



## The International Correspondence Chess Federation

### 2011 Congress



ICCF World Champions meet in Finland for the 2011 ICCF Congress in Järvenpää, Finland

From left to right: Marjan Šemrl (SLO), Pertti Lehtikoinen (FIN), Tunc Hamarat (AUT), Fritz Baumbach (GER), Horst Rittner (GER)

Photo above courtesy of Panu Laine (FIN)

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## ICCF CONGRESS 2011 Järvenpää, Finland

### **Introduction**

The 2011 ICCF Congress was hosted by the Finnish Correspondence Chess Federation (FCCF Finland) in celebration of their 50th anniversary. The venue was the Hotel Scandic, Järvenpää, Finland (the same hotel as in 1991, then under the name Rivoli), between 31.07.2011 and 05.08.2011. 30.07 was reserved for special meetings of the Services Committee, Executive Board, and Management Committees.

The Congress facilities in the Congress Hotel and the local amenities were excellent. A special appreciation was extended to Esko Nuutilainen, Heikki Arppi, Auno Siikaluoma and all the wonderful Finnish volunteers who made arrangements, shuttled participants back and forth from the airport to hotel and return, and all those hundreds of details we tend to forget about unless something goes wrong. Many thanks for making this a very successful and enjoyable Congress for all. A Saturday evening welcome reception was attended by many participants and guests and provided an opportunity to meet old and new acquaintance before the Congress activities the next day.

### **Excursions**

Participants of the Congress and accompanying persons were offered several and interesting excursions.

- Tuesday - Women were treated to the Art museum of Järvenpää, to the Järvenpää Library and a lecture of the cultural history of Järvenpää (by Mrs. Tuula Siltasari-Peltonen).
- Wednesday - Women were treated to an excursion to Porvoo, including the Cathedral and Bell tower (cathedral famous for having been burned down multiple times from 200 years ago to most recently 5 years ago by some drunks re-enacting history);
- Thursday – Congress participants were invited to an all all-day excursion to Helsinki and surrounding areas including the Temppeliaukion kirkko (the Rock Church), the Estonian Embassy (hosted by the Ambassador Mart Tarmak) and the Suomenlinna Sea Fortress.
- Friday – Congress participants spent the day seeing some of the Järvenpää cultural places (Ainola, the Sibelius home, and Halosenniemi, the ‘wilderness studio’ of the Finnish painter Pekka Halonen).

## **Chess Matches**

Several chess matches were organised.

The traditional ICCF Blitz tournament was conducted. The results were:

1st place	Chocenska, Dmitriyos (LTU)
2nd place	Kopsa, Petri (FIN)
3rd place	Laine, Panu (FIN)
4th place	Baumbach, Fritz (GER)

On Wednesday, a traditional friendly chess match was held between ICCF and Finland. Results were:

Board	ICCF	Result	FINLAND
1	Virginiyos Dambrauskas (LTU)	1-0	Ari Issakainen
2	Dmitriyos Chocenka (LTU)	½-½	Erkki Havansi
3	Fritz Baumbach (GER)	0-1	Panu Laine
4	Jan Helbich (SVK)	½-½	Martti Kauppinen
5	Alfonsas Kupšys (LTU)	½-½	Pekka Asomäki
6	Carlos Leon Cranbourne (ARG)	½-½	Petri Graeffe
7	Martin Bennedik (GER)	½-½	Tero Sihvonen
8	Alan P. Borwell (SCO)	0-1	Arto Elomaa
9	Guy Bendaña-Guerrero (NCA)	0-1	Heikki Arppi
10	Andrew Dearnley (ENG)	0-1	Antero Harju
11	Arjen Oudheusden (NED)	½-½	Leo Hällström
12	Artis Gaujens (LAT)	½-½	Ilkka Salmi
13	Maigonis Avotins (LAT)	1-0	Teppo Moilanen
14	Mariusz Wojnar (POL)	0-1	Seppo Pukkinen
15	Gerhard Binder (GER)	1-0	Olavi Halme
16	Horst Rittner (GER)	½-½	Timo P. Saarinen
17	Josef Mrkvicka (CZE)	½-½	Olavi Riikonen
18	Michael Volf (CZE)	0-1	Raimo Happonen
19	Uwe Staroske (GER)	0-1	Timo Myry
ICCF		7,5-11,5	FINLAND

## Congress Participants

ARG	Cranbourne	Carlos Leon	ICCF Delegate Designee and Zonal Director
AUT	Hamarat	Remzi Tunc	ICCF Delegate and ICCF World Champion
CZE	Mrkvicka	Josef	ICCF Delegate and ICCF Auditor
CZE	Mrkvickova	Alena	Accompanying person
CZE	Volf	Michal	Member of delegation
DEN	Peschardt	Søren	ICCF Delegate
DEN	Jensen	Kim R.	Accompanying person
DEN	Andersson	Agnetha	Accompanying person
DEN	Ottesen	Søren R.	Accompanying person
DEN	Nielsen	Gitte	Accompanying person
ENG	Dearnley	Andrew	ICCF Delegate, ICCF Non-Title Tournament Commission, and Acting Qualifications Commissioner
ENG	Lockwood	Austin	ICCF Services Committee Member
ENG	Lockwood	Alice	Accompanying person
EST	Tarmak	Mart	ICCF Delegate
FIN	Wikman	Ragnar	ICCF Delegate and ICCF Honorary Member
FIN	Arppi	Heikki	Member of delegation
FIN	Arppi	Merja	Accompanying person
FIN	Lehikoinen	Pertti	ICCF World Champion
FIN	Siikaluoma	Auno	Member of delegation, Webmaster
FIN	Welin-Siikaluoma	Pirkko (wife)	Accompanying person
FIN	Siikaluoma	Mirjam (daughter)	Accompanying person
FIN	Nuutilainen	Esko	Member of delegation and ICCF Honorary Member
FIN	Nuutilainen	Seija	Accompanying person
FIN	Laine	Panu	Member of delegation and Official Photographer
FIN	Halme	Olavi	Member of delegation
FIN	Lahdenmäki	Leo	Member of delegation
FIN	Riikonen	Olavi	Member of delegation
FIN	Riikonen	Anneli	Accompanying person
FIN	Happonen	Raimo	Member of delegation
FIN	Lappalainen-Happonen	Sirkka-Liisa	Accompanying person
FIN	Kopsa	Petri	Member of delegation
FRA	Ruch	Eric	ICCF President and Delegate
GER	Binder	Gerhard	ICCF Ratings Commissioner
GER	Rittner	Horst	ICCF Honorary Member
GER	Rittner	Hannelore	Accompanying person
GER	Benedik	Martin	ICCF Developer
GER	Benedik	Anna	Accompanying person
GER	Staroske	Uwe	ICCF Delegate



GER	Jankowski	Edda	Accompanying person
GER	Baumbach	Fritz	ICCF World Champion and ICCF Honorary Member
GER	Pöschel	Margot	Accompanying person
ITA	Bresadola	Guido Augusto	Member of delegation
ITA	Fonio	Maria Angela	Accompanying person
ITA	Bresadola	Ilaria Marta	Accompanying person
ITA	Bresadola	Alessio Angelo Mario	Accompanying person
ITA	Mastrojeni	Giovanni	ICCF Delegate
ITA	Tani	Gian-Maria	ICCF Honorary Member and Zonal Director
LAT	Gaujens	Artis	ICCF Delegate
LAT	Avotins	Maigonis	Member of delegation
LAT	Avotina	Anita	Accompanying person
LTU	Kupšys	Alfonsas	ICCF Delegate Designee
LTU	Dambrauskas	Virginijus	Member of delegation
LTU	Chocenska	Dmitrijus	Member of delegation
NED	Oudheusden	Willem Adrianus (Arjen)	ICCF Delegate
NCA	Bendaña-Guerrero	Guy	ICCF Delegate
POL	Wojnar	Mariusz	ICCF Delegate
POL	Wojnar	Marzena	Accompanying person
RSA	Knol	Everdinand	ICCF Delegate and Zonal Director
RUS	Grodzenskiy	Sergey	ICCF Delegate
RUS	Grodzenskaya	Natalia	Accompanying person
SCO	Borwell	Alan P.	ICCF Delegate Designee, ICCF Honorary President, ICCF Honorary Member, and Veterans World Cup II, III, and IV Tournament Organiser
SCO	Borwell	Moira (wife)	Accompanying person
SCO	Borwell	Claire (daughter)	Accompanying person
SLO	Semrl	Marjan	ICCF Delegate and ICCF World Champion
SUI	Baumgartner	Ulrich	ICCF Delegate
SVK	Helbich	Jan	ICCF Delegate Designee
SVK	Helbichova	Tatiana	Accompanying person
SWE	Söderberg	Per	ICCF Delegate and ICCF Rules Commissioner
TUR	Dikmen	Ali Semih	ICCF Delegate
TUR	Yazici	Ali Nihat	Member of delegation
USA	Millstone	Michael	ICCF General Secretary
USA	Schakel	Leonard	ICCF Delegate and Zonal Director
USA	Schakel	Sally	Accompanying person

## **Congress Opening**

The Finnish Correspondence Chess Federation (FCCF Finland) had the honour to invite all ICCF member Chess Federations around the world to participate in the ICCF Congress 2011.

### Opening Ceremonies

Mr. Jussi Marttinen provided a rousing rendition of traditional Finnish songs on his accordion.

Mr. Ragnar Wikman (FIN), the ICCF Finnish delegate provided a warm welcoming speech.

Mr. Kalle Jämsen, the Cultural Director of the city of Järvenpää provided an interesting overview of the history and cultural importance happening in Järvenpää.

Mr. Jorma Paavilainen, Executive Director of the Finnish Chess Federation, provided a warm welcome and wishes for a successful Congress.

## **President's Opening Speech**

Opening the Congress, the ICCF President Eric Ruch (FRA) warmly welcomed all the participants and expressed appreciation for the Finnish Correspondence Chess Federation hosting the 2011 ICCF Congress and all the hard work of the organizers in preparing the accommodations and facilities.

### **Summary of the President's Opening Speech:**

It is my great pleasure that an ICCF Congress is being held here in Finland after twenty years, again in the nice city of Järvenpää, and in the very same hotel as twenty years ago. I would like to thank all the members of the committee of the Finnish Correspondence Chess Federation for their dedicated work in for the Congress and especially Esko Nuutilainen who has been instrumental in the long preparation work throughout this year.

For those of you who had the chance to take part to the 1991 Congress, you will probably remember that this was the occasion to celebrate the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Finnish Correspondence Chess Federation. Today we are all 20 years older and gathered here to celebrate the Gold anniversary (50 years) of the Finnish CC Federation. Half a century is a major landmark for any federation and I am really proud to be with our Finnish friends this week to celebrate this anniversary! ...

Finnish players have always been very successful in ICCF tournaments, but it will be for a great honour to award the gold medal for the victory in the 1st ICCF Web chess open to Auno Siikaluoma and the title for the 20<sup>th</sup> World Championship to Pertti Lehtikoinen, who are both present with us in this audience. I do not forget that we have also the great pleasure to congratulate another World Champion, Marjan Semrl, and the Delegate from Slovenia who has won the 24<sup>th</sup> Correspondence Chess World Championship.

And is this year is very special we will have the unique chance to crown a third World Champion, Ulrich Stephan from Germany who has won the 23<sup>rd</sup> Correspondence World Championship ....

We will have the pleasure to crown three new world champions but at the same time, ICCF has to suffer the loss of the 13<sup>th</sup> Correspondence Chess World Champion, Michael Umansky who sadly passed away on December 18<sup>th</sup> at the early age of 58. Many of you will surely share with me that Umansky was definitely amongst the strongest players that the correspondence chess had seen and the games he had played to win the Jubilee World Champion Tournament in 2001 can be considered as the most beautiful jewels of CC games.

Could I ask you to stand for a moment, in silence, in respect to these CC friends and other players and officials who passed away during the last year.

**One-minute of silence**

While we are celebrating the Gold Jubilee of the Finnish Correspondence Chess Federation, we will also celebrate the Diamond year of ICCF. ICCF is 60 years old or 60 years young.

The last decade from the Gold to the Diamond year have seen many changes in our Federation. Ten years ago, the majority of games were played by email, and only Nol has had the vision of what has now become so common to most of us and to most of ICCF players: the webserver. It is hardly possible to imagine today how we could play without the server, but this is only less than 10 years back. So close but also so far away....

More and more National Federations are using the server for their own tournaments, the number of players and tournaments are gradually increasing, tournaments like the Direct Entry Anniversary Open, the jubilee World Cups, the veteran World Cup have proven to be very successful. New capabilities such as Chess960 have been introduced this year on the server, more work has to be done to ease the registration and payment of players, tournament automation, playing on your Smartphone's: ICCF has to remain on the lead to offer to the players to best service using the latest technology developments....

For ICCF to remain at the leadership of Correspondence Chess we need the continuous support of all the Member Federations and the involvement of many dedicated volunteers. As you all know, this year is also a year of election during which the Executive Board members will be elected for the period 2012 – 2015. Without the support of dedicated volunteers nothing is possible, but we have to understand why there is only one EB member remaining today amongst the six elected four years ago in Benalmadena. This year again, many tasks have been not tackled in Marketing, development of the server, website, which put additional burden on the shoulders of the other officials. Many times, during last Congress, I have reminded you of absolute necessity to find new volunteers and this year will be the same. More volunteers are needed!

Finally I would like to welcome new friends attending Congress for the first time and all delegates, delegation members, accompanying persons and families for coming to Finland and wish them a productive and very enjoyable week here in Järvenpää but we shall not forget all our absent friends that had not been able to come to be with us .....and now I hereby declare the

**40<sup>th</sup> ICCF Congress, Järvenpää 2011, duly open ☺**

## President's Opening Remarks

New Delegates were recognized: Netherlands (Willem Adrianus (Arjen) Oudheusden)

Due to previous commitments, the following ICCF Officials were unable to attend and expressed their apologies for not being present: George Pyrich (SCO), Finance Director; World Tournament Director, Frank Geider (FRA), Jean-Christophe Chazalette (FRA), Direct Entry Commissioner; Duncan Chambers (ENG), Tournament Rules Commissioner; Marco Caressa (ITA), Title Tournament Commissioner; Valer-Eugen Demian (CAN), Non-Title Tournament Commissioner; Clive Murden, Webmaster (AUS); Neil Limbert (ENG), Qualifications Commissioner

## 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 A.

## Approval of 2010 Congress Minutes

Congress Minutes of 2010 were approved unanimously. Congress Minutes of 2010 were signed by ICCF President, Eric Ruch (FRA) and ICCF General Secretary, Michael Millstone (USA).

## Membership Matters

ICCF General Secretary, Michael Millstone (USA) reported the following recommended changes to existing membership:

Qatar – recommendation to dismiss from ICCF due to unpaid membership fees for years 2008, 2009, and 2010.

Burkina Faso, Ivory Coast, Ghana, Mexico and Togo – recommendation for suspension (no voting rights and removal of tournament entry entitlements for unpaid membership fees for years 2009 and 2010.

## Vote on the proposal listed above:

<b>For</b>	<b>Unanimous (51)</b>
<b>Against</b>	<b>None (0)</b>
<b>Not Present</b>	<b>None (0)</b>

There was some initial interest expressed in joining ICCF from Cameroon and the Philippines, but after initial consultation, neither was willing to go forward.

## **Bertl von Massow Awards and Other Awards**

### **ICCF Honorary Member**

ICCF President, Eric Ruch addressed Congress and mentioned that we are indeed fortunate to be celebrating the 50th anniversary of the Finnish Correspondence Chess Federation. Not only were the World Champion, Pertti Lehtikainen (FIN), the 1st Webchess Open Champion, Auno Siikaluoma (FIN) present at Congress, but also a unanimous Executive Board nomination of Esko Nuutilainen (FIN) for his exemplary and honorary service to ICCF for more than 2 decades as ICCF Honorary Member. He asked Mr. Nuutilainen to step forward to receive his award to the unanimous standing ovation and approval of the Congress participants.

