



The International Correspondence Chess Federation

2010 Congress Antalya, Turkey



The International Correspondence Chess Federation (ICCF) Congress of 2010 was held in Limak Limra Hotel in Kemer-Antalya. Sixty-four participants from 20 countries participated in the closing dinner with the presence of Ali Nihat Yazici, the President of Turkish Chess Federation. Mr. Yazici expressed his great pleasure to being host for this distinguished organization and presented the memorial plates to the ICCF 16th World Chess Champion, Tunc Hamarat and ICCF President, Eric Ruch.

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ICCF CONGRESS 2010
Antalya, Turkey
2nd October to 8th October 2010
Introduction

The ICCF Congress 2010, in conjunction with meetings of the Services Committee, Executive Board and Management Committee, took place in the Kemer Limak Limra Hotel from October 2 – 8, 2010.

The Congress was arranged and hosted by the Turkish Chess Federation (TCF) and facilities in the Congress Hotel and the local amenities were very good. The Director's of Organization, Mr. Melih Sagit and Mr. Tunc Haramat attended to all details in an excellent manner and should be commended for their support in making the Congress a success.

Participants of the Congress and accompanying persons were offered a most enjoyable excursion to the Tahtali Mountain and to the ancient cities of Olympos and Phaselis.

On Monday evening, some ICCF players hosted a chess match with an Antalya Chess Team, where ICCF correspondence players met with the local players from Antalya in one single team match. The Antalya chess team had excellent results, beating ICCF with a score of 14-7.

On Tuesday evening, some ICCF players had a traditional Blitz Tournament, in which Per Söderberg, the Swedish delegate and Playing Rules Commissioner trounced the field with a score of 11,5 points. Tansel Turgut (TUR) and Mark Noble (NZL) finished in second and the third place with 10.5 points.

On Wednesday evening, Turkish Grandmaster Haznedazoglu treated the conference participants to a simultaneous chess exhibition.

Congress Participants

Akdağ	Murat	Turkey	Federation Member
Arppi	Heikki	Finland	Federation Member
Baumbach	Dr. Fritz	Germany	ICCF World Champion ICCF Delegate
Baumgartner	Ulrich	Switzerland	ICCF Delegate
Benedik	Martin	Germany	ICCF System Architect
Binder	Gerhard	Germany	ICCF Ratings Commissioner
Boger	Raymond	Norway	ICCF Services Director
Borwell	Alan P.	Scotland	ICCF Honorary President
Chazalatte	Jean-Christophe	France	ICCF Direct Entry Commissioner
Dearnley	Andrew	England	ICCF Delegate
Dikmen	Ali Semih	Turkey	ICCF Delegate
Firnhaber	Ingo	German	Federation Member
Gaujens	Artis	Latvia	ICCF Delegate
Grodzensky	Sergey Yakovlevich	Russia	ICCF Delegate
Hamarat	Tunc	Austria	ICCF World Champion Organization Committee
Hofer	Rudolf	Austria	ICCF Delegate
Knol	Everdinand	South Africa	ICCF Delegate
Leupold	Volker	Germany	Federation Member
Lilleøren	Morten	Norway	ICCF Delegate
Limbirt	Neil	England	ICCF Qualifications Commissioner
Lockwood	Austin	England	ICCF Services Committee Member
Mastrojeni	Gianni	Italy	ICCF Delegate
Millstone	Dr. Michael	USA	ICCF General Secretary
Mrkvička	Josef	Czech Republic	ICCF Auditor and Delegate
Noble	Mark F.	New Zealand	ICCF Delegate
Nuutilainen	Esko	Finland	ICCF Delegate
Pyrich	George D.	Scotland	ICCF Finance Director & Delegate
Ruch	Eric	France	ICCF President and Delegate
Satici	Aydin	Turkey	Federation Member
Schakel	Leonard (Corky)	USA	ICCF Delegate
Šemrl	Marjan	Slovenia	ICCF Delegate
Șerban	Florin	Romania	ICCF Delegate
Siikaluoma	Auno	Finland	Federation Member
Söderberg	Per	Sweden	ICCF Rules Commissioner & Delegate
Staroske	Uwe	Germany	Federation Member
Tani	Gian-Maria	Italy	ICCF Zonal Director
Turgut	Tansel	Turkey	Federation Member
Wojnar	Mariusz	Poland	ICCF Delegate

Congress Opening

Tunc Hamarat, Congress Organizer and ICCF XVI World Correspondence Chess Champion provided an introductory speech, talking about the 2010 Congress, a history of the area, and an overview of the Turkish correspondence chess accomplishment. Copies of his speech in English and Turkish may be found in appendix B.

Mr. Hamarat then provided further details to the Congress attendees concerning the excursion planned for later in the week and the various evening chess events.

President's Opening Speech

Opening the Congress, the ICCF President Eric Ruch (FRA) warmly welcomed all the participants and expressed appreciation for the Turkish Chess Federation hosting the 2010 congress and all the hard work of the organizers in preparing the accommodations and facilities. Delegates then stood in silence to the memory of all other departed CC friends.

Since last year's Congress, President Ruch set the theme for the 2010 Congress, "The three Pillars of ICCF", (a) Tournaments, (b) Services to Players, and (c) The Webserver. Mr. Ruch also identified the top three priorities for improvement in 2010 and beyond. Lastly, he set the stage for a discussion titled, "How to emphasize the wins in modern, computer age, correspondence chess"?

The ICCF President declared the 2010 ICCF Congress in Antalya, Turkey duly opened and asked all to stand while the ICCF Anthem was played.

President's Opening Remarks

The ICCF President welcomed new friends attending Congress for the first time, (new delegates from Austria, Mr. Rudolf Hofer, and Poland, Mr. Mariusz Wojnar) all delegates, partners and families for coming to Turkey and he wished them a very happy time in Antalya.

Mr. Ruch then read a very moving letter from ICCF Honorary Member, A. A. (Nol) van't Riet. Nol shared that he is making a slow but steady recovery and he was sorry he was unable to attend this year's Congress. He offered everyone best wishes, hopes Congress is a success, and thanks all those that have sent him letters of encouragement.

Due to previous commitments, the World Tournament Director, Frank Geider, and the Title Tournament Commissioner, Marco Caressa both extended their apologies for not being present in person. They have delegated the ICCF President, Eric Ruch to present their respective reports to Congress.

1: Intimation of Proxies

Voting proxies were verified and voting cards handed out by the General Secretary. A list of voting proxies may be found in Appendix B.

Special Voting Procedure

General Secretary, Michael Millstone, presented a special voting administrative procedure proposal.

Background:

At each ICCF Congress, there are approximately 30-50 votes on matters before Congress. Historically, there is some discussion, followed by a vote. Voting results have been recorded in the minutes as either a unanimous or a majority vote. Many Federations are unable to send a representative to Congress and thus, rely extensively on the comprehensiveness and thoroughness of the Congress Minutes. Occasionally, we may have a contentious issue with a split vote, but the minutes have not reflected how and which Federations have voted.

ICCF Honorary President Alan P. Borwell then addressed Congress offering his opinion on the Proposal. "I believe that the adoption of this proposal would be a mistake and much prefers the retention of the long tradition of ICCF for recording decisions and for voting. It would not only be more time consuming and complicated, but also could be counterproductive and lead to reluctance in giving and accepting of proxies in the future. It is only possible to vote on many issues after having witnessed discussions of distributed proposals (i.e. from reports, which are mostly issued prior to Congress). It is more important to have comprehensive Minute rather than exact voting detail".

ICCF General Secretary, Michael Millstone, offered the following reply: "Other than votes for elected positions, which are secret, I propose that all votes in Congress be recorded, capturing each Federation's voting decision (yeah, nay, abstain, or not voting). I feel this extra information will provide all Delegates a better understanding of the Congress activities. I do not anticipate any extra time to record votes that are unanimous, and I anticipate a slight delay (30-60 seconds) to record a vote accurately that has a split decision. Given the number of delegates and proxy's present, the tally time of split votes should be negligible. I feel this extra effort to provide this additional information outweigh any slight delays in Congress proceedings and encourage Congress to consider and approve this proposal. Each vote will be recorded in the minutes and the voting tally provided in the Congress appendix.

Proposal:

Other than votes for elected positions, which are secret, the proposal before Congress is that all votes in Congress be recorded, capturing each Federation's voting decision (yes, no, abstain, or not voting).

Voting Results:

Yes: 23
No: 18
Abs: 03
NV: 00

2: Approval of 2009 Congress Minutes

Congress Minutes of 2009 were approved unanimously with one minor correction: the representative of Cape Verde is the Point of Contact, not an ICCF delegate. Congress Minutes of 2009 were signed by ICCF President and ICCF Honorary President (acting as Congress 2009 secretary).

3: Membership Matters

The ICCF President referred to the General Secretary's Report and described the action, which had been taken with the suspension from 01.01.2009 of seven Member Federations that had not paid long outstanding fees, namely Colombia, Ecuador, Indonesia, Kenya, Turkmenistan, Tunisia and Venezuela. Three more Federations were added on 01.01.2010 to this list for non-payment of Membership dues: Singapore, Panama, and Uruguay. It was noted that if any Federation remains on the suspended list for more than 3-years, they will be dropped from the roles of ICCF and should they wish to rejoin, they must apply again as a new Member Federation.

On 01.09.10 (within the allowable submission period), ICCF received an affiliated club application from the Deutscher E-Mail Schach Club (DESC). The application is appended in General Secretary Report. Application was submitted under ICCF Statutes Section 2.9.

Voting Results:

Yes: 00
 No: 44 - unanimous
 Abs: 00
 NV: 00

Further discussion ensued concerning the wording of Section 2.9.1 of the ICCF Statutes covering International Affiliated Club requirements and application procedures. It was agreed the wording lacked clarity and requirements in several places. The proposed new wording was referred back to the EB for work and proposal before the 2011 Congress to provide enhanced guidelines and clarification for application processing. ICCF Honorary President, Alan P. Borwell, kindly offered to assist in the drafting of the proposed revision of the section.

Mr. Borwell has provided the following working draft as an alternative proposal:

2.9.1 An international correspondence chess club is defined as one having a formal structure, constitution, and collective administration and has:

- (a) An international, not national, name/description
- (b) Objectives which are clear about its international, not national orientation
- (c) Languages of Federation are international with English, e.g., website, etc.
- (d) Office bearers are from several different countries
- (e) Not more than XX% of players (Members) belong to one country
- (f) Alignment and compliance with Article 1.3 of the ICCF Statutes

Minimum numbers of members could also be specified as a requirement.

4: Bertl von Massow Awards and Other Awards

The ICCF President outlined the background and criteria which applied for Bertl von Massow awards: - "Medals in Gold and Silver were awarded respectively for 15 and 10 years of faithful service to ICCF, as the Delegate of a National organisation, as Member of the Executive Board, Management Committee or Commissions, for Zonal organisations or as a Tournament Director, or as Team Captain of a winning or highly placed team in an Olympiad or Continental (Zonal) Team Tournament".

The ICCF President then announced the names of officials that the ICCF Executive Board had agreed should receive Bertl von Massow awards in 2010. Each recipient (or their respective delegate) came forward to receive medals and certificates, with the acclamation of Congress.

In Gold, for 15 years meritorious work for ICCF to:

Guido Bresadola (ITA)
Jaromír Canibal (CZE)
Thed Klauner (LUX)
Dmitry Lybin (BLS)

In Silver, for 10 years meritorious work for ICCF to:

Everdinand Knol (RSA)
Nikolay Poleshchuk (RUS)

The ICCF President, on behalf of the Executive Board, proposed that ICCF Honorary Membership be awarded to

Dr. Fritz Baumbach (GER)

In recognition of his substantial contribution to ICCF and international correspondence chess for 20 years. The proposal was carried unanimously and with acclamation by Congress. Dr. Baumbach received his award and made a short appreciation speech to all attendees.

Other Awards

Tournament Medals and Certificates

At the ICCF Congress 2010, the following tournament medals and certificates were presented:

Olympiad XIII	6 Silver medals 6 Bronze medals	Czech Republic Poland	
Olympiad XV	6 Silver Medals 6 Bronze medals	Germany Netherlands	
Ladies Olympiad VII	5 Gold Medals 5 Silver Medals 5 Bronze Medals	Slovenia Lithuania Germany	
World Championship XXII	Gold Silver Bronze	Aleksandr Surenovich Dronov Jürgen Bücken Joop J. Van Oosterom	RUS GER NED
Ladies World Championship VIII	Gold Silver Bronze	Olga Mikhailovna Sukhareva Marie Bažantová Ricarda Flügel	RUS CZE GER
European Individual Champions			
	65 th Final (EU/FSM/65) Winner (Gold)	Christophe Pauwels	BEL
	66 th Final (EU/FSM/66) Winner (Gold)	Carlos Cruzado Dueñas	ESP
CADAP Individual Champions			
	XVIII (18 th) Winner (Gold)	Héctor Walsh	ARG
	XIX (19 th) Winner (Gold)	Luis Almiron	BRA
Asian Individual Champions			
	4 th Winner (Gold)	Mark F. Noble	NZL
	5 th Winner (Gold)	Mark F. Noble	NZL

9th Pan-American Team Championship
(Silver and Bronze still undetermined)

4 Gold Medals

United States (USA)

Certificates only will be presented to the Members of the winning team (Europe A) of Interzonal 4 (2006-10) 8 Boards, plus Team Captain.

Certificates only will be presented for the Jubilee Postal Open:

1 st	Yoav Dothan	ISR
2 nd	Helmut Edelmann	GER
3 rd	Bernard Campant	FRA
4 th	Čeněk Teichmann	CZE
	Hilmar Krüger	GER

5: Financial Report & Accounts to 31/12/2010

The 2009 ICCF Congress in Leeds confirmed George Pyrich (SCO) appointed as ICCF Finance Director. George Pyrich acknowledged the invaluable assistance provided to him by his predecessors, Søren Peschardt and Carlos Flores, which helped ensure a smooth transition of responsibilities and enabled him to take up his duties without any major difficulties. He also acknowledged the kind assistance of the other Members of the Finance Committee, Eric Ruch, Alan P. Borwell, Michael Millstone and Josef Mrkvička.

The Balance Sheet and Income Statements were reviewed by Congress. These statements may be found in Appendix L.

6: Auditor's Report

Josef Mrkvicka (CZE), ICCF Auditor reported that he had audited the ICCF financial statements, which comprised the Balance Sheet as of 31 December 2009, and the Profit & Loss Statement for the year.

In his opinion, the financial statements give a true and fair view of assets, liabilities and accumulated fund of ICCF as of 31 December 2009, and of costs and earnings for the year then ended.

Finally, Josef Mrkvicka expressed his appreciation of the dedicated and good work of the Finance Director, George Pyrich, during the whole year 2009, and thanked him for his excellent co-operation during the course of audit.

7: Election to Executive Board and Other Appointments

Executive Board Midterm Elections

Following the resignation of the Pedro Hegoburu (ARG), General Secretary, and following Electoral Regulations for Mid-Term Executive Board vacancies, an e-mail election was conducted. Only one candidate submitted an application, Dr. Michael Millstone (USA), and the vote was unanimous (24 votes out of 24 submitted ballots) for the position of ICCF General Secretary.

After the resignation of Uwe Staroske (GER), the position for ICCF Marketing Director has been open since July 2010. A call for nominations was made to all Member Federation delegates, but unfortunately, no applications were received prior to Congress. The position remains open and the EB will continue to seek qualified applications for consideration.

8: Congress Discussion: Draws in Modern CC

The ICCF President, Eric Ruch, provided a background talking paper on this topic to all ICCF delegates prior to Congress. Mr. Ruch provided several statistical analyses that show the number of draws may be increasing over the last years and invited Congress to discuss.

A lively and interesting discussion with many points commenced. It was agreed that a working group would be formed to discuss these issues further in the coming year. The working group would focus on appropriate proposals to make matches and tournaments more exciting, attractive, and increasing players and entries.

Gianni Mastrojeni (ITA) volunteered to chair the Working Group consisting of:

- Gerhard Binder (GER);
- Artis Gaujens (LAT);
- Hamarat (AUT); and
- Neil Limbert (ENG).

9: Statutes Modification: ICCF Registration

The ICCF President, Eric Ruch, provided in his President's Report to Congress for an orientation and discussion of this topic. After some discussion, a vote was called on whether Congress would agree to the Principal of ICCF Registration and preparing all the necessary statutes for presentation of the 2011 Congress.

Please refer to Agenda Item 10, Other Finance Matters for a discussion on the adoption of the Euro as the official currency of ICCF. This will necessitate a change to ICCF Statutes 1.9. Please see Appendix E for the new wording.

Voting Results: (on the principle of ICCF registration and the new wording of the statutes).

Note: this vote will require a 2/3 majority of the voting members present at Congress to pass, i.e., minimum of 30 voting members.

Yes: 44 - unanimous
No: 00
Abs: 00
NV: 00

10: Other Finance Matters

Ongoing Arrangements: ICCF Banking Arrangements

As noted in the minutes of the Leeds Congress, access at that time to the main ICCF bank accounts held with Credit Suisse (CS) was rather problematical. Fortunately, owing to the excellent efforts of our President, Eric Ruch, these difficulties were resolved and full access to the accounts was eventually obtained. However, as approved by the Leeds Congress, alternative banking arrangements were sought and in January of this year, a new account was opened at Credit Lyonnais, a large and reputable international bank based in France. This arrangement coincided with an announcement from Credit Suisse that ICCF could no longer hold its accounts with them without being able to increase its deposits to at least CHF 250,000. Consequently almost all ICCF's funds have since been transferred to Credit Lyonnais with only a small sum remaining in the CS Savings account.

The Finance Director also briefed Congress that ICCF also maintains a bank account with the Royal Bank of Scotland, used as a "back-up" and to take care of any transactions that may arise within the UK such as expenses incurred on behalf of ICCF by the QC.

It should also be noted that the old United States PayPal account used to manage the Direct Entry Programme has been closed (a new PayPal account in France has been opened to service Direct Entry) and all funds transferred to the main ICCF bank account.

With this transfer of ICCF's funds to a bank within the eurozone, it is now appropriate that we now change the official ICCF currency from Swiss Francs to Euros:

Proposal : That with effect from 1 January 2010, the Euro becomes ICCF's main unit of currency. That from that date, the ICCF Financial Accounts, Membership and tournament fees is expressed in Euros. Please note that effective 01.01.2011, the ICCF Direct Entry programme will only accept Euros as payment for tournaments.

Voting Results:

Yes: 41 - unanimous
 No: 00
 Abs: 00
 NV: 06

Not voting: BLR, RUS, BRA

The measure was adopted and the Statements of Accounts for 2010 will be presented to Member Federations at the end January 2011, and for the first time be presented in Euros with tournament fees listed in Swiss Francs during 2010 converted to Euros at the exchange rate on 31 December 2010.

Financial Plan

The ICCF 2009/2012 Financial Plan was reviewed by Congress. Due to the sensitive nature of the data, these statements will not be replicated in this report. A vote to accept the Financial Plan was conducted:

Voting Results: (for approval of the Financial Plan and Auditor's Report)

Yes: 44 - unanimous
No: 00
Abs: 00
NV: 00

Finance Committee

This committee was created as a temporary measure at the Dresden Congress in 2006 in order to assist the Finance Director in the resolution of numerous difficulties encountered at that time with regard to financial matters. In view of the situation that the Finance Director has held this post for one year and, more importantly, that ICCF's finances are healthy and stable, the Congress may wish to consider whether the Finance Committee should continue. It was decided that the Finance Committee would be disbanded immediately.

ICCF Membership and Tournament Fees

Coinciding with the change to Euros, members of the Executive Board and Finance Committee conducted a review of the ICCF Membership and Tournament Fees and a proposed revised schedule of ICCF Membership and Tournament Fees, effective from 1 January 2011, is contained within Appendix A of the Finance Director's Report.

A vote on the revised list of Membership and tournament fees, with one change of the Candidates Tournament fee from 20 to 15 Euro and a clarification that the new Membership fee was increased to 40 Euro per 100 Members was conducted. Most tournament fees will be reduced substantially, with an approximate overall decrease of close to 20%.

It should also be noted that there is the discount enjoyed by new Members for 3 years who pay only 15 Euros per 100 Members.

The new schedule of fees may be found in Appendix J to the minutes.

Voting Results:

Yes: 43 - unanimous
No: 00
Abs: 01 (SUI)
NV: 00

Reimbursement of Expenses to Members of EB/MC Attending Congress

Delegates will be aware of the current scale of payments made to Members of the EB and MC. Following consideration by Members of the EB and the Finance Committee, a revised schedule of reimbursement is proposed whereby those officials deemed eligible will be reimbursed travel expenses at the rate of 4 cents (Euro) per kilometre and subsistence at the rate of either 75% (A-option) or 100% (B-option) of the standard accommodation rate of the main Congress hotel per day. Under the scheme, reimbursement may be made for up to 9-days, if duties and attendance at special meeting are required. Additionally, under this proposed new scheme, all Members of the EB and the MC will be eligible to receive reimbursements regardless of whether they are also national delegates. A schedule containing the likely costs of this proposed new scheme (for this year) as well as the rate of allowances currently paid is contained within Appendix B of the Financial Director's Report.

