

Fagernes Chess International

25 March - 1 April 2018

Sad news: This great Danish tournament now much too soon will be over ☹...

Good news: If you want to play more top level chess tournaments in Scandinavia, you will not have to wait all until next year's Xtracon ☺ !!

The new tradition of a Norwegian Chess Festival during the Easter holiday will continue next year, as

Fagernes Chess International 2018

will be played at Hotel Scandic Valdres at Fagernes **25.03-01.04!**

The GM tournament is open for players with a FIDE-ELO above 2150, with top prizes 2000-1200-700 EUROS. In 2017 Ukrainian GM Andrey Vovk (2636) won first prize, while FM Benjamin Arvola of Norway and FM Nihal Sarin of India both made GM-norms!

For 2018 we expect 10-12 GMs, out of whom 5-6 above 2600, among about 50 players in the GM-group. Norm chances will be excellent as a median ELO around 2350 is expected.

The festival also includes one closed IM tournament (10 players) and one open Swiss tournament. The IM-group will play with 90 minutes for 40 moves and 30 minutes for the rest with a 30 seconds increment from move 1, while the GM group and the Open both will be played with the good old time limits: 2 hours for 40 moves and 1 hour for the rest!

Evening program includes one blitz tournament and one rapid chess tournament. Playing facilities will be excellent, with all players in the same playing hall within the hotel – and free coffee for all participants!



Fagernes is a well known winter sport resort in Norway, and travel distance from the Oslo Airport to the playing hotel is only about 2 ½ hours.

The playing hotel offers players a reduced package price for hotel room and meals in the hotel restaurant – and the tournament organizers offer discount on the entre fee for players using the hotel package offer!

(Way too many) further details about this year's tournament and next year's tournament can be found at <http://fagerneschess2018.blospot.no>. For questions or registrations, do not hesitate to contact IA IO Hans Olav Lahlum at hansolahlum@gmail.com