### **Bertl von Massow 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”.

He then announced the names of officials that the ICCF Executive Board had agreed to receive Bertl von Massow awards in 2011. 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:

CZE	<b>Karel Glaser</b>
CZE	<b>Zdeněk Nývlt</b>

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

CAN	<b>Valer Eugen Demian</b>
FRA	<b>Laurent Tinture</b>
HUN	<b>Attila Kiss</b>

### Other Awards – Tournament Medals and Certificates

World Championship XX	Gold	Pertti Lehtikainen	FIN
	Silver	Stefan Winge	SWE
	Bronze	Miloš Kratochvíl	CZE
World Championship XXIII	Gold	Ulrich Stephan	GER
	Silver	Thomas Winckelmann	GER
	Bronze	David A. van der Hoeven	NED
World Championship XXIV	Gold	Marjan Šemrl	SLO
Ladies Olympiad VIII Final	Gold	Poland	
	Silver	Bulgaria	
	Bronze	Italy	
World Cup XI	Gold	Reinhard Moll	GER
	Silver	Hubert Zautzig	GER
	Bronze	Lars Forsslöf	SWE
World Cup XIII	Gold	Reinhard Moll	GER
	Silver	Rob P. Kruis	NED
	Bronze	Rainer Zajontz	GER
CADAP XX Champion	Gold	Névio João	BRA
Africa-Asia X Champion	Gold	Attila Gürmen	TUR
1st Webchess Open	1st	Auno Siikaluoma	FIN
	2nd	Peter Žebre	SLO
	3rd	René C. H. Raijmaekers	NED

Certificates were presented to the members of the winning team (Europe C) of Interzonal 5 (2008-2011), 8 boards plus Team Captain.

## Financial Report & Accounts to 31.12.2010

### Financial Report

The Delegate Designee from Scotland, deputising for the Finance Director, presented the Financial Report and Accounts on behalf of the Finance Director, Mr. George Pyrich (SCO).

Items of interest included:

Currency – effective 01.01.2010, ICCF has switched to the Euro for all financial accounts.

Surplus – it was noted that ICCF now maintains a considerable surplus of funds. This was a result in a reduction of expenditures but also an increase in income from several tournaments. The Finance Director; however, was unable to assess the affect the 20% reduction to ICCF fees introduced in 01.01.2011 had on the ICCF accounts.

DE Rebate – pursuant to the BFCC proposal, a spirited discussion ensued concerning the proposal, but the discussion soon spiralled into many directions, some only tangentially related to the BFCC proposal. Critical ad hoc statistical models using the Veteran's World Cup model were hastily proposed and debated.

Eventually, a vote was called for the BFCC proposal to raise the DE rebate fee from 30% to 50%, starting 01.01. 12.

**Vote on the proposal listed above:**

<b>For</b>	<b>49</b>
<b>Against</b>	<b>01 (FIN)</b>
<b>Not Present</b>	<b>01 (EST)</b>

As part of the Financial Director Report, a proposal to change the Official's reimbursement scheme was presented. The change from the existing reimbursement scheme offers an air mileage reimbursement rate of € 0.06 per kilometre travelled within one continent (up from € 0.05 cents). The schedule is presented in Appendix B. Also noted was the Money Prize Tournaments have been discontinued due to instances of fraud and provided the financial impact to ICCF accounts.

**Vote on the proposal to adopt the proposed change to the ICCF Official's reimbursement scheme as listed above:**

<b>For</b>	<b>50</b>
<b>Against</b>	<b>00</b>
<b>Not Present</b>	<b>01 (EST)</b>



### **Accounts to 31.12.2010 and Auditor's Report**

The following financial reports are located in:

Balance Sheet – Appendix C

Profit and Loss Income – Appendix D

Profit and Loss Expenditures – Appendix E

Mr. Josef Mrkvicka (CZE) explained that the audit function this year was especially difficult due to several reasons (a) as of 01.01.2010, all accounts were switched from Swiss Francs to Euros, (b) ICCF closed bank accounts in Switzerland and moved them to France, and (c) multiple transfers of significant amounts between old and new bank accounts resulted in high levels of exchange rate differences.

He provided several recommendations and proposals, which may be found in his report on pages 3 and 4.

Auditor's Opinion: – "I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my audit opinion.

In my opinion, the financial statements give a true and fair view of assets, liabilities and accumulated fund of ICCF as of 31.12.2010, and of costs and earnings for the year then ended".

Finally, he would like to express his appreciation of the dedicated and good work of the Finance Director, George Pyrich, during the whole year 2010, and to thank him for his perfect co-operation during the course of audit, despite of his health problems in the beginning of this year.

**Vote on the proposal to adopt the Financial Statements and Auditors Report listed above:**

<b>For</b>	<b>50</b>
<b>Against</b>	<b>00</b>
<b>Not Present</b>	<b>01 (EST)</b>

## Election to Executive Board and Other Appointments

### Executive Board and Auditor Elections

In the Executive Board meeting prior to Congress, it was discovered and discussed that the election scrutineer team composition was going to prove difficult to properly compose in accordance with ICCF Statute 3.4, specifically, “To secure a fair and impartial electoral process, three scrutineers, a chairman and two members, shall be appointed for elections. Normally the ICCF Auditor (as chair) and two nonvoting ICCF Honorary Members shall act as these scrutineers. No scrutineer can be, at the same time, a candidate for an office in the Executive Board”. A check of the participants and their roles revealed there were not enough eligible members to compose a valid scrutineer team.

The following EB proposal was offered to Congress:

#### Executive Board Elections (other than Zonal Directors)

Chair: Josef Mrkvička (CZE)

Member: Alan P. Borwell (SCO)

Member: Gian-Maria Tani (ITA)

#### Auditor Election

Chair: Alan P. Borwell (SCO)

Member: Gian-Maria Tani (ITA)

Member: Ragnar Wikman (FIN)

### Vote on the proposal to adopt the Scrutineer team composition as listed above for EB Elections:

<b>For</b>	<b>45</b>
<b>Against</b>	<b>00</b>
<b>Abstention</b>	<b>05 (CRO, CZE, BEL, LUX, POR)</b>
<b>Not Present</b>	<b>01 (EST)</b>

### Vote on the proposal to adopt the Scrutineer team composition as listed above for the Auditor Elections:

<b>For</b>	<b>48</b>
<b>Against</b>	<b>00</b>
<b>Abstention</b>	<b>02 (CRO, CZE)</b>
<b>Not Present</b>	<b>01 (EST)</b>

A proposal was raised by the President to follow previous practices of showing a vote by hand for those candidates running unopposed. Another spirited discussion ensued about the ability to cast a vote of disapproval of a candidate, but in the end, it was decided that the elections for individual only consists of vote for a candidate, not a vote against. If a Federation did not wish to endorse a candidate, they had the option of not voting for the individual. Further discussion clarified that for all unopposed candidates; only one vote cast for that candidate would result in being elected for that position.

**Vote on the proposal to conduct a show of hands for all candidates running unopposed versus a secret ballot: (a unanimous vote is needed for this to pass)**

<b>For</b>	<b>44</b>
<b>Against</b>	<b>06 (AUS, MLT, SCO, SWE, ISR, ISL)</b>
<b>Abstention</b>	<b>00</b>
<b>Not Present</b>	<b>01 (EST)</b>

The motion was defeated and all candidates will be subject to a secret ballot election process.

Presidential Candidate, Mr. Tunc Hamarat asked to be allowed to offer a short speech to Congress regarding his candidacy. He made several points, including the offer of paying accommodation expenses for all delegates to attend next year's Congress in Istanbul.

Presidential Candidate, Mr. Eric Ruch, then briefly addressed Congress, briefly listing his service to ICCF and recounting all the committees and roles he has served on in his service to ICCF.

The Delegate from Switzerland then requested that both Presidential Candidates be excused from the room so that delegates could speak freely about them.

There were several short remarks about both candidates..

Then, one delegate took the floor and in a highly prejudiced and bigoted oratory, attempted to make the case that there were far too many Frenchman on the Executive Board and this was extremely detrimental to the effective functioning of ICCF.

Although the simple point that no nominations were forthcoming from the other 53 active Member Federations was dismissed as not in favour of this delegate's daft argument, the delegate tried to make his case even harder. Despite that this delegate's argument was based solely on culture identify versus experience, talent, and contributions, the delegate forged ahead trying to make the subtle case that the proper functioning of the ICCF Executive Board would, in his jaded opinion, not be conducive to the proper functioning of ICCF.

Following no comment from other delegates, a request to complete the elections was proposed and the Presidential candidates were recalled to the Congress room.

Elections were conducted and the results are as follows:

President

Eric Ruch (FRA): 36

Tunc Hamarat (AUT): 16

General Secretary

Michael Millstone (USA): 48

Finance Director

George Pyrich (SCO): 52

World Tournament Director

Frank Geider (FRA): 46

Marketing Director

No Candidate

Services Director

Jean-Christophe Chazalotte (FRA): 42

ICCF Auditor

Josef Mrkvicka (CZE): 51

The morning session of Congress, day 1 was completed and a lunch break was called. Congress was reconvened and the next agenda item of ICCF registration was on the table.

## **ICCF Registration**

The ICCF President (Eric Ruch) started the afternoon session by providing an overview of the ICCF Registration issue to all delegates. After speaking just four words, he was interrupted by a delegate who felt it was important to make his views known to Congress, even before an overview of the issue could be provided to all delegates. After some uncomfortable discussion about proper conduct in the Congress meeting, he continued his background of the problem. It should be noted that much of the investigatory work and subsequent recommendations was provided by Jean-Christophe Chazalotte (FRA), ICCF's Legal Advisor and a French Appeals Court Judge. Consultations were also conducted with French and Swiss Tax Attorneys on matters of corporate registration and status issues. The Delegate Designee from Scotland established his credentials by stating that over his career, he talked with many lawyers.

Mr. Ruch then summarized the situation:

The French bank account should not have been opened without appropriate documents. This mistake needed to be corrected.

This action was considered a mistake because of the increased money laundering issue: ICCF money is growing and coming from everywhere in the world. The money is being received, but it is not clear if the money is coming from organisations or individuals. Most of the money is just sitting in a bank account and is not being invested. Fewer transfers outside equals a greater scrutiny by the authorities and an increase chance of being investigated.

Tax issues – because ICCF is not registered, it is considered a de facto company and is subject to all taxes.

By creating a new French association, current assets could be being considered as capital inflow, and as such – taxable. However, if we stabilize ICCF in Switzerland and open a French office just to conduct business; this allows ICCF to keep money as assets with a minimum or no base to be levied taxes.

It was decided that first on vote on the principle of ICCF registration be conducted. If the vote does not pass, there would be no need to discuss this item further. If the vote did pass, then the steps needed to implement the decision would be discussed and voted on.

**Vote to accept that ICCF should be registered for legal purposes as a non-profit organisation.**

<b>For</b>	<b>48</b>
<b>Against</b>	<b>00</b>
<b>Abstention</b>	<b>00</b>
<b>Not Present</b>	<b>03 (DEN, ESP, EST)</b>

Next up for vote was whether ICCF should be registered in Switzerland, with the physical seat as the office of the Swiss Correspondence Chess Federation.

**Vote to accept that ICCF should be registered for in Switzerland, with the physical seat as the office of the Swiss Correspondence Chess Federation.**

<b>For</b>	<b>48</b>
<b>Against</b>	<b>00</b>
<b>Abstention</b>	<b>00</b>
<b>Not Present</b>	<b>03 (DEN, ESP, EST)</b>

Next, a discussion ensued as to whether the Swiss office was the proper place to hold the ICCF seat. One delegate provided the relevant FIDE way of doing business by quoting FIDE statutes and it was decided that the EB will explore other options throughout the year, but to capitalize on the Congress decision to register, the Swiss location will be used and if further analysis revealed that an alternative location would be better, the location can be changed.

**Vote to accept that the physical seat for ICCF should be located at the office of the Swiss Correspondence Chess Federation.**

<b>For</b>	<b>47</b>
<b>Against</b>	<b>00</b>
<b>Abstention</b>	<b>01 (NED)</b>
<b>Not Present</b>	<b>03 (DEN, ESP, EST)</b>

Next point of discussion concerned whether to create a French office to facilitate the proper conduct of ICCF by the President. Another, but less heartened attempt to expose the severe risk of a French controlled ICCF resulted in more Congress time lost.

**Vote to accept the creation of a French Office to conduct official ICCF business.**

<b>For</b>	<b>45</b>
<b>Against</b>	<b>00</b>
<b>Abstention</b>	<b>00</b>
<b>Not Present</b>	<b>06 (DEN, ESP, ARG, BRA, CHI, EST)</b>

Finally, a review of the impact of the above voting decisions was conducted. Several outstanding issues in regards to financial matters, specially, limits of spending and number of signatures needed to access ICCF accounts were made. These will be studied by the Executive Board and reported back to Congress next year.

**Vote to accept (in principle) the proposed change in ICCF statutes because of adoption of the ICCF registration plan.**

<b>For</b>	<b>42</b>
<b>Against</b>	<b>00</b>
<b>Abstention</b>	<b>00</b>
<b>Not Present</b>	<b>09 (RUS, DEN, ESP, NCA, PER, GUA, EST, CUB, HUN)</b>

The proposed Statutes in French (official) and English (unofficial) are provided in Appendixes K and L respectively.

Because there were some objections to some of the correct language of the unofficial English version, it was agreed a small working group of the delegate from the Netherlands, the delegate from the United States, and the Delegate from Poland would be convened to handle the word editing outside of the Congress. After Congress, we were notified that the Delegate Designee for Scotland requested to be removed from this working group.

The working group shall provide the English corrected version before 15.09.2011 and the ICCF President will check if the French version needs to be updated accordingly. The French official version shall be signed before 30.09.2011.

Only the convention seat agreement was signed between the ICCF President and the Delegate of the Swiss Federation in front of Congress. Appropriate copies were provided to all signatories

Next issue examined by Congress was the decision to set up a Commission “Internal Bylaws Commission” dedicated to the establishment of these bylaws chaired by the President of the ICCF and composed of members elected in a separate vote. The aim of this Commission is to create a unique document strictly for the internal needs of the ICCF. This document could therefore be modified without any legal formalities. It should gather the whole rules governing the management, tournaments and games in the ICCF: notably the working processes into the Executive Board and with Commissioners, their respective jurisdictions and outline of duties, as

well as playing rules, tournament rules, guidelines (tournament games), manuals (Arbiters), code of conduct, etc.

For the moment being and up to the 2012 Congress, Internal Bylaws consist in:

- Playing Rules – Post
- Playing Rules – Server
- Tournament Rules
- ICCF Guidelines Individual and Team tournament games
- ICCF Arbiters Manual
- Code of Conduct
- Former ICCF Statutes, the following articles:
  - 1.11 except for the English language being authoritative
  - 2.6 with consideration for the fiscal risk
  - 2.9.1. to 2.9.3 with consideration for the fiscal risk implied by 2.9.2
  - 3.2 final paragraph
  - 3.4 final sentence
  - 3.7 to 3.9
  - 4.2.1 to 4.3.1

Given the late hour of the day, it was decided that the President, Eric Ruch (FRA) and the ICCF Legal Council (Jean-Christophe Chazalette (FRA) co-chair the commission to address the particulars above.

The Congress warmly appreciated the extremely difficult work of Jean-Christophe Chazalette is his analysis and preparation of these document and proposals.

Day 1 of Congress was concluded and the President adjourned Congress for the day.



The President officially opened day 2 of Congress.