A vote was called to decide between options a, option b, or no change.

Voting Results (For Option B)

Yes: 31 - unanimous
No: 00
Abs: 15 (SWE, LAT, LTU, BRA, BLR, RUS, SUI, AUT, BUL, ALG, ITA, USA, CAN)

Direct Entry

The ICCF Direct Entry Programme, since its restart in April of 2006, has been running for more than 4 years. It has become an inescapable part of the ICCF method to provide players an easy and quick way to enter tournaments. For the year through July 2010, the DE program has processed 617 applications. Those 617 applications represent 2.92 applications every day of the week.

The Direct Entry Commissioner Report has provided a highly detailed description of the programme, including many statistics and recommendations for future improvements to all Delegates prior to Congress.

105 Free Games

As reported in the World Tournament Director's report, the decision approved at four previous Congresses whereby each Member Federation in good standings may hold National Federation events (up to 105 games) on the ICCF Webserver free of charge during the year to the opening date of the next ICCF Congress in 2011 is renewed.

11: Qualifications, Including Rules Proposals

Qualifications Commissioner, Neil Limbert (ENG) presented his report. Title awards for players and arbiters with applications under Rules 8.4(d), 8.5(b), 8.6(e), 8.7(d) and 8.9(c) were discussed. Results of title 2010 title awards have been listed under Agenda Item 17.

12: Webserver

The Services Committee had a constructive and good webserver meeting with Martin Bennedik in Stansted (just outside London) in December 2009. There were many new incoming propositions and all of them were prioritized from 1 (most critical) to 3 (less critical).

Congress has approved the Financial Plan, which contains the budgeted expenses for 2011. This, in turn, limits the tasks to Priority 1 tasks, and only if all Priority 1 tasks are completed under budget can Priority 2 tasks be addressed. During Phase 7, all priority 1, and some of the priority 2 features were implemented. All the implemented features may be found in the Services Director Report, located in Appendix D.

Please refer to Appendix F for a listing of those priority 1 tasks assigned for webserver development during 2011.

13: Website and Other Internet Matters

The Services Director, Raymond Boger (NOR) provided some historical background on the iccf.com website. The following highlights are extracted from his report:

The task to have a “new” iccf.com up and running have not been any easy task. The Webmaster was tasked to produce a new ICCF website by December 2008, but unfortunately due to a number of reasons, the work on the new website still in progress during the Congress in Leeds. Following a recommendation of the Executive Board, it was agreed by Congress to give the Webmaster more time to deliver the new website and publish before 1 November 2009. This task was not completed by 1 November 2009 and efforts were redirected to find another person or organization to complete the development activities.

During the same Congress in Leeds, ICCF received a proposal from Mr. Kuvay and the Turkish Chess Federation that they could design and host the “new” iccf.com website. The proposal looked very promising since they also have designed and hosted the FIDE website. With no delivery on 1 November 2009, the Turks were contacted and they promised to start the work on iccf.com immediately.

Several months before the 2010 Congress, little work has been completed on the new website, so development work was turned over to Clive Murden (AUS), the new ICCF Webmaster.

14: ICCF Archives, Including Game Score Databases/Downloading

After requesting the report to Congress from ICCF Official, Ron Langeveld, the following was submitted and is provided verbatim:

“There really isn’t anything interesting to report regarding archives. I do bi-monthly updates with web server games as long as I can find the time. Regarding postal and email games : with exception of 2 TD’s / organizers there are simply no entries to upload. Laurent Tinture only receives games from Carlos Flores and I have received games from Josef Mrkvička.

Conclusion : No official report will be forthcoming alas. I lack the time to either restructure the archive section of iccf.com (with a general redesign pending) or to ask email and postal TD’s for games archives”.

15: Marketing and Publication Matters

Dr. Uwe Staroske (former Marketing Director until July 2010) provided an overview of the ICCF marketing situation up until his resignation. His report was submitted to all ICCF Delegates prior to Congress. Dr. Staroske's report is provided as submitted.

“This report covers the period from October 2009 – July 2010. I was elected as Marketing Director at the Congress in Leeds in 2009. I resigned from this position in July 2010. I would like to express my sincere thanks to all members of the Marketing Committee. I am very grateful for the excellent co-operation and the support. I would like to express my expectation that a suitable candidate will be found to continue and intensify the efforts in the field of marketing.

To make correspondence chess well-known and popular to population strata who are not familiar with (correspondence) chess was one of my main concerns. Therefore 6 editorial articles were published about correspondence chess in different local (German) daily newspapers, I gave one interview for the local (German) radio and 2 television programmes were broadcasted on a German channel. I consider this as a first and successful attempt to spread the idea of correspondence chess to the outside world.

Several press releases were written according to the information provided by the Title Tournaments Commissioner Marco Caressa or by the Tournament Organizers. The press releases were published on the ICCF website and furthermore distributed to the outside world according to a distribution list.

One of the rather time consuming tasks was to establish and to maintain a connection to the sponsors and to distribute the prizes to the players. Quite a lot of the sponsored tournaments were finished during the last months. Therefore about 100 players were contacted and could receive their prizes. The information about the prize winners were kindly provided by the Title Tournaments Commissioner Marco Caressa.

Panu Laine kindly accepted to become a member of the marketing team and to take over the meritorious task to write and to publish the telechess articles for the chessbase magazine in conjunction with Laurent Tinture, who collects the games.

The Marketing Committee also accepted to contribute to the organization of the different activities of the Jubilee year 2011 (60 years ICCF). The following activities were suggested:

Open tournament webserver tournament (3 stages): so far no responsible person could be found

Open postal tournament (2 stages): so far no responsible person could be found. Dr. Fritz Baumbach kindly offered the amount of EUR 1.000,-- as prize fund and to announce this tournament as *Dr. Fritz Baumbach Cup*.

Both tournaments should be finished in reasonable time.

Invitational for ICCF officials (with money prizes): Andrew Dearnley kindly accepted to organize this tournament.

Invitational for top players (possibly strong OTB players might participate)

and/or

a correspondence chess (exhibition) match (strong cc player vs. strong OTB player) + a post mortem analysis: so far no responsible person could be found

Jubilee page: Clive Murden / Luz Marina Tinjaca Ramirez kindly accepted to contribute to the Jubilee page

Patron: It might be helpful to have a patron in order to attract sponsors. The patron should be a respected and known personality. So far no responsible person could be found and no patron was found yet

Paid advertisements/Sponsoring: So far no responsible person could be found.

Chess960 Open Tournament: Hans-Jürgen Isigkeit offered to organize the Chess960 Open Tournament

Chess960 has become part of the FIDE rules and I am noticing that there is a growing interest into Chess960. For the development of ICCF and correspondence chess it is vital to enter new markets: I am sure that chess960 is going to attract new players to ICCF. BdF has already launched several Chess960 tournaments which are a complete success. Players with long experience in cc participate in chess960 tournaments as well as new players completely new to cc. Chess960 is also interesting for otb players – there is only little theory and you have to reflect on your moves right from the beginning. I am also convinced that the launch of Chess960 tournaments is an important step to improve ICCF.

Therefore it has been suggested to take the opportunity to start a multi-stage tournament on the occasion of the 60th anniversary of ICCF. The exact number of rounds and players per group should depend on the total number of players entering this tournament. In any case it should be assured, that the whole tournament is finished in an adequate time. It has been offered to use the facilities of the Bdf-Server, which is appropriate to Chess960 and can be utilized in 6 different languages at a very modest (cost) prize. Moreover BdF has offered to collect the entries and offer the help of our TDs experienced in Chess960. This offers the opportunity to test a Chess960 tournament and –if successful- to continue to invest into the development of Chess960. Some suggestions for further actions (this list is incomplete, of course):

The announcement of sponsored tournaments should clearly indicate that these tournaments are sponsored. This may attract new players and in some cases it is also necessary to fulfill ICCF commitments towards our sponsors. The logos of the sponsors should be displayed and also the prizes should be announced in the starting documents

The players who have won a prize should receive their prizes as soon as possible. Therefore it would be helpful, if the Tournament Directors inform the Marketing Committee as soon as one or more prize winners in a tournament are known. Alternatively this may be done by an automatic message by the ICCF Server.

Many sponsors wish to have their logo displayed at the tournament pages of the sponsored tournaments. At the moment the logos of the sponsors are not assigned to specific tournaments. According to my view this should be improved.

The fact, that some tournaments are sponsored, cannot be observed easily – neither on the ICCF-website nor on the webserver. This may attract new players, however.

The number of sponsors should be enlarged.

It would be helpful to revitalize ICCF Amici and the “Game of the Month” on the ICCF website. Therefore the input of volunteers is urgently needed. Furthermore the co-operation with further (correspondence) chess magazines appears to be reasonable.

We should aim at publishing relevant information on the ICCF website promptly.

ICCF should consider to take out paid advertisements, especially in the jubilee year 2011.

In co-operation with the GS: to analyze which countries, that are already FIDE members, should be encouraged to become a member of ICCF. An intensified co-operation with FIDE as well as with the national otb organizations might be helpful.

Members of the Marketing Committee:

Andrew Dearnley

Hans-Jürgen Isigkeit

Ole Jacobsen

Panu Laine

Neil Limbert

Petyo Marinov

Michael Millstone

Clyve Murden

Erich Ruch

Uwe Staroske (till July 2010)

Laurent Tinture

Luz Marina Tinjaca

Pierre Ruiz Vidal

Dr. Uwe Staroske

Bremen, September 2010.

16: Proposals for the 2011 Jubilee Year

Among others, the following activities were discussed and suggested by the Marketing Committee and by the former Marketing Director Dr. Uwe Staroske:

- The Jubilee Diamond Tournament will coincide with the ICCF World Cup. This will be called the *World Cup Diamond Jubilee*. As mentioned previously, Poland will be the organizer for the **webserver**.
- The Jubilee Diamond Tournament will also consist of a **Chess 960** event to be hosted and played on the ICCF webserver under the lead of Leonardo Madonia (ITA). Webserver programming is anticipated to take approximately 16-hours and we anticipate completion in time for the tournament start.
- The Jubilee Diamond Tournament **postal** part will be organized by the ICCF Postal Tournament Office under the supervision of Gian-Maria Tani (ITA).
- Several Diamond Jubilee ICCF officials/delegates tournaments will be organized under the expert guidance of International Arbiter, Andrew Dearnley.
- Congress consensus was obtained that prizes should be similar to ones awarded for the 50th anniversary Gold event.
- All tournaments will be started in 2011.
- Alan P. Borwell will organize and edit the work necessary to produce an ICCF Diamond Jubilee electronic book. Mr. Borwell kindly requests that all Federations update their Federations last 10-years of history, accomplishments, and photos, and submit them to him as soon as possible.

17. Title Awards

Total number of Medals to be awarded at this Congress (subject to Approval) **** 223**** split as follows:-

GOLD 41
SILVER 81
BRONZE 101

Nominations for the Grandmaster (GM) Title

Applications under Rule 8.4 (c)

AUT	10543	Friedrich Rattinger	GM
BRA	70752	Luis Almiron	GM
BRA	70676	Reginaldo de Castro Cerqueira Filho	GM
GER	82604	Ulrich Stephan	GM
GER	84961	Hubert Zautzig	GM
GER	80710	Ingo Firnhaber	GM
GER	83556	Helmut Geist	GM
ISR	270231	Moshe Glazman	GM
ITA	241018	Eros Riccio	GM
ITA	240645	Claudio Cesetti	GM
LTU	920211	Gintautas Petraitis	GM
LTU	920017	Pavel Rubinas	GM
LTU	920286	Virginijus Grabliauskas	GM
NZL	380073	Mark F. Noble	GM
ROM	440534	Florin Şerban	GM
RUS	140667	Vladimir Abramovich Vayser	GM
RUS	141647	Boris Mikhailovich Zhak	GM
SLO	480101	Iztok Brunšek	GM
USA	510360	Jon Ostriker	GM

Applications under Rule 8.4 (d) - Vandermeulen

40333	Vandermeulen, Boni	BEL	GM
<p>Boni Vandermeulen has scored three GM Norms as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sergey Korolev Memorial (Category 11) with 10½ points from 14 games (GM Norm = 9 points) - European Championship 63 SF7 (Category 7) with 11½ points from 14 games (GM Norm = 11 points) - North Sea Team Tournament II, Board 1 (Category 8) with 7½ points from 10 games (GM Norm = 7½ points). <p>Therefore, all Norm requirements for the GM title have been met. The award of GM Title also requires that five of the players in these tournaments are GM's or it can be 3 GM's and 4 SIM's. He has played against 2 GM's and 10 SIM's so he is one GM below the requirement. However, five of the SIM's played are now GM's with three of them achieving the GM Title in the tournaments mentioned. The Qualifications Commissioner supports the award of the GM Title to Boni Vandermeulen and asks Congress to approve this application.</p>			

Voting Results: (for approval)

Note: this vote will require a 2/3 majority of the voting members present at Congress to pass, i.e., minimum of 30 voting members.

Yes: 19 (BEL, SCO, ESP, NED, DEN, ENG, NOR, FIN, EST, POL, BRA, BLR, RUS, TUR, RSA, SUI, AUT, CAN, USA)

No: 15 (LUX, POR, SWE, ISL, ISR, ROM, ESP, IND, AUS, BUL, ALG, ITA, SLO, CZE, SVK)

Abs: 10 (LAT, LTU, HUN, CUB, GER, URK, ECU, FRA, CRO, NZL)

Without a 2/3 majority vote by Congress, the application for Mr. Vandermeulen has been denied.

Applications under Rule 8.4 (d) - Atakişi

490058	Fatih Atakişi	TUR	GM
<p>Fatih Atakişi has scored three GM Norms as follows:</p> <p>Interzonal 2000 Board 4 with 6 points out of 8</p> <p>Interzonal 2002 Board 2 with 6 points out of 8</p> <p>13th Olympiad Preliminary Section 1 Board 1 with 9 points out of 11.</p> <p>Therefore all Norm requirements for the GM title have been met. The award of GM Title also requires that five of the players in these tournaments are GM's or players rated 2600+. He has played against 4 GM's so he is one GM below the requirement.</p> <p>However, one of the SIM's played was rated 2590 so only 10 points short. The Turkish Federation also ask Congress to consider the following:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. EU/FSM 47 11,5/ 14 Points 2nd place 2. EU/FSM 53 11/14 Points 1st Place and Europe Champion. In fact, if nowadays GM title rules were applicable for those 2 European championships then each deserves the GM title. 3. Asia Africa Challenger GM tournament 8,5/14 points 3rd place. He missed only with ½ point GM title in this tournament but won against 3 GM's of this tournament.(GM Rüfenacht (SUI)-GM Jaroslav Vaindl(CZE) – GM John Barlow(RSA) 4. EU/M/GT/294 1988 MASTER Tournament 13/14 points 1st place 5. EU/M/GT/315 1990 MASTER Tournament 12,5/14 points 2nd place <p><u>SOME SCORES AGAINST GM'S AND OVER 2600 RATING PLAYERS</u></p> <p>Atakisi-(1-0)H.Marcus Elwert (GER-2628)-EU/FSM/47 Atakisi(1/2) GM Hans Marcus Elwert (GER - 2681) - 13.Olym.Prel.1.Board Atakisi(1/2) Arne Vinje(NOR-2631)-13.Olym.Prel.1.Board Atakisi(1-0) GM Rüfenacht Matthias (SUI)-Asia Africa Challenger Atakisi(1-0) GM Jaroslav Vaindl(CZE) –Asia-Africa Challenger Atakisi(1-0)-GM John Barlow (RSA)-Asia-Africa Challenger Atakisi(1/2)-GM Oliveria Marcio(BRA)-Asia Africa Challenger Atakisi(1-0)-GM Pinkovetsky Semen(RUS)-WCCC23CT02 Atakisi(1/2)-GM Rydholm Lennart(SWE)- WCCC23CT02 -JoachimAtakisi (1-0)-GM Hofstetter Dr.Hans (GER)-Rochade 5171 Atakisi (1/2)-GM Rüfenacht Matthias(SUI)-Christoffel Memorial Atakisi(1/2)--GM Oliveria Marcio(BRA)- Rochade 5171</p>			

Atakisi(1/2)-GM Marc Geenen (BEL)-1.Email World Champ.3/4 Fin.
 Atakisi (1/2)-GM Gerd Branding(GER)-1.Email World Champ.3/4 Fin.
 Atakisi(1/2)-GM Aleksey Lepikhov(UKR)-1.Email World Champ.3/4 F
 Atakisi (1/2)-GM Andriulaitis V.(LIT)- Christoffel Memorial
 Atakisi (1/2)-GM Hiltunen (FIN)-WC28CT02
 Atakisi (1/2)- Dr.Thorsten Winkler (GER-2604)- WC28CT02
 Atakisi (1/2)-GM Arno Nickel (GER)-WC28CT02
 Atakisi (1/2)-GM Muzyka Nikolay- WC28CT02

The Qualifications Commissioner supports the award of the GM Title to Fatih Atakişi and asks Congress to approve this application.

Voting Results: (for approval)

Note: this vote will require a 2/3 majority of the voting members present at Congress to pass, i.e., minimum of 30 voting members.

Yes: 33(ISR, ISL, LUX, POR, BEL, SCO, IRL, ESP, NED, DEN, ENG, NOR, FIN, EST, ROM, SLO, POL, RUS, BEL, BRA, TUR, RSA, SUI, GER, ITA, ALG, BUL, NZL, IND, AUS, USA, CAN, AUT) - unanimous

No: 00

Abs: 13 (FRA, UKR, ECU, SWE, LTU, LAT, HUN, CUB, SVK, CRO, CZE)

With a 2/3 majority vote by Congress, the application for Mr. Atakişi has been approved.

Applications under Rule 8.4 (d) – Ruch

180490	Ruch, Eric	FRA	GM
<p>Eric Ruch has scored three GM Norms as follows:- CXEB 30 Years B with 11 points from 14 games. ICCF Officials GM-B with 10½ points out of 14 games. Olympiad 14 Final Board 4 with 7½ points out of 11 games.</p> <p>Therefore all Norm requirements for the GM title have been met. The award of GM Title also requires that five of the players in these tournaments are GM's or players rated 2600+. Two GM's can be substituted by 4 SIM's. He has played against 2 GM's and 7 SIM's so he is one GM below the requirement.</p> <p>However, one of the SIM's played was rated 2587 so only 13 points short. In addition, four other players became GM's during the course of the tournaments.</p> <p>The Qualifications Commissioner supports the award of the GM title to Eric Ruch and asks congress to support this application.</p>			

Voting Results: (for approval)

Note: this vote will require a 2/3 majority of the voting members present at Congress to pass, i.e., minimum of 30 voting members.

Yes: 20 (BEL, IRL, ESP, SCO, ENG, DEN, NED, NOR, FIN, EST, POL, BLR, BRA, RUS, TUR, RSA, SUI, NZL, USA, CAN)

No: 11 (LUX, POR, ISR, ISL, SWE, ROM, ITA, CZE, SVK, IND, AUS)

Abs: 10 (SLO, LAT, LTU, HUN, GER, CUB, AUS, ALG, BUL, CRO)

**Not Present: (3) FRA, ECQ, UKR

** Mr. Ruch was requested to leave the room during discussion and voting.

Without a 2/3 majority vote by Congress, the application for Mr. Ruch has been denied.

