

EXPOCHESS CHILDREN OF THE WORLD



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1. Introduction

We all know what **Chess** provides and that children have a very positive attitude for this sport-science, they connect each other, therefore taking advantage of the Christmas spirit of these dates that we realize what really matters and the people around us, we have organized an international festival, a fusion of **Solidary Children's Tournament and Contest** (10/12/2016).

The participants they will be children between 8 and 12 years of schools of each country ⁽¹⁾.

The goal is that children in each country can see how they play, under what conditions, as discussed and debated at the congress of the festival EXPOCHESS 2016, the inequality that exists over girls in the game (disparities of opportunities) cultural and possibilities differences that there are... to everyone aware of the big differences that we suffer in the world and we show solidarity with each other; even of the bad things we can take good ones. In addition, another goal of the festival is **to send aid funding for these neediest countries.**

Such shocking issue will serve as a **turning point facing the festival of 2017** because in many countries we live in certain ignorance (or don't want to see) regarding in which conditions live the countries with more poverty.

The mundial headquarters of the festival is the **Gran Hotel Lakua** of Vitoria-Gasteiz, because is **known internationally for its compromise to the culture, Chess and for the solidary events**, besides having facilities and high quality services.

For the organization of a festival of these characteristics is carried as it should, must have a **representative to be responsible for each country**; responsible for the organization and coordination.



2. Solidary Children's Tournament



Chess unites us, connects us, and so we have organized a **Solidary Children's Tournament** in which children from different countries connect to each other, **creating a network between different cultures** will claim that even being thousands of kilometres, we are all equal and we all deserve to live well without unequal opportunities faced by many today.

The tournament will be online, not face to face: In each country they will put the boards and people playing, but in front, instead of an opponent will have a **volunteer that will have a screen where games will be broadcasted live to know what piece move accordance with what is emitted in the screen;** via the Internet. Everything will be retransmitted live from each country.

The game system will be a **league** with a speed game of **20 minutes** for the entire game; 10 minutes per player and 10 more between games.

Participants will be **paired by drawing lot** having one team per country; it will be conditioned by guidelines established in the bases of the tournament.

Because the time zone differences, **an optimal schedule** for the entire event will applied; in the countries of **America** the games will be played in the **morning**, in **Europe** and **Africa** in the **afternoon** and in **Asia** in the **evening**; the festival concludes with a dinner or with a meal, respectively.

Being a solidary tournament, the **spirit of personal competition is left aside**, with the goal of the tournament to be a **human connection** between children from different countries, besides **playing chess**, they will play to ask questions each another: each round will be a **round of questions from opponents about the culture of their country, their school... so that emphasize each other.**

Countries participating in the festival: (1)*

- Spain
- USA
- Uganda
- Mexico
- Hungary
- Chile
- France
- Nepal
- Congo (contest only)
- Australia (contest only)
- Colombia (contest only)
- Peru (contest only)

* This list can be changed by various issues.



3. Solidary Drawing Contest

With the experience gained from the International EXPOCHESS Painting Contests organized in previous festivals, we organize an **international children's drawing contest** with the participation of children of the countries participating in the festival.



Koro Arandia, with her winning work of the 2nd Intl. Painting Contest EXPOCHESS, next to Judit Polgár.

Will be able to participate children from 8 to 12 years. The thematic will be CHESS, CHILDREN OF THE WORLD (Social Chess), with free technical and in A3 format.

Each participating country will make a preliminary selection of the drawings made by participants selecting 8 works to be sent to the organization and the jury will review it by the contest rules.

The selected works by the jury will be exhibited at the Gran Hotel Lakua (Vitoria-Gasteiz) during the festival and each participating country will have the option to use them as decoration during the games of the tournament, as in the lunch/dinner closing.

The best evaluated works by the jury will compete for special prizes, in addition to gifts with the theme of the contest for children participants and a raffle (with surprise prizes) among attendees.

The contest will be "2.0" because new technologies will merge with the traditional; it will open a section on the event website where the visitors they will be able to see the 8 works selected by each country as all works of the participants (of each country) creating a huge and very rich network of art with hints of different cultures.

There will be exchange of images between countries so that children will can see what they illustrate in each country.

As in previous contests, will be organized by the cultural association EXPOCHESS X.E. in cooperation with AHSI Consulting, a perfect combination of ideas and goals.



4. Festival schedule

NOVEMBER 2016 - CALENDAR OF EXPOCHESS CHILDREN OF THE WORLD						
M	T	W	T	F	S	S
21 Close of inscriptions	22 Works' review	23 Works' review	24 Works' review	25 Works' review	26 Approval notification	27 Sending of works
28 Sending of works	29 Sending of works	30 Sending of works				

- The contest and tournament registration period closes on the 24th June.

DECEMBER 2016 - CALENDAR OF EXPOCHESS CHILDREN OF THE WORLD						
M	T	W	T	F	S	S
			1 Sending of works	2 End of the sending of works Data of the tournament participants	3 Tournament draw and test	4 Art pieces selection Mounting
5 Art pieces selection Mounting	6 Art pieces selection Mounting	7 Art pieces selection Mounting	8 Art pieces selection Mounting	9 Art pieces selection Mounting	10 EXPOCHESS CHILDREN OF THE WORLD OPENING	11
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The first phase will conclude on 21th November with the registration deadline closure of the contest and tournament, in addition to the shipment of the photographs of the works submitted to the **Solidary Drawing Contest EXPOCHESS**.