Mr. Ali Dikmen (TUR) made a brief announcement that Turkey has withdrawn its bid to host the 2012 ICCF Congress and that participant Ali Nihat Yazici had departed Finland to return home.

### **Congress Discussion: Draws in Modern CC**

In the 2010 Congress in Antalya, ICCF President, Eric Ruch, provided a background talking paper on this topic to all ICCF delegates prior to Congress. He 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);  
Tunc Hamarat (AUT); and  
Neil Limbert (ENG).

Mr. Mastrojeni (ITA) provided his report to Congress. He said the working group evaluated the problem under the following premises:

One of the major criticisms to modern CC is of course the assistance of computer and a more levelled play. Compared to some years – decade ago, the difference of strength between a 2200 rated and a 2400 rated player and between a 2400 and a 2600 have been significantly reduced and as consequence the number of draws in CC tournaments have increased accordingly.

The number of players have experienced that winning is becoming increasingly difficult and that trying to force a win may often lead to a ... loss! The current scoring system used since the beginning of ICCF gives the same result for 2 draws and 1 win and 1 loss, i.e. 1 point. Up to recently this may have been the right way to judge those result in a numerical way, but is it still the case today with the inflation of draws? Trying to force a win in two games has surely become much more difficult nowadays than it used to be, even against a player with a rating of 100 or 200 points below yours, if you opponent knows how to use a modern chess software.

In some other sports, such as football, a win brings you more point than two draws whereas in others, such as rugby, a bonus is given if you score a certain number of tries. We cannot transpose everything to chess and especially CC, but I would like to suggest some ideas as a basis for discussion in Congress:

Is the current scoring system still adapted to modern CC?

Should we give more incentive to wins compared to draws?

Would a scoring like +3 for a win, +1 for a draw, 0 for a loss, be an incentive for players to get more wins?"

Mr. Mastrojeni (ITA) and his working group offered two Proposals for Congress to consider:

Proposal 1

THE 3 POINTS RULE FOR VICTORY (1 POINT FOR DRAW)

a) The Rating System cannot be affected by such a change. It is based, and must be based, on giving a player a win and his opponent a loss, or draw to both.

b) Comparing the crosstables for some important and finished tournament, we have seen that, if we use the new rule, sometimes (not always of course) the result changes.

For example, the World Final Champion 20 would be Stefan Winge SWE and not Pertti Lehikoinen FIN, because the first has a plus victory (+5, -1 Winge; + 4, - 0 Lehikoinen).

c) This change of the result is a bad thing, or not?

Probably not: the rule, of course, must be set BEFORE the start, so ALL the players know what to would happen. However, the Working Group:

- thinks that we should proceed without any hurry;

- suggests having a try in some not official tournament: a tournament valid for ELO and so on, but out of the World cycle.

d) If the Congress agrees, Italy offers to organise a Memorial in such a way.

Proposal 2

Proposal 2 – officially renamed the Baumbach Tie-Break

This proposal is in favor of the player with the most wins (not S/B). This would encourage positive play without being a massive change. This option can be tried in another tournament. If the Congress accepts, we will discuss this with some organizers.

Discussion ensued for almost an hour with many perspectives being shared with the delegates, including an assessment from the Rating Commissioner on the possible impact of such scoring changes on the rating and as perspective from the Veteran's World Cup II, II, and IV Tournament Organiser on how such possible changes would affect his tournament. Some concerns were raised in the first proposal about the propensity to cheat, including collusion and delay tactics, while the Veterans World Cup II, II, and IV Tournament Organiser then steered the discussion to the webserver inability to properly allocate colours during tournament setup and the inability of the EB to recognize this as a serious problem when allocating priorities to webserver enhancements. After another lengthy speech on colour allocations, the discussion was

quickly brought back to the Working group proposals. The decision was that proposal 1 would have implications that had not been fully evaluated and the vote was called for incorporation of Proposal 2, the Baumbach proposal.

**Vote to accept the Baumbach proposal for tiebreaks for all tournaments starting after 01.01.2012.**

<b>For</b>	<b>23 (BLR, CAN, CRO, CUB, CZE, FRA, HKG, HUN, ISL, ISR, ITA, LAT, NZL, POL, ROM, RSA, RUS, SVK, SLO, SWE, SUI, UKR, USA)</b>
<b>Against</b>	<b>21 (ALG, ARG, AUS, AUT, BRA, BUL, CHI, DEN, FIN, GER, GUA, IND, JPN, LTU, MLT, NED, NCA, PER, SCO, ESP, TUR)</b>
<b>Abstention</b>	<b>03 (BEL, LUX, POR)</b>
<b>Not Present</b>	<b>04 (ENG, EST, IRL, NOR)</b>

The motion passed.

## **Other Finance Matters**

### **Ongoing Arrangements**

All ongoing arrangements were covered in the Financial Director's Report.

### **Financial Plan**

The President, Eric Ruch (FRA) reviewed the Financial Plan with Congress delegates. Due to the sensitive nature of the data, the financial plan will not be replicated in this report. One delegate expressed concern about the wording on line items 45 and 46 and changes were made; however, the underlying financial numbers remained the same.

### **Direct Entries**

The former Direct Entry Commissioner, Jean-Christophe Chazalatte (FRA) announced in his report that his Deputy, Ian M. Pheby (ENG) had been fully trained and with the concurrence of the Executive Board, Ian was highly recommended to assume the role of ICCF Direct Entry Commissioner. A unanimous recommendation and vote of confidence was expressed by all delegates. We thank Ian for his continued excellent work and congratulate him on his new position and responsibility as an ICCF Commissioner.

The Direct Entry Commissioner report also discussed the ongoing status and success of the Direct Entry 5th Webserver Anniversary tournament and further details may be found in his report circulated to all delegates.

The Direct Entry program continues to grow and the number of new entries per day has now exceeded 5. This may be due to the DE5A tournament, plus new entrants to the DE program: Italy, Poland, Switzerland, Belgium and Croatia.

The Direct Entry Commissioner worked hard with other ICCF officials and our webserver developer, Martin Bennedik to create a "New Player" feature that gets the National Federation much more involved in the recognition and support of new players to ICCF. Each National Delegate now receives an e-mail anytime a new player wishes to join ICCF and play in ICCF tournaments. Either the National Delegate can review information about the applicant by clicking on "Unconfirmed Users" in response to the webserver-generated e-mail and will have the chance to accept or decline the new player request to join based on National Federation guidelines. Different from the previous process of where the Direct Entry Commissioner would sign up and register players based on a PayPal payment, this new feature allows the National Federation to more closely manage and monitor potential new players. However, this new feature does require the National Federation delegate to do something. A quick check in Congress reveals over 90 new players have applied to play, yet no one from their Member Federation had bothered to respond to the request. Many times throughout Congress, the topic of what are we doing to increase membership came up and ICCF has responded with one solution,

yet the action to communicate with new players must come from the respective Member Federation.

A proposal to modify the Direct Entry system to allow Member Federations to select which players from their organisation will be allowed to enter through Direct Entry and which players would be restricted was discussed. The webserver will be modified, and in conjunction with the World Tournament Director, a list will be developed and managed to allow Member Federation delegates to manage their player's access to certain features of the webserver – namely, the ability to register through Direct Entry. Until a more automated process is developed and implemented, delegates are kindly asked to provide the World Tournament Director, Frank Geider (FRA), a list of players they want restricted from entering through Direct Entry.

**Vote to accept the Financial Plan, Direct Entry Commissioner Report, and Proposal to modify the Direct Entry System**

<b>For</b>	<b>50 – Unanimous</b>
<b>Against</b>	<b>00</b>
<b>Abstention</b>	<b>00</b>
<b>Not Present</b>	<b>01 (EST)</b>

The Tournament Rules Commission will revise the rules to integrate the Congress vote on the Direct Entry Commissioner proposal.

## **Qualifications, Including Rules Proposals**

The Qualifications Commissioner (QC), Neil Limbert (ENG) was unable to attend Congress due to work commitments and Andrew Dearnley (ENG) kindly offered to serve as acting Qualifications Commissioner. The Qualifications Commissioner proposed a number of changes:

### **Proposal 1 - Overscore**

The practice of awarding Titles through Special Application because of “Overscore” is now readily accepted by ICCF Congress. The ICCF President has pointed out to me that, during the last 10 years, he is not aware of any Title being rejected in this situation. It is therefore time to include the principle of overscore within the Rules to allow the QC to automatically award the Title just like a standard application. This will save considerable time at Congress, and save work for the Qualifications Commissioner!

I propose the following changes to Tournament Rule 8:-

a/ New Rule 8.0.3 defining “overscore”.

“The principle of “overscore” (used in the following sub-sections of Rule 8) represents that fact that the player has achieved a higher score than the minimum required for that particular Title Norm and the number of players, in that particular tournament. So he/she could have played extra games, lost them, & would still qualify for a Title based on a higher number of players. For example, a player scores 8 points out of 10 games in a Category 5 tournament for an IM Norm. At Category 5, a score of 8 gives an IM Norm from 12 games. Therefore this Norm would qualify as 12 games towards the IM Title.”

b/ Rule 8.4 c currently states “those players who gain at least two grandmaster results in international title tournaments with a total of at least 24 games”. I propose to change this to:-

“those players who gain at least two grandmaster results in international title tournaments with a total of at least 24 games. This number of games may be reduced if the players overscores sufficiently to achieve the standard Norm requirements over 24 games.”

c/ Rule 8.5 a currently states “ those players who achieve at least two senior master results in international title tournaments with a total of at least 24 games; however one or more international master result over a total maximum of 14 games in an event or events which started or were approved prior to the Daytona 2000 Congress, will count towards a Senior International Master title.”

I propose to change this to:-

“those players who achieve at least two senior master results in international title tournaments with a total of at least 24 games. This number of games may be reduced if the players overscores sufficiently to achieve the standard Norm requirements over 24 games. However one or more international master result over a total maximum of 14 games in an event or events which started or were approved prior to the Daytona 2000 Congress, will count towards a Senior International Master title.”

d/ Rule 8.6 d currently states “those players who gain two or more master results in international title tournaments with a total of at least 24 games.” I propose to change this to:-

“those players who gain two or more master results in international title tournaments with a total of at least 24 games. This number of games may be reduced if the players overscores sufficiently to achieve the standard Norm requirements over 24 games.”

e/ Rule 8.7 c currently states “those players who achieve two or more Ladies' Grandmaster Results in international title tournaments with a total of at least 24 games.” I propose to change this to:-

“those players who achieve two or more Ladies' Grandmaster Results in international title tournaments with a total of at least 24 games. This number of games may be reduced if the players overscores sufficiently to achieve the standard Norm requirements over 24 games.”

f/ Rule 8.8 c currently states “those players who achieve two or more ladies' master results in international title tournaments with a total of at least 24 games.” I propose to change this to:-

“those players who achieve two or more ladies' master results in international title tournaments with a total of at least 24 games. This number of games may be reduced if the players overscores sufficiently to achieve the standard Norm requirements over 24 games.”

The Qualifications Commissioner asked that if this proposal was adopted, it be applicable to all overscore applications in this Congress.

**Vote to accept the overscore changes as outlined by the QC and to include applications for the 2011 Congress.**

<b>For</b>	<b>44 – Unanimous</b>
<b>Against</b>	<b>00</b>
<b>Abstention</b>	<b>00</b>
<b>Not Present</b>	<b>07 (ARG, BRA, CHI, NCA, PER, GUA, EST)</b>

It was suggested that the QCs Commissioner, in concert with the Rules Committee consider consolidating the above rules.

## **Proposal 2 – Title Norm Notification**

The last year has seen the introduction of the automated e-mail service advising the Qualifications Commissioner, Tournament Director, and National Delegate, of any Title Norm obtained. A big thank you to Martin Bennedik for providing this service! As a result, I ask Congress to debate whether it should still be a requirement for TD's to also advise the QC of a Title Norm via e-mail. As far as I am aware, I have not missed any Title Norms obtained since this service was installed and I do not wish to put TD's to any unnecessary work. If all delegates are happy that this automated service is working properly, I recommend that the requirement for TD's to advise the QC of a Title Norm is removed.

Section 2.4.1.3. of the Arbiter Manual "Confirmation of player's title qualifications" needs to be amended as follows:

"B/ Title Norms are automatically advised by the webserver to the TD, National Delegate of the player concerned, and the Qualifications Commissioner. It is not necessary for the TD to confirm the Norm unless specifically requested to, for a particular tournament, by the Qualifications Commissioner."

**Vote to accept the proposed changes to Title Norm notifications as outlined by the QC, effective immediately.**

<b>For</b>	<b>44 – Unanimous</b>
<b>Against</b>	<b>00</b>
<b>Abstention</b>	<b>00</b>
<b>Not Present</b>	<b>07 (ARG, BRA, CHI, NCA, PER, GUA, EST)</b>



### **Proposal 3 – Proposed Change to Tournament Rule 8.9 – International Arbiter Title**

At the ICCF Congress 2010, amendments to the Arbiter Manual were agreed which included a new quality criteria for the award of the IA Title. Tournament Rule 8.9 now needs updating to reflect these changes. The current Rule states:

8.9 The title "International Arbiter of the ICCF" is not limited in time and will be awarded:

(a) for four year's successful work as Tournament Director of the ICCF promotion and/or title tournaments without a break, supervising a minimum of 1,000 games.

(b) for six year's successful work as Tournament Director of the ICCF promotion and/or title tournaments with a break, supervising a minimum of 1,000 games.

The Arbiter's Committee (ACO) will support the award of titles based on substantiated qualifications prior to the 1,000 game requirement.

The change to the Arbiter Manual agreed last year states:

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.

Therefore, I propose new Tournament Rule 8.9 as follows (I have also taken the opportunity to update the list of "qualifying tournaments" which was out of date):

"8.9 The title "International Arbiter of the ICCF" is not limited in time and will be awarded based on a combination of quantitative and qualitative criteria. All applications must be submitted to the Arbiter Committee (ACO) together with details of all qualifying tournaments and the name and e-mail address of the TD Mentor. The ACO will check:-

(a) Time Served and Number of Games – must be a minimum of four year's successful work as Tournament Director of ICCF qualifying tournaments\* without a break, supervising a minimum of 1,000 games.

OR for six year's successful work as Tournament Director of ICCF qualifying tournaments\* with a break, supervising a minimum of 1,000 games.

(b) Quality of TD work (response to problems or queries from players, timely reports of Title norms, games archiving, delivery of information for Marketing purposes) asking comments of the Mentor TD and other ICCF officers if necessary.

The ACO will then confirm any recommendation for the IA Title to the national CC organisation and the Qualifications Commissioner.

\*ICCF qualifying tournaments are Promotion tournaments, Title tournaments, Thematic tournaments, World Cups, Webserver Opens, Champions League and Direct Entry Anniversary Open. (National tournaments, friendly international matches and unrated events not listed above shall NOT count towards the IA Title)”

**Vote to accept the proposed changes to Tournament Rule 8.9 regarding International Arbiter Titles**

<b>For</b>	<b>44 – Unanimous</b>
<b>Against</b>	<b>00</b>
<b>Abstention</b>	<b>00</b>
<b>Not Present</b>	<b>07 (ARG, BRA, CHI, NCA, PER, GUA, EST)</b>

The motion was carried unanimously; however, Congress asked the evaluative criteria for reporting norms be excluded from the wording, as this is no longer a requirement for TDs.

### **Proposal 4 - Special Application Olympiad 19 Preliminaries**

Twenty-four teams entered the 19th Postal Olympiad Preliminaries, which is a rather awkward number. The Title Tournaments Commissioner, after discussion with the ICCF President, decided upon three groups of eight teams. Each player will have seven opponents but play double-round robin (playing each opponent twice) so 14 games in total.