Nominations for the Lady Grandmaster (LGM) Title

Applications under Rule 8.7 (b)

BUL	50273	Sabina Karapchanska	LGM
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Applications under Rule 8.7 (c)

ARG	20258	Liliana Susana Fredes de Locio	LGM
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Nominations for the Senior International Master (SIM) Title

Applications under Rule 8.5 (a)

ARG	20930	Alfredo Civitillo	SIM
BRA	70402	Gilson Luís Chrestani	SIM
CUB	690390	Carlos Diéguez Vera	SIM
CUB	690088	David E. Hernández Molina	SIM
CZE	130836	Jiří Soudný	SIM
CZE	131160	Štefan Jandek	SIM
ENG	210932	David Overton	SIM
ESP	160730	Carlos Moreno Carretero	SIM
EST	930270	Tõnu Talpak	SIM
FIN	460895	Ilkka Salmi	SIM
FIN	460917	Auno Siikaluoma	SIM
GER	83331	Herbert Adelseck	SIM
GER	86007	Hans-Hermann Clever	SIM
GER	84958	Michael Jörg Heilmann	SIM
GER	85548	Volker Leupold	SIM
GER	83300	Thomas Lins	SIM
GER	83246	Thomas Mahling	SIM
GER	80999	Uwe Nogga	SIM
GER	83944	Volker Schulz	SIM
GER	82604	Ulrich Stephan	SIM
GER	87967	Helge Verhoef	SIM
GER	85577	Dirk Wilhelmi	SIM
GER	84961	Hubert Zautzig	SIM
GER	85389	Thomas Neuer	SIM
GRE	220054	Nikolaos Gavrilakis	SIM

ISR	270257	Dmitry Gooschchin	SIM
ITA	240115	Giorgio Baiocchi	SIM
ITA	241143	Alberto Benzoni	SIM
ITA	241067	Gianluca Cremasco	SIM
ITA	240929	Giorgio Gerola	SIM
LAT	910269	Janis Valeinis	SIM
NZL	380029	Brian W. Anderson	SIM
POL	420394	Waldemar Kozlowski	SIM
POL	420521	Ryszard Kwieciński	SIM
POL	421328	Boguslaw Latas	SIM
POL	421337	Marek Sadowski	SIM
ROM	440537	Boris Gusan	SIM
RUS	141674	Sergey Igorevich Galanov	SIM
RUS	141447	Dmitry Viktorovich Morozov	SIM
RUS	141519	Aleksey Konstantinovich Simakhin	SIM
RUS	141647	Boris Milhailovich Zhak	SIM
RUS	141530	Andrey Ivanovich Nekhaev	SIM
SLO	480074	Matej Keršič	SIM
SLO	480135	Aleš Borštnik	SIM
SVK	950293	Ivan Čipka	SIM
SWE	450544	Juhani Karasalo	SIM
TUR	490165	Murad Akdag	SIM
UKR	940817	Nikolai Papenin	SIM
USA	511105	Keith Holzmueller	SIM
USA	511025	Kristo S. Miettinen	SIM
USA	511296	Thomas Biedermann	SIM

Nominations for the International Master (IM) Title

Applications under Rule 8.6 (a)

FRA	181121	Igor-Alexandre Nataf	IM
FRA	180231	Jacqueline Roos	IM
ITA	241143	Alberto Benzoni	IM
POL	420521	Ryszard Kwieciński	IM
ROM	440394	Viorel Crăciuneanu	IM
RUS	140762	Aleksandr Vladimirovich Kalinin	IM

Applications under Rule 8.6 (d)

ARG	180329	Patrick Mary	IM
BEL	49062	Hugues Baufays	IM
BEL	40500	Frederic Mignon	IM
BLR	750014	Alexandr Sergeevich Ivanov	IM
BRA	71026	Odilo Blanco Lizarzaburu	IM
BRA	71133	Leonardo Guedes de Magalhães	IM
BUL	50159	Valentin Panoiotov Minchev	IM
CAN	90355	Richard Labonté	IM
CHI	110093	Eduardo Arancibia Guzmán	IM
CUB	690390	Carlos Diéguez Vera	IM
CZE	131238	Jiří Houška	IM
DEN	159028	Søren Rud Ottesen	IM
DEN	150643	Søren M Larsen	IM
ENG	211305	Nigel Robson	IM
ENG	210932	David Overton	IM
ESP	160165	Carmelo Fernández Vicente	IM
ESP	160468	Ángel-Jerónimo Manso Gil	IM
ESP	160825	Jesús Punzón Moraleda	IM
ESP	160793	Carlos Rodríguez Amezqueta	IM
ESP	160906	Carlos Alonso González	IM
FIN	460917	Auno Siikaluoma	IM
FRA	180364	Jean-Michel Dijon	IM
GER	83331	Herbert Adelseck	IM
GER	81312	Manfred Dorer	IM
GER	80060	Thorsten Eckhardt	IM
GER	84160	Jörg Harm	IM
GER	84958	Michael Jörg Heilmann	IM
GER	85571	Harald Keller	IM
GER	81886	Otto Klatt	IM
GER	85548	Volker Leupold	IM

GER	85545	Winfried Lobner	IM
GER	80184	Werner Löffler	IM
GER	85243	Anja Schmidt	IM
GER	85577	Dirk Wilhelmi	IM
GER	84961	Hubert Zautzig	IM
GRE	220054	Nikolaos Gavrilakis	IM
ISR	270257	Dmitry Gooschchin	IM
ITA	241067	Gianluca Cremasco	IM
ITA	240929	Giorgio Gerola	IM
ITA	240500	Rosario Amico	IM
LTU	920005	Vytautas Sutkus	IM
NED	370914	Henk J. van den Bos	IM
POL	421202	Arkadiusz Zlotkowski	IM
POL	421337	Marek Sadowski	IM
POL	429028	Piotr Walczak	IM
POL	421328	Boguslaw Latas	IM
ROM	440289	Viorel Călugăru	IM
ROM	440425	Sorin-Marius Ciucurel	IM
ROM	440537	Boris Gusan	IM
ROM	440469	Liviu Neagu	IM
ROM	440550	Costel Voiculescu	IM
RUS	141315	Konstantin Sergeevich Boldysh	IM
RUS	141267	Vladimir Nikolaevich Chupin	IM
RUS	141272	Vladimir Fedorovich Gerbich	IM
RUS	140416	Valery Alekseevich Lednev	IM
RUS	141530	Andrey Ivanovich Nekhaev	IM
RUS	141671	Aleksandr Nikolaevich Shpakovsky	IM
RUS	141659	Vladimir Yuryevich Staratorzhsky	IM
RUS	141737	Aleksandr Gennadievich Efremov	IM
RUS	141692	Vladimir Nikolaevich Gerasimov	IM
SCO	620588	Thomas Matheis	IM
SLO	480135	Aleš Borštnik	IM
SLO	540225	Milan Horvat	IM
SLO	480232	Matjaž Pirš	IM
SUI	100382	Andreas Brugger	IM
SUI	100378	Peter Pfiffner	IM
SVK	950293	Ivan Čipka	IM
SVK	950268	Ladislav Fenes	IM
SWE	451367	Björn Fagerström	IM
UKR	940710	Pavel Degterev	IM
UKR	940574	Volodimir Gerasimchuk	IM
UKR	940817	Nikolai Papenin	IM
UKR	940706	Viktor Sokolov	IM
USA	511296	Thomas Biedermann	IM
USA	511517	Mehran Divanbaigyand	IM
USA	511820	John R. Menke Sr.	IM

VEN	690016	Alberto Barreras García	IM
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Nominations for the Lady International Master (LM) Title

Applications under 8.8 (b)

POL	429036	Barbara Skonieczna	LM
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Applications under Rule 8.8 (c)

ESP	160851	Ariadna Vieito Ribelles	LM
CZE	131246	Jana Valinová	LM

International Arbiter - Applications under Rule 8.9 (a)

RUS	141107	Vladimir Valentinovich Popov	IA
CZE	130866	Jiří Ryška	IA
GER	88925	Thomas Schmelz	IA

Applications under Rule 8.9 (b) - Dearnley

210753	Dearnley, Andrew	ENG	IA
<p>The Title award of International Arbiter requires the completion of 4 years work as a TD in ICCF events with a minimum of 1000 games. At the time of writing this report, Andrew Dearnley has completed over 1400 games but has not yet completed 4 years work. On the basis of a strong recommendation from his TD Mentor (Søren Peschardt) and the Qualifications Commissioner, the Arbiter Committee (ACO) support the award of the IA Title To Andrew. The Qualifications Commissioner therefore asks Congress to approve this application.</p>			

Voting Results: (for approval)

Note: this vote will require a 2/3 majority of the voting members present at Congress to pass, i.e., minimum of 30 voting members.

Yes: 41 – unanimous

No: 00

Abs: 00

**Not Present: (3) ENG, NED, DEN

** Mr. Dearnley was requested to leave the room during discussion and voting.

The following special applications were all approved unanimously:

440469	Neagu, Liviu	ROM	SIM
82299	Schwetlick, Thomas	GER	SIM
100382	Brugger, Andreas	SUI	IM
511296	Biedermann, Thomas	USA	IM
85571	Keller, Harald	GER	IM
690016	Barreras García, Rafael Alberto	VEN	IM
89789	Seidel, Sandra	GER	LGM

Special Application to Promote to Title Tournaments – World Cup XVI –Semi-Finals

The German Federation submits a special application to promote World Cup XVI Postal Semi-Finals to international title events with title norms. The exceeding of the maximum number of players from one Federation requires this to be a special application. There will be 9 or more German players participating in three of the semi-finals whereas a maximum of 8 is allowed. The organizing Federation however states that all requirements for international title events have been met during the qualifying stages of the tournament. The QC likes to add that the requirement should only be regarded as unfulfilled when the entire event is 'missing' the international quota. The fact that the qualifying stages of an event produce an over-representation of a single Federation into the final should not be held against the players. A precedent was established in 2009 with the Final of World Cup XII where Congress agreed to promote the Final to a Title tournament in a similar situation. The QC therefore fully supports the application and asks congress to vote in favour of World Cup XVI Postal Semi-Finals being promoted to international title events.

Voting Results: (for approval)

Yes: 41 – unanimous
 No: 00
 Abs: 00
 NV: 03 (RUS, BRA, BLR)

Special E-Mail Request - LTU

A special e-mail request was submitted on behalf of the Lithuanian Federation (LTU). Ms Vilma Dambrauskaite (LTU) shared 3rd place in 8 Ladies World Championship Final. Her SB was slightly worse by 0.25. The Lithuanian CCF would like to ask to award bronze medal to both 3rd place players. This would be a good promotion of Correspondence chess in Lithuania.

Voting Results: (for approval and award of the Bronze medal to Ms. Dambrauskaite)

Yes: 03 (LAT, LTU, RSA)
 No: 30 (AUS, IND, DEN, NED, ENG, EST, ROM, FIN, IRL, ESP, SCO, BEL, LUX, POR, BUL, ALG, ITA, CRO, SVK, CZE, SLO, NZL, NOR, ISL, ISR, SWE, AUT, BRA, BLR, RUS)
 Abs: 11 (ECU, UKR, FRA, POL, TUR, SUI, GER, CUB, HUN, USA, CAN)

18: Tournaments

Day 3 of Congress started with the report of the World Tournament Director. Frank Geider was unable to attend Congress, so President; Eric Ruch presented the report to Congress. Several important items were noted:

New World Championship Cycle

The new World Championship cycle has been implemented. Congress acknowledged the excellent efforts of Title Tournaments Commissioner Marco Caressa in order to ensure that this difficult work was introduced successfully.

Webchess Open Tournament

Guido Bresadola (ITA) was appointed Central Tournament Leader (CTL) for the 4th edition and has made a fantastic job preparing this event, which has seen a record of entries. The 4th edition Preliminaries started on July 20th, 2010 and the 2nd edition Final started on June 21st, 2010.

Junior World Cup

Markus Homske (FRA) accepted responsibility for the organisation of the Junior World Cup events.

The 1st Junior World Cup Final started on July 4th, 2010 and the 2nd Junior World Cup is presently under preparation.

School Webserver Events

Andrew Dearnley (ENG) will look to organise future school webserver events.

Veterans World Cup

Appreciation is extended to the Scottish Correspondence Chess Association (SCCA) and the Central Tournament Leader Alan P. Borwell (SCO) for their continuing commitment to the organisation of the 3rd Veteran World Cup, the Preliminaries of which started on September 1st, 2010. Once again, another record entry has been received for what has become a very popular event.

Mr. Borwell also reported on the Veterans World Cup 1 and 2 progress and covered Veterans World Cups 3 and 4, referring to the importance of 18-month cycles and the problematic issue of potentially having 3 annual leave periods, thus extended the duration of each cycle.

Direct Entry 5th Anniversary Open

Direct Entry Commissioner Jean-Christophe Chazallette proposes the organization of an international Open Tournament to mark the 5th anniversary of Direct Entry protocol

- For DE countries only
 - 3 stages: Preliminaries, Semifinal, and Final
 - 10 moves/30 days, conditional moves available
 - Rated, Title norms possible
 - Registration start December 15th, 2010
 - Registration close March 1st, 2011
 - Preliminary stage starting April 5th, 2011 (*anniversary DE date*)
 - Preliminary closing play on July 5th, 2012
- Arrangements for semifinal and final stages announced later on, depending on the total number of entries

A discussion of more than 20 minutes ensued about the proper name of this event. One objection was that Direct Entry has been around for 10-years and this should be called the 10th Anniversary, vice 5th. Other delegates questioned the use of the term “Open”, since it technically is a tournament restricted to DE only Federations. An alternative point was raised that it may still be an Open tournament because those countries that have not selected DE may still so, as this is their choice. At the end, it was decided to rename this tournament to incorporate all the suggestions and comments. The proposed tournament will now be named:

Direct Entry 5th Webserver Anniversary Tournament.

Voting Results: (for approval of the Direct Entry Tournament)

Yes: (38) All except the 6 Federations listed below
 No: (02) ISL, SWE
 Abs: (00)
 No Vote: (4): ROM, BLR, BRA, RUS

Tournament Proposals

Slovenia Member of ICCF 15 Year anniversary Open Tournament (SLO)

Modification of tournament approved in 2007 Congress Semi-final and Final round are valid for international norms.

Janis Vitomskis Memorial (LAT)

15 players Cat. X-XI (Approximately) Start date: December, 2009
 Invitational tournament TO: Artis Gaujens.

Karlis Vitols Memorial (LAT)

15 players Cat. V-VII (Approximately) Start date: June 2010

Invitational tournament TO: Artis Gaujens.

John Allain Memorial (ENG)

ICCF Webserver 13 players Cat. II or III (expected) Start date 15.04.10

Invitational tournament TD: Neil Limbert

Romanian Chess Federation - 85 Years (ROM)

ICCF Webserver, Invitational tournament,

Section A 13-15 players, Cat. XIII - XIV,

Section B 13-15 players, Cat. III - IV, Start date: 25.03.2010

CS Universitatea Craiova - 10 Years anniversary" (ROM)

ICCF Webserver Invitational tournament 13 players Cat. X+ Start date 25.06.2010 CSU Craiova is one of the most active Romanian correspondence chess club, with players involved in many national and international events.

Torneo del Bicentenario A (ARG)

ICCF Webserver Invitational tournament 15 players Cat. XII Start date: May 2010.

Torneo del Bicentenario B (ARG)

ICCF Webserver Invitational tournament 13 players Cat. VII-VIII Start date: May 2010.

Mare Nostrum IV (TUR)

ICCF Webserver, Team tournament, 9 teams, 4 boards, 36 players. Teams: TUR, ESP, FRA, ITA, MLT, SLO, CRO, ISR, ALG

Start date: 15nd November 2010, Not an invitational tournament (The Federations nominated the teams), Prize fund: Turkish Chess Federation grants 1000 USD prize fund for that prestigious tournament. 1st Place 500 USD and medal 2nd Place 350 USD and medal 3rd Place 150 USD and medal TO: Arif Kucukali (TUR).

BdF Diamant 2 (GER)

ICCF Webserver, 15 players, Cat. X (Ladies), Start date: 30/04/2010 Invitational tournament for Ladies, Prize fund: 600,- Euro.

BdF Smaragd 2 (GER)

ICCF Webserver, 15 players, Start date: 30/04/2010, Invitational tournament for Ladies, Prize fund: 300,- Euro.

Günter Henrich Memorial (GER)

ICCF Webserver, 15 players, Cat. VI, Start date: 30/04/2010, Invitational tournament, Prize fund: 600,- Euro A tournament with friends and partners of the former Executive Director of the German Federation BdF.

BdF Diamant 03 (GER)

ICCF Webserver, 13 or 15 players (4 of them from Germany), Cat. XIII (Ladies), Start date: 08/03/2011, Invitational tournament for Ladies.

BdF Smaragd 03 (GER)

ICCF Webserver, 13 or 15 players (5 or 6 of them from Germany), Start date: 08/03/2011, Invitational tournament for Ladies.

25 Years Swiss CC Association SFSV (SUI) (update Leeds Congress approval)

ICCF Webserver, Invitational tournament,
Section A 15 players, Cat. XIII, Section B1 15 players, Cat. VIII, Section B2 15 players, Cat. VIII, Start dates: 2nd November 2010.

RCCA-Diamond (RUS)

Webserver 11-15 players Cat. XIII+. Start date: November or December 2010 Invitational tournament.

RCCA-Gold 2010 (RUS) Webserver 15-17 players Cat. X-XII. Start date: November or December 2010 Invitational tournament.

RCCA-Silver 2010 (RUS)

Webserver 15-17 players Cat. VII-IX Start date: November or December 2010 Invitational tournament.

RCCA-Bronze 2010 (RUS)

Webserver 15-17 players Cat. IV-VI. Start date: November or December 2010 Invitational tournament.

CAPEA - 40 Years (ESP)

Webserver International Open Tournament organized in two stages Preliminaries (15 groups of 13 players) and Final (15 players) Start date: April 2011 Prize fund: € 1.000

This tournament prompted some discussion. One topic was how an “Open” tournament could have a limited number of players specified. Another concern was that the timing of this tournament might possibly conflict with the proposed Direct Entry tournament. The recommendation of Congress was to ask the Spanish delegate to work with the World Tournament Director to provide additional clarification on these two points.

Belarus - Blue Lakes (BLR)

Webserver 15-17 players Cat IV - V Start date: December 2010 Invitational tournament.

Paul Keres - 95 Memorial Tournament (EST)

Webserver GM-tournament 15 players Cat XI-XII Start date: February 2011 Invitational tournament.

Andrej Šuštaršič Memorial (SLO)

Websver 15 players (7 Slovenian players, 8 players from other countries) Cat X - XII Start date: First half 2011 Invitational tournament.

An update to this tournament was provided by the Slovenian delegate after Congress. This tournament will start on December 30, 2010 and will contain 12 foreign and 3 domestic players and will be a Category XIII event.

Jose Antonio Barrios Memorial (ESP)

Websver Group A: 15 players Cat. XV Start date: 1st December 2010 Group B: 15 players Cat. XI Start date: 1st December 2010 Group C: 15 players Cat. VIII

Start date: 1st December 2010 Invitational tournament to commemorate the death of SIM Jose Antonio Barrios Troncoso.

10 Jahre Schachschule Pirs A (GER)

Cat 12/13; 13 – 15 players; Start date: 04/2011

TD: Hans-Jürgen Isigkeit

ICCF-Server

10 Jahre Schachschule Pirs B (GER)

Cat. 5 – 7; 13 – 15 players; Start date: 04/2011

TD: Hans-Jürgen Isigkeit

ICCF-Server

An objection was raised on the “legitimacy” of these tournament proposals as one Congress attendee felt that there was not a close tie to correspondence chess or sufficiently provided evidence of relevant and significant correspondence chess connections, despite the fact that Mr. Pirs teaches chess in school or is himself a prolific ICCF correspondence chess player. It was agreed to postpone these events until next year until further evidence could be provided.

Emil Karastoychev Memorial (BUL)

Websver,

15 players,

Cat. VII-VIII,

Start in February-March, 2011.

Invitational tournament in memory of Emil Karastoychev, Bulgarian chess player.

Nikola Baharov Memorial (BUL)

Websver,

15 players,

Cat. VII- VIII,

Start in February-March, 2011.

Invitational tournament in memory of Nikola Baharov, Bulgarian chess organizer.

Witold Bielecki Memorial (POL)

The Polish Federation announced initial information, which will start early 2012. This event will be presented at the 2011 for consideration and approval.

Voting Results: (for approval of the proposed tournaments with exceptions noted above)

Yes: (40) All except the 4 Federations listed below

No: (00)

Abs: (00)

No Vote: (4): ROM, BLR, BRA, RUS

Title Tournament Commissioner (TTC)

Marco Caressa reported the following ICCF World Champion results:

- In May 2010, Olga Sukhareva (Russia) won the 8th Ladies Correspondence Chess World Championship.
- In July 2010, Aleksandr Surenovich Dronov (Russia) won the 22nd Correspondence Chess World Championship.

Norm Title Tournaments to be started after September 2010:

- **World Championship - Finals**
 - **World Championship 27 - Finals**

Start date 10 June 2011 – To be played on ICCF webserver with the use of “nodes”.

18 players have already earned a qualification for this Final.

- **World Championship 2011**
 - **Candidates – Semi-Finals - Preliminaries**

TTC suggest starting these stages at the same dates of 2010:

Preliminaries : 10 March 2011

Semi-Finals : 10 June 2011

Candidates' Tournament : 10 September 2011

- **Ladies World Championship**

- **Final 9 – Semi-Finals 10**

Announcement for this cycle will be published soon. All qualifiers are known.

Proposal: Final of the 9th Ladies World Championship. 10 Ladies will qualify for this Final (4 from Final 8, 2 from each Semi-Final). According with ICCF Rule 1.6.1 the Final will have at least 11 players. TTC suggest that Final have 11 players. Vacancy to fill in accordance with Rule 1.6.4.

