

# International Correspondence Chess Federation Congress 2015

Information and Reservation Details

Cardiff, Wales, 16th to 22nd August 2015



Welsh Correspondence Chess Federation  
*Rydym yn Ffrindiau - Amici Sumus*



Organised by the Welsh Correspondence Chess Federation (WCCF)

*Mercure Holland House Hotel and Spa,  
24-26 Newport Road,  
Cardiff, South Glamorgan CF24 0DD,  
United Kingdom*

## INVITATION

The Welsh Correspondence Chess Federation (WCCF) are proud to invite representatives of all ICCF member federations and ICCF officials to participate in the 2015 ICCF Congress to be held in Cardiff, Wales, at the Mercure Holland House Hotel and Spa from 16<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2015.

## REGISTRATION

To be sure of hotel accommodations, attendees should register before 19<sup>th</sup> July 2015. There are a number of events related to the Rugby World Cup starting in Cardiff in August, so there will be demand for hotel accommodations at this time.

Registration is online, using the Congress website:

<https://congress2015.welshccf.org.uk/>

Please select "*Congress>Register for Congress*" from the main menu. You should then be able to enter your name, the names of other members of your delegation, and accompanying people using the form at the bottom of the screen.

You can enter further details by clicking the names on the list.

## ACCOMMODATION

The Welsh Correspondence Chess Federation has reserved accommodation at three venues:

### The Mercure Holland House Hotel and Spa

The Mercure Holland House Hotel and Spa is a four star hotel conveniently located near the City Centre. Holland House is the Congress venue.

The rates for Holland House are £95.00 per night B&B for a single room, and £105.00 for a double. There will be a higher rate of £119.00 for single and £129.00 for double for anyone staying on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> August.

We have a number of rooms reserved at these rates, these rooms will be released on 19<sup>th</sup> July.

To book rooms at Holland House, you should indicate the nights you wish to stay using the online form, payment should then be sent directly to the Welsh Correspondence Chess Federation using the details below.

### Sandringham Hotel

Sandringham Hotel is a two star hotel located in the City Centre, approximately ten minutes' walk from the Congress venue.

Please note that this hotel is on the first floor and does not have a lift.

The rates for the Sandringham Hotel are £54.00 B&B for a single room, and £60.00 for double.

To reserve a place at the Sandringham hotel, select this option on the online registration form and follow the link to reserve; please use the online payment option from this link. You should **not** pay the Welsh Correspondence Chess Federation for this accommodation.

### Talybont Halls of Residence (University of Cardiff)

Talybont Halls of Residence is student accommodation owned by the University of Cardiff. Single rooms only are available for a cost of £39.30 a night including breakfast.

Talybont is approximately 25 minutes' walk from the Congress venue, there is also a regular bus service.

To reserve a place at the Talybont Halls of Residence, select this option on the online registration form and follow the link to reserve; please use the online payment option from this link. You should **not** pay the Welsh Correspondence Chess Federation for this accommodation.

Delegates are of course free to organise their own accommodation in Cardiff if they wish, please indicate this on the online Congress registration form.

## TRAVEL

Cardiff Airport has regular connections to Amsterdam and other European hubs and more limited connections to destinations outside Europe. Cardiff is also served by Bristol Airport, on the English side of the Severn Estuary.

There are convenient rail and bus links from London Heathrow and other UK airports. Please see the Congress website for full details.

The nearest rail station to the Congress Hotel is Cardiff Queen Street (five minutes' walk). Trains from Cardiff Airport to the City Centre stop at Queen Street before going on to Cardiff Central.

## PAYMENT

Congress attendees staying in the Mercure Holland House Hotel and Spa **only** should pay the Welsh Correspondence Chess Federation directly.

For members of the ICCF Executive Board and Management Committee, WCCF will arrange payment directly with the ICCF Finance Director.

A direct bank transfer can be made using the following details:

- **Account Name:** Welsh Correspondence Chess Federation
- **IBAN:** GB73MIDL40251034298845
- **Branch Identifier:** MIDLGB2104U
- **Sort Code:** 40-25-10
- **Account Number:** 34298845

Please ensure that any bank fees are included, and confirm payment with the WCCF Treasurer, Russell Sherwood, following payment (treasurer@welshccf.org.uk).

PayPal payment can be arranged if necessary, please contact Russell for details.

Please use the online booking system to pay for the other two venues.

## INFORMATION ABOUT VISAS

Wales is a constituent country of the United Kingdom, entry is controlled by UK Visas and Immigration (there are no border controls between Wales and England). Delegates are advised to check the UK government website for their visa requirements well in advance of travel.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/uk-visas-and-immigration>

The Welsh Correspondence Chess Federation will be happy to provide letters of support to any delegation requiring them, please note the expected processing times given on the above website.

## CLIMATE

The August temperature in Cardiff is likely to be in the low to mid-twenties centigrade. Rain is always a possibility.

## CURRENCY

The currency used in Wales is the UK Pound Sterling, at the time of writing £1.00 GBP is approximately equivalent to €1.30 Euros or \$1.52 US Dollars.

## ELECTRICITY

Electricity is 240v using UK three pin plugs and sockets. Adaptors to European, US and other plugs are available at airports and general shops, however delegates are advised to buy adaptors before travelling.

## CONTACT INFORMATION

Please send all enquiries to the Congress organiser, Austin Lockwood; [secretary@welshccf.org.uk](mailto:secretary@welshccf.org.uk)