The International Correspondence Chess Title Regulations (laid down by ICCF Congress 2002, Seixal, Appendix D) Point 1(a) states that a Title tournament “must involve the participation of at least 9 players”. Therefore, each board of the Olympiad Preliminaries are one player short.

This matter was discussed by e-mail and the ICCF President pointed out that, where double-round robin was used, we have allowed other tournaments in the past to be classed as Title tournaments and he saw no problem with this. Therefore, the Olympiad has gone ahead with Title Norms quoted on each board.

However, retrospective special permission from ICCF Congress is required as this breaches Title regulations. Given these tournaments have already started, and that there are ICCF’s most important Team tournament, the Qualifications Commissioner recommends this is agreed.

To avoid this situation in future, I recommend the following change to International Correspondence Chess Title Regulations:

1. An international Title tournament shall have the following requirements:

(a) it must involve the participation of at least 9 players. However, the Title Tournaments Commissioner has authority to arrange double-round robin tournaments with less than 9 players.

It should be made clear that double-round robin Title tournaments are not to be encouraged for Invitational tournaments and are not to become standard.

### **Vote to accept the Special Application to Promote to Title Tournaments – Olympiad 19 Preliminaries and proposed changes to the International Correspondence Chess Title Regulations**

<b>For</b>	<b>44 – Unanimous</b>
<b>Against</b>	<b>00</b>
<b>Abstention</b>	<b>00</b>
<b>Not Present</b>	<b>07 (ARG, BRA, CHI, NCA, PER, GUA, EST)</b>

The motion was carried; however, Congress expressed a wish to add the following caveat to the rules, “providing each player has a minimum of eight games”.

Mr. Limbert closed his report by saying that he received a lot of support and encouragement from various people over the past year and I would like to thank particularly Marco Caressa, George Pyrich, Eric Ruch, Michael Millstone, Raymond Boger and Ron Langeveld for their help and advice. Congress extended a warm appreciation to Neil for all his hard work and excellent report as well as Andrew Dearnley for stepping in and serving as Acting Qualification Commissioner.

## **Webserver**

President, Eric Ruch (FRA) presented the Webserver Report:

### **General Items**

The contract between ICCF and server developer Martin Bennedik has been extended at the end of 2010 for one year (to be extended in December 2011).

An updated set of server documentation has been delivered by Martin Bennedik to ICCF in June 2011 (since 2010 done on a yearly basis). ICCF President and Services Director receive a copy of that documentation.

Server source code has been delivered by Martin Bennedik to ICCF in June 2011 (since 2010 done on a yearly basis). ICCF President and Services Director receive a copy of the source code.

ICCF “test team” for new server features is still very weak and consequently:

- Delays in the implementation of new features.
- Some features implemented on the server without adequate testing.

Mr. Ruch had to decide to hire an independent professional tester (Damir Majet (GER) at a cost of about 1500€.

Volunteers are invited to contact Jean-Christophe Chazalatte (FRA) who will form a new team of testers.

### **Player Statistics**

Number of registered+ players: 10095 ( +20% wrt 2009 )

Number of active players\*: 4493 ( +10% wrt 2009 )

\*currently playing on the server

+ players that have a password for the server

## **2011 Webservice Tasks – Priority 1 Items**

### Status of Completed/Not Completed Tasks

Date and time display improvements, including showing the number of days used per move

Support for 40-days-rule (playing rule 3b)

Send start list of tournament to TO / substitution of players also send to TO

Provision of main screens used by players in multiple languages: (not completed)

Improved new event list, including guidance and sign-up for new players

Chess 960 support

Support for nodes: not completed (no longer required)

Support for non-randomized start lists (not completed)

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 (not completed)

Support for inactive countries (e.g. the former Yugoslavia)

Cross table improvements (not totally completed)

## **Other Major Tasks Performed in 2010 / 2011**

Special Leave Office implementation.

Improvement of DE / QC (Title) management

## **2012 Webservice Tasks**

Results of the Services Committee meeting on Saturday.

## **Development Tasks for 2011-2012 (Until Next Congress)**

Special leave improvements

Suspension list improvements

Globalisation

Multi group events

Better device support (Smartphones, etc.)

Changed rating rule

Title tournament improvements

PayPal integration

Chess 960 improvements

Add a team to a team event

Improvements to TD list

Email list functionality  
 Substitution notifications  
 Automated free game validation

Budget to be approved by Congress for development tasks: € 13.000

### **Maintenance Tasks for 2011-2012 (Until Next Congress)**

Standard maintenance  
 Hosting costs  
 Required fixes  
 Security improvement

Budget to be approved by Congress for maintenance tasks: € 8.000

### **Improvement of the Server Design**

General design  
 Redesign of pages seen by the players  
 Front page  
 Player signup  
 New events list  
 Event registration  
 Game list  
 Game screen  
 Take leave  
 Request special leave  
 Log in  
 Cross table  
 Personal settings

A proposal has been received from a professional designer Kirsten Witaschek who will work in conjunction with Martin Bennedik.

The Services Committee proposes to use € 8.000 from the 2011 Marketing Budget voted last year (€ 12.000 not used so far). Design that can be used for the webserver and the website to be delivered no later than 31.12.2011.

The design used of the server will then be used on the website to have a uniform outlook of ICCF.

Because there was some confusion on what the term *design* entailed, it was agreed that this definition would be used for discussion.

design – “to make a detailed plan of the form or structure of something, emphasizing features such as its appearance, convenience, and efficient functioning”

Austin Lockwood volunteered to work with Martin Bennedik on design integration and technical issues regarding the website. Austin will not be involved with any content management. Eric Ruch will serve as Project Manager for the content integration.

**Vote to accept the Webservice Report, allocation of 13.000 Euros for Priority 1 webservice activities and an additional 8.000 Euros for work on the initial design of an integrated webservice and website.**

<b>For</b>	<b>37</b>
<b>Against</b>	<b>09 (AUS, CZE, ISL, ISR, MLT, POL, SCO, SVK, SWE)</b>
<b>Abstention</b>	<b>04 (AUT, BUL, CRO, IND)</b>
<b>Not Present</b>	<b>01 (EST)</b>



## **Website and Other Internet Matters**

Short History of <http://www.iccf.com>

In Plevin 2008, the Congress decided that ICCF shall have a new website and Michael Blake (former Marketing Director) was assigned the management of the project.

In Leeds 2009, no progress on the new website could be shown during Congress, although M. Blake pretended that he would need 1 - 2 days to complete it. The Congress set a deadline (1 month) but M. Blake resigned before the deadline without providing the "result of his work" to ICCF.

During the same Congress in Leeds, the TCF (Turkish Chess Federation) proposed to create a new ICCF site (they had already designed the FIDE website). TCF took the project in November 2009 but due to other priorities, no progress could be shown to the Delegates during the 2010 Congress.

Meanwhile in July 2010, Clive Murden started to work on a new design that was shown to Delegates in Antalya, 2010. The design was not considered as "professional" enough and R. Boger (Services Director) was asked to look for a professional designer for iccf.com.

In December 2010, Gunder Eriksen (NOR) was selected but the product delivered in March / April 2011 was not satisfactory (ICCF paid nothing for that work!). Clive tried his best to work with the design available and start to integrate the content of the current website.

The way forward has been to consider a standardized design integrated with the webserver. Please see the previous section for further details.

## **ICCF Archives, Including Game Score Databases/Downloading**

With no report submitted, the only item discussed is who and what is being done concerning archival activities. Laurent Tinture is responsible for postal games, while Ron Langeveld is responsible for downloading and publishing webserver games on a regular basis.

## **Marketing and Publication Matters**

In September 2010, elections for the Marketing Director position were organized but no volunteers were proposed by the Member Federations.

The Executive Board looked for suitable candidates and M. Hans-Jürgen Baum (GER) was appointed in November 2010. Unfortunately, he decided to resign in February 2011.

No nomination for the MD position has been received by Member Federations for this year election and the position remains vacant.

### **Telechess in Chess Base Magazine**

1 issue published in 2011, under the supervision of Panu Laine and Panu reported that at least one or possibly two more issues could be released this year.

With no Marketing Director to lead any efforts, an acting marketing committee was formed with Eric Ruch as supervisor and Panu Laine (FIN) and Willem Adrianus (Arjen) Oudheusden (NED) volunteering to assist in marketing activities.

### **60th Anniversary E-Book**

Discussions and efforts toward a 60th anniversary e-book have seemed to slow for a variety of reasons, including content and technology considerations. Delegates accepted the offer of Mariusz Wojnar (POL) to be the Project Leader for the ICCF Diamond Jubilee Web Book, with the Delegate Designee from Scotland (SCO) providing support. The book will be hosted on the Polish CC Federation webpage waiting for the iccf.com to be ready to host it.

This concluded day 2 of Congress.

## Title Awards

Day 3 of Congress opened with the presentation of title awards.

### ICCF Grandmaster

Applications under Rule 8.4 (a)

SWE	450467	Stefan Winge	GM
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Applications under Rule 8.4 (c)

ARG	20531	Wálter Cornejo	GM
BRA	71079	Sérgio Badolati	GM
CRO	900070	Leonardo Ljubičić	GM
CZE	130999	Zdeněk Straka	GM
CZE	131093	Jan Židů	GM
GER	81652	Wolfgang Fischer	GM
ISR	270233	Uri Blass	GM
ISR	270257	Dmitry Gooshchin	GM
POL	420534	Zbigniew Szczepański	GM
SUI	100376	Rolf Scherer	GM
SWE	451367	Björn Fagerström	GM
UKR	940817	Nikolai Papenin	GM
USA	511269	Stephen E. Ham	GM

### ICCF Senior International Master

Applications under Rule 8.5 (a)

ARG	20923	Sergio Diaz	SIM
BEL	40500	Frederic Mignon	SIM
BEL	85140	Klaus Wolf	SIM
BRA	70341	Marcos Antonio dos Santos	SIM
CRO	900144	Siniša Loinjak	SIM
CZE	131244	František Sochor	SIM
ENG	211305	Nigel Robson	SIM
ESP	160165	Carmelo Fernández Vicente	SIM
ESP	160793	Carlos Rodríguez Amezcua	SIM
ESP	160215	Eduardo Mirás García	SIM
EST	930083	Einar Laane	SIM
GER	81549	Wolfgang Beykirch	SIM
GER	85034	Willi Looschelders	SIM
GER	85229	Mathias Schwenck	SIM

GER	85442	Wilfried Weingarz	SIM
NED	371002	Rob P. Kruis	SIM
ROU	440549	Cornel Matei	SIM
ROU	440550	Costel Voiculescu	SIM
RUS	141422	Enver Mikhailovich Efendiyev	SIM
RUS	141475	Mikhail Nikolaevich Emelyanov	SIM
RUS	141692	Vladimir Nikolaevich Gerasimov	SIM
RUS	140100	Vladimir Nikolaevich Gritsaenko	SIM
RUS	141483	Valery Igorevich Myakutin	SIM
RUS	141632	Mikhail Yakovlevich Romm	SIM
SLO	480011	Dr. Anton Čopar	SIM
SLO	480232	Matjaž Pirš	SIM
SUI	100382	Andreas Brugger	SIM
SVK	950268	Ladislav Fenes	SIM
SVK	950041	Pavol Polakovič	SIM
SVK	950306	Ján Rogos	SIM
SVK	950215	Norbert Zambor	SIM
SWE	451367	Björn Fagerström	SIM
UKR	940622	Andrey Aleksandrovich Sheretyuk	SIM
USA	510552	David R. Myers	SIM

Applications under Rule 8.5 (b)

GER	85390	Alexander Schramm	SIM
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**ICCF International Master**

Applications under Rule 8.6 (a)

BRA	71140	Rafael Leitão	IM
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Applications under Rule 8.6 (d)

ARG	20914	Luis Rodi Maletich	IM
AUT	10593	Johannes Hatzl	IM
BEL	85140	Klaus Wolf	IM
BLR	750192	Petr Vasilievich Skripko	IM
BUL	50273	Sabina Karapchanska	IM
CRO	900144	Siniša Loinjak	IM
DEN	150967	Ejvind Jensen	IM
ENG	210745	Alan J.C. Rawlings	IM
ENG	211655	Harvey D. Williamson	IM
ESP	160215	Eduardo Mirás García	IM
ESP	160230	Antonio Sánchez Ródenas	IM

ESP	160974	Francisco Javier Tarrío Ocaña	IM
FIN	460563	Martti Kauppinen	IM
FIN	460923	Panu Laine	IM
FIN	460827	Kimmo Muukkonen	IM
FRA	180860	Mikael Pellen	IM
GER	85361	Martin Bennedik	IM
GER	84737	Hans-Dieter Beuchler	IM
GER	81549	Wolfgang Beykirch	IM
GER	81666	Frank Fritsche	IM
GER	85550	Raik Hameister	IM
GER	85034	Willi Looschelders	IM
GER	85654	Herbert Pfaff	IM
GER	80903	Michael Schnabel	IM
GER	85028	Dr. Helmut Stieger	IM
GER	85442	Wilfried Weingarz	IM
GER	80915	Herbert Zapf	IM
IND	280176	P.B. Dhanish	IM
IRL	260145	John M. T. Ryan	IM
ISR	140256	Michael Elent	IM
ITA	241196	Fernando Enrique Even	IM
ITA	241206	Alberto Gueci	IM
LTU	920357	Dmitrijus Chocenka	IM
LTU	920259	Dainius Minelga	IM
LTU	920106	Povilas I. Pakėnas	IM
NCA	630073	Fabricio Orlando González Pereira	IM
NED	371002	Rob P. Kruis	IM
NED	371050	Lambert Douwe Westera	IM
PER	400202	Alberto Moreno	IM
POL	421260	Tadeusz Kubicki	IM
POL	421280	Wiesław Niewiadomski	IM
POL	421250	Jarosław Sawiniec	IM
POL	429125	Tomasz Sławiński	IM
POL	420947	Jerzy Staniszewski	IM
POR	390387	Joaquim Brandão de Pinho	IM
ROU	440105	Mihail Florea	IM
ROU	440549	Cornel Matei	IM
RUS	141318	Vitaly Ivanovich Kurgansky	IM
RUS	141625	Sergey Adolfovich Osipov	IM
RUS	141665	Sergey Aleksandrovich Pligin	IM
SLO	480205	Dr. Borko Bošković	IM
SLO	480228	Bojan Fajs	IM
SLO	480150	Mitja Pranjč	IM
SLO	480179	Jernej Šivic	IM

SVK	959040	Milan Chovanec	IM
SVK	950053	Ján Fečo	IM
SVK	950321	Peter Paško	IM
SVK	950306	Ján Rogos	IM
UKR	940622	Andrey Aleksandrovich Sheretyuk	IM
USA	514295	Carl L. Siefring	IM

Applications under Rule 8.6 (e)

GER	85343	Horst Sikorsky	IM
SVK	950256	Štefan Mlynarčík	IM
SVK	950192	Miroslav Würschner	IM
TUR	490089	Halil Özmen	IM

### **ICCF Ladies Grandmaster Title**

Applications under Rule 8.7 (c)

POL	429036	Barbara Skonieczna	LGM
POL	420546	Alicja Szczepaniak	LGM

Applications under Rule 8.7 (d)

BUL	50502	Svetla Yordanova	LGM
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### **ICCF Ladies International Master Title**

Applications under 8.8 (c)

BRA	71136	Marillia Raeder Auar Oliveira	LIM
BUL	50502	Svetla Yordanova	LIM
GER	85903	Constanze Jaeckel	LIM
GER	85932	Svetlana Kloster	LIM
POR	84866	Maria do Carmo de Vasconcelos Gil	LIM
SLO	480141	Anica Horvat	LIM
SLO	480140	Eva Korošec	LIM
SVK	950322	Eva Karasová	LIM

## Applications under Rule 8.8 (d)

SVK	950364	Mária Plšková	LIM
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**ICCF International Arbiters Title**

## Applications under Rule 8.9 (a)

ESP	169079	Adrián De Blois Figueredo	IA
GER	88607	Hartmut Höbel	IA
GER	88337	Jörg Kracht	IA
GER	81398	Willi Moedl	IA
GER	83861	Werner Zundel	IA
RSA	550073	Iain Edward Smuts	IA

## **Tournaments**

Day 3 of Congress continued with the report of the World Tournament Director. Frank Geider was unable to attend Congress, so the ICCF President, Eric Ruch, presented the report to Congress.