Voting Results: (for approval of the proposal)

Yes: 40 - unanimous

No: 00

Abs: 00

No Vote: 04 (ROM, BLR, BRA, RUS)

Voting Results: (for approval of the TTC Report)

Yes: 40 - unanimous

No: 00

Abs: 00

No Vote: 04 (ROM, BLR, BRA, RUS)

Non-Title Tournament Commissioner (TTC)

Valer Eugen Demian provided the following comments from his report:

It is for the second year in a row when Congress is advised of the need to review, clarify and unify the conditions for accepting players into Open, Higher and Master class into the European and World tournaments all together, plus promotional rules from one class level to another and direct registration using either DE (Direct Entry) or NF (National Federation). It is a positive sign Duncan Chambers has chaired a working group since Leeds 2009 to work on a proposal for this year's Congress. Of course, any working group is bound to have differences of opinions and will let Duncan's report present the details. However I stress the importance of coming up with the best possible decision with the following characteristics needed be:

- a) Timely – this Congress needs to release it no matter what;
- b) Simplicity – it has to be simply to understood and follow by everyone;
- c) Practicality – it needs to be easily applicable without putting more burden on volunteers.

I trust Congress to be to achieve these goals and then some.

A comprehensive status of the World Cups, Webchess Open, Veterans World Cup, and Champions League tournaments was provided in the NTTC Report to Congress.

One request was made that the World Cup and Webchess Open have standardized start dates to aid in scheduling and planning.

The Polish National Federation has volunteered to host the webserver only version of the World Cup 18 / Jubilee World Cup. The Postal and Chess 960 versions already have tournament organizers selected.

Voting Results: (for approval of the NTTC Report)

Yes: 40 - unanimous

No: 00

Abs: 00

No Vote: 04 (ROM, BLR, BRA, RUS)

Final NTTC Remarks:

Congress should recognize the lifetime work and dedication of George Stibal after his passing away. His memory deserves a high-level recognition and I am confident this will be done.

Every year I consider my duty to commend the work of volunteers from our commission. Some names appear year after year simply because they deserve it and this time it is no different. They are Michael Millstone, Guido Bresadola, Alan P. Borwell, plus Leonard Schakel, Markus Homske and Clive Murden as newcomers. A lot of work done behind the curtains would not be possible without them and as a result the activity could not run as smooth as it did and continues to do.

Postal Tournament Office (PTO) Commissioner

Gian-Maria Tani provided the following comments from his report:

Year 2009

2009 was a very good year for postal play!

For the first time in many years, the number of the players and new tournaments has considerably increased.

In 2009, I started 17 groups (5 WT/M, 4 WT/H and 8 WT/O, with 139 players), while in 2008, I started only 13 groups (4 WT/M; 3 WT/H and 6 WT/O, with 103 players): this means an increase of 34.95% of the players!

Year 2010

The figures of the first months of 2010 show a substantial stay of the entries.

From January to July, I have started 9 groups (4 WT/M; 1 WT/H and 4 WT/O, with a total of 79 players).

If this trend continues into the second half of the year, in the entirety of 2010, we will have 15-16 started groups with about 135 players.

Voting Results: (for approval of the PTO Report)

Yes: 40 - unanimous

No: 00

Abs: 00

No Vote: 04 (ROM, BLR, BRA, RUS)

Money Prize Tournament (MPT) Organizer Report

Tournament Organizer, Søren Peschardt, provided statistics and details of both the **Money Prize Tournament** and the **Fast Money Prize Tournament** status. Due to lack of popularity and the inability to fill sections, the Fast MPT has not been offered to players for quite some time.

Although the Money Prize Tournament has some popularity and success, two overriding reasons swayed Congress to vote for discontinuance: (a) There have been numerous instances of confirmed fraud, and (b) the administrative time and effort to administer these tournaments is not reasonable compared to the income these tournaments produce for ICCF.

Voting Results: (to Continue the MPTs)

Yes: 00

No: 38

Abs: 06 (POL, LAT, LTU, RUS, BRA, BLR)

NV: 00

Thematic Tournament Office

Thematic tournaments are now offered in two themes, or formats: (a) a new theme where sections are filled as soon as five players have entered, and (b) the typical theme that have a specific start date.

Voting Results: (for approval of the Thematic Tournament Report)

Yes: 44
No: 00
Abs: 00
NV: 00

Interzonal Tournament Office

Dinand Knol (RSA) presented the Interzonal Report generated by Iain Smuts. Highlights of the report and discussion included: (a) there are title norms available for Interzonal tournaments, if player ratings warrant, (b) Double-round robin tournaments are available but are not supported on the webserver presently. Consequently, TD must report results. It was agreed to keep the format of Interzonal tournaments to once every 2-years.

Voting Results: (for approval of the Interzonal Tournament Office report)

Yes: 44
No: 00
Abs: 00
NV: 00

19: Playing and Tournament Rules Commission Proposals

Guidelines for the Webservice

The Playing Rules Commission has prepared revised *Guidelines for ICCF Playing Rules* for the Webservice, which will be published on iccf.com and may be found in Appendix G.

Voting Results: (for approval of the Guidelines)

Yes: 43
 No: 00
 Abs: 00
 NV: 01 (TUR)

Special Leave (Rules)

The Guidelines covered the use of “Special Leave”, which generated some interesting discussion. As part of the General Secretary’s proposal (which will be addressed in agenda item 27), the General Secretary had petitioned the Commission to consider two alternative proposals to special leave (a) elimination of special leave, or (b) adding 15-days of normal vacation time (bring the total of normal leave to 45-days per year) and eliminating special leave. The proposals to replace the Special Leave were already considered at the Congress in Plevan and turned down. Another concern was whether computer failure was still a viable option for special leave, given the proliferation of computers (friends, libraries, hotels, Internet cafe’s, etc.). This sparked a heated debate and a contentious and confusing vote before Congress.

Proposal: To modify Rule 7c to allow up to 10-days special leave for computer or Internet failure.

Voting Results: (for approval of Rule 7c to allow for special leave)

Yes: 17 (DEN, NED, ENG, RSA, HUN, CUB, GER, UKR, ECU, FRA, IRL, ESP, SCO, BEL, LUX, POR, NOR)
 No: 18 (AUS, IND, CAN, USA, EST, FIN, BUL, ALG, ITA, SVK, CZE, SLO, POL, ISL, ISR, SWE, AUT, SUI)
 Abs: 01 (CRO)
 NV: 08 (TUR, LAT, LTU, ROM, NZL, BRA, BLR, RUS)

The proposal was defeated and ICCF will no longer authorize special leave for computer or Internet failures.

50-Move Rule

Another long and interesting discussion ensued regarding the 50-move rule, the use of Table bases, and the requirement (or not) to explicitly follow FIDE rules in all matters. The proposal from Spain (ESP) was that ICCF should waive the 50-move rule if a position was listed in a Table base as a win in greater than 50-moves; that is, a position that could not be won under FIDE rules could be won under ICCF rules. A vote was called to decide whether ICCF would stick to present FIDE rules (ICCF rules as currently written).

Voting Results: (to maintain ICCF rules as written)

Yes: 27 (AUS, IND, DEN, NED, ENG, HUN, CUB, GER, UKR, ECU, FRA, EST, FIN, IRL, SCO, BEL, LUX, POR, BUL, ALG, ITA, NZL, ISL, ISR, SWE, AUT, SUI)

No: 15 (TUR, LAT, LTU, CAN, USA, RSA, SVK, CZE, SLO, POL, NOR, BRA, BLR, RUS, ESP)

Abs: 01 (CRO)

NV: 01 (ROM)

The proposal was approved and ICCF rules will not change regarding the 50-move rule.

The Chairman of the Playing Rules Commission (Per Söderberg, SWE) personally thanked the Members of the PRC for their work in preparing the proposals and their hard work and commitment to the commission throughout the year.

20. Ratings, Including Rules Proposals

Ratings Commissioner

The Rating Commissioner, Gerhard Binder (GER) presented his report. Gerhard briefed that ICCF is now producing a new rating list 4-times a year; in the meantime, FIDE has moved to a new rating list every 2-months. However, in Gerhard's opinion it would be not necessary or wise to follow this cycle. For CC, we need a certain period with constant ratings for planning our high-level tournaments on time in advance before start date.

There was some discussion about a player who had purposefully abused the rating system. Gerhard has proposed some changes to the Rating Rules Commission to combat such abuse, but the Commission did not feel any changes were warranted and instead recommended that the Ratings Commissioner be entrusted to intervene manually should action be necessary.

Gerhard also briefed some accomplishments of the Webserver Service Committee and Martin Bennedik this past year, to include:

The rating forecast ability on the webserver
 Storing players name in Unicode, allowing many more characters that are special.
 Integration of national ratings.

The search for a Deputy Ratings Commissioner has resulted in one volunteer. Mariusz Wojnar (POL) has volunteered and will work with Gerhard.

Finally, in Gerhard's supplementary Report, he identified a potential weakness in the current rating systems regarding players who maintain a spot in the top lists, who have not played in some time. Gerhard suggested the present rule of keeping an inactive player in the rating list for 5-years is too long. Although they would maintain their rating, they would no longer appear of the published list after a shorter number of years.

A proposal was put forth to Congress as follows:

Change Tournament Rule 7.7 to the following wording:

*Players who appeared on previous lists but who do not qualify for a new rating because they have not finished a game during the evaluated period are nevertheless considered currently at their most recently published rating. Players will be considered inactive if they do not finish a rateable game for **two** years. Those players are no longer shown in the published lists.*

Voting Results: (for approval of the Proposal)

Yes: 41
 No: 03 (NOR, SLO, POL)
 Abs: 00
 NV: 00

Tournament Rules – Rules for Promotion Tournaments

The 2009 Congress asked the TRC to develop eligibility criteria for promotion tournaments, primarily based on ratings, but also taking into account results achieved. Entry criteria and status of entries from Member Federations should also be reviewed. Promotion Tournament eligibility criteria should also be suitable for application in Zonal Tournaments. Despite extensive discussion, the Commission has been unable to reach a consensus on this matter.

At issue was the disparity between qualification requirements for a player applying to a Promotion Class tournament (Open, Higher, or Master) between a Direct Entry and a National Federation application.

As written, a National Federation may propose that any new player enter any Promotion class, while the Direct Entry programme specifies that a player must show evidence of having won a lower class section first before advancing. This disparity has caused many problems and has resulted in players playing in different classes with little regard to their rating. Also discussed were the other options of promotion and even relegation.

Eventually, it was decided that the Direct Entry (DE) system would rely on established rating brackets for existing players applying through DE. Open Class – Below 1900; Higher Class – 1900 – 2099; and Master Class – 2100 and above. New players without an ICCF rating applying through Direct Entry must enter the Promotion Class system through the Open Class. However, Congress agreed that the National Federation may recommend a different class, only for new players based on any criteria.

After extensive discussion, the following modified rules wording was proposed:

2 Promotion Tournaments

2.1 The promotion tournaments will be played in 3 classes:

- (a) Open class,
- (b) Higher class,
- (c) Master class.

2.2 Master class tournaments will consist of 11 player sections. Higher and Open class shall have 7 players per section.

All correspondence chess players are eligible to participate unless they are under suspension from ICCF play. Correspondence chess players from non-ICCF Member countries will have to enter via the Direct Entry programme and they are eligible to take part in the World Championship cycle.

~~2.3 Simultaneous participation in promotion tournaments of different classes is not allowed; however, simultaneous participation in [Deleted]~~

2.3 Tie-breaking will be used to determine the winners of promotion tournaments.

2.4 The following players have the right to participate in Open class tournaments:

- (a) a player new to ICCF or without an ICCF rating.
- (b) a player rated below 1900 at the time of application.

2.5 The following players have the right to participate in a Higher-class tournament:

- (a) a player rated 1900 to 2099 at the time of application.
- (b) a player who has won an Open class tournament is entitled to one start in the Higher class, regardless of rating.
- (c) a player without an ICCF rating who is nominated by the National Federation and accompanied by a statement of qualification.

2.6 The following players have the right to participate in a Master class tournament:

- (a) a player rated 2100 or above at the time of application.
- (b) a player who has won a Higher-class tournament is entitled to one start in the Master class, regardless of rating.
- (c) a player without an ICCF rating who is nominated by the National Federation and accompanied by a statement of qualification.

Note: A FIDE rating will be considered as an unfixed ICCF rating, where applicable.

Voting Results: (for National Federations to Continue Nominations for Higher and Master class section – only for new players without an ICCF rating)

Yes: 44
 No: 00
 Abs: 00
 NV: 00

Voting Results: (to use ratings in promotion qualifications, when a player has an ICCF rating, using either DE or National Federation applications)

Yes: 43
 No: 00
 Abs: 01 (SWE)
 NV: 00

Tournament Rules 1.6.3 and 2.3 will be deleted because of this vote.

Tournament Rules – Withdraw in Title Tournaments

The Title Tournaments Commissioner, Marco Caressa, requested a change to section 6.1 of the Tournament Rules. The rules currently state that ‘a player who withdraws before the start of the tournament and before starting any game will incur no penalties’. Marco reported that a number of such withdrawals had occurred in title tournaments, causing disproportionate work for him in finding replacements and inconvenience to the other players. He recommended that such withdrawals should be treated as ‘unaccepted withdrawals’.

After discussion, the Commission felt that the proposal was too severe on the withdrawing player. An alternative proposal that such players should be considered to have used their qualification by entering the tournament was also not agreed by the Commission. We recommend that the rules should remain unchanged.

After extensive discussion in Congress, the following “compromise” to Marco’s proposal was offered for vote:

Proposal:

Section 6.1, 3rd sentence:

The rules currently state that ‘a player who withdraws before the start of the tournament and before starting any game will incur no penalties’ of the Tournament Rules will be amended to:

A player who withdraws after receiving the start list and before the start date will:

- (a) forfeit any entry fee paid, and
- (b) forfeit qualification rights, if applicable.

Voting Results: (to accept the revised rule wording as listed above)

Yes: 44
 No: 00
 Abs: 00
 NV: 00

Tournament Rules – Tiebreaking

The 2009 Congress asked the TRC to revise the wording of Section 5 of the Tournament Rules to make it clear that ICCF tie breaking rules were applicable for all ICCF correspondence chess tournaments, unless specifically excluded in the tournament announcement.

The following wording is suggested:

5 Tie Breaking

5.1 Tie-breaking is used in all tournaments organised by ICCF, unless the tournament announcement specifically states that ties will not be broken. The following will apply for two or more players, or two or more teams, with the same number of points:

5.2 Individual tournaments:

- (a) points evaluation by the Sonneborn-Berger-System,
- (b) results of the tied players against each other.

5.3 Team Tournaments:

- (a) tie breaking on the basis of team results (2 additional points for a won match, 1 additional point for a drawn match),
- (b) the results of the tied teams against each other.
- (c) better individual result on bd.1 (following bd.2, 3 etc.)

5.4 If necessary, the organiser of the tournament is entitled to set up further tie-breaking procedures. These procedures must be indicated in the start list at the latest.

5.5 If players or teams are still tied after all relevant tie-breaking procedures have been used, the players or teams will be considered equal.

Voting Results: (to adopt the rules changes as presented)

Yes: 41
 No: 00
 Abs: 00
 NV: 03 (BRA, BLR, RUS)

Tournament Rules – Rating Requirements for World Championship Cycle

The English CC Federation (BFCC) proposed that for the World Championship entry requirements for Preliminary, Semi-final and Candidates tournaments that the words “in any one of the four rating lists published prior to the commencement of the tournament” should be inserted after the current paragraphs in the World Championship qualification criteria relating to holders of Titles with a rating above a particular value.

The Commission felt that the proposed change would make administration of entries for the WCCC cycle more complex. While it would benefit some players by allowing them to enter when they would otherwise not be qualified, whatever criteria are in place there will always be some players who just fail to meet them. We therefore recommend no change to the current rules.

However, after discussion in Congress, the following proposed change to the rules was offered:

The English CC Federation (BFCC) initially proposed and subsequently modified by Congress that for the World Championship entry requirements for Preliminary, Semi-final and Candidates tournaments that the words “**in any of the rating lists published in the preceding 12-months prior to the start date of the tournament**” should be inserted after the current paragraphs in the World Championship qualification criteria relating to holders of Titles with a rating above a particular value.

1.0.8 ELO ratings used in these Rules refer to the valid ICCF rating list at the time of submitting the entry to the TTC.

Suggested change: ELO ratings used in these Rules refer to any of those rating lists published in the preceding 12-months.

Voting Results: (to adopt the rules changes as presented)

Yes: 43
No: 00
Abs: 01 (POL)
NV: 00

The Chairman of the Tournament Rules Commission (Duncan Chambers, ENG) forwarded his sincere appreciation for all the hard work his commission Members have done throughout the year.

21. Other Rules Matters (Code of Conduct, Appeals, Arbiters etc.)

Appeals Committee – Playing Rules

The Chairman, Ragnar Wikman (FIN) reported that the work of the Committee was getting easier by each passing year - no remaining email tournaments means that no more acrimonious appeal cases involving "lost emails" have landed on our desk their year. He was also happy to report that there has not been a single appeal from postal tournaments during the past year.

Because of the very nature of server play, it is obvious that most of these appeals are based upon trivial misunderstandings of the rules, and such appeals are customarily dealt with directly by the Chairman, according to §3 of their working procedure. (This was quoted in its entirety in their report for the 2004 Congress). Nevertheless, during the later months of 2009, they had a couple of interesting cases, which were deliberated in a full plenum. However, the first half of 2010 has been very quiet for all Members of the Committee!

Appeals Committee – Other Rules

Committee Chairman, Alan Rawlings (ENG), reported the following, “It is a pleasure to report that the Committee has done no work since the last Congress. The absence of cases indicates that ICCF Officials are performing in a totally satisfactory manner”.

Arbitration Committee

Committee Chairman, Richard Hall (ENG), reported that the Committee has had another quiet year. All referrals have been dealt with by him, within the spirit of Amici Sumus to the mutual satisfaction of all concerned. Informal advice was also given to the President as regards the change of Webmaster and General Secretary.

22. Arbiters Committee Matters

Commission Chairman, Dmitry Lybin (BLR), reported the following:

ICCF Arbiters Manual revised and released. The new draft was attached to his report and presented to Congress for consideration. The manual was approved by majority of ACO Members, QC, TTC, and NTTC. All changes are shown in red. Please review Appendix K for the complete manual with changes.

Concerning item 5.2.3, ICCF President, Eric Ruch, had proposed to implement server automation; almost everything could be automatically filled in by the server (for instance the list of TD with their titles, country, ID already exist on the server). This has been forwarded to the Services Committee and considered with future webserver enhancements.

The Non-Title Tournament Commissioner, Valer-Eugen Demian, (CAN) disagreed the adjudicator's name have to be provided to the player.

ICCF Honorary President, Alan P. Borwell (SCO), mentioned that the ACO should not have any role in deciding on individual Arbiter Title Awards. He disagreed with new wording of item 5.2.4 and proposed that:

TO/TC should be asked to supply recommendations for IA title applications (completing short questionnaire, with supporting documentary evidence). Such reports should be submitted to WTD (or delegated and suitably qualified deputy), who should review them, before forwarding them to the QC. The QC should check that application conforms with rules, before submission to Congress.

Voting Results: (to adopt the new Arbiters Manual as provided to Congress)

Yes: 41
No: 00
Abs: 00
NV: 03 (BRA, BLR, RUS)

23. Africa/Asia Zone 4

The Zone 4 Director and Member of the Executive Board, Dr. Ole Jacobsen (GHA) did not submit any zonal activity report, nor did he participate in any EB activities, discussions, proposals, or initiatives throughout the year.

However, Congress would like to extend a warm hand of appreciation to Iain Smuts (RSA) for single-handily organizing Zone 4 tournament activities throughout the 2009-2010 year. Iain's did submit a report to Congress and it has been distributed to the Congress delegates and officials.

24. European Zone 1

The Zone 1 Director and Member of the Executive Board, Gian-Maria Tani (ITA) reported on the status of the following tournaments:

- European Team Championships
- European Individual Championships
- Harro Otte Memorial
- Gerhard Radosztics Memorial
- Promotional tournaments
- Interzonal Tournaments
- “Rochade 5171 20th Anniversary” Team Tournament
- European Postal Cup

Concerning financial matters, Finance Director, Carlos Flores Gutiérrez oversaw the 2009 Balance, which had been checked by the Auditor, George Pyrich. It shows the economic situation of ICCF-Europa to be blossoming and this was presented to the European Delegates during the yearly meeting at Congress.

25. Latin America Zone 2

The Zone 2 Director and Member of the Executive Board, Carlos León Cranbourne (ARG) reported the following verbatim:

“In the last year ICCF Zone 2 Correspondence Chess activity declined because Latin America have been suffering the indirect consequences of the global economic and financial crisis that affected Europe (The Euro weakness), USA and other worldwide First World countries (in general have very advanced economies and very high Human Development indices).

However, I need to find some way to generate more players from Latin America. So, the issue of “Tournament fees” must be addressed in the next Congress and hope they may be significantly reduced from 2011. Webserver development costs are now less and other expenses are reduced, so I strongly recommend that all tournament fees could soon be significantly lowered.

