

🇵🇷 Franco Ocampos, Zénon (12.05.1956)



First Paraguayan Chess Grandmaster (1990), representing Paraguay, living in Spain. He's also an experienced trainer, his most notable pupil being 'Paco' Vallejo Pons, and has written numerous books on chess.

Pan American Champion at San Pedro de Jujuy in 1981. Paraguayan Champion in 1976, and Spanish sub-champion 1999. Franco Ocampos was a regular participant in the Chess Olympiads with Paraguay (nine times between 1976 and 2008) and Spain (one entry 1998), playing Paraguay eight times on board one.

Franco Ocampos won twice an individual gold medal on board one at the Chess Olympiad, a rare feat to achieve (both times, he was still an IM!).

In the [1982 Chess Olympiad](#) at [Lucerne](#), he won the gold medal at board one by scoring 11 of 13. In the [1990 Chess Olympiad](#) at [Novi Sad](#), he shared first place at board one with 9 of 12 points.

Winner or shared first: Vrnjacka Banja 1983 (together with De Firmain, Abramovic, Marjanovic, above Skembris, Radulov, Matulovic, Jansa, and others), Vienna Open 1983, Asuncion GM 1984, Liechtenstein Open (4th) 1986, Torrelavega 1986, Zamora 1988, **Buenos Aires (6th Konex) 1988** (together with Milos who won on the tie-break; ahead of Granda Zuniga as sole third, legendary Najdorf finished clear fourth in his last closed international (non-veteran) tournament, 16 players), Elgoibar GM 1991 (ahead of Topalov), **Las Palmas GM 1991** (together with Korchnoi who won on tie-break, and Topalov, who then made his third and final gm norm, ahead of 4. Granda Zuniga, and 5. Morovic, 10 players), Pamplona Open 1992, San Sebastian Open 1994 (shared), =1st Canete (IM/GM), Santa Cruz de la Palma, Open 1995 (shared), Mondariz (IM/GM closed) 1995 (shared), **Havana, Capablanca Memorial – B 1998, Dos Hermanas – B 2001** (shared), Asuncion (IM/GM) 2002 (shared), Ayuntamiento de Pielagos Virgen de Valencia, Open 2009. Regular Top Hundred player in FIDE ranking list. Best Elo rating: 2542 in 2004.



Photo: CNC

Franco (center) with Svidler and Shirov, Leon 2004

Famous game:

Franco Ocampos, Zenon (2520) - Tukmakov, Vladimir B (2535), Leon (4), 1992
1.c4 e6 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.d4 d5 4.e3 dxc4 5.Bxc4 a6 6.O-O c5 7.Qe2 b5 8.Bd3 Bb7 9.dxc5 Nc6 10.a4 b4
11.Rd1 Nd7 12.b3 Nxc5 13.Bb2 Qc7 14.Nbd2 Nxd3 15.Qxd3 Rd8 16.Qc2 Rd5 17.Ne4 f5 18.Rxd5 fxe4
19.Qxe4 Ne7 20.Rc5 (1-0) Replay: <http://www.chessgames.com/perl/chessgame?gid=1391606>



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<http://www.tabladeflandes.com/anton-busto/zenon-franco-premio-fide-2016.html>

Author of *Chess Explained: the English Opening*, *Chess Explained: the Modern Benoni*, *Chess Self-Improvement* (2006), *Winning Chess Explained* (2006), *L'Anglaise expliquée par Zenon Franco et Christian Bauer* (2007), *The Art of Attacking Chess* (2008), *Grandmaster Secrets: Counter-Attack!* (2009). Author in the popular **Everyman's Move By Move** series (see pic above), ie. Zénon Franco wrote the volume on Anand, Spassky, and Rubinstein. → Awarded by FIDE as Best Author (2017).

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