### **Veteran's World Cup**

Mr. Geider expressed his thanks to the Scottish Correspondence Chess Association (SCCA) and the Delegate Designee from Scotland for their continuing commitment to the organisation of the SF and finals of VWC 2, 3 and 4.

We have to find new volunteers to organize the Veterans World Cup V (2012) and the subsequent edition. The Deutscher Fernschachbund (BdF) proposed a team of three volunteers to organize the Veterans World Cup V (2012):

Klaus Kmiecik (GER), Hartmut Höbel (GER) and Andreas Bartsch (GER).

Dr. Uwe Staroske provided Congress a list of impressive accomplishments of the three volunteers. He also mentioned that the BdF is only volunteering to host VWC V and does not have a commitment beyond the next season.

### **Vote to accept the BdF Proposal to organise the VWC V tournament.**

<b>For</b>	<b>47 – Unanimous</b>
<b>Against</b>	<b>00</b>
<b>Abstention</b>	<b>00</b>
<b>Not Present</b>	<b>04 (EST, ALG, JPN, TUR)</b>



### **BdF Proposal to Congress – Medals and Certificates**

For zonal individual tournaments (European Championship, CADAP, Africa-Asia etc), only the winner receives a medal and certificate. The second & third place finishers do not receive a medal or certificate.

BdF suggests awarding a medal and a certificate to the silver as well as to the bronze medallists. This is an acknowledgement of the achievement of these players and may contribute to popularise these tournaments.

This appears even more necessary for the Champions League. The CL is one of the most important competitions for teams worldwide. So far, there are no medals and no certificates for this tournament. According to our view, this appears to be overdue.

**Vote to accept the BdF Proposal to as specified above, with immediate effect for all running tournaments.**

<b>For</b>	<b>47 – Unanimous</b>
<b>Against</b>	<b>00</b>
<b>Abstention</b>	<b>00</b>
<b>Not Present</b>	<b>04 (EST, ALG, JPN, TUR)</b>

### **Good Practice Reminder**

The WTD would like to remind all of the good practice when inviting a player from another country to an invitational event you are hosting. All invitations should be sent to the NF Delegate, not to the player himself.

### **Disciplinary Committee**

Since last Congress, we have discovered several cases of frauds, manipulations, or deceptions. We must provide the means to face the situations. The WTD proposes the creation of a Disciplinary committee consisted of 5 members (of 5 different countries).

In case of claims, the WTD appoints 2 or 3 of the members to lead the investigation. The result of these investigations and the recommendations are then submitted to the WTD for the final decision.

### **Vote to accept the WTD Proposal to organise a Disciplinary Committee.**

<b>For</b>	<b>47 – Unanimous</b>
<b>Against</b>	<b>00</b>
<b>Abstention</b>	<b>00</b>
<b>Not Present</b>	<b>04 (EST, ALG, JPN, TUR)</b>

It should be noted that the WTD would be responsible for defining the working procedures of the committee.

Another delegate mentioned that the Code of Conduct should also be reviewed. Eric Ruch indicated that the Code of Conduct review would be part of the Executive Board review process.

## **Tournament Proposals**

Umansky Memorial (RUS)  
ICCF Webserver  
11-15 players  
Cat. XIII+  
Start date: III quarter 2011  
Invitational tournament

RCCA-Gold 2011 (RUS)  
ICCF Webserver  
15-17 players  
Cat. X-XII  
Start date: III quarter 2011  
Invitational tournament

RCCA-Silver 2011 (RUS)  
ICCF Webserver  
15-17 players  
Cat. VII-IX  
Start date: III quarter 2011  
Invitational tournament

RCCA-Bronze 2011 (RUS)  
ICCF Webserver  
15-17 players  
Cat. IV-VI  
Start date: III quarter 2011  
Invitational tournament

RCCA-Pearl-2011 (RUS)  
ICCF Webserver  
15-17 players  
Cat. II+  
Start date: III quarter 2011  
Invitational tournament

I Coppa Latina World  
Played between Latin American Countries: 10 to 14 teams.  
Each team 6 players.  
Played on ICCF server in 10/50  
Start date March 2012  
Congress Notes: France will organise this tournament and since agreement could not be reached on what exactly constitutes eligible countries for this Latin American and European Tournament, Eric Ruch will publish a list of those eligible countries.

Torneio de Mestres - CXEB 42 years

ICCF Websserver

8 players from Brazil and 5 from other countries

Cat.: V to VI or VII

Start date 15.08.2011

Invitational tournament

Congress Notes: There was a question on the start date. TO will clarify.

IV Danube Cup – Paul Darmogray Memorial (CZE)

ICCF Websserver

Invitational Team tournament, intended for the countries which the river Danube flows through or where it creates state frontiers, and for their neighbour countries (invited Federations will nominate their teams)

Start date: 01.02.2012

13-17 teams with 6 players each

Target categories on particular boards:

- Board 1: cat.XI - Elo 2501+

- Board 2: cat.X - Elo 2476+

- Board 3: cat. IX - Elo 2451+

- Board 4: cat. VIII - Elo 2426+

- Board 5: cat. VII - Elo 2401+

- Board 6: cat. VI - Elo 2376+

No start fee.

TO: Josef Mrkvicka (CZE)

TD: IA Karel Glaser (CZE)

IV Slav Cup (CZE)

ICCF Websserver

Invitational Team tournament, intended for all Slav countries – members of ICCF (invited Federations will nominate their teams)

Start date: 15.10.2012

11 teams with 6 players each

Participating countries: BLR, BUL, CRO, CZE, POL, RUS, SLO, SVK, UKR

No start fee.

TO: Josef Mrkvicka (CZE)

TD: IA Karel Glaser (CZE)

Walter Muir Memorial (ICCF-US and CCCA)

ICCF Websserver

Invitational tournament

Section A

15 Players,

Cat. X, (hoping for!) 3 GMs,

Prizes USD 500, 350, 200

**Section B**

15 Players,

Cat. IV,

Prizes USD 200, 150, 100

Start Date: January 2012 (maybe a month or two later, depending on preferences of participants)

Entrants: No more than 4 USA and 2 Canadian players either section, remaining by invitation through NF Reps

Sponsoring NFs: USA and Canada (ICCF-US and CCCA)

TO: Ralph Marconi (CAN)

CCCA-90 (CAN)

ICCF Websserver

Will try for 15

Cat VI - X

Start date: 01.11.2011 (could be pushed back to a later date)

Prize fund : None

TO: Ralph Marconi (CAN)

TD: TBA (To be Announced)

Entrants: No more than 5 Canadian players, remaining players by invitation through NF Reps.

45 Years Slovak CCA-Gold (SVK)

ICCF Websserver

Start date: 2012

13-15 players

Cat.: XI – XIII

TD: IA Karel Glaser (CZE)

TO: Milan Manduch (SVK)

45 Years Slovak CCA-Silver (SVK)

ICCF Websserver

Start date: 2012

13-15 players

Cat.: VIII – X

TD: IA Karel Glaser (CZE)

TO: Milan Manduch (SVK)

Chess 960 Team Tournament (ENG, GER and USA)

ICCF Websserver

Invitational Team tournament open to all NF member of ICCF

4 players per team

Start date: 09.01.2012

No entry fee

Organization:

For ICCF-US Grayling Hill

For BdF Dr. Uwe Staroske

For BFCC Andrew Dearnley  
For SchemingMind Austin Lockwood  
Joint organizer and Tournament Director Hansjürgen Baum (contact address for further information and the entries Hansjürgen Baum - hbaum@kabelbw.de)  
Congress Notes: remove the word "Invitational" and add "Not Rated"

BdF Diamant 3 (GER)  
ICCF Webservice,  
Start date: 03.2012  
15 players,  
Cat. X (Ladies),  
Invitational tournament for Ladies (5 Germany and 10 other NF),  
Prize fund: € 600

BdF Smaragd 3 (GER)  
ICCF Webservice,  
Start date: 03.2012,  
15 players,  
Invitational tournament for Ladies (5 Germany and 10 other NF),  
Prize fund: € 300

Germany Masters (GER)  
ICCF Webservice,  
Start date: 02.2012,  
15 players,  
Cat. VII-IX,  
Invitational tournament (7 Germany, 8 other NF)

Germany Grandmasters (GER)  
ICCF Webservice,  
Start date: 02.2012,  
15 players,  
Cat. XI-XII,  
Invitational tournament (7 Germany, 8 other NF)

Witold Bielecki Memorial (POL)  
ICCF Websserver,  
Invitational tournament (if it's one)  
Section A  
13-15 players,  
Cat. XIV - XVI,  
Section B  
13-15 players,  
Cat. XII - XIV,  
Start dates: 03.01.2012  
Prize fund: To be decided  
TD: To be decided  
TO: Mariusz Wojnar

10 Jahre Schachschule Pirs B (GER)  
Cat. 5 – 7; 13 – 15 players; Start date: 04.2011  
TD: Hans-Jürgen Isigkeit  
ICCF-Server

2010 Congress Notes: An objection was raised on the “legitimacy” of these “Pirs” 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.

2011 Congress Notes: Reprising the role of Bill Murray in Groundhog Day, one (the same) Congress attendee again raised the same objections. Dr. Uwe Staroske provided enough information to satisfy all Congress delegates that this tournament was in the best and legitimate interests of correspondence chess and despite the continued protests of one delegate designee, Congress voiced a show of approval to host the Pirs series of Tournaments.

Further tournament details requested of Dr. Staroske were provided post-Congress and are provided below:

1.

10 Jahre Schachschule Pirs in Deutschland A

ICCF-Webserver

Cat. 15 - 17, 15 -17 players, players who wish to participate should have a rating of 2640+ (Rating List 2011/4).

Start Date: 15.12.2011

Invitational Tournament

2.

10 Jahre Schachschule Pirs in Deutschland B

ICCF-Webserver

Cat. 12-14, 15 -17 players, players who wish to participate should have a rating of 2575+ (Rating List 2011/4).

Start Date: 15.12.2011

Invitational Tournament

3.

10 Jahre Schachschule Pirs in Deutschland C

ICCF-Webserver

Cat. 9-11, 15 -17 players, players who wish to participate should have a rating of 2525+ (Rating List 2011/4)

Start Date: 15.12.2011

Invitational Tournament

Match Witold's Friends - Rest of the World

ICCF Webserver

Open to everybody

Rated

Start date: 01.03.2012

TO: Mariusz Wojnar

Witold Bielecki (28.02.1947 - 05.04.2008)

The chairman of the Polish Correspondence Chess Federation and Polish delegate to ICCF, cc player and official since 1964, IM since 1996 and IA since 1978, member and chairman of several ICCF working groups and committees/ commissions (Tournaments, Tournament Rules, Playing Rules, Appeals).

He performed function as a national team captain many times. He directed hundreds of tournaments, including several editions of World Championship final (from 15 to 23, except of 19).



He laid down main effort as TO and TD for three World Cups (3rd, 6th and 7th) with total amount of 6.222 (sic!) entries.

During ICCF Congress 1998 in Riga (Latvia) he was awarded with "Bertl von Massow" medal in Gold for 15 years meritorious work for ICCF.

He cooperated with "Fernschach" for many years.

Witek left his wife Teresa and his son Robert and all of us unexpectedly in the prime of his life. He was our great chess friend. He put his soul and his spare time into his work for correspondence chess. Always ready to assist you.

Mariusz Wojnar read an extremely heartfelt letter he received from Witold's son in which he expressed appreciation and admiration that ICCF would honour his father in such a profound way.

Two additional tournament proposals were submitted after the WTD was published and are provided here:

#### LIPEAD 40-years Anniversary Open Tournament Tribute to Gustavo Paz y Barriga

Open event organized to celebrate 40 years since LIPEAD started promoting and organizing correspondence chess in Peru.

It will have preliminary groups with 7 players, semi-final and a final event where ICCF titles and norms are possible.

It will be played exclusively on the ICCF web server with a time control of 10/50.

Registration using Web Server facility (not Direct Entry). NF entries also accepted. Multiple entries allowed.

Cost of registration: 15 euro

Players rated above 2300 may also register to the semi-final stage directly at a cost of € 30.

Cash prizes based on number of entries and awarded to the top 3 players in the Final.

Congress Notes: TO is kindly asked to review and reword the registration requirements. If NF entries are "also" accepted, then this implies that DE entries are accepted, as there are only two ways to enter (NF or DE).

#### Gerhard Radosztics Memorial Tournament Open Tournament

Please see Appendix N for Tournament Description.

### **105 Free Games**

The WTD proposed that the decision approved in four previous Congresses whereby each member federation 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 2012 now be renewed.

The World Tournament Director's report and proposals generated three separate voting opportunities:

#### **Vote to accept the 10 Jahre Schachschule Pirs Tournament Proposal**

<b>For</b>	<b>40</b>
<b>Against</b>	<b>01 (SCO)</b>
<b>Abstention</b>	<b>06 (SLO, AUS, MLT, NOR, IRL, ENG)</b>
<b>Not Present</b>	<b>04 (ALG, JPN, TUR, EST)</b>

#### **Vote to accept all other tournament proposals.**

<b>For</b>	<b>47 – Unanimous</b>
<b>Against</b>	<b>00</b>
<b>Abstention</b>	<b>00</b>
<b>Not Present</b>	<b>04 (ALG, JPN, TUR, EST)</b>

#### **Vote to accept the 105 Free Games for each Member Federation for 2012.**

<b>For</b>	<b>47 – Unanimous</b>
<b>Against</b>	<b>00</b>
<b>Abstention</b>	<b>00</b>
<b>Not Present</b>	<b>04 (ALG, JPN, TUR, EST)</b>

## **Title Tournament Commissioner (TTC)**

The Title Tournament Commissioner, Marco Caressa, reported the following World Championship Results:

- In November 2010, Ulrich Stephan (Germany) won the 23th Correspondence Chess World Championship.
- In February 2011, Pertti Lehtikoinen (Finland) won the 20th Correspondence Chess World Championship.
- In May 2011, Marjan Šemrl (Slovenia) won the 24th Correspondence Chess World Championship.

Congratulations to all and Congress was very delighted to have Pertti Lehtikoinen and Marjan Šemrl present to receive their awards in person.

Much of the Title Tournament Commissioner's report is tables with data reporting status of all the title tournaments. These tables may be found in Appendix F.

It was noted that 69 free entries to norm tournaments have gone unused. These free entries are based on total player membership of each Federation and it is a shame that even one free entry goes unused. Delegates are encouraged to nominate eligible players for these free entries.

Marco reported the following:

### **2011 Candidates Tournament**

72 entries (much less than in 2010: 110 entries)

Possible composition:

5 sections x 15 players, or

6 sections x 13 players

### **Ladies Olympiad Final 9**

Entries received so far ENG, ITA, LTU, POL, POR, RUS, SLO, UKR

There seem to have been a communication problem with some NF, and we decided to postpone the start of the tournament beginning of October 2011. The root cause of the problem is that some National Federation delegates are not communicating official ICCF information to their federation and officials and players, either not at all or not in a timely manner. It was suggested that each delegate set up an e-mail "rule" to forward ICCF communications should he or she not wish to be responsible.