Thanks for some help received from chess players who still love Correspondence chess today is possible to take over CADAP activity: “We gave financial contribution for chess players from some countries; they cannot pay ICCF fees”

Carlos also reported the status on ongoing and scheduled CADAP events, which may be accessed in the Zone 2 Director report previously distributed.

26. North America/Pacific Zone 3

The Zone 3 Director and Member of the Executive Board, Corky Schakel (USA) reported the following verbatim:

“As an alternative to an NAPZ Championship, the 11th North American Invitational CC Championship was approved, and started in July 2008. 100 of 105 games are complete, and Kristo S. Miettinen has won the event with a score of 10.5/14, which also qualified him for the SIM Title, as well as a Candidates Tournament. The Rochade Chess Club 20th Anniversary tourney and Interzonal 2008 continue with NAPZ and USA teams. We have not been successful at starting other NAPZ events, but ICCF participation by NAPZ National Federations and their Members is very high. Besides participation from the US and Canada, we have entries again from Australia, New Zealand, Hong Kong, Japan, Mexico, and have this year received entries from Bermuda and Philippines. ICCF-US routinely accounts for 30% of all Direct Entry activity, and this is a great source of new Members”.

Separate reports from the United States and New Zealand National Federations are included in Corky's report to Congress.

27. Other General Secretarial Proposals

Voting Procedures – Administrative Change

The General Secretary had two proposals for Congress to consider this year. The first was an administrative change to the Congress voting procedures (reporting of voting results by Federation) and was approved as part of agenda item number 1 at the beginning of Congress. Henceforth, each vote before Congress will be captured and reported by Federation with a Yes, No, Abstention (Abs), or not voting or not present (NV).

Special Leave Proposal

The General Secretary, Michael Millstone (USA), presented a special leave proposal to all Congress attendees. The presentation may be viewed in Appendix H. The proposal was passed unanimously and effective 1 Jan 2011, an Office of Special Leave (OSL) will be created to:

- receive all player requests for special leave
- objectively and fairly apply the rules of special leave in either approving or disapproving
- if approved, enter special leave for the player in ALL ongoing tournaments
- communicate to player, National delegate, and all TDs/TCs any decision regarding special leave
- Maintain a special leave database, which will record all request and decisions

Special leave will now be tracked from a player perspective, vice a tournament perspective. A player will still have the option of being granted up to 30-days of special leave per calendar year (and the consideration of additional special leave, if warranted), but according to the rules, will still be tracked and considered on a calendar basis. If this proposal is approved, then Congress also grants the right for the Playing Rules Committee to modify the playing rules and guidelines as appropriate to accommodate the changes, specifically, the removal of the Tournament Director as the special leave granting authority and placing that authority solely on the OSL.

Special note – post Congress:

- The WTD has approved the OSL concept and has selected Michael Millstone (USA) to head the Office.
- Coordination with the Services Director and the Webserver developer are in progress to automate most of the OSL functions (requesting, database, etc.)

Voting Results: (to adopt the Special Leave Proposal)

Yes: 44
 No: 00
 Abs: 00
 NV: 00

28. External Matters

ICCF Honorary President, Alan P. Borwell (SCO) has announced he was stepping down as the ICCF FIDE Liaison Officer. Congress extended a note of appreciation for all the hard work Mr. Borwell has put into establishing good relations with the FIDE community. President Eric Ruch (FRA) will be the new ICCF FIDE Liaison Officer.

29. Internal Matters: Commissions and Committees

All ICCF Committees and Commissions Members were reviewed. The updated list may be found in Appendix C. Summary of changes since last year:

Tournaments Commission

Committee discontinued 10/2010

Playing Rules Commission

No change from last year.

Tournament Rules Commission

Carlos Cranbourne (ARG) has been removed.

Rating Rules Commission

Nol van't Riet (NED) has been removed. Mariusz Wojnar (POL) has been added.

President's Council (PC)

No changes from last year.

Finance Committee (FC)

Committee discontinued 10/2010

Marketing Committee

To be determined once a Marketing Director is elected

Arbiters Committee (ACO)

Eric Ruch (FRA) has been removed. Neil Limbert (ENG), Marco Caressa (ITA), and Valer-Eugen Demain (CAN) have been added.

Historical Research Committee (HRC)

Sergey Grodzensky (RUS) has been added.

Services Committee (SC)

No change from last year.

Appeals Committee (Playing Rules)

No change from last year.

Appeals Committee (Other ICCF Rules)

No change from last year.

Arbitration Committee

Fritz Baumbach (GER) has been added.

30. Future Meetings

Because of a lack of viable offers to host future ICCF Congresses, declining participation, and escalating costs to host a Congress, the Executive Board decided to clarify the roles, responsibilities, and expectations of a Member Federation to host an annual Congress, as well as define the responsibilities and financial commitment of ICCF. In addition, the EB developed two contingency plans to implement should no Federation put forth a valid proposal to host an ICCF Congress.

A Future Congress presentation, available in Appendix I, was presented to all Congress attendees.

31. Any Other Matters

The 2010 Congress decided that maintaining the ICCF Forum is not in the best interests of the organization and would therefore be closed.

Voting Results: (to close the ICCF Forum)

Yes: 41
No: 03 (IRL, ESP, SCO)
Abs: 00
NV: 00

Congress Minutes

The Congress Minutes will be available as soon as possible after Congress, subject to review and editing requirements. The Congress Minutes will be sent to all delegates/officials and published on the ICCF website. When the draft has been released, delegates and officials attending the Congress should consider it and propose any changes/additions before 15.11.2010 to the ICCF President and General Secretary and the final version would be available by 30.11.2010, in readiness for formal approval by the 2011 Congress.

In closing the ICCF Congress 2010, the ICCF President, Eric Ruch (FRA) thanked the Turkish Chess Federation (TCF) host Federation and all those who had helped with the Congress and particularly main organisers, Mr. Melih Sagit, Mr. Tunc Hamarat, and able assistant, Fatma Ozturk. The Congress venue and all arrangements had been excellent and they were accorded a standing acclamation.

The ICCF President then thanked all ICCF officials for their reports for the Congress and for their tremendous work on behalf of ICCF throughout the past year. He had greatly appreciated the way in which everyone had participated so well in the demanding work of the Congress throughout the week and thanked delegates for the quality of their contributions and friendly presentations.

A vote of thanks was proposed by the ICCF Honorary President, congratulating the ICCF President on his work and excellent leadership of the 2010 Congress and the delegates gave him a very warm and standing ovation.

In declaring the Congress closed, the ICCF President expressed hope that all would meet again in 2011 Congress.

/s/
Eric Ruch
ICCF President

/s/
Michael Millstone
ICCF General Secretary

Appendix A: Voting Proxy Assignments

Algeria (ALG)	Gianni Mastrojeni (ITA)	Hungary (HUN)	Dr. Fritz Baumbach (GER)
Australia (AUS)	Alan P. Borwell (SCO)	Iceland (ISL)	Per Söderberg (SWE)
Belarus (BLR)	Sergey Yakovlevich Grodzensky Ω	India (IND)	Alan P. Borwell (SCO)
Belgium (BEL)	Gian-Maria Tani (ITA)	Ireland (IRL)	George D. Pyrich (SCO)
Brazil (BRA)	Sergey Yakovlevich Grodzensky	Israel (ISR)	Per Söderberg (SWE)
Bulgaria (BUL)	Gianni Mastrojeni (ITA)	Lithuania (LTU)	Artis Gaujens (LAT)
Canada (CAN)	Corky Schakel (USA)	Luxembourg (LUX)	Gian-Maria Tani (ITA)
Croatia (CRO)	Josef Mrkvička (CZE)	Netherlands (NED)	Andrew Dearnley (ENG)
Cuba (CUB)	Dr. Fritz Baumbach (GER)	Portugal (POR)	Gian-Maria Tani (ITA)
Denmark (DEN)	Andrew Dearnley (ENG)	Slovakia (SVK)	Josef Mrkvička (CZE)
Ecuador (ECU)	Eric Ruch (FRA)	Spain (ESP)	George D. Pyrich (SCO)
Estonia (EST)	Esko Nuutilainen (FIN)	Ukraine (UKR)	Eric Ruch (FRA)

Appendix B: Tunc Hamarat Opening Speech

Dear Chess Friends,

We are happy to see you in Kiriş, a beautiful resort village in South Turkey. First, I would like to thank the President of the Turkish Chess Foundation, Ali Nihat Yazıcı, who enabled us to have the annual congress in Turkey in 2010. Unfortunately, since he must be present at the Olympiad, he is not able to attend the opening of the congress, but he gave me the honor to make the opening speech.

I would like to talk briefly about the history of this region in order to give you an impression. As far as we know, this area was first invaded by people from Rhodes (700 BC). They were the ones who built Phaselis as a harbour and in time Phaselis became the most important connection between Egypt and East, West and South Anatolia. Then, came the following invasions by the Persian Empire (500 BC); by Alexander the Great (300 BC); by the Hellens (100 BC) and by the Romans (0-100 AD). This area was later ruled by Byzantium Empire, Seljuk Empire, and Otoman Empire respectively.

We will be visiting Phaselis, the first harbour and Olympos (0-200 BC) on our free day (Thursday). Further details about this excursion will be covered later in Congress. Between Phaselis and Fethiye lies the Lycian region. The Lycian civilization is important in that they established the first democratic parliament in history. It is also worth mentioning that Lycian people are known to have committed collective suicide twice; once after losing a battle against Persia in 500 BC and then against Brutus in 41 AD. It is said that the whole community burned themselves down and no single person remained. This happened in Xanthos. Now from the ancient history of this place, I switch to the history of Correspondence Chess in Turkey. Since I was not able to find any documents, I will recount it to you from my memory.

At the beginning correspondence chess games were organized on an individual basis. The first people involved were Mr. Villi Kornfilt (1914-1967), Mr. Mario Corinthios, Mr. Jirair Çakır and Mr. Fazıl Atabek. You could play in ICCF tournaments by just getting in touch with these people and paying the necessary fees. For me it is a remembrance with great feelings to visit Mr. Kornfilt in his shop for registration of my first tournament, Eu-3-193, a third class European tournament in 1963.

Mr. Kornfilt was a relatively strong player (tournaments) and Mr. Atabek was our first IM. The first big success in Turkish CC was the qualification to the Olympics final in 1965. Three Turkish players received IM Norms by taking place in Olympiads, Mr. Fazıl Atabek, Mr. Orhan Günsav and myself. During my first successes in World tournaments, I played under the Turkish flag but my GM title and World Champion title under Austrian flag. Another remarkable success was from Mr. Fatih Atakişi by winning 47. European Championship. Recently we have our GM Turgut Tansel playing in the Final of 25 World Championship with excellent chances for a medal.

After 1990, the Turkish CC got new acceleration under Mr. Aydın Satıcı and several Turkish players began to get ICCF norms and took part in all Olympiads and European team tournaments. For the past two years, the Turkish CC Federation is part of the Turkish Chess Federation under President Ali Dikmen. There will be now prizes for the Turkish Correspondence championships, several tournaments are planned (one of them is Mare Nostrum 4 with 1,500 US Dollar prize). Our webserver is under development. We hope that the importance of Turkish CC will grow in the future.

Although the issue is still under discussion, there is a possibility that the CC Congress will be held in Istanbul in 2012 as part of the Chess Olympics. However, I must admit that participation in this year's Congress is much below our expectations and in my opinion; this will have a negative impact on the plans to have the 2012 congress in Istanbul.

Nevertheless, it is an important achievement of Turkish Chess Federation to host the 2010 congress in Turkey and I hope you will have a good time.

Thank you.

Tunc Hamarat

Appendix C: ICCF Commissions/Committees (updated as of 08.10.10)

Tournaments Commission

Commission Disbanded – 10/2010

Playing Rules Commission

Per Söderberg (SWE), (Chairman), Leo Lahdenmäki (FIN), Nikolay Poleshchuk (RUS), Ragnar Wikman (FIN), Ralph Marconi (CAN), Duncan Chambers (ENG), George Pyrich (SCO), Kenneth Reinhart (USA), Kristo Miettinen (USA), Wim van Vugt (NED), David Lafarga (ESP).

Tournament Rules Commission

Duncan Chambers (ENG) (Chairman), Gerhard Binder (GER), Sergey Grodzensky (RUS), Leonardo Madonia (ITA), Ralph Marconi (CAN), George Pyrich (SCO), Gian-Maria Tani (ITA), Leo Lahdenmäki (FIN), Per Söderberg (SWE), Marco Caressa (ITA), Valer-Eugen Demian.

Rating Rules Commission

Gerhard Binder (GER), (Chairman), George Pyrich (SCO), Jo Wharrier (ENG), Ragnar Wikman (FIN), Valery Myakutin (RUS), Mariusz Wojnar (POL)

Note: The ICCF President and the General Secretary are ex-officio Members of the above Commissions

President's Council (PC)

Eric Ruch (FRA) (Chairman), Alan P. Borwell (SCO), Josef Mrkvicka (CZE), Ragnar Wikman (FIN), George Pyrich (SCO).

Finance Committee (FC)

Committee disbanded 10/2010

Marketing Committee

(To be determined once a Marketing Director is elected)

Arbiters Committee (ACO)

Dmitry Lybin (BLR) (Chairman), Alan P. Borwell (SCO), George Pyrich (SCO), Frank Geider (FRA), Per Söderberg (SWE), Neil Limbert (ENG), Marco Caressa (ITA), Valer-Eugen Demian (CAN)

Historical Research Committee (HRC)

Iván Bottlik (HUN), (Chairman), Tim Harding (IRL), Eric Ruch (FRA), Sergey Grodzensky (RUS)

Services Committee (SC)

Raymond Boger (NOR), (Chairman), Alan P. Borwell (SCO), Gerhard Binder (GER), Ambar Chatterjee (IND), Frank Geider (FRA), Eric Ruch (FRA), Per Söderberg (SWE), J. Franklin Campbell (USA), Marco Caressa (ITA), Austin Lockwood (ENG), Clive Murden (AUS).

Appeals Committee (Playing Rules)

Ragnar Wikman (FIN) (Chairman), Leo Lahdenmäki (FIN) (Secretary), José Amorim Neto (BRA), Ian Brooks (ENG), Marco Caressa (ITA), Carlos Flores Gutiérrez (ESP), Cecilio Hernández Fernández (ESP), Ralph Marconi (CAN), Wes Underwood (USA)

Appeals Committee (Other ICCF Rules)

Alan Rawlings (ENG), (Chairman), Artis Gaujens (LAT), Pablo Salcedo Mederos (CUB), Tim Runting (AUS), Dinand Knol (RSA).

Arbitration Committee

Richard V.M. Hall (ENG) (Chairman), Alan P. Borwell (SCO), Nol van't Riet (NED), Ragnar Wikman (FIN), Georg Walker (SUI), Fritz Baumbach (GER)



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Appendix D: Services Director Report

Report of the ICCF Service Director

1. Webservice

- The Services Committee had a constructive and good webservice meeting with Martin Bennedik in Stansted (just outside London) in December 2009. There was many new incoming proposals and all of them had to get priorities from 1 to 3. Due to budget constraints, only priority 1, and part of the priority 2 features were implemented during phase 7. All the implemented features can you find in “webservice Development” below

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Webserver Development ...

Features completed in 2009 - 2010 (phase 7)

- Facility to include national ratings in national events
 - TD's leave and cover during absence
 - Migrated to Windows Server 2008 R2
 - Improved administrative access to the server
 - Improved backup
 - Improved firewall
 - Updated administration documentation
 - Improved caching policy
 - Rating calculation protocol
 - Rating forecast
 - Cross table improvements
 - Support of international characters in player names
 - Improved direct entry
 - Improved time duplication
 - Result reports for NFs and TDs
 - Sticky event announcements
 - Improved result entering for non-server events
 - Bug fixes
 - Updated database documentation
 - Updated 3rd party components documentation
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- Server Backup: It's performed daily by Martin Bennedik unless he's on vacation which is when I or my deputy Jason Bokar perform this task. We have not needed to restore any backup files since the web-server has not experienced any significant downtime.

2. www.iccf.com and the "new" iccf.com

The task to have a "new" iccf.com up and running have not been any easy task. So here is some history about this "battle". First Michael Blake was asked to produce a new ICCF website by December 2008, but unfortunately due to a number of reasons was the work on the new website still in progress under the ongoing congress in Leeds. Following a recommendation of the Executive Board, it was agreed by Congress to give Michael Blake a final chance to deliver a new website and publish before 1st November 2009. This task was not completed by 1st November 2009 and he had to be relieved from his work as webmaster for ICCF.

Under the same congress ICCF had a proposal from Mr. Kuvay and the Turkish chess Fed. that they could design and host the "new" iccf.com. This looked very promising since they also have designed and host fide.com. After Michael Blake failed to deliver the Turks were contacted and they promised to immediately start the work on iccf.com. It was mostly Eric who had/trying to have contact with the Turkish part.

The end of that story was that nothing happened so we were back to starting line!. In the same time I was asked to give Clive Murden access to the CL website so he could become the webmaster for this webpage. I have not perhaps done my duties 100% this year, but I managed to persuade Clive Murden to become the new ICCF webmaster. And he has delivered! ... so when the Turkish option failed, Clive was there and gave Eric and me a proposal that he could design/make the new iccf.com.

And the best part is that Clive and Martin Bennedik have found "each other!", and they have come up with solutions so we will have a login to the webserver directly from iccf.com.

Here is a screen picture of the new iccf.com



The screenshot shows the homepage of the International Correspondence Chess Federation (ICCF). At the top left is the ICCF logo, which features a globe with a chessboard pattern and the text "THE INTERNATIONAL CORRESPONDENCE CHESS FEDERATION" and "ICCF". To the right of the logo is the main title "International Correspondence Chess Federation" in a large, blue, serif font.

Below the title is a navigation menu with two rows of links. The first row includes: Home, About, Statutes, ICCF Contacts, Honorary Members, ICCF Anthem, ICCF Congress, Friends of ICCF, and Weblinks. The second row includes: Direct Entry, Champions League, Rules, Ratings, Titles, ICCF Tables, Game Archive, Forums, and Search.

The main content area is titled "Home" and features a "Latest News" section. Below the title is a "Display # 10" dropdown menu. A table lists the latest news items:

#	Article Title	Author	Hits
1	Olympiad	Administrator	1
2	ICCF Olympiad 16 Final	Administrator	3

On the right side of the page, there is a "NATIONAL FEDERATIONS" section with a dropdown menu and a "Go" button. Below that is a "WEBSEVER LOGIN" section with the text "Please enter your ICCF ID and password to log in:". It includes input fields for "ICCF ID" and "Password", and "Login" and "Help" buttons. At the bottom of the login section, there are links for "If you forgot your ICCF ID, [find it here](#)." and "If you forgot your password, [click here](#)."

3. Various

- The Help Desk. 519 questions were submitted to the Help Desk in the last 12 months. This is a slight decrease from the 658 questions received last year and 723 year before that. All of them were answered within 24 – 48 hours, follow up questions were not counted. Perhaps this decrease reflects users becoming more familiar with the webserver system, or the server design becoming more functional than before or both.
- The Free unrated 2-game matches from last year congress to 19/09/2010. I started 62 matches before the task was taken over by Markus Homske in middle of January 2010. He have started 152 so the total should be 214.

In the Leeds Congress was it reported that 155 free unrated 2-game matches was organized in the last 10 months

- Congress' decision to update the basic website information on iccf.com was respected. This work was done by Michael Millstone and Alan P. Borwell with technical support from Clive Murden and Raymond Boger.
- Ron Langeveld is responsible for ICCF Archives and he have this information to the congress: I try to add extra game files with completed games every two months (when I have the time). Only server games are uploaded. Postal and email games are not received from TDs (what else is new?). The archive section on iccf.com could use a little cleaner setup but this should be coordinated with the new webmaster. As things stand now I won't be able to participate in such a redesign due to time constraints. Adding archives with server games however is not too much of a problem.

Appendix E: Revised ICCF Statutes Based on Congress Decisions

ICCF STATUTES

SECTION 1 - STATUS, PRINCIPLES AND AIMS

1.1 The International Correspondence Chess Federation (ICCF) is the worldwide organisation for correspondence chess and is independent. Its merger with any other organisation or its dissolution requires the unanimous approval of the ICCF Congress.

1.2 Correspondence chess is defined as a game of chess in which the players do not sit opposite each other at a chess board to make their moves. Moves are communicated by any form of long-distance transmission with playing time normally being counted in days per move.

1.3 ICCF is a democratic organisation which does not permit discrimination based on race, colour, sex, language, religion, political or other opinion, national or social origin, property, birth or other status. ICCF observes strict neutrality in the internal affairs of Member Federations and any affiliated organisations.

1.4 All ICCF officials work on an honorary basis, unless by prior agreement by ICCF Congress.

1.5 The seat of ICCF is based in Switzerland. The Congress is entitled to create an ICCF office(s) anywhere in the World, as appropriate.

