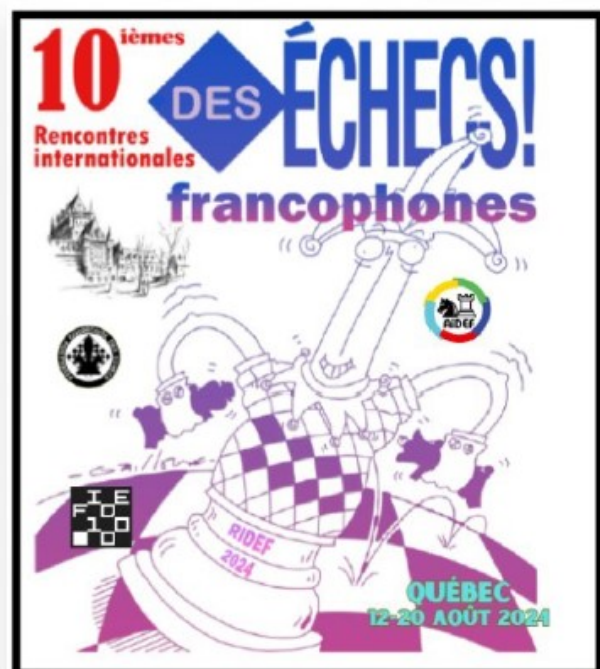
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# Historical Overview of RIDEF



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## Les Rencontres Internationales des Echecs Francophones de 2013 à 2024



The comprehensive history of all editions of the Rencontres Internationales des Échecs Francophones (RIDEF) has just been updated and is now available for download on Google Drive in Word or PDF format.

This 350-page dossier, enriched with photos, documents, and press clippings, chronicles the entire history of RIDEF from its inaugural edition in 2013 in Marrakech, and includes the presentation of the tenth edition taking place this summer in Quebec.

We invite you to delve into these captivating memories and relive these significant moments with us.

Visit Google Drive to download this dossier and join us in this collective celebration!

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### **Arbiters' seminar by Laurent Freyd**

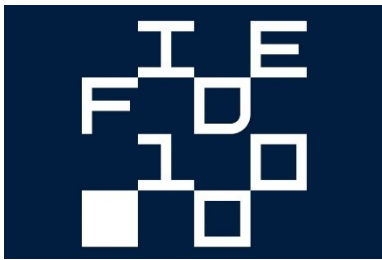
The three days preceding the 10th RIDEF, a FIDE Arbiter's seminar in French will be held.



The course will last for 30 hours, comprising 5 online sessions of 3 hours each and 4 in-person sessions of 4 hours each (August 9-10-11, 2024), including the final examination.

This training is organized by AIDEF in collaboration with the Quebec Chess Federation and will take place in Montreal at the federation's headquarters.

**FIDE celebrates its centenary anniversary.**



In 2024, the International Chess Federation (FIDE) celebrates its centenary anniversary. FIDE was formed on July 20, 1924, in Paris, France, at the Town Hall of the IX Arrondissement of Paris (6 Rue Drouot) during the first unofficial Chess Olympiad. Fifteen delegates from all over the world signed the Proclamation Act, and our organization was born.

"A beginning has been made, the foundation laid, and the prospects are fairly good that we shall soon have a working organization, the aim of which will be, in a measure, to bring order out of chaos and to have a central authority, one of the chief aims of which will be the bringing together in international congresses lovers of the game from far distant points of the earth," wrote the American Chess Bulletin in November 1924.

As part of the celebrations throughout the year 2024, FIDE is planning numerous activities, including chess festivals, exhibitions displaying historical archives, documents and chess memorabilia, FIDE 100-year Jubilee Book by Willy Iclicki, Chair of the FIDE Historical Committee, tournaments organized all around the world, online chess museum with rare chess photos, unique publications about FIDE, posters from major events of the past, and many others.

#### FIDE100 Events scheduled in Quebec, Canada: (under development)

August 18: Simultaneous Display

Two of the world's top chess players will conduct simultaneous exhibitions in public, each playing against 20 opponents.

August 19: Living Chess Game on the Terrasse of the Chateau de Frontenac.

A live chess game reenacting the famous final match of the 1894 Steinitz – Lasker World Championship, which took place in Montreal, Canada. This game marked Lasker's ascent as the second official world chess champion.

August 18-19: Giant Games

Four giant chess sets will be set up for public enjoyment.

August 19: RIDEF Rapid Chess Championship

Part of the 10th RIDEF activities, this championship will take place at the Chateau de Frontenac, featuring 11 rounds with a prize fund of 4000 USD.

August 20: Closing Gala with Many Surprises!



Patrick Van Hoolandt, President of the Francophone Chess Association, hopes to welcome many of you this summer in Quebec.

Join us not only to participate in the competitions but also to celebrate the FIDE centenary in grand style and share in our cultural and festive activities, fostering lasting connections among French-speaking chess players.

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