Marco finished his report by thanking all the Tournament Directors for their excellent job and the useful collaboration. They are: Duncan Chambers, Carlos Flores Gutiérrez, Karel Glaser, Ian M. Pheby, Juan A. Martello, Gianni Mastrojeni, Michael Millstone, Valery Myakutin, Zdenek Nyvlt, George Pyrich, Giorgio Ruggeri Laderchi, Stanislav Skerlik, and Laurent Tinture.

## **Non-Title Tournament Commissioner (TTC)**

Valer Eugen Demian (CAN) provided the following comments from his report:

I would like to thank the Congress personally for solving the admission rules for Open, Higher and Master class, plus promotions from one class to another at the past Congress 2010. It has been something we all needed for a long time. A clear proof of its direct positive effect is the drastic reduction of problems related to it. This just enforces with real facts my general comments above!

Valer provided tournament status of the Webchess Open Tournaments, World Cup Tournaments, Veteran's World Cup Tournaments, Junior World Cup Tournaments, Champions League, and the Direct Entry 5-Year Anniversary Tournament. All details may be found in Appendix G.

Last year, Valer recommended to the Congress some sort of an official recognition for lifetime work and dedication of our friend George Stibal (AUS). In case my recommendation has not been very clear, I meant to see in Congress being proposed, discussed and voted to award George some sort of post-mortem recognition. Reading last year's minutes did not offer anything except the paragraph copied from my report. I kindly ask the Congress again to consider awarding a medal to George as already explained.

This was discussed in Congress and agreed that the ICCF Jubilee Official's Tournament would be renamed in honour of George Stibal and the Australian proxy holder would communicate this to the Australian Federation.

An additional Congress comment concerning the Champions League rules was pointed out that there is an inconsistency between CL 2 and CL3 with regard to the viewing rules. It was agreed that the viewing rules for Team Captains should be set to zero for future CL tournaments.

After the NTTC report was complete, Eric Ruch notified Congress that Valer-Eugen Demian offered his letter of resignation, effective immediately. One volunteer stepped forward, Andrew Dearnley (ENG) to a unanimous vote of confidence by Congress.

This was followed by a discussion on the proper name of the position (some delegates did not like the word "Non" in the title), but the decision was deferred.

## Postal Tournament Commissioner

The Postal Tournament Commissioner, Gian-Maria Tani (ITA) provided his report. At Antalya Congress, I emphasized that 2009 was a very good year for postal play, with an increase of 34.95% of the players. Now I'm very sorry to inform that 2010 was a very bad year.

For the first time in many years, the number of the players and new tournaments has considerably decreased. In 2010, I started only 11 groups (4 WT/M, 2 WT/H and 5 WT/O, with a total of 93 players), while in 2009 I started 17 groups (5 WT/M; 4 WT/H and 8 WT/O, with a total of 139 players): this means a decrease of 30.21% of the players.

This doesn't mean that postal play is near to die: we are just a bit under the level of 2008, when 13 groups with 103 players were started.

### Countries and Zones

The players of 2010 postal world tournaments came from 16 different countries (while in 2009 the countries number was 24). As usual, most of the players were from Europe (74.19%), but we had a small increase of players from NAPZ (24.73%).

One player (1.08%) came from Latin America yet unfortunately, we had no players from Africa/Asia. The most players came from Germany (37); the second and the third most players came from the USA (16) and Italy (7) (the same as in 2009).

### Jubilee Postal Open Tournament

TD Jaromír Canibal informs us that he is adjudicating the very few still open games of the Final of Jubilee Postal Open Tournament, started on 15.06.2006.

### A Proposal

The large problem for postal tournaments is the too long time that players have to wait before starting their group. A solution could be to change the structure of the tournaments: now we have 11 players in M class and 7 players in H and O class.

We could reduce the number of players to 7 in M class and 4 (with 2 games against each opponent) in H and O class. A good discussion ensued and the proposal put to a vote was to allow 6-players in a master class to play a double round robin with the winner advancing to the WCCC-Preliminary.

A good discussion ensued about the re-organizing of the postal promotional tournaments and the proposal put to a vote was to allow 6-players in a master class to play a double round robin with the winner advancing to the WCCC-Preliminary and 4-players in a higher and open class to play a double round robin.

**Vote to accept the modified proposal for postal players as stated above:**

<b>For</b>	<b>42 – Unanimous</b>
<b>Against</b>	<b>00</b>
<b>Abstention</b>	<b>00</b>
<b>Not Present</b>	<b>09 (CUB, HUN, ALG, JPN, TUR, NCA, PER, GUA, EST)</b>

Tournament Directors As usual, many thanks to “my” Tournament Directors [Jaromír Canibal (CZE, J.P.O.), Rubens Battistini (ITA, WT/M), Bjørn Brobakken (NOR, WT/H) and Thed Klauner (LUX, WT/O)] for their excellent work!

## **Thematic Tournament Office**

Leonardo Madonia (ITA) reported the following:

231 players started a new thematic tournament in 2010, while in 2009 they were 173. One of the reasons for such an increase is surely the introduction of the new series of thematic tournaments; anyway, I can affirm that the interest of ICCF players in thematic tournaments is very high.

The growing trend is continuing in 2011. In the first 5 months of 2011, 146 players begun a new tournament and 30 players have already sent their entry to the groups that will start in autumn and winter.

Therefore, I will again propose 12 themes (5 by post and 7 on the server) for 2012; obviously, entries to the series of themes will continue to be always opened.

This year my office took charge of Chess 960 that was implemented on ICCF webserver. The first official tournament is the Diamond Jubilee 1st Chess 960 World Cup, with very interesting prizes; that will attract many players to this beautiful variant of chess.

In 2012, I'd like to start a continuous series of unrated Chess 960 tournaments with 5 players each and a short time of reflection (10 moves / 20 days).

As usual, I ask all the National Federations to publish the information about 2012 themes and Chess 960 on their websites and magazines.

The Polish Federation asked if Congress would consider another thematic theme for a Rubinstein Variation. There was some concern about the amount of thematic variations offered. If ICCF adds more variations, the number of players in each variation drops. It was agreed that Mariusz Wojnar (POL) will speak to Leonardo about this and Leonardo can be entrusted to make a decision in the best interests of ICCF and all thematic players.

Further information about webserver themes for 2012 may be found in Appendix H.

Further information about postal themes for 2012 may be found in Appendix I.

## **Other Tournament Arrangements**

A review and extended discussion of ICCF's involvement in the organisation of ICCF school tournaments. The ICCF Scottish Delegate Designee providing the history, issues, and suggested ways forward with the school tournaments. The School Tournament Organiser, Andrew Dearnely (ENG) was rarely consulted on any matters during this extended lecture.

After much discussion, it was decided by the ICCF Scottish Delegate Designee that the Dutch Delegate should be in charge of researching future school tournaments and Andrew Dearnley will be available for consult if needed.

## **Calendar of Events**

The calendar of tournament events is updated quarterly and is available for viewing on the website.



## Playing and Tournament Rules Commission

### Playing Rules

Playing Rules Chair, Per Söderberg (SWE), presented his report.

The Commission had a rather quiet year, which seems to indicate stability of the rules has been achieved. One issue was discussed throughout the year:

The Commission was asked to clarify the postal rule 8b). It seems that the present wording, in the team section, could be interpreted that a leave is only needed to inform the Team Captain and not the opponents. Thus, the PRC unanimously proposes to change the part for Team to the following wording. (The individual rule is unchanged.)

Proposal for Playing Rules Postal 8b)

TEAM: Players taking leave must inform in advance their opponents and Team Captain. The Team Captain, in turn, shall inform the Tournament Director.

One delegate opposed the use of the phrase, “in turn” but could not provide a sound, logical, or grammatical justification.

**Vote to accept the revised wording as stated above:**

<b>For</b>	<b>42 – Unanimous</b>
<b>Against</b>	<b>00</b>
<b>Abstention</b>	<b>00</b>
<b>Not Present</b>	<b>09 (NCA, PER, GUA, RUS, GER, CUB, HUN, ALG, JPN, TUR)</b>

The Chair reported no changes in commission membership and he thanked all members of the PRC for their dedicated and cooperative work and input!

## **Tournament Rules**

Playing Rules Chair, Per Söderberg (SWE), presented the Tournament Rules report on behalf of Duncan Chambers, the Tournament Rules Chair.

During 2010–11, the Commission has discussed Tournament rules for Norm Tournaments and the ICCF Champions' League. The draft rules below are offered for discussion and amendment by the Congress. It is proposed that these rules would be inserted into the existing Tournament rules as sections 4 and 5 with subsequent sections being renumbered accordingly. The last two sentences of draft rule 4.5 were added at the suggestion of the ICCF President to enhance the security and fairness of these tournaments following recent evidence of fraudulent entries using the names of inactive Grandmasters.

### 4. Norm Tournaments

4.1 ICCF norm tournaments comprise Master Norm tournaments and Grandmaster Norm tournaments. Organisation of these tournaments is the responsibility of the Title Tournament Commissioner. Tournaments may be played by webserver or by post.

4.2 All sections of this tournament type offer title norms, which are specifically stated in the start list of the respective tournament section. Each section consists of 13 players (12 games for each player, 6 white and 6 black).

4.3 Only those players who meet one of the following qualifications have the right to participate in a Master Norm tournament:

Fixed (based on more than 29 games) rating of at least 2300 on the latest ICCF rating list, or  
Unfixed (based on 12-29 games) rating of at least 2350 on the latest ICCF rating list, or  
FIDE rating of at least 2350 on the latest FIDE rating list, or  
Players who achieved places 1-3 in a National CC championship.

4.4 Only those players who meet one of the following qualifications have the right to participate in a Grandmaster Norm tournament:

Fixed (based on more than 29 games) rating of at least 2450 on the latest ICCF rating list, or  
Unfixed (based on 12-29 games) rating of at least 2500 on the latest ICCF rating list, or  
FIDE rating of at least 2500 on the latest FIDE rating list.

4.5 Holders of the ICCF Grandmaster title or players with a fixed rating of 2600 or above on the latest ICCF rating list may participate in Grandmaster Norm Tournaments free of charge. Such entries coming from a player whose country is a member of ICCF shall be confirmed by the Member Federation Delegate. If the player comes from a country, which is not a member of ICCF, he must prove his identity to the satisfaction of the Title Tournament Commissioner

4.6 Players without the qualifications listed in rules 4.3 and 4.4 may be allowed to participate in norm tournaments at the discretion of the Title Tournament Commissioner if their participation does not lower the tournament category.

4.7 A player may only start one webserver norm tournament in each 6-month cycle (January to June and July to December). A player may only start one postal norm tournament in each calendar year.

## 5. Champions' League

5.1 The Champions' League is a tournament for teams of four players. Players within a team may be of any nationality or mixture of nationalities. Mixed teams of men and women are allowed. Each team must have a designated Team Captain and a name, preferably related to correspondence chess or chess in general.

5.2 Organisation of the Champions' League is the responsibility of the Non-Title Tournaments Commissioner. All sections of the Champions' League are played by webserver. The playing rules in effect are the ICCF Playing Rules for Webserver Team Tournaments except where modified by these Rules.

**5.2** The League is played in seasons lasting approximately 2 years, with promotion and relegation at the end of each season. There are three divisions, A, B and C. Division A comprises one group, while divisions B and C have multiple groups. Each player plays one game against each of the other players on the same board in the same group.

*Tournament Rules Commission will need to renumber in this section.*

5.3 Groups will normally comprise 11 or 13 teams but these numbers may be varied as necessary to accommodate all entered teams. The composition of each division and the numbers of teams to be promoted and relegated will be determined for each season based on the number of entered teams and will be announced as soon as possible after the closing date for entries.

5.4 No player may play for more than one team in a season. Players can transfer from one team to another only at the beginning of each new season.

5.5 New teams can enter the Champions' League at the beginning of any new season. Changes of team name between seasons are allowed.

5.6 A team is allowed to replace players during and between the seasons. The number of replaced players is limited only to the following rule: If all the four players in a team are changed within two seasons, then the team will normally be relegated to a lower division. Exceptions of this rule are possible at the discretion of the Non-Title Tournaments Commissioner.

### **Deferred Topics**

The following topic has not yet been debated by the Commission because of lack of time: development of a good practice guide for tournament organisers. I propose that we should deal with this issue as time permits and present proposals to the 2012 Congress.

**Vote to accept the revised wording as stated above for Master Norm tournaments:**

<b>For</b>	<b>46 – Unanimous</b>
<b>Against</b>	<b>00</b>
<b>Abstention</b>	<b>00</b>
<b>Not Present</b>	<b>05 (RUS, ALG, JPN, TUR, EST)</b>

**Vote to accept the revised wording as stated above for Champions League tournaments:**

<b>For</b>	<b>46 – Unanimous</b>
<b>Against</b>	<b>00</b>
<b>Abstention</b>	<b>00</b>
<b>Not Present</b>	<b>05 (RUS, ALG, JPN, TUR, EST)</b>

The motion for the Champions League revised wording was approved with the following changes:

a. 5.3 – delete “approximately”.

When the wording of Section 5.6 was reviewed, an interesting discussion broke out about the authority of a Team Captain to set the order of his or her team. After some heated and enlightening discussion, it appeared three separate camps emerged on this topic:

The order should be set by rating (top to bottom)

The order should be set by rating, but with some flexibility (plus or minus XXX ELO points, for example).

Part of the strategy of team sports is the ability of the Team Captain to set the order any way he or she wishes.

After some further discussion, a vote was called on the following proposal:

**Vote to accept the order of players for team tournaments may be set by the Team Captain with no restrictions.**

<b>For</b>	<b>37</b>
<b>Against</b>	<b>10 (AUT, BUL, DEN, IND, NED, SLO, ESP, ENG, NOR, IRL)</b>
<b>Abstention</b>	<b>00</b>
<b>Not Present</b>	<b>04 (ALG, JPN, TUR, EST)</b>

Day 3 of Congress was concluded

## Ratings, including Rules Proposals

Rating Commissioner Gerhard Binder (GER) conducted a working group for all those interested delegates prior to his official report as the topic was highly technical and perhaps not everyone wanted to sit through the details. The following was discussed:

Last year's Congress three new rating lists were published, all on time and including the usual PDF-file and Eloquery. No technical problems, no critical cases, only the publishing on iccf.com was slightly delayed sometimes due to communication problems with the webmaster. I hope that the new website concept will allow the Rating Commissioner to upload these things himself.

At previous Congresses, I always had to report strange cases abusing the concept of start ratings. Already in 2010, I checked some variants to avoid such problems and to improve the system. However, I was not able to present a proper solution to the Congress in Kemer. Additional statistical research was necessary to find out what is the best-suited formula for the difference of ratings, which is the base for the evaluation of a game.

Since 2000, we are using the difference in the start ratings of both players, independent from their rating development during the game. This was a logical method to ensure that all games of a tournament were treated equally whenever they were finished. However, with ongoing time the concept was criticized more and more, not only due to the mentioned strange cases. For new players, especially in open tournaments, the start ratings were sometimes too low and damaged the rating of higher rated opponents who often refused therefore to participate in Cups or Jubilee tournaments.

After some simulations and discussing five possible solutions especially with my deputy Mariusz Wojnar, I favoured the idea to use the recent published rating for the player and the higher value of start rating and recent rating for the opponent.

Using newest ratings for the calculation is of course the most accurate method following the theory of Prof. Elo and near to the thinking of the players. It works fine, if a tournament is finished within a short time and is evaluated before the next tournament starts (OTB). In CC we have a totally other situation. The results of a tournament come in over different periods and other tournaments are played simultaneously. This may lead to strange distortion for the players in one tournament, especially if an opponent drops down dramatically due to withdrawals in other events. The current situation is also unjust if the opponent's start rating does not correspond to his real strength and he goes up during the tournament due to good performance. To use the better value (start rating, recent rating) is a good compromise to reduce such injustice. Of course, such a choice for a higher value has hidden dangers for the balance of the system (inflation).