1.6 The aims of ICCF are to organise, develop and promote the study and practice of international correspondence chess throughout the world. It supports and promotes close international co-operation between chess players, enthusiasts and with the Fédération Internationale des Échecs (FIDE), thereby aiming to enhance contact and friendly harmony amongst the peoples of the world.

1.7 ICCF is responsible for the rules for international correspondence chess as defined in para 1.2, including those pertaining to the official World Championships for both individuals and teams. It also promotes and has the power to authorise other international correspondence chess tournaments.

1.8 In accordance with its rules, ICCF produces individual ratings and awards titles to correspondence chess players and arbiters worldwide.

1.9 The financial year of ICCF begins on 1st January and ends on 31st December each year. Accounts and the Annual Financial Statements are presented in Euros, as is all other financial information of ICCF unless otherwise convenient to provide it in different currencies.

1.10 To facilitate communication and organisation, ICCF has zones/tournament offices arranged where possible according to regional points of view.

1.11 The official languages of ICCF are English, French, German, Russian and Spanish. English is the working language of ICCF and, in cases of divergence in documents issued in different languages, the English version is authoritative. Other languages are also encouraged to facilitate correspondence and discussions.

1.12 ICCF has its own trademarked logo, motto "AMICI SUMUS" (we are friends) and anthem. These properties must not be reproduced without obtaining specific prior permission from ICCF.

1.13 Changes to these Statutes require a two-thirds majority vote in Congress (see Section 4). At least, 4 weeks notice prior to start to the Congress must be given for any change to be made to ICCF Statutes.

SECTION 2 - ICCF MEMBERS, THEIR RIGHTS AND DUTIES

2.1 Members of ICCF are national correspondence chess organisations which have principal authority over correspondence chess activities in their own country (where the country also has full Membership of FIDE) with only one Federation per country allowed.

2.2 A national correspondence chess organisation wishing to be affiliated to ICCF must present a written application to the General Secretary, which should specify the number of players/Members registered with that organisation, its statutes, constitution and rules any other relevant information requested by ICCF. Enquiries should be made to establish its relationship with the national chess Federation (FIDE Member). Admittance as a Member in ICCF is decided by the Congress.

2.3 The designation of each country in ICCF will be in accordance with the FIDE version of the 3-lettered International Standards Organisation (ISO) code.

2.4 Members have the right to attend and vote in the Congress, appoint proxies in writing to vote on their behalf and submit proposals for consideration by the Executive Board and the Congress of ICCF. Each Member has a duty to nominate its official delegate to ICCF for all purposes, including representation at Congress, and inform the General Secretary. Member organisations are entitled to participate in team tournaments organised by ICCF and nominate players for individual tournaments according to the rules and quotas specified by ICCF.

2.5 The amounts of Membership, tournament and other fees are decided by the Congress. For any new tournament, the Executive Board is empowered to set an entry fee, which will be confirmed, or otherwise set, for future similar tournaments.

2.6 Members are responsible for the monitoring and submission of all entries to ICCF individual and team tournaments. If a player is refused entry to an ICCF individual tournament by the appropriate national Federation, the player can appeal to the World Tournaments Director who will take a decision about participation or otherwise. In such cases, the World Tournaments Director must obtain full information from the national Member organisation concerned before making the decision.

2.7 Members must acknowledge and observe the Statutes, rules and decisions of ICCF and must remit their Membership and other fees promptly within the periods specified by the Finance Director. Failure to comply with financial responsibilities or the committing of acts, which run counter to the Statutes of ICCF can result in the suspension or cancellation of Membership by the ICCF Congress, on the proposal of the Executive Board.

2.8 Those who have worked meritoriously as President of ICCF may be elected as Honorary President of ICCF by a two-thirds majority vote of the Congress.

Those who have worked meritoriously in the furtherance of international correspondence chess may be elected as Honorary Members of ICCF by a two-thirds majority vote of the Congress.

Honorary Presidents and Honorary Members have the right to take part in all meetings of the Executive Board and all Congresses as non-voting advisers. In addition, they shall be kept informed about the activities of ICCF.

2.9 International correspondence chess clubs affiliated to ICCF

2.9.1 ICCF can arrange for affiliation agreements with other international correspondence chess clubs worldwide. Every affiliation agreement and its terms, rights and duties must be approved by the Congress. An international correspondence chess club is defined as a club with a formal structure, constitution and collective administration.

2.9.2 Affiliated international correspondence chess clubs will pay annual affiliation fees to ICCF in return for provision of ICCF services.

2.9.3 International correspondence chess clubs affiliated to ICCF are solely responsible for their commitments to their own Members.

SECTION 3 - ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE OF ICCF

3.1 The Divisions of ICCF are:

- a. Congress
- b. Executive Board
- c. Management Committee
- d. Auditor

3.2 The Executive Board shall comprise:

- a. President
- b. General Secretary
- c. Finance Director
- d. World Tournament Director
- e. Marketing Director
- f. Services Director
- g. Zonal Directors (not more than 4)

These positions are supported by Commissioners, each of whom has specific functional duties. Outline duties for Executive Board Members and Commissioners are specified in separate Outline Duties, which do not form part of these Statutes.

3.3 The Management Committee is comprised of the Executive Board and all functional Commissioners.

3.4 Members of the Executive Board (except for Zonal Directors) and the Auditor are normally elected by the Congress at elections held every four years, with those elected taking up office from the 1st January following the date of the Congress. However where mid term, elections are necessary, these will be arranged by Email and newly elected Members will take office with immediate effect. (full details regarding elections are contained in the separate Electoral Regulations and Procedures)

3.5 Zonal Director elections are arranged within each Zone.

3.6 The term of office of all Executive Board Members will expire at the end of the normal 4 yearly election period.

3.7 The need for Commissioners and their appointment is the responsibility of the Executive Board with appointments being subject to ratification, as necessary, by the Congress.

3.7.1 Commissioners carry out functional responsibilities, subject to overall scrutiny by Executive Board/Congress, but without requiring the prior authorisation of a Congress to vary the numbers or designations of Commissioners appointed.

3.8 No person will be appointed to more than one position on the Executive Board or Management Committee.

3.9 If an Executive Board Member, or any ICCF official, clearly fails to fulfil their duties according to the Outline of Duties, and with the agreement of at least two-thirds of the Executive Board, the President is authorised to dismiss that officer and to initiate the election processes as described in Article 3.4 after two

months have elapsed. Any officer who has been dismissed, may lodge a complaint of unfair dismissal, to the Arbitration Commission, within 14 days of receiving notice of dismissal.

SECTION 4 - THE PURPOSE OF THE DIVISIONS

4.1 The Congress

4.1.1 The Congress is the highest authority of ICCF which exercises legislative power. It approves the ICCF budget, elects the Executive Board and Auditor and determines the structure of ICCF. It supervises activities delegated to the Executive Board and ICCF Officials.

4.1.2 Voting Members of the Congress are the official delegates of Member organisations.

4.1.3 No quorum is necessary for meetings of the Congress.

4.1.4 When a Member organisation cannot be represented by its delegate at a Congress, that organisation shall be entitled to exercise its voting rights:

- a) through a substitute delegate from the same organisation, having written authority from the organisation concerned,
- b) by presenting an appropriate written declaration, stating clearly its voting intention.
- c) by conferring in writing its voting right (a proxy) on another voting Member or an Honorary President or Honorary Member.

Substitute delegates under a) are eligible to accept proxies from other Member organisations.

However, no person may register more than 3 votes in total.

4.1.5 The Congress shall meet at least every other year. The arrangements of a Congress shall be decided by the preceding Congress or, in the absence of such a decision, by the President.

4.1.6 Invitations, agenda and formal notices for a Congress shall be sent by the ICCF Executive Board, together with the invitation and information from the host Federation, at least four months in advance of the Congress. Proposals relating to the agenda of the Congress must be received by the General Secretary, or the appropriate ICCF official, at least one month prior to the commencement of the Congress.

The President of ICCF is empowered to cancel or rearrange a meeting of Congress, should exceptional circumstances arise.

4.1.7 An extraordinary meeting of Congress will be convened by the Executive Board upon the request of a majority of the Members of ICCF or two-thirds of the Members of the Executive Board. It will be convened within 3 months of date of receipt of such a request.

4.1.8 The request for an extraordinary meeting of Congress shall specify the location, the purpose and the agenda for the meeting. The EB will make the arrangements accordingly and will provide the details of the arrangements to all Member organisations at least one month in advance of the date of the meeting.

4.2 The Executive Board

4.2.1 The Executive Board is the executive authority of ICCF.

4.2.2 The Executive Board conducts the general business of ICCF and co-ordinates the activities of its officials. It deals with more detailed consideration of issues and submits recommendations to Congress.

4.2.3 The Executive Board will meet at least once a year. Special meetings may be convened by the President.

4.2.4 The Executive Board shall perform its work by written or verbal communication with each Member organisation having one vote. In the event of equal votes, the President will have a casting vote.

4.3 The Management Committee

4.3.1 The Management Committee is comprised of functional Commissioners, each having defined "Outlines of Duties". The Commissioners act as Chairpersons of Commissions. Each of the Members of the Management Committee are required to provide reports to the Congress annually, and/or as required. The Management Committee will meet at least once a year.

4.3 The Auditor

4.3.1 The Auditor is responsible to the Congress for verifying that ICCF accounts and financial statements are produced in accordance with ICCF requirements and proper accountancy practices, and shall provide reports to Congress, as required.

SECTION 5 – APPEALS COMMITTEES

5.1 The ICCF Appeals Committees are:

- Appeals Committee (Playing Rules),
- Appeals Committee (Other ICCF Rules),
- Arbitration Committee

5.1.1 The Appeals Committee (Playing Rules) only deals with cases concerning the application of ICCF Playing Rules.

5.1.2 The Appeals Committee (Other ICCF Rules) only deals with cases concerning the application of Tournament Rules and any other rules matters not covered elsewhere.

5.1.3 The Arbitration Committee deals with matters of a wider nature, such as any complaint about the behaviour of an ICCF official, tournament officer, Member organisation, or individual player.

5.2 All ICCF Appeals Committees are complementary and cannot be considered as higher stages for additional appeals.

5.3 The Chairmen of the ICCF Appeals Committees are appointed by the Executive Board. These appointments must be ratified by the next Congress.

5.4 The work of the ICCF Appeals Committees is governed by operating procedures. Players, Team Captains, Member Organisations or Officials should submit appeals to the Chairmen of the respective Appeals Committees.

5.5 The decisions of all ICCF Appeals Committee will be final.

SECTION 6 – FINAL SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES (NOT COVERED IN PREVIOUS PARAGRAPHS)

6.1 Disputes about matters which do not fall within the jurisdiction of any of the ICCF Appeals Committees, shall be decided by an Arbitration Tribunal comprised of the Chairmen of the three ICCF Appeals Committees.

6.2 The decisions of this Arbitration Tribunal are final.

6.3 The decisions of all ICCF Appeals Committees and this Arbitration Tribunal may not be taken to any court of law.

These Statutes were approved by the ICCF Congress in Antalya, Turkey, 2010 and are effective from 1st January, 2011.

Notes: The allocation of "Countries in each Zone", the "Functional Structure of ICCF" and the "Outline Duties of Executive Board and Management Committee Members" and "Electoral Regulations and Procedures" are contained in separate Schedules A, B, C and D as appended, but they do not form part of the Statutes.

Appendix F: 2011 Webserver Tasks – Priority 1 Items

- Date and time display improvements, including showing the number of days used per move
- Support for 40-days-rule (playing rule 3b).
- Provision of main screens used by players in multiple languages
- Improved new event list, including guidance and sign-up for new players
- Chess 960 support (pending congress decision on chess 960)
- Support for nodes
- Support for non-randomized start lists
- Report and notifications for tournament directors about extensive thinking time used, abandoned games and unfinished tournaments.
- Automation of tournament entry
- Improvements for ratings commissioner
- Improved handling of player changing country
- Security improvements
- Support for inactive countries
- Cross table improvements

Appendix G: ICCF Guidelines Webserver Individual and Team Tournament Games

Please note that these guidelines may need updating, if the Rules of Adjudications are changed in the Arbiters Handbook and/or if the 50-moves rule will be changed in Congress. (Post-Congress Note: The 50-move rule was rejected in Congress).

ICCF Guidelines WEBSERVER Individual and Team Tournament Games

1a. The FIDE rules can be found at <http://www.fide.com/official/handbook.asp>. The most important change during recent years is that there are NO exceptions to the 50-move rule concerning draws.

1c. *TEAM*: Players shall contact their Team Captain instead of the Tournament Director, unless the Team Captain is unavailable in a time dependent situation.

2c. The reflection time starts counting when your opponent's move has been committed on the webserver and ends when you commit your reply (Leave of play not included).

3b. If a player does not move or otherwise report his/her intention to continue, during the 40 days of response time for the same move, the game may be scored as lost by the Tournament Director. It is up to the Tournament Director to determine the reason for the delay and rule accordingly. Note that it is possible for the game to be forfeited by a player who is silent for more than 40 days, even if he/she has enough accumulated time not to have exceeded the time control. The TD will normally record a loss against a player who has been silent for over 40 days (not counting leave periods) and who has not notified the TD and the opponent about the delay.

TEAM: The TD will normally record a loss against a player who has been silent for over 40 days (not counting leave periods) and who's Team Captain has not notified the TD and the opposing Team Captain about the delay.

4. Conditional moves are not allowed in webserver games, unless the tournament announcement explicitly specifies otherwise.

5a. It is not necessary to notify the Tournament Director separately of a change in email address. It is sufficient to make the necessary changes on the webserver under one's personal settings. For any contact with the Tournament Director, the email option of the webserver should be used.

5e. It is reasonable to try to sort out minor disputes without getting the Tournament Director involved. As a general guideline, if a single exchange of correspondence does not solve the problem, it is time to notify the Tournament Director. Major disputes must be referred to the Tournament Director immediately.

TEAM: It is reasonable to try to sort out minor disputes without getting the Team Captain involved. As a general guideline, if a single exchange of correspondence does not solve the problem, it is time to notify the Team Captain. Major disputes must be referred to the Team Captain immediately.

6a. This means that no more than 50 days reflection time can be used for the first 10 moves, 100 for the first 20 moves etc. without overstepping the time control.

6b. Time is counted in days, not in hours, minutes or seconds. As long as the first 24 hours not yet has been fully consumed, the reflection time used is counted as zero days. For the next days, a similar method of accounting time consumed will apply. However, after 20 days the extra days thereafter will count double, i.e., 21 days count as 22 and so on.

6d. When one's opponent has exceeded the time limit or overstepped the 40-days reflection time per move, a player should send a claim to the Tournament Director using the email option of the webserver. It is recommended to claim an ETL as soon as it occurs.

TEAM: When one's opponent has exceeded the time limit or overstepped the 40-days reflection time per move, a player should inform the Team Captain who will send a claim to the Tournament Director using the email option of the webserver. It is recommended to claim an ETL as soon as it occurs.

7a. Regular leave may be taken for any reason and in any increments not to exceed 30 days in any calendar year.

Note that reflection time does not stop during an opponent's leave.

7c. Special leave is intended to be used primarily for unexpected events such as serious illnesses, natural disasters, and urgent overseas business postings. Recognizing the value of other chess activities special leave may be granted for attendance at ICCF Congress or OTB tournaments away from a player's home. Events planned such as moving house or work, are not valid reasons for special leave. Computer failure is NOT an acceptable reason for requesting a special leave.

Retroactive special leave is only ever to be given when the player is unable to contact the TD or another player by some means, usually because of sudden hospitalization.

8. To ensure consistency in the treatment of withdrawals, the following scheme shall be used by all Tournament Directors: First, determine whether the request for a withdrawal meets the criteria for "accepted withdrawal" as laid out in Tournament Rules paragraph 6.2; then, if the withdrawal is considered silent or unaccepted, all open games of the withdrawing player shall be scored as losses.

However, if the withdrawal is accepted, an average of 25 or more moves have been played in the withdrawing players games, or if any of his games have already been finished, all his open games in this tournament shall be adjudicated; otherwise all his games shall be cancelled.

In case an accepted withdrawal happens early in the tournament, and hence the games should be cancelled, the tournament organiser may also decide to replace the withdrawing player.

8a. *TEAM:* The replacement player will continue the game from the position reached by the previous player.

The leave used by the replaced player is inherited by the substituting player. However, if this leads to injustice, the Tournament Director may accept special leave for reasons normally not accepted for special leave.

9. Both players shall submit to the Tournament Director a statement claiming either a win or a draw within 30 days [*TEAM*: through the Team Captain]. Failure to submit a claim shall result in a loss except as noted below. Claims of a win shall not be accepted for consideration without supporting analysis; such claims shall be treated as claims of a draw instead. Analysis does not necessarily mean possible variations; it also may include general plans where appropriate.

In the event of withdrawal due to death, or an accepted withdrawal based on extreme illness preventing the player from submitting a claim and analysis, the Tournament Director shall handle the game as if that player claimed a draw and submitted no analysis, with the following exceptions:

- All Title Tournaments
- All Tournaments with norms available, unless the result will have no effect on norms awarded
- All Tournaments with prize money, unless the result will have no effect on prize award.
- Any other tournament as determined by the WTD or as announced by the Tournament Director prior to the start of play.

In the event that both players claim a draw, the Tournament Director shall declare the game a draw. The adjudicator should begin with the assumption that the position is a draw and only determine if the analysis of the player(s) claiming a win has presented his case and has relied on general chess principles to claim a win (e.g. extra material; exchange, typical endgame patterns, etc.). In those cases where both players have submitted analysis that does not diverge for several moves, the adjudicator shall accept these moves as if played and start the adjudication at the new position reached.

The adjudicator need not provide any specific reason for the decision provided. The name of the adjudicator shall not be released without the prior consent of the adjudicator.

Any appeal against the adjudicator's decision must be sent to the Tournament Director [*TEAM*: through the Team Captain] within 14 days of receiving the notification of the decision. No additional analysis may be submitted by either player for this appeal.

The Tournament Director shall then obtain a ruling from another adjudicator and notify the result to both players. The ruling is final and no further appeal shall be accepted from either player. The name of the appeal adjudicator shall not be released without prior consent from the appeal adjudicator.

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Appendix H: Special Leave Presentation

ICCF Congress -2010 Special Leave Implementation

Principle

If a player claims special leave and the special leave is approved, the “exceptional” circumstances must be so severe that the player cannot play any correspondence chess. In other words, a player tells the TD that he or she is unable to play CC during the requested period.

Observed Problem -1-

- Consistency in the application of the rules –TDs may interpret special leave requests differently.

Some may:

- Approve
- Deny
- Request additional information
- Not respond

Observed Problem -2-

- Players take special leave in some tournaments, but not others.
- Why? Several reasons:

- TD Inconsistency (see previous slide)
- Intentional

Intentional

- How Can We Prove? Logic Steam:

•If we accept the premise that requesting special leave in one tournament implies you are unable to play CC, but you continue to play in other sections, then you have misrepresented (lied) to the TD about your situation.

Intentional –Counter-Argument

- When confronted with evidence, player states:

“It is not in rules that you must take special leave in all tournaments”.
While this is technically correct, it is morally wrong.

Study

- Randomly selected 50 players playing in WCCC preliminaries, semi-final, and candidates that had requested special leave in 2009 or 2010.
- Examined when the player in special leave status had made moves in other tournaments.
- 38% (19 players) did.
- Shows significant violations of the special leave philosophy, but does not show why.

Process

- Worked with PRC throughout year to explore proposals to eliminate situation:
 - Eliminate special leave
 - Add 15-days to normal leave per year (45 total) and eliminate special leave.
- PRC considered, but was unable to recommend

Solution -Objectives

- Ensure fair and consistent application of the special leave rules.
- Prevent intentional abuse.
- Recording of special leave decisions (for record of requests, approval, disapprovals, appeals).

Solution -Obstacles

- TDs do not have visibility into other tournaments
- TDs do not apply rules consistently.
- Players with multiple tournaments must manually request special leave from many TDs.

Proposed Solution - Office of Special Leave

- Create an Office of Special Leave (OSL). Office will report to and act under the authority of the WTD.
- OSL will be headed by an IA, appointed by the WTD and subject to Congress/EB approval. IA should also be a trusted individual (webserver access) to accomplish duties.

Proposed Solution Process -1-

- Player will click on “Special Leave Request” button in any game and enter full details. Player will acknowledge disclaimer that approval will result in Special Leave for all tournaments.
- Special Leave request will be routed to the OSL, where full details will be recorded in a special leave database.
- Decision will be made (approve, decline) and communicated to:
 - Player
 - Tournament Director (also TC in Team play)
 - National Federation delegate

Proposed Solution -2-

- Decision will be recorded in special leave database.
- If approved, OSL will enter special leave in all tournaments in which player has open games.
- If disapproved, player, TD, and National Federation delegate will be advised of decision.