On 26th November the jury will publish the list of approved art pieces to the organization that will communicate it to representatives of each country, who will have until the 2nd December to ship them to the Gran Hotel Lakua, where they will be exhibited and the winner work will be chosen. If is not possible to send the (physical) works, it will notify to the organization that will give the option to send it scanned in high resolution. This same day the organization will send notifications of approval to the teams participating in the tournament.

Each team of the tournament must inform data connection before December 2nd.

On December 3rd will take place the draw for the tournament pairings and an essay to check and test the game system to ensure proper operation.

Between 4th and 9th the jury will evaluate the works for the different prizes and the festival will be mounted.

The **EXPOCHESS CHILDREN OF THE WORLD** festival will begin on December 10th and all exhibitions and activities will open to the public. Because the time zone differences between the participating countries, in the countries of Europe and Africa will start at the afternoon, while in American countries will start in the morning, having a duration of approximately 5 hours.

After lunch/dinner Closing, **EXPOCHESS CHILDREN OF THE WORLD** concludes.

5. Solidary meal or dinner

After completion of the Solidary Tournament and Contest, **there will be a meal or dinner** (depending on the time zone of the country) with the aim of raising funds for the project; all remaining aid will go towards the project objective. Before the meal (and even during), will be broadcasted **videos of each participating country** previously prepared with the option of issuing any live.



Attendees will be, as well as guests, participants with their parents, teachers ... spirit of togetherness. This time will also be used for the awards, gifts and lectures that can be carried out. This part of the event, like the rest, even with the seat in the **Gran Hotel Lakua** in Vitoria, Spain, **will take place in all countries participating in the event.**

6. Basic program of activities

This is the basic program of festival activities:*

- **Opening of the festival: 15:00h**
- **Solidary Children's Tournament:**
 - Start in the countries of Europe and Africa: **15:15h**
 - Start in the countries of America: **09:15h**
 - Conclusion in the countries of Europe and Africa: **19:00h**
 - Conclusion in the countries of America: **13:00h**
- **During the 4 hours of the tournament, there will be different activities:**
 - Raffle of the solidary tombola.
 - Exhibition of the Solidary Drawing Contest.
 - Projecting of images and videos, both online and off-line, of the festival in the different participant countries where activities that connect all participants will be shown.
 - While the teams are playing their games, the remaining participants of the country, will exchange questions that will be screened at different points of the festival.
 - ...
- **Awards ceremony and closing 1: 19:15h**
 - Awards ceremony of Solidary Drawing Contest.
 - Awards ceremony of Solidary Children's Tournament.
 - Awards ceremony of different draws made.
 - Delivery of awards and honourable mentions.
- **Meal/dinner closing 2: 21:00h** (at the seat; Gran Hotel Lakua, Spain)
 - Depending on the culture and daily life of each country, each participating country will put their time, trying to approaching it to the rest.



* All times follow the standard: UTC+01:00.

7. Organizers



We, in **AHSI Consulting** and the **EXPOCHESS X.E. Cultural Association**, have the **ability, knowledge and resources** to address the organization of this major event and **solid experience** in this field, thanks to the activities we accomplished so far combined with the **Gran Hotel Lakua**, more known for its spectacular events like the **Champions League (2007)** which brought together, among others, **six former world champions** Anatoly Karpov, Judith Polgar, Veselin Topalov, Ruslan Ponomarev, Rustam Kasimdzhanov and Alexander Khalifman, a concert series "The Nine Symphonies of Beethoven" was organized in charge of the Russian symphony orchestra...

The last festival organized by the merger of AHSI Consulting and EXPOCHESS X.E. was the **EXPOCHESS VITORIA-GASTEIZ 2016** in where it took place **the 1st International Congress regarding Women's Equality in Chess** (considered "The world's most important congress for Equality of Women in Chess"), the **2nd International EXPOCHESS Painting Contest**, exhibitions of painting, photography, an international photographic reportage Mexico and Alava ... in short, a spectacular festival with the theme "WOMEN CONQUERING CHESS WORLD".

In 2015, together with the cultural association EXPOCHESS X.E. and the cooperation of the Gran Hotel Lakua, we organized the 1st Festival EXPOCHESS VITORIA-GASTEIZ, the natural model for the current project.

In November 2014 we promoted and organized the EXPOCHESS 2014: it was a sports and cultural event, attended by **Mr. Martín Garitano** (President of the Provincial Council of Gipuzkoa); **Mr. Jon Redondo Lertxundi** (Director of the Department of Youth and Sports, Education, Language policy and Culture of the Basque Government), who inaugurated the expositions and also made the honour move for the national teams match (Basque Country vs Scotland) celebrated in tribute to the Basque Team's 30 anniversary; and **Mr. Miguel A. Muela** (President of the Basque Chess Federation), among other authorities. This event was widely covered by media and was a great success, with more than a hundred news and reviews published in various general and specialised communication media.

Also remarkable were the Guinness Chess World Record, the European Chess Record (3131 players playing at the same time at the Gran Via, Bilbao) and the Basque Chess Team's first tournament, among other events promoted and organized by the main promoter of the consultancy.