To estimate this danger and to further convince Mariusz and myself (and with a tremendous amount of time!) I made step by step a complete recalculation of all rating lists from 2000/1 (when the start-rating concept was introduced) to 2011/3 using this proposal. This comprised 28 rating lists with all players who finished at least one game during that period (18 443 players). After removing those players who do not have a published rating in 2011/3 13 492 players

remained. Analysing their rating performances convinced me that this way of calculating the rating difference does not produce inflation but, on the contrary, rather compensates the existing deflation. I intend to give at Congress a presentation of this simulation.

Maybe we can have a discussion round of experts about the proposal in Järvenpää. Furthermore, we should clarify the amount of work and time as well as the budget for changing the calculation programs on the webserver. If both leads to a positive judgement I will propose a change of the rules so, that the new strategy will be used from 2012 onwards.

Gerhard's analysis above did generate quite a bit of discussion.

In summary, here were the items discussed and agreed to:

#### Present Situation

Ratings are calculated on the difference between players ratings set at the beginning of the tournament = start rating. The problem addressed is results of tournaments are spread over many rating periods with rating changes by players occurring.

#### Present Situation – Advantages

All games within one tournament are treated equally

The players know the effect on their ratings of any result at the beginning. It doesn't matter when the game is finished.

#### Present Situation – Disadvantages

New ratings are calculated by an increment to the base (last published rating) which is calculated using base-independent values. This leads to distortion.

New players may have a too low start rating which damages the ratings of their opponents.

The system may be abused by playing many games with artificially low start ratings.

We have a significant deflation of average ratings during last 11 years.

#### Proposal

The rating difference is calculated by a new formula. For the player, the rating of the valid rating list at the end of the game is used. For the opponent, the higher value of his last rating and his start rating is used.

### Proposal - Advantages

The mix between base value and calculating the increment will be avoided.

If an opponent's rating goes up during the running time of a game, the player gets a more accurate probability; if an opponent's rating goes dramatically down (normally due to other tournaments), his or her original strength is considered.

### Proposal – Disadvantages

Games in one tournament are treated different; the outcome depends on the time when a game is finished.

### Proposal – Considerations

Possible delay in resigning or accepting draw by players who are staring at their ratings (called DMD).

Possible inflation of average ratings by including a choice for a higher value.

### Proposed Change to Tournament Rule 7.4

When a game is finished, the rating calculation procedure will use a player's rating from the newest rating list for those players with a published rating; otherwise, the start rating is used. However, if a player's current rating is lower than his start rating; the new ratings for his opponents are calculated using the player's start rating.

### Proposed Change to Rating Rules

The expected game result (We) is the percentage expectancy, obtained from item 4, based on the difference between the player's rating and the opponent's rating as defined in Tournament rule 7.4 (Rule number will be revised – this may change). If this difference is greater than 350, it is set to 350 for the evaluation.

A player without a published ICCF rating at the start of the tournament and without an applicable FIDE rating will be regarded as having a start rating equal to the tournament level (see item 11).

R 11 - Assumed start rating for a player without a published rating at the beginning of a tournament.

An additional change to Rule 7.7 will be needed:

Players who do not qualify for a new rating because they have not finished a game during the evaluation period, remain on the active list because (a) they have finished a ratable game during the recent two calendar years, or (b) they are participating in at least one running tournament (rated or unrated). Other players retain their most recent published rating, but are no longer shown in the published list. However, the webserver shows all players with their valid rating.

A proposal addendum was added by the Deputy Rating Commissioner, Mariusz Wojnar (POL) who recommended that the rating rules become part of the Tournament Rules (as an appendix). Also, he suggested that the Norms and Categories chart (always difficult to find) also be included in the Appendix to the Tournament Rules.



**Vote to accept the new Rating Calculation proposal and modifications to the rating rules effective with the first rating period of 2012**

<b>For</b>	<b>40</b>
<b>Against</b>	<b>07 (AUT, BUL, DEN, IND, NED, SLO, ESP)</b>
<b>Abstention</b>	<b>00</b>
<b>Not Present</b>	<b>04 (ALG, JPN, TUR, EST)</b>

## **Other Rules Matters**

### **Other Rules**

As mentioned previously, the Code of Conduct will be reviewed by the Executive Board this year with any suggestions or recommendations provided to the 2012 Congress.

### **Appeals Commission – Playing Rules**

Chair, Ragnar Wikman, provided the following report:

The work of our Commission is getting easier by each passing year – no remaining email tournaments means that the often acrimonious appeal cases involving "lost emails" are rarely landing on our desk any more, except for the occasional ones from postal events where the players have agreed to use email transmission.

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 our working procedure. (This was quoted in its entirety in our report for the 2004 Congress). Only a few server appeals had to be dealt with using the reviewing procedure, and not even one needed the attendance of a full plenary session.

However, the remaining postal events have kept us somewhat busy this year, in particular during the past month, and in December 2010, we needed to hold our only plenary session since last Congress - involving a postal game, which had been played by email...

Finally, I wish to express my sincere thanks to all members of the Commission for your valuable input during the past year.

### **Appeals Commission – Other Rules**

Chair, Alan Rawlings (ENG) provided the following report:

It is my pleasure to tell you that I can repeat last year's report: the Commission has done no work since the last Congress. The absence of cases indicates that ICCF Officials are again performing in a very satisfactory manner.

As far as I am aware, all members of the Commission are again happy to continue in post.

### **Arbitration Committee**

Chair, Richard Hall (ENG) provided the following report:

With one exception, the Committee has had another quiet year. Referrals have been dealt with by me in the spirit of AMICI SUMUS. Informal advice has also been given to the President from time to time.

The major exception is the appeal currently being dealt with against a decision of the Executive Board. It is still sub judice, but I anticipate that the decision will be announced by the start of the Congress in Helsinki.

The Committee (current members myself, Alan Borwell (SCO), Georg Walker (SUI), Ragnar Wikman (FIN) and Fritz Baumbach (GER) remain ready, willing and able to deal with all referrals during the coming year.

### **Arbiters Committee Matters**

Dmitry Lybin, Chair of the Arbiters' Committee (ACO) provided the following report:

During 2011, the ACO considered 3 special applications for IA title from Russia and Ukraine:

- Andriuschenko Nikolay (UKR)
- Zabutov Sergey (RUS)
- Pavlikov Andrey (RUS)

Every candidate has as TD more than 1000 finished games but serves less than 4 years in ICCF events. So recommendation is to fulfil exactly all requirements and then to repeat the application.

The ACO has discussed proposal of Mr. Mariusz Woinar about supplement in ICCF Arbiters Manual:

#### **Tournament Director**

Every ICCF tournament group must have a Tournament Director (TD). The TD is responsible for the smooth running of the tournament group. **TD CAN'T PLAY IN THE TOURNAMENT GROUP WHICH IS DIRECTED BY HIM.**

#### **Alternative Proposal Wording**

Normally, a Tournament Director (TD) or designated backup TD shall not play in a tournament in which he or she is directing.

Opinions of ACO members have divided with pro- and contra- arguments. Therefore, I kindly ask the Congress to discuss and decide the subject.

Congress did discuss this and proposed to add the following to the proposal of the ACO:

Add a warning to the webserver to notify the Tournament Organiser if the Tournament Director (and his or her backup) is also a player.

**Vote to accept the alternative proposal wording and enhance the webserver capability by providing additional notification:**

<b>For</b>	<b>47</b>
<b>Against</b>	<b>00</b>
<b>Abstention</b>	<b>00</b>
<b>Not Present</b>	<b>04 (ALG, JPN, TUR, EST)</b>

## Interzonal Report

The Interzonal Team Tournament (IZTT) Report was presented by Everdinand Knol (RSA).

The IZTT, which were inaugurated by our former president Med Samraoui (ALG), are held every two years as a team championship among the different geographical zones of ICCF and normally start during the month of December of each evenly numbered calendar year. Each team consists of eight players playing a double round robin event against at least four opponents. This makes it possible to qualify for title norms as at least eight games are being played.

### Completed Tournaments

IZTT 1 2000 – Start Date: 01.09.2000

Tournament Organiser  
Med Samraoui of Algeria (IA)

Tournament Director  
IM Carlos Flores Gutiérrez of Spain (IA)

1	Europe A	35½ out of 64
2	Africa/Asia	35
3	Europe B	33
4	Latin America	29½
5	North America/Pacific	27

IZTT 2 2002 – Start Date: 15.09.2002

Tournament Organiser  
IM Med Samraoui of Algeria (IA)

Tournament Director  
SIM Carlos Flores Gutiérrez of Spain (IA)

1	Europe A	44½ out of 64
2	North America/Pacific	34
3	Africa/Asia	31
4	Europe B	30
5	Latin America	20½

IZTT 3 2004 – Start Date: 15.12.2004

Tournament Organiser  
SIM Med Samraoui of Algeria (IA)

Tournament Director  
SIM Carlos Flores Gutiérrez of Spain (IA)

1	North America/Pacific	45½ out of 80
2	Europe A	43½
3	Europe B	42½
4	Africa/Asia	37
5	Latin America	36½
6	Europe C	35

IZTT 4 2006 – Start Date: 15.12.2006

Tournament Organiser  
SIM Everdinand Knol of South Africa

Tournament Director  
SIM Carlos Flores Gutiérrez of Spain (IA)

1	Europe A	49 out of 80
2	Europe C	46½
3	North America/Pacific	44
4	Europe B	42
5	Latin America	31
6	Africa/Asia	27½

IZTT 5 2008 – Start Date: 27.12.2008

Tournament Organiser  
SIM Everdinand Knol of South Africa

Tournament Director  
SIM Carlos Flores Gutiérrez of Spain (IA)

Eight games are still in progress. The results so far are:

1	Europe A	46 out of 80
2	Europe C	46
3	Latin America	40
4	North America/Pacific	35
5	Europe B	34
6	Africa/Asia	31

Results of Ongoing Tournaments

IZTT 6 2010 – Start Date: 27.12.2010

Tournament Organiser  
SIM Everdinand Knol of South Africa

Tournament Director  
SIM Carlos Flores Gutiérrez of Spain (IA)

1	Europe B	8
2	North America/Pacific	7
3	Europe C	5½
4	Europe A	5
5	Africa/Asia	3
6	Latin America	2½

The Way Forward

The IZTT 7 2012 event is planned for next year. Entries will be invited by midyear and must be submitted by the end of November. The tournament will start during December.

Interzonal activities can be expanded by staging an IZTT every year instead of every second year. The concept of smaller and/or larger teams can also be looked into. An event could involve only two or three of the zones instead of all four.

These events can also be held for individuals instead of teams. What about a championship of zonal champions and/or former zonal champions.

Anything can be considered providing it is on a zonal basis. The concept of making title norms available and giving players a wider scope of opportunities should be adhered to. The free entry facility should be continued to assist those who are less fortunate.

Congress Discussion: A long discussion ensued which was dominated by ICCF Scottish Delegate Designee who mentioned that as Tournament Organiser for the Veteran's World Cup IV, he unilaterally offered "free" entries to those individuals who he felt could not pay or were deserving of a free entry. This gesture, no matter how kind, was not authorized by ICCF, and constitutes a misappropriation of ICCF funds. To further exacerbate this situation, the ICCF Scottish Delegate Designee publically chastised the Zone 2, Latin America Director, for encountered similar situation, but paying for the player's entry fee out of his own pocket. Tournament Organisers are reminded they are not authorized to award "free entries" to players based on any needs without the express approval of Congress.

## **Zone 1 – European Report**

Zone 1 Director, Gian-Maria Tani (ITA) provided the following:

### European Team Championships

At the moment, there are just 6 games remaining in the Final of the 7th E.T.C., which started on the 31.12.2008. Three teams (Slovakia, Slovenia and Israel) could, mathematically, still win the Championship, while Italy is waiting for these last results to know where it will finish (from 2nd to 4th).

Only 5 games are still running in the Semi-finals of the 8th E.T.C., which started on the 26.07.2009; Slovenia, Estonia, Croatia, Switzerland, Sweden, Italy, Russia, Slovakia, Belarus and England (as best 4th finisher) are already qualified for the Final, but it will be necessary to wait the end of the remaining games, both in 7th E.T.C. Final and in 8th E.T.C. Semi-finals, to know who will be the other qualifying teams (Romania, Germany, Czech Republic and Poland are hoping...).

The 8th E.T.C. Final will start at the beginning of 2012, to avoid the clash with other important ICCF tournaments.

The Semi-finals of 9th E.T.C. began on 15.07.2011 with 34 teams divided in 3 preliminary groups (TD Karel Glaser -CZE-)

### European Individual Championships

The 7 groups of the Semi-finals of 68th E.I.C. (began on 31.12.2009 on ICCF webserver) are still ongoing.

The Final of 67th E.I.C. began on 01.07.2011 with 15 players (4 GM, 6 SIM and 2 IM). TD of both tournaments is V.I. Myakutin (RUS).

### Harro Otte Memorial

The Final of the Harro Otte Memorial (national team tournament for players with a low ELO) played on ICCF webserver, is quite over. The winning team, with a large advantage on the opponents, is Slovenia. Slovakia, Germany and Czech Republic are fighting for the second and third place.

### Gerhard Radosztics Memorial

The Semi-finals of this postal national team tournament for players with a low ELO, started on the 15.05.2009, and is still ongoing. Approximately 88% of the games are over. England, Spain and Italy are already qualified to the Final. I hope to be able to start the Final at the beginning of 2012.



### Thor Løvholt Memorial

The three Semi-finals of this web-server national team tournament for medium-rated players was started on 09.01.2011. 29 National Federations entered this competition; and a team from Cape Verde was invited to play. The T.D's are Ian M. Pheby (ENG), Andrew Dearnley (ENG) and Karel Glaser (CZE). Many thanks to Neil Limbert (ENG) who perfectly organized this tournament.

### Witold Bielecki Memorial

This national team tournament for players with a low ELO (the second edition of "H. Otte Memorial") was due to start in Spring 2011. However, it wasn't possible due to the need to avoid clashing with the European Postal Cup and ICCF Jubilee Postal Tournament.

I'll propose at ICCF-Europa Meeting in Järvenpää to start this tournament at the beginning of 2012.

### Promotional Tournaments

The European Tournament Director L. Madonia (ITA) informs us that in 2010 he started 11 postal groups (4 "M", 4 "H" and 3 "O") with a total of 93 players, just 2 tournaments and 10 players less than in 2009. In the first 5 months of 2011, 4 postal groups have been started with 28 players.

In 2010 the E.T.O. started 26 promotional webserver tournaments (8 "M", 4 "H" and 14 "O") with a total of 214 players, while in 2009 started tournaments were 27, with 221 players. The first 5 months of 2011 have an excellent trend: 19 webserver groups with 164 players have been started.

### European Postal Cup

92 players from 15 countries entered this postal tournament.

23 teams of 4 players started to play at the beginning of July 2011 in 3 Preliminary Groups (T.D.: M. Hömske -FRA-). I think such a large participation can be considered a great success for postal play in Europe.

### Interzonal 2010

As usual, ICCF-Europa entered three teams in this important tournament, which started on 27.12.2010. The 24 European players come from 24 different countries. Unfortunately, I could not insert any player from 7 other Federations who also sent a candidate player. The European Team Captains are G. Sapundijev (BUL), A. Yeremenko (UKR) and A. de Blois Figueredo (ESP).

### "Rochade 5171 20th Anniversary" Team Tournament

“ICCF-Europa Yellow Team” is fighting for a podium finish, while our “Blue Team” is also having good results.

The Zonal Director gave also a short report about the Meeting of the Delegates of Zone 1 that was held on 0.082011.