Considerations

- Privacy –the reason for special leave will be considered private and sensitive and only the player and OSL should have access. Only exception would be if the player appeals a denied decision and the Appeals Commissioner needs details.
- Automation –Almost all steps can be automated (with the exception of the decision). Until implementation of automation, all steps can be accomplished manually today.

Offer

- If approved, I hereby volunteer to head the OSL (eventually selecting two deputies).
- Qualifications:
 - TD for 30.000 to 50.000 ICCF games (have lost count)
 - International arbiter
 - Already ICCF trusted person
 - Experience with student excuses (grandmother died, brother sick, dog got hit by car, computer died, dog ate homework, dog ate computer, sick, ill, “broke pinkie”, and so on.

Appendix I: Future Congress Locations and Proposals

ICCF Congress - 2010 Future Congress Location A Presentation to Congress

Issues

Declining National Delegate participation

Offers to host an ICCF Congress are declining or have stopped completely.

Costs to host a “full” Congress are rising.

Contingency plan needed if no host is available

Immediate Concern - 2011

Austria volunteered for 2011.

Conducted a special out-of-Congress vote to accept their proposal to host 2011 congress in Vienna.

This offer was then withdrawn in early 2010.

Delegates were notified, but no other proposals were solicited or received.

Strategy

Develop multiple (more flexible) options to encourage Member Federation support.

Develop contingency plans in the event no Member Federation commits to hosting a Congress.
Proposals to Host Congress

“Bare Bones” – Minimum requirements needed from MF and ICCF to host Congress.

Optional Amenities – List of additional items and considerations (non-inclusive) that a MF could add to the proposal to increase chances of selection. (Similar to Olympics proposals and selection).

Basic “Bare-Bones” - MF

Venue should have a reasonable size main meeting room and another ancillary meeting room(s) for use as an office and for smaller meetings (EB/MC) for up to 12 persons.

Provide invitations and reservation documents. Include visa information/advice as necessary.

Provide lapel badges and place names cards for each official/delegate.

Arrange for beverages/snacks during Congress breaks.

Basic “Bare-Bones” - ICCF

Distribute invitation letters, information sheets, agenda, and reservations forms to all delegates and officials.

Distribute draft minutes to all delegates and officials either at the close of Congress or soon thereafter.

To provide consult and support to MF concerning Congress requirements and arrangements.

Sample “Bare Bones” Agenda

Saturday – Arrival of officials and delegates

Saturday (p.m.) – EB/MC Meeting

Sunday – Congress

Monday – Congress

Tuesday – Congress

Tuesday (p.m.)/Wednesday (a.m.) – departure of delegates.

Optional Considerations List -1-

Opening Banquet

Closing Banquet

Administrative Support - Provide access to PC with an Internet access, printer, paper, other audio and visual materials, and photocopying machine for use during Congress

Blitz Tournament - Provide facilities, score sheets, and equipment for a traditional ICCF blitz tournament.

Full day excursion / partial day excursions / ladies programmes

Chess event (other than blitz) - Arrange at least one chess event (in addition to the traditional ICCF blitz tournament).

To provide assistance with transportation from / to the main airport / railway station as required by visiting guests.

Optional Considerations List -2-

Location – convenience to a majority of delegates, cost of travel, proximity to local transportation, ease of transfer to and from airport/hotel.

Hotel choice – quality, availability of amenities.

Financial Support from ICCF

EB discussion at length considering previous commitment and financial outlays.

Financial consideration given the state of ICCF finances and possible changes to cash flow due to decreased tournament fees.

ICCF financial support to MF hosting Congress will be a maximum of 5.000 Euros. (in this case, ICCF will not pay for the closing banquet).

For 2011 Congress only, generous offers of 1.500 Euros from the European Federation and 1.000 Euros from the United States Federation have been added; thus totalling 7.500 Euros of support.

Contingency Plan

ICCF Hosted Congress

Bare Bones option

ICCF Official(s) will organize and host

No Congress

Only requirement is for an EB meeting

Can be organized quickly and cheaply

4-year election cycle can be completing via e-mail

Appendix J: ICCF Revised Tournament Fees

Event Type	<u>Current Fees</u>		<u>Proposed Fees</u>	<u>Revision</u>
	<u>2010</u> <u>CHF</u>	<u>2011</u> <u>Euro</u>	<u>2011</u> <u>Euro</u>	<u>%</u>
Olympiad Team Preliminaries (per player)	25.00	18.75	17.00	-9.3%
Champions League (per team and cycle)	60.00	45.00	40.00	-11.1%
World Individual Candidates (as first stage entry)	25.00	18.75	15.00	6.7%
World Individual Semi-finals and Preliminaries	50.00	37.50	30.00	-20.0%
World Individual Ladies Semi-final	25.00	18.75	15.00	-20.0%
World Individual Tourneys 7-player	8.00	6.00	5.00	-16.7%
World Individual Tourneys 11-player	13.00	9.75	9.00	
				-7.7%
World Cup	20.00	15.00	12.00	-20.0%
Thematic Tourneys	13.00	9.75	9.00	-7.7%
Master Norm Tourneys	40.00	30.00	25.00	-16.7%
Grand Master Norm Tourneys	60.00	45.00	30.00	-33.3%
Money Prize Tournaments				
Rapid Tournaments	10.00	7.50	6.00	-20.0%
Blitz Tournaments	10.00	7.50	6.00	-20.0%
Veterans Cup	20.00	15.00	12.00	-20.0%
Webserver Open	12.00	9.00	7.00	-22.2%
Invitation Tourneys Category I-III (per game)	2.00	1.50	1.50	0.0%
Invitation Tourneys Category IV-VI (per game)	4.00	3.00	3.00	0.0%
Invitation Tourneys Category VII-XIII (per game)	5.00	3.75	3.50	-6.7%
Invitation Tourneys Category XIV+ (per game)	6.00	4.50	4.00	-11.1%
Invitation Team Tourneys (per player)	4.00	3.00	2.50	-16.7%
International Open Tourneys (per entry)	4.00	3.00	2.50	-16.7%
Zonal Events (per game)	1.00	0.75	0.60	-20.0%
National Federation events (per game)	1.00	0.75	0.60	-20.0%

Appendix K: Arbiter's Manual

ICCF Arbiter Manual

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1. **Structure of the ICCF Arbiter sector**

The ICCF Arbiter sector is divided into

- a) Tournament Direction matters, supervised by World Tournament Director and Tournament Offices.
- b) International Arbiter Title matters, responsibilities of Qualifications Commissioner
- c) Arbiter Committee matters, role and responsibilities of the Arbiter Committee

2. **Tournament Director**

Every ICCF tournament group must have a Tournament Director (TD). The TD is responsible for the smooth running of the tournament group. Clear details of a TD's obligations and work are given in this section.

The following tournaments may be controlled by a TD without an Arbiter title:

World Championship Preliminaries, World Cup Preliminaries and Semifinals, Webserver Open Tournament Preliminaries and Semifinals, Champions League (B, C and D), Promotion Classes (Open Class, Higher Class, Master Class), Invitational tournaments (Category I-VI), Thematic Tournaments, Zonal events (Class events; Championship Preliminaries and Semifinals; Team events Preliminaries; etc).

The following tournaments must be controlled by a TD with the IA title:

World Championship Semifinals, World Championship Candidates, World Championship Final, Olympiad Preliminaries, Olympiad Final, World Cup Final, Grandmaster Norm & Master Norm tournaments, Champions League A, Webserver Open Tournament Final, Invitational tournaments of Category VII and higher, Zonal Championship Finals, Zonal team event Finals.

2.0.1 International correspondence chess **organisations affiliated to ICCF**

Every **tournament** group run by International correspondence chess **organisation** affiliated to ICCF must also have a TD. TDs from those **organisations** report **directly to them** and not to the ACO. **They** need to be trained in usage of the Webserver. Other parts of this manual may apply to them or not, as applicable.

2.1. Requirements for an ICCF TD

ICCF TDs must be/have:

- a) Knowledge of how CC games and tournaments are played
- b) access to a computer and to the internet
- c) a working email address
- d) a continuously updated and working virus scanner for **their** email program
- e) adequate computer skills
- f) ability to read the major types of file attachments (text, Word documents, Excel, and PDF)
- g) ability to work with the Chess Base software; CB Light can be downloaded for free from the CB homepage (please see [2.4.3.1.](#))
- h) sufficient knowledge to understand and communicate in English language**
- i) good communication skills
- j) good knowledge of the ICCF Playing Rules
- k) good knowledge of the Rules Guidelines
- l) good knowledge of the ICCF statutes
- m) practically encourage the ICCF motto "Amici Sumus" in all communications**
- n) good knowledge of the ICCF Arbiter Manual**

2.2. Start of a TD career

Interested players should apply to the **World Tournaments Director, Zonal Tournaments Director or ICCF Tournaments Commissioners** by email and state their preferences and abilities. **They will match** the interested player to the tournament organizer or tournament office that needs a new TD. TDs are then appointed by a tournament organizer. No TD shall work in tournaments organized directly by the ICCF without the confirmation of the **WTD (TTC/NTTC)**.

2.3. Start of a tournament

At least one week before the official tournament start, the start list, (plus the the valid Playing Rules and the Rules Guidelines if the tournament is non-webserver) is to be sent out to the players by the tournament organizer. The TD receives a copy of these, a copy of the Tournament Rules, and further additional information if necessary.

- a) The TD must confirm the receipt of these documents to the organizer (does not apply to webserver). He should prepare himself and his computer files for the tasks that are described in detail in paragraph [2.4.](#) / see especially [2.4.3.1.](#)
- b) The TD shall inform the players that no results will be official unless they are accompanied by the respective scoresheet in PGN (ICCF numeric or other notation form may be used in postal games). This is not applicable to Webserver events.

2.4. Tasks during the progress of the Tournament section

TDs are responsible for all tournament data. In general, TDs must make sure that the tournament runs smoothly. He must deal with any disputes and complaints in an impartial manner and timely fashion, requesting advice as required. The TD must respond to the players promptly, especially on these points, to prevent players from being frustrated or withdrawing:

General duties and problem solving:

- Promptly answer player questions (rules, etc.) and queries within 4 days.
- Promptly work on claims (“opponent doesn’t react”, time exceeding, intentional delays, etc.)
- Promptly confirm receipt of results to the players This is not applicable to Webserver events
- Provide players with updates as necessary (“new email address for Mr...”)

Organization of the tournament group:

- verify that every player starts his games (players are asked to confirm this to you) This is not applicable to Webserver events
- make sure that players stick to the rules
- collect results and game scores (see [2.4.3.1.](#)) This is not applicable to Webserver events
- produce monthly reports for every section (see [2.4.1.2.](#)) This is not applicable to Webserver events
- lead the group to its finish (see [2.4.6.](#))

Contact with the tournament organizer:

- provide the tournament organizer with the regular result reports This is not applicable to Webserver events
- respond to requests from the tournament organizer
- provide updates on the tournament status regularly This is not applicable to Webserver events

Every TD must know and have permanent access to the following ICCF documents:

- Tournament Rules
- Playing Rules
- Playing Guidelines
- ICCF Arbiter Manual

It is recommended that every TD download and learn how to use Eloquery.

Please notice that some of these activities are unnecessary when dealing with Webserver sections (e.g. informing changes of address).

2.4.1. Contact with the players

During the tournament, you may receive various questions and queries from players. If a TD is not able to answer a player’s email within 3 days, he must acknowledge the receipt of the email and give an estimate when he will work on the matter. Every case should be processed as soon as possible. In any email, plain text is preferred.

If the TD must take a leave of more than 4 days he must inform his players and the tournament organizer or, if a webservice tournament, he must take leave using the TD Leave functionality on the webservice. See Section 2.4.4

The motto of the ICCF is “Amici Sumus” meaning “We are friends.” Regardless of circumstances, the TD should always be polite to the players. The TD may find it necessary to reprimand players who are persistently rude or who refuse to obey the Rules or the TDs directions. Under Postal Rule 13 and Webservice Playing Rule 10, the TD may penalise or disqualify players who ignore the Playing Rules and Guidelines.

- a) The TD must give a written warning to the player after the first instance and only give sanctions after later instances of ignoring rules or rudeness.
- b) A time penalty of 2 days shall be given for minor rules infractions or the first incident of rudeness.
- c) If the player continues to repeat the same minor infraction (for example, if a player continually offers a draw, and he has been asked not to do so by the TD); then a time penalty of 2 days shall be given by the TD for each occurrence.
- d) A time penalty of 10 days shall be given for more serious infractions.
- e) In especially serious cases, (for example, continued insults to one or more opponents or to the TD), the TD may record a loss for the game involved or expel the player from the tournament and record losses of all unfinished games. In Team Tournaments, the TD may request that the player be replaced.

2.4.1.1. Player's claims

When a player makes a formal claim, the TD must confirm the receipt of this claim, then collect all necessary information from all players involved, and make a decision according to the “ICCF Playing Rules” and the “ICCF Playing Rules Guidelines.” If a TD is unsure how to decide a case, he should contact his mentor TD. It is much better to ask for help than to sort out problems resulting from hasty or ill-considered decisions. This will help avoid further problems and appeals. The decision must be sent to every player involved with clear statement of the reasons for the decision with reference to the ICCF Rules or Guidelines, if possible.

If a TD becomes aware of a problem, he may act on it without waiting for a player to first make a claim.

2.4.1.2. Reports to the players

This point is not applicable to Webservice events.

When a tournament has progressed to the point where results begin to be reported then the TD should inform the players of the new results once a month. Every ICCF tournament appears online as a webtable. The report will keep the players informed in case of delays in updating these webtables. The result report should be of a simple style including the tournament identification code, the result number, the player's names, and the result itself as described in the following:

EM/H/150:

11. Noname 1 Anonymous, 12. Nobody 0 Kasparov, 13. Leko = Anand

The report should include any other information that the players need, for example, player and TD leaves:

“Leave Kasparov: 10.02. – 20.02.

2.4.1.3. Confirmation of player's title qualifications

Title norms are only available in events that comply with certain requirements. The title norms of an event will be stated in the start list that is sent out at the beginning of a tournament group. These title norms may change only when a player is replaced or when one player withdraws from the tournament. See "Ratings and Titles" at the ICCF website or ask for information from the ICCF tournament office.

A). **The point is not applicable to Webservice events.**

Before the tournament begins, the Tournament Office or Organiser sends a request to the ICCF Qualifications Commissioner to verify and confirm Title Norms. The request should include:

- 1) Name of the tournament & starting date
- 2) Number of Participants
- 3) Number of Games
- 4) ICCF ID of the players
- 5) Players' names
- 6) Players' Titles (if any)
- 7) Players' Country code
- 8) Players' Ratings
- 9) Rating type (fixed, unfixed, FIDE rating, other club)

The ICCF QC will then confirm all details of the event, the category, and the score needed for each norm. The QC includes this information in his Report to Congress, which is annexed to the Minutes.

B) **Applies to ALL tournaments including webservice!** When a player achieves a norm, you must notify the ICCF QC with copies to **the player**, appropriate National Delegate, Tournament Office or Tournament Organiser, and Zonal Director. This report must include:

- 1) Name of the tournament:
- 2) Start date of the tournament:
- 3) Category of the tournament:
- 4) Name of the player:
- 5) ICCF ID of the player:
- 6) Nationality:
- 7) Norm achieved:
- 8) Number of GMs and SIMs:
- 9) Number of points required for the norm:
- 10) Score of the player so far:

That is all the TD has to do. The player's national Federation must then make the necessary application to the ICCF Qualification Commissioner.

C) Whenever a player needs to be substituted or replaced, the TD will advise the concerned players and teams, and will inform of the replacement or substitution to the Qualifications Commissioner, Ratings Commissioner and Title Tournaments Commissioner / Non-Title Tournaments Commissioner.

2.4.1.4. The **closing** of a tournament

This point is not applicable to Webservice events.

A nearly completed tournament group should not be left unattended for more than 2 months. A TD should ask for a report status of the remaining games after two months without news.

- a) if both players answer your request, then the game shall continue.
- b) If only one player replies, and his opponent has been silent for the time given in the Playing Rules, then the TD can award the game to the active player.

- c) if neither player answers your repeated requests, then after a warning the game may be scored as lost for both players per the Rules.

2.4.1.5. Problems in certain games - TD copies

The point is not applicable to Webserver events.

If any game is not running smoothly and regardless of the type(s) of problem(s), a TD has the authority to request that both players send him a copy of every move so that he can closely follow the game. In this case the TD must inform the players that no move can be regarded as legal if the TD did not receive his copy of it.

2.4.1.6. Publishing of games

Games may be disclosed to the public according to certain criteria. See Tournament Rule 11, Live display of games. The organiser has the final word on when and how games will be disclosed. In any tournament in which the organiser has not approved live display, it is important that the organiser be the first person to have access to the gamescores! Thereafter, they are to be distributed to the players and then to ICCF Games Archive & ICCF Telechess. In distributing games to the participating players, it is important that they are not prematurely disclosed (a player might have prepared a certain variation for all his games, and publishing one too early might indicate his line of play to the opponents he is still playing). If the organiser has not provided other guidelines, no game should be distributed until 80 games have already finished (in events with 13-or fewer players, the games may only be distributed once the last game has ended; in bigger events, games may be distributed before the last game has ended).

2.4.2. Monthly reports to ICCF

This point is not applicable to Webserver events

The ICCF Webtables team needs the new results of every section once a month to update the online crosstables. The tournament organizer shall provide you with a crosstable file that should make the update for the website crosstables easier. Please follow the instructions given for this crosstable, update your file accordingly and send the updated file to the ICCF webtables team on the 30th of each month. If you are not provided with a crosstable, you should prepare a report similar to the one you sent to the players. The same report may be used for both the Webtables team and the players. Your report should be sent in plain text (best is as a simple text file) to Webtables team. The Tournament Organizer will inform you of the exact date and the correct email address. The report should have the following simple format:

EM/M/078: 35. Longlife = Anonymous, 36. Karpov 1 Topalov, 37. Nobody = Leko, 38. Ivanchuk = Anand

EM/M/079: No results to report

EM/M/080: 14. Armstrong 1 Ullrich, 15. Lakers = Mavericks

EM/M/081: 55. Munich 1 Manchester (group finished)

- a) You must list every group for which you are TD even if it's only to state "no results to report."
b) Please do not repeat old results from previous months in new reports.

Please send in your report on time or early if are planning a vacation. This will keep both the players and the Tournament Organiser from filling your mailbox with requests.

2.4.3. Games

This point is not applicable to Webserver events

As TD you must collect all games being played in the tournament group and provide the tournament organizer, the players, and the ICCF with the games at the end of the tournament. Send a game report regardless of number of moves or quality of the game.

2.4.3.1. How to report and save games

This point is not applicable to Webserver events

For rating purposes a game can only have one result, for example, it cannot have a win for one player and a cancellation for the other. Pursuant to the Playing Rules, it is possible to record a loss for both players, 0:0, for example, if both withdraw silently or if no game result is sent to you. In other situations, games may be cancelled, C-C. Normally, it is not possible to change the result of a completed game. Only the TD can report or change a result.

Twice a year, the TD will be required to submit an updated report of all finished games to the Ratings Commissioner. The RC will contact you; make sure you comply with this!

Players are asked to send games results either as PGN file or in the following format (see sample report below). Please acknowledge receipt of the result promptly.

If you receive a result without a game report, or if the game report is not in one of the two mentioned formats, or if the game report is in any way incorrect (wrong moves, illegal moves, etc.), then you must reject the result and request that the player send you the game report in a proper format. Do not accept results that you cannot turn into a PGN file.

At least every 6 months, send the collected games in a PGN file to the ICCF Online Archive: gamesarchive@iccf.com.

[Event "EM/M/100"]	= your tournament number
[White "Anonymous, Andy (ENG)"]	= last and first name
[Black "Noname, Ned (HUN)"]	= last and first name
[Result "1-0"]	= 1-0 , 0-1 , 1/2-1/2

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1. e4 d6 2. d4 g6 3. Nf3 Bg7 4. Be2 Nf6 5. Nc3 Nbd7 6. e5 Ng4
7. e6 Ndf6 8.exf7+ Kf8 9. Bf4 Nh6 10. Qd2 Nxf7 11. O-O-O c6
12. h4 Qa5 13. Ng5 b5 14. a3 Bd7 15. h5 Nxg5 16. Bxg5 h6
17. Bxf6 Bxf6 18. hxg6 Kg7 19. Rh5 Kxg6 20. Bd3+ Kf7 21. Qf4 Rag8
22. Rdh1 Ke8 23. Kb1 Bg5 24. Qe4 Qc7 25. d5 Rf8 26. dxc6 Bf5
27.Nxb5 1-0
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This format can easily be transferred by you to a PGN file. When you receive a result please check and correct the PGN report if needed. If you have received a poorly formatted result, then send it back to the player and require a clean report before you record the result. It is the TD's decision to accept a result report or not. In general, it is faster to correct the game report yourself than ask for a clean report from the player. The header of the PGN file is not as important; you should always use the method of transferring the PGN moves only in a tournament template (see below) of Chess Base, which ensures uniform game headers / player's names / tournament data.

