First Grandmasters

The first titles for grandmaster were awarded in 1950. There were 27 original grandmasters. They were:

1. Ossip Bernstein (France)
2. Isaac Boleslavsky (USSR)
3. Igor Bondarevsky (USSR)
4. Mikhail Botvinnik (USSR)
5. David Bronstein (USSR)
6. Oldrich Duras (Czechoslovakia)
7. Max Euwe (Netherlands)
8. Reuben Fine (USA)
9. Salo Flohr (USSR)
10. Ernst Gruenfeld (Austria)
11. Paul Keres (USSR – Estonia)
12. Boris Kostic (Yugoslavia)
13. Alexander Kotov (USSR)
14. Grigory Levenfish (USSR)
15. Andor Lilienthal (USSR)
16. Geza Maroczy (Hungary)
17. Jacques Mieses (UK)
18. Miguel Najdorf (Argentina)
19. Viacheslav Ragozin (USSR)
20. Samuel Reshevsky (USA)
21. Akiba Rubinstein (Poland)
22. Friedrich Saemisch (West Germany)
23. Vasily Smyslov (USSR)
24. Gideon Stahlberg (Sweden)
25. Laszlo Szabo (Hungary)
26. Savielly Tartakower (France)
27. Milan Vidmar (Yugoslavia)