A TD should save games in an electronic format (preferably Chess Base (CB) or Chess Base Light, downloadable at "<http://www.chessbase.com/download/index.asp>").

Once the TD has received the final pairings, he should create a "Tournament Template" in CB, where all the games from that same event will be saved.

Chess Base can automatically transfer a list of results to a tournament crosstable. You should check that the number of games in the tournament crosstable is the same that the one in the PGN file. If you have inserted games as described above (with uniform headers) these numbers will always be identical. When the number of games matches in both files, you can check for bad PGN reports by searching for games listed with a 'c' or 'C' to the right. Open the individual games, each time Chess Base finds a wrong move; it will show the string as a comment. You must locate the first wrong move with Chess Base, correct the PGN file with a text editor, and then reload the database under Chess Base. This process can be repeated until no game is displayed with a C to the right (except for regular comments on the games).

2.4.3.2. Crosstables

This point is not applicable to Webserver events

A TD should work with the crosstables that he receives from the tournament organizer for the result report. A TD should always have an overview of the standings. If he does not receive a file, it is recommended that the TD create one. Crosstables that include useful features such as automatic arrangement of players according to total points, or SB tiebreak, etc. can be ordered as Excel files from any ICCF tournament office or from the WTD. The players may download Eloquetry to obtain similar information.

2.4.3.3. Adjudications

Adjudications should be avoided unless necessary. Few tournaments have a set date for close of play. Unless the start of the next round of a tournament is being delayed by an unfinished game, it is recommended that the game be allowed to continue. Otherwise, games that determine a promotion, title norm, or team placing must be adjudicated. If there is a date set for close of play, then any unfinished games at that date can either be continued or called in for adjudication. The Tournament Organizer should make these decisions. The TD may give notice that he will give the players a specific amount of time before requiring adjudication, especially in situations in which he is aware that the players may not finish in time for the next round.

Games that are not relevant for player or team promotion may continue as long as neither player is complaining about intentional delays or poor sportsmanship. Let the players enjoy the game.

The TD should send the relevant Adjudication Guidelines to all concerned players when Adjudications are needed. Make certain that you apply the current Adjudication Guidelines.

The Tournament Organiser should choose the Adjudicator. The Adjudicator's playing strength should be in line with the tournament category or higher, or of the strength of the players in an Open or Cup tournament.

The TD must collect the game score and the analysis, if any, from the players according to the Playing Rules. The TD must then forward only the following information to the adjudicator:

- the game report in PGN
- the analysis from the players
- the players' claiming of either a win or a draw

An adjudicator should not be given more games than he can decide within approximately 30 days. The Tournament Director shall promptly notify the players of the adjudicator's decision. The TD shall inform them whether an Appeal will be allowed, and if so, the date for filing an Appeal.

If the players appeal, the information must be sent to a different adjudicator, preferably one of a higher level of playing strength. The Tournament Organizer, the ICCF TO, or the National Federation may request that an ICCF commissioner choose the appeal adjudicator.

Some principles for adjudications in individual and team events:

a. If no result has been agreed by the date set by the announcement (or TD) for close of play, or in the event of an accepted withdrawal, both players shall submit to the Tournament Director within 30 days the final position with a record of the moves played, and a statement claiming either a win or a draw. Failure to submit a claim shall result in a loss except as noted below in (c).

a. TEAM: If no result has been agreed by the date set for close of play, or after 3 years of play where no date was set for close of play, or in the event of an accepted withdrawal, both players shall submit to the Tournament Director, through their Team Captain, within 30 days the final position with a record of the moves played, and a statement claiming either a win or a draw. Failure to submit a claim shall result in a loss except as noted below in (c).

b. Players should submit analysis to support their claim of a win or draw. Claims of a win shall not be accepted for consideration without supporting analysis; such claims shall be treated as claims of a draw instead. Analysis does not necessarily mean possible variations; it also includes general plans where appropriate. Players who do not submit analysis forfeit their right to appeal the adjudicator's decision.

c. In the event of withdrawal due to death, or an accepted withdrawal on the basis of extreme illness preventing the player from submitting a claim and analysis, the Tournament Director shall handle the game as if that player claimed a draw and submitted no analysis, with the following exceptions:

- All known theoretic positions when the player has clear win by tablebase
- All Title Tournaments
- All Tournaments with norms available, unless the result will have no effect on norms awarded
- All Tournaments with prize money, unless the result will have no effect on prize award.
- Any other tournament as determined by the WTD or as announced by the Tournament Director prior to the start of play.

d. In the event that both players claim a draw, the Tournament Director shall declare the game a draw.

e. The adjudicator should begin with objective estimate of the position and both players' possibilities and then determine if the analysis of the player(s) claiming a win has presented his case and has relied on general chess principles to claim a win (e.g. extra material; exchange, typical endgame patterns, etc). In those cases where both players have submitted analysis that does not diverge for several moves, the adjudicator shall accept these moves as if played and start the adjudication at the new position reached. The adjudicator shall not use his own analysis to find a win that was not presented in the analysis. The adjudicator may assume that both players have access to available tablebases for endgame positions.

f. For games submitted under (c), the adjudicator shall first determine if the analysis of the other player is complete, correct, and irrefutable, and then the adjudicator may use his own analysis. ***The adjudicator shall be mindful of the deceased player's skill level, based upon the strength of play in the game to reach the adjudicated position.***

g. No player may be awarded a win when he has submitted a claim of a draw, or when he has submitted a claim of a win without supporting analysis. The only exception shall be for those players covered under (c), who may be awarded a win based on the adjudicator's analysis under (f), even in the event that the Tournament Director has submitted the position with a claim of a draw for that player.

h. The Tournament Director shall notify the adjudicator's decision to both players, **including the adjudicator's name and reasons for his verdict. It shall also be indicating whether or not it is subject to appeal.**

h. TEAM: The Tournament Director shall notify the adjudicator's decision to both Team Captains, etc

i. Any appeal against the adjudicator's decision must be sent to the Tournament Director within 14 days of receiving the notification of the decision.

i. TEAM: Any appeal against the adjudicator's decision must be sent to the Tournament Director, through the Team Captain, within 14 days of receiving the notification of the decision.

j. The Tournament Director shall then obtain a ruling from another adjudicator and notify the result to both players. The ruling is final and no further appeal shall be accepted from either player. The name of the appeal adjudicator shall not be released with prior consent from the appeal adjudicator.

j. TEAM: The Tournament Director shall then obtain a ruling from another adjudicator and notify the result to both Team Captains. The ruling is final and no further appeal shall be accepted. The name of the appeal adjudicator shall not be released with prior consent from the appeal adjudicator.

k. Additional analysis may be submitted by either player for an appeal.

2.4.3.4 Withdrawals

A TD must be familiar with Tournament Rule 6 regarding Withdrawals, including the definition of "Accepted Withdrawals" and "Non-Accepted Withdrawals (which includes "silent" withdrawals)".

A TD is responsible for:-

a) Initiating Withdrawal procedures in accordance with Tournament Rule 6

b) Establish the reason for Withdrawal and the type of Withdrawal (using the definitions in Tournament Rule 6) **The contact among TDs/TOs is strongly recommended if the player has other tournaments in progress. Withdrawal from one tournament can't be treated as "Accepted" if player regularly keeps on playing other events.**

c) All correspondence with the player should be copied to the appropriate National Federation delegate.

d) As soon as a player defaults on any one game, the TD must regard this as a potential Withdrawal and act as follows:-

i) E-mail (or write if a Postal tourney) to the player concerned asking for his reasons for default. The National Federation delegate should be copied in.

ii) If no answer is received within 14 days and the player is not making any moves, and is not on leave, e-mail the player again to give him a final warning that he risks being defaulted in all outstanding games if he does not answer.

iii) If no response within a further 14 days and the player is not making any moves and is not on leave, then the player should be classed as a "silent" withdrawer and his remaining games should be marked as losses.

e) **An ICCF Withdrawal Form** must be completed by the TD as soon as an Accepted Withdrawal is agreed, or as soon as a Non-Accepted Withdrawal is apparent. The Withdrawal Form must be sent to the WTD, the Tournament Organiser, the ICCF Rating Commissioner and the National delegate of the player concerned. This applies in ALL withdrawal cases, even when the withdrawal is accepted or "silent".

f) Any player who defaults 50% or more of his/her games in any one tournament without a satisfactory explanation must also be reported in this way.

g) If a Team tournament, the TD should follow the Rules for possible Substitution as laid down in Tournament Rule 6.

2.4.4. Leave for the TD

A TD shall notify all players in his sections and the Tournament Office or Organiser of his planned dates for leave. The Tournament Office or Organiser may appoint a temporary TD if the TD has to take a leave of more than 3 weeks unless the TD expects to have internet access while he is away.

For webserver events, the TD shall take leave by following the webserver event instructions for TD Leave.

2.4.5. Replacement of a TD

A TD may be replaced if he is overwhelmed by the work or otherwise unable to continue or to take on new sections. The TD shall contact the Tournament Office or Organiser with details in these situations.

- a) The TD cannot take on any new tournaments, and whether this is temporary or permanent.
- b) The TD is unable to perform any work and needs an immediate replacement. If possible, the TD should provide the replacement TD with the information on his sections.

The silent withdrawal of a TD creates enormous problems for the Tournament Office or Organiser and for the players. Please ask for help before you become too far behind with the work. Be sure to let the Tournament Office or Organizer know when you are ready to volunteer as TD again.

2.4.6. End of a tournament group

When the last result comes in, you must produce a normal result report with the additional note saying "group finished". Please send a friendly final note to the players with the final crosstable and the collected games to the players (in a PGN file or as a text file in the form of [2.4.3.1.](#)) (preferably as an Excel file), for example:

Dear participants of ...(tournament code),

I am pleased to announce the successful conclusion of your section. I want to thank you all for a well played and amicable section and I hope you will join me in congratulating Mr/Mrs "X" for winning this tournament and congratulations too to Mr/Miss X, Y and Z for achieving International Titles/Norms. Please find attached the final standings of your section:

Best regards, Amici Sumus –
TD XY
..."

When a webserver event finishes, the TD should send a friendly final note to all players (as above) but it is not necessary to include the crosstable or collected games.

2.5. After the end of a tournament

A TDs work for a tournament group is finished when the TD has sent:

- the last result report of the section is sent to the players and the tournament organizer
- the full tournament file of all games of the tournament is given to the tournament organizer, the players and the ICCF

All TDs, whether for Open Class sections or for the World Championship Final, are equally important to ICCF. It is hoped that you will find the TD work fulfilling and continue either in the same level section or let the ACO know that you are hoping to take on different types of sections.

3. Mentor TD

A mentor TD shall be assigned to every TD by **WTD (TTC/NTTC)**. *The advice of the ACO shall be asked if necessary.* This mentor TD will remain available to the TD on an ongoing basis and not just for a TD's first tournament. **When replying to any correspondence from players, a trainee TD must send a copy to his mentor.** A mentor TD may be replaced by **WTD (TTC/NTTC)** or the ACO as needed. Every Mentor TD should have the IA title.

3.1. Work of a mentor TD

The mentor TD is a teacher or advisor rather than a supervisor. The mentor TD shall be a contact point for a TD when problems arise. He shall help with difficult claims from players, rule questions, and interaction with ICCF officials and national Federation officials. The mentor TD should be able to provide an assessment of the TD's capabilities at the point when the TD has met the minimum requirements for the IA title or when requested by the ACO.

3.2. Nomination of mentor TDs

Every IA is a potential mentor TD. It is hoped that IAs will offer to help on their own. The ACO shall maintain a list of all IAs indicating the number and names of TDs that each IA mentor is mentoring.

4. International Arbiters

See Tournament Rule 8.9 and ICCF Arbiter Manual 5.2.4. for procedure of title applications.

An IA is one who has proven his or her ability as ICCF Tournament Director and has met the minimum requirements of the Rule. Titles are awarded at the ICCF Congress.

5. Arbiter Committee

The Arbiter Commission (ACO) is the highest level in the ICCF arbiter sector. The ACO oversees all aspects of TD and arbiter work, training, development, and maintains a record of the TDs' experience. ***The ACO provides information about the quality of arbiters' work to the national Federations and QC for submitted title applications.***

5.1. Members of the ACO

The number of individual Members of the ACO is not specified. Necessary Members of the ACO are:

- World Tournament Director
- Chairman of the Appeals Commission (Playing Rules)
- two International Arbiters
- one Tournament Director without an arbiter title

The ACO must have a Chairman that is appointed by Congress. The ICCF Executive Board supervises the ACO between Congresses. Additional Members of the ACO could be a Member of the ICCF Executive Board, an ICCF Commissioner, or another arbiter.

5.2. Work of the ACO

5.2.1. New TDs

The ACO **may** check player applications. Points h) and i) of the TD requirements (see [2.1.](#)) are especially important. The ACO may return as incomplete any application that does not cover all points. ***Tournament organizers should contact the ACO when they need a TD to direct new tournament groups. The ACO also can directly offer the TD candidates to suitable tournament organizers.***

5.2.2. TD title requirements

Normally the tournament organizer chooses TDs. The tournament organizer must be certain that the TD meets the experience level required or has the IA title per paragraph 2. A tournament organizer must contact the ACO to make an exception if the TO picks a TD who does not fulfil the title requirement.

5.2.3. TD databases

The ACO must keep these records:

- a) An on-line list at the ICCF website with new TDs containing:
 - name
 - country
 - email address
 - language skills
- b) An on-line list at the ICCF website showing current TDs containing:
 - TDs – identification code
 - name
 - country
 - email address
 - arbiter title, if any
 - name of mentor TD
- c) A progress list of each TDs experience containing:
 - TD – identification code
 - all the TDs tournaments described with the tournament code
 - the number of participants of each tournament
 - the year each tournament started

Every tournament organizer must inform the ACO of new assignments to each TD stating the tournament code, the number of participants, and the start date. Tournament Office Controllers who start new tournaments regularly may send the ACO the TDs assignments every 6 months.

5.2.4. International Arbiter title applications

Any application for IA title based on quantitative criteria of Tournament Rule 8.9 has to be sent by national CC organization to ACO before formal submission to QC. The ACO will check the time served, number of games and qualitative aspects of the work (timely reports of norms, games archiving, delivery of information for Marketing purposes) asking comments of other ICCF officers and Mentor TD if necessary. ACO then will report recommendations to national CC organization and QC.

5.2.5. ICCF Arbiter Manual for Tournament Directors

The ACO is responsible for the **ICCF Arbiter Manual** for Tournament Directors. The ACO submits changes and additions to this manual to the Congress for approval. The ICCF Rules Commission is responsible for the ICCF Playing Rules and the Playing Rules Guidelines.

5.2.6. Suspending the International Arbiter (IA) Title

The ACO, together with the WTD, maintains the right to, at any time, recommend to ICCF Congress that the IA Title be suspended for any person who is no longer complying with the TD requirements set out in this Manual. The same persons will be treated as inactive IAs.



Appendix L: ICCF Financial Statements

INTERNATIONAL CORRESPONDENCE CHESS FEDERATION

Balance Sheet as at 31st December 2009

	<u>2009 - Sw. Francs</u>		<u>2008 - Sw. Francs</u>	
	<u>Net Assets</u>	<u>Capital</u>	<u>Net Assets</u>	<u>Capital</u>
Capital				
Accumulated Fund		272,490.77		271,027.43
Profit & Loss		54,670.14		12,067.44
Sub-Total - Capital		327,160.91		283,094.87
Intangible Assets				
Webserver in Service 2004	121,610.82		121,610.82	
Webserver in Service 2005	28,822.79		28,822.79	
Webserver in Service 2006	18,095.59		18,095.59	
Webserver in Service 2007	7,529.22		7,529.22	
Webserver in Service 2008	6,929.72		6,929.72	
Webserver in Service 2009	6,877.04		0.00	
Amortisation Webserver	-		-	
	173,574.91		159,924.04	
Sub-Total - Net Intangible Assets	16,290.27		23,064.10	
Fixed Assets				
Hardware Equipment	5,920.57		5,920.57	
Software Equipment	2,936.19		2,936.19	
Depreciation of Equipment	-8,856.76		-8,856.76	
Sub-Total - Net Fixed Assets	0.00		0.00	
Investments				
CFS FCP Money Fund	20,873.00		31,477.10	
Sub-Total - Investments	20,873.00		31,477.10	
Stocks				
Medals	1,625.00		3,585.00	
Prizes	5,805.00		3,845.00	
ICCF Gold	500.00		500.00	
Sub-Total - Stocks	7,930.00		7,930.00	
Receivables				
Member Federations			84,878.99	
ICCF Zones	84,356.60		943.40	
Officials	0.00		0.00	
Allowance for Bad Debts	-3,229.90		0.00	
Sub-Total - Receivables	81,126.70		85,822.39	
Liabilities				
Suppliers	-2,063.21		-1,565.24	
Officials	-2,711.13		-943.11	
Tournament Directors	-904.39		-586.79	
Players	-339.93		-179.10	
Prizes	-4,010.97		-4,673.83	
Teams	0.00		0.00	

Sub-Total - Liabilities	-10,029.63	-7,948.07
Sub-Total - Net Current Assets	71,097.07	77,874.32
Bank Accounts		
Credit Suisse - Current	73,629.98	23,307.32
Credit Suisse - Savings	83,516.42	83,273.08
DE PayPal	42,457.24	36,168.95
RBS Perth Scotland	11,366.93	0.00
Sub-Total - Bank Accounts	210,970.57	142,749.35
TOTAL	327,160.91 327,160.91	283,094.87 283,094.87

Profit and Loss Account for the Year ended 31st December 2009

INCOME	<u>2009 - Sw.</u> <u>Francs</u>	<u>2008 - Sw.</u> <u>Francs</u>
Stock	0.00	1,436.00
Membership 2008	0.00	-100.00
Membership 2009	0.00	8,180.00
Membership 2010	7,740.00	0.00
World individual candidates	909.29	1,305.74
World individual semifinal	4,261.41	7,435.25
World individual preliminary	7,536.45	9,937.78
World individual 7 player	10,111.21	10,628.99
World individual 11 player	9,496.46	11,727.32
Olympiads	7,850.00	0.00
Thematic	2,420.69	1,975.75
Master Norm	7,589.19	6,946.83
Grand Master Norm	3,868.07	4,805.76
Champions League	16,127.89	0.00
World Cup	15,018.89	0.00
Junior World Cup	520.00	154.96
Veterans World Cup	5,697.39	3,800.00
3rd Webserver Open	0.00	5,630.65
Rapid Play Tournaments	264.26	47.03
Blitz Play Tournaments	299.73	80.09
Fast Money Prize Tournaments	1,031.54	0.00
Money Prize Tournaments	5,328.48	5,088.73
DE Fees Refunded & Other Adj.	-71.10	0.00
Invitation Tmts Cat.I-III	312.00	366.00
Invitation Tmts Cat.IV-VI	2,224.00	2,008.00
Invitation Tmts Cat.VII-XIII	4,415.00	5,040.00
Invitation Tmts Cat.XIV+	0.00	630.00
Invitation Team Tmts.	781.93	1,856.00
International Open Tmts	1,120.00	0.00
National Federation Server Games	13,203.00	8,018.00
ICCF Gold	0.00	34.00
Other Income	111.40	87.83
Previous Years	0.00	388.28
Fund Income for Dividends	0.00	268.83
Bank Interest	355.26	551.53
Exchange Differences	59.66	0.00
	<u>128,582.10</u>	<u>98,329.35</u>

Profit and Loss Account for the Year ended 31st December 2009

EXPENDITURE	<u>2009 - Sw.</u> <u>Francs</u>	<u>2008 -</u> <u>Sw.</u> <u>Francs</u>
Congress - Payment to Organisers	2,000.00	2,000.00
Congress - Other Expenditure	6,922.33	5,501.80
Meetings	6,977.21	3,059.83
Officials	2,446.80	1,643.21
Congress Allowances	10,302.67	5,100.00
World Tourn. Office	697.41	248.05
Thematic Tourn. Office	124.26	185.23
World Championships		0.00
World Individual Tourn.	314.93	748.09
DE Rebates to NF's	9,477.45	4,848.60
Internet "ICCF.com"	0.00	491.18
Rating Costs	473.73	486.85
Prizes (Incl. MPT's)	3,700.00	5,247.90
Trophies, Medals & Books	1,660.94	6,829.42
ICCF Webserver	11,335.65	9,701.90
Other expenditure	13.00	0.00
Previous years Exp.	0.00	2,598.27
Previous years Losses	0.00	13.00
Exchange Differences	0.00	251.50
Debt Written Off	63.00	0.00
Bank Charges	521.81	709.44
Depreciation	13,650.87	36,597.64
Allowance for Bad Debts	3,229.90	0.00
	73,911.96	86,261.91
Surplus	54,670.14	12,067.44
	128,582.10	98,329.35