#### Financial Matters

The Finance Director, Carlos Flores Gutiérrez, oversaw the 2010 Accounts, which has been checked by the Auditor, George Pyrich. It shows the economic situation of ICCF-Europa to be blossoming and this will be presented to the European Delegates during our yearly meeting.

Finally, I'd like to thank all the friends who are helping me: the Deputy Z.D. S. Ja. Grodzenskij (RUS), the Finance Director C. Flores Gutiérrez (ESP), the European Tournament Director L. Madonia (ITA), the Auditor G. Pyrich (SCO), the President of the Appeal Instance R. Wikman (FIN), the webmaster G. Ruggeri Laderchi (ITA), the Tournament Directors T. Klauner (LUX), V. I. Myakutin (RUS), I. M. Pheby (ENG, who also acts as Team Captain), L. Tinture (FRA), L. Lahdenmäki (FIN), J. Ryška (CZE), M. Hömske (FRA), Andrew Dearnley (ENG) and Karel Glaser (CZE), the Team Captains G. Sapundijev (BUL), A. de Blois Figueredo (ESP), A. Yeremenko (UKR), D. Korže (SLO), the Delegates and the “contact men” of the National Federations: without their valuable help my work would not be possible and the European correspondence chess players couldn't enjoy their hobby:

## Zone 2 – Latin America Report

Zone 2 Director, Carlos Cranbourne (ARG) provided the following:

Correspondence Chess is a discipline deeply rooted in Latin American countries and in spite of the very difficult times we are living, CADAP's traditional events keep the activity alive in ICCF's Zone 2 because Zonal tournaments are still interesting for Latin American chess players.

Organised by CADAP, the 9th Pan-American Team Championship has finished with the deserved triumph of the United States. CADAP will continue the tradition by organizing the 10th edition of this important ICCF Continental Tournament later this year.

Latin American countries have received with much enthusiasm the invitation to participate in the "1st Coppa Latina World" (organized by France). This new event seems to be the natural evolution of the traditional "Coppa Latina America–Europe", another old ICCF event (The last edition organized by CADAP).

CADAP Calendar Events

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Latin American Tournaments Ended 2011

9° Pan-American Team Tournament (1st USA and 2nd Chile)

CADAP XX Zonal Final (Cat. 11)

CADAP XXII Zonal Semi-final Group 3 (Cat. 3)

CADAP XXII Zonal Semi-final Group 4 (Cat. 1)

CADAP XXII Zonal Semi-final Group 5 (Cat. 1)

CADAP XXIII Zonal Semi-final Group 1 (Cat. 1)

CADAP XXIII Zonal Preliminaries - Group 12

CADAP XXIV Zonal Preliminaries - Group 1

CADAP XXIV Zonal Preliminaries - Group 2

CADAP Candidates 2008 - Group 2

CADAP Candidates 2008 - Group 3

CADAP Candidates 2008 - Group 4

CADAP 40 years - group A (Cat. 14)

CADAP 40 years - group B (Cat. 8)

Latin American Tournaments start date 2011

10° Pan-American Team Tournament

CADAP Candidates 2011 (3 groups 17 players)

CADAP XXIII Zonal Preliminaries Zonal (14 groups 7 players)

CADAP XXII Zonal Semi-final (3 groups 15 players)

CADAP XIX Zonal Final (17 players, Cat. 11)

Latin American Tournaments current Tournaments 2011

CADAP XXI Zonal Final (Cat. 6)

CADAP XXIII Zonal Semi-final Group 2 (Cat. 4)

CADAP XXIV Zonal Preliminaries - Group 3

CADAP Candidates 2010 - Group 1

CADAP 40 years - group C (Cat. 8) CADAP 40 years - group C (Cat. 8)

Programmed Latin American Tournaments for the next year 2012

Latin American CADAP 26 Zonal Tournaments (Semi-final Sections)

Start date September 2012

Latin American CADAP 27 Zonal Tournaments (Preliminary Sections)

Start date July 2012

Latin American 2012 Master Norm Tournament

Start date between July & November 2012

Latin American CADAP 20 Zonal Tournament (Final Section)

Start date November 2012

Mr. Cranbourne appealed to Congress for some limited financial assistance for some countries within the Latin America zone. In light of the situation that the ICCF Scottish Delegate Designee, ICCF Honorary President, ICCF Honorary Member, and Veterans World Cup II, III, and IV Tournament Organiser remarked eight times during Congress that he “gave away” free entries without Congress approval, it was decided to proposal the following:

**Proposal: an agreement that each Zonal Directors will be authorized to award up to 20 free entries per year to players of their choosing whom they feel would best deserve a free entry based on their own unique situation. This proposal does not extend this authority to delegates or Tournament Organisers. The 20 free entries for each Zonal Director will be authorized for the remainder of 2011 and thereafter on an annual calendar basis. There will be no carry-over. Unused entries will be lost.**

<b>For</b>	<b>47</b>
<b>Against</b>	<b>00</b>
<b>Abstention</b>	<b>00</b>
<b>Not Present</b>	<b>04 (ALG, JPN, TUR, EST)</b>

### **Zone 3 – North American/Pacific Report**

A NAPZ team is participating in Interzonal 2010, and the 12th North American Invitational CC Championship is planned, as an alternative to an NAPZ championship.

We have not been successful at starting other NAPZ events, but ICCF participation by NAPZ National Federations and countries in our zone include USA, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, Hong Kong, Japan, Mexico, Bermuda, Philippines, and Trinidad & Tobago. Even with additional NFs now using DE, ICCF-US accounts for about 20% of all Direct Entry activity, and is a great source of new members.

#### **USA National Federation Report:**

The ICCF-US support team of Dan Perry, Kristo Miettinen, Bob Rizzo, Franklin Campbell, Ken Reinhart, Jason Bokar, and Keith Rodriguez continues to provide great support to the office of USA National Federation Rep. During this last year, we have started friendly matches with Ukraine, Argentina, Italy, and Czech Republic, as well as continuing matches with Hong Kong and France. The ICCF-US Standing Team for friendly matches has grown to over forty members.

USCCC18 Final has completed 102 of 105 games with a new champion crowned, and USCCC19 started with 77 entries, up from 63 for USCCC18.

ICCF-US has teams in Olympiad 18 and 19, Olympiad 17 Final, and the Olympiad 16 Final.

After the report, Corky announced that he plans to step down after this Congress. He anticipates that Dr. Jason Bokar will be one of the front running nominees for the zonal elections.

## Zone 4 – Africa/Asia Report

Everdinand (Dinand) Knol (RSA), Zonal Director, presented the zone 4 report:

The Zonal Team

The zonal team consists of the following officials:

Zonal Director (ZD):	SIM Everdinand Knol of South Africa.
Deputy Zonal Director (DZD) and Tournament Organiser (TO):	Iain Smuts of South Africa (IA).
Web Master (WM):	SIM Giorgio Ruggeri Laderchi of Italy (IA).
Tournament Director (TD):	GM Mark Noble of New Zealand.

Tournaments

The following tournaments were started during the past year:

The TO for all these events is Iain Smuts (IA):

On 20 February 2011:

The 14th Africa/Asia Zonal Championship Preliminary Sections A to E – TD GM Mark Noble.

The 14th Africa/Asia Zonal Championship Preliminary Sections F to J – TD SIM Everdinand Knol.

The 14th Africa/Asia Zonal Championship Preliminary Sections K to P – TD Iain Smuts (IA).

The following tournaments are still in progress:

The TO and TD for all these events is Iain Smuts (IA):

The 11th Africa/Asia Zonal Championship Semi Final Sections B and C.

The 12th Africa/Asia Zonal Championship Semi Final Sections A to D.

The 13th Africa/Asia Zonal Championship Preliminary Sections A, F, H, J, K and O. This tournament had a total of 585 entries – a new record for our zone!

The following tournaments have been completed during this year:

The TO and TD for all these events is Iain Smuts (IA):

The 10th Africa/Asia Zonal Championship Final.

The 13th Africa/Asia Zonal Championship Preliminary Sections B, C, D, E, G, I, L, M, N and P.

This zone intends to start the following tournaments during the coming year – the format will depend on the amount of entries received. The start dates will depend on the completion of previous cycles:

The 6th Africa Continental Championship.  
The 6th Asia Continental Championship.  
The 1st Afric/Asia Team Championship.  
The 11th Africa/Asia Zonal Championship Final.  
The 12th Africa/Asia Zonal Championship Final.  
The 13th Africa/Asia Zonal Championship Semi Final.

Our zone is currently participating in the 6th Interzonal Team Tournament (IZTT):

The team consists of the following eight players:

Board 1 – GM Mark Noble of New Zealand  
Board 2 – SIM Sergey Simonenko of Turkmenistan  
Board 3 – Ben Bester of South Africa  
Board 4 – Marius Fourie of South Africa  
Board 5 – Pervez Godrez Mandviwala of India  
Board 6 – SIM Pieter Kemp of South Africa  
Board 7 – Alok Saxena of India  
Board 8 – Iain Smuts of South Africa – Team Captain (TC)

#### Achievements

Players from our zone accomplished the following achievements during the past year:

Our zonal TO, Iain Smuts, qualified for the IA title and his medal and certificate were awarded during this congress.

Attila Gürmen of Turkey won the 10th Africa/Asia Zonal Championship – his medal and certificate were awarded during this congress.

#### Appreciations

In conclusion, I thank all the people mentioned in this report as well as everybody else that assisted with the administration and development of CC in our zone. A special word of thanks goes to Iain Smuts for his outstanding work as the zonal TO for the past 5 years and to SIM Giorgio Ruggeri Laderchi, our webmaster, and also to Dr Gian-Maria Tani, the ZD of Europe, for allowing us the beneficiary use of their website.

## Other General Secretarial Proposals

The General Secretary, Michael Millstone (USA) did not have any new proposals, but quickly reviewed two of the proposals implemented since last year.

### Special Leave

The special leave proposal was unanimously passed in 2010 Congress. The anticipated implementation date (fully automated on the webserver) was 01.01.2011. Unfortunately, due to some programming issues and the loss of our Services Director, automation was delayed for approximately one-quarter. Anticipating this might happen, the back-up plan (manual implementation) was implemented and this carried us forward until the webserver could be automated under the original specifications and requirements. In the second quarter of 2011, thanks to the excellent programming efforts of Martin Bennedik, we implemented the special leave process on the webserver. TDs had to make some minor changes to their tournaments and I created and distributed a short tutorial on how to make the changes. Almost all the TDs were extremely responsive, receptive to the changes, and supportive of the need to make centralized and consistent decisions regarding special leave.

From 01.01.2011 through 11.05.2011, during the period of manual implementation, 48 players applied for special leave. Of those, 42 were approved and 6 were denied. Reasons for disapprove were:

- Computer malfunction
- Going abroad for 5 months
- Problems with the placement of computers for analysis
- Duplicate request
- Computer failure (unable to access the Internet or send e-mail (yet sent request for Special Leave with no problem).
- One request required further clarification but the player never responded back.

After automation (mid-May through the writing of this report), we have received 21 request for special leave through the webserver feature and 4 requests were denied. Reasons for disapproval were:

- An ICCF Official requested special leave because of his or her increased workload in preparing for Congress. While I denied the request because it does not fit into the special leave requirements, I am extremely mindful to this situation. Delegates must know that many ICCF Officials are working year-round and their workloads increase greatly in preparation of Congress. Perhaps this might be a discussion point for the delegates to discuss.
- Duplicate request
- One student requested special leave because of school exam sessions (twice).



No discussion or proposed changes to the special leave rules were offered. One delegate requested an analysis of all special leave application reasons, but could not articulate why, other than “it would be nice to have”. One delegate requested that all Tournament Officials be notified of all special leave requests, but when pressed for what he would do with the information, no reason was forthcoming other than it would be nice to know. Both requests were denied.

### **Congress Voting Procedure**

#### Status

After a 56% vote for approval in 2010 Congress, this voting recording scheme was put into place and voting records are now part of the Congress minutes. I received a number of comments from Member Federation delegates after publication of the draft minutes concerning this process and all were positive. Most of the comments mentioned the need to be more attentive (or present) during voting and better understanding the proposal before voting. In several instances, a delegate or proxy voted against a proposal put forth by their own Federation. I believe the intent to provide more transparency into Congress activities, especially for those not represented have been met.

#### Future Improvements

One major improvement I looked into this year was the possible use of electronic voting. Each eligible member would be issued a unique wireless electronic voting device (about the size of a pack of cigarettes). During voting, a delegate need only press a button (yes, no, abstain) and the results would be instantly transmitted to the central computer, results captured in a database for later publication in the minutes, and the results displayed on an election results page. While the technology exists and I considered eight different proposals to my RFP, I could not find a rental price for the equipment and software that was cost-effective for our Congress. I will continue to look to other technology solutions to improve and streamline the voting in Congress.

Since we are still saddled with a manual recording system, I may resort to a polling system for those decisive issues. “Algeria”, “Argentina”, “Australia”, followed by a “yes”, “no”, “abstain” for the voting member, or the sounds of silence (not present). This will allow me to not have to “walk the room” counting votes and afford me the opportunity to capture better and more accurate notes for the minutes. In the case of contentious votes, I resorted to this method in 2011 Congress approximately 5 times, and this provided a quick and accurate count with almost no delay. It was reiterated that in event of abstentions, I would gladly entertain entering into the minutes any reason you wish to provide for not voting on a particular proposal (as long as you provide it to me).

**External Matters**

ICCF President Eric Ruch will attend the FIDE Congress in Poland in October to establish working relationships with FIDE delegates.

## Internal Matters

### Historical Research Committee

The Historical Research Committee produced a comprehensive list of all ICCF Congresses and Presidiums.

Year	Congress			Presidium Meeting		
1951				London	England	1
1952				London	England	2
1953				London	England	3
1954				London	England	4
1955				Amsterdam	Netherlands	5
1956	Amsterdam	Netherlands	1			
1957	Stockholm	Sweden	2			
1958	Stockholm	Sweden	3			
1959	Amsterdam	Netherlands	4			
1960				Leipzig	German Democratic Republic	6
1961	Moscow	USSR	5			
1962				Vienna	Austria	7
1963	Dubrovnik	Yugoslavia	6			
1964				Leningrad	USSR	8
1965	Budapest	Hungary	7			
1966				Prague	Czechoslovakia	9
1967	Krems	Austria	8			
1968				Lugano	Switzerland	10
1969	Brussels	Belgium	9			
1970				Rome	Italy	11
1971	Lugano	Switzerland	10			
1972				Arnhem	Netherlands	12
1973	Warsaw	Poland	11			
1974				Nice	France	13
1975	Bad Mitterndorf	Austria	12			
1976				Bucharest	Romania	14
1977	Landskrona	Sweden	13			
1978				Munich	German Democratic Republic	15
1979	Järvenpää	Finland	14			
1980				Linz	Austria	16
1981	London	England	15			
1982				Paris	France	17
1983	Poznan	Poland	16			
1984				Pula	Yugoslavia	18

1985	Peebles	Scotland	17			
1986				Baden	Switzerland	19
1987	Bloemendaal	Netherlands	18			
1988				Arhus	Denmark	20
1989	Richmond	England	19			
1990				Bad Blankenburg	German Democratic Republic	21
1991	Järvenpää	Finland	20			
1992	Graz	Austria	21			
1993	Gdansk	Poland	22			
1994	Perth	Scotland	23			
1995	Gjøvik	Norway	24			
1996	Bad Neuenahr	Germany	25			
1997	Buenos Aires	Argentina	26			
1998	Riga	Latvia	27			
1999	Thun	Switzerland	28			
2000	Daytona Beach	United States	29			
2001	Rimini	Italy	30			
2002	Seixal	Portugal	31			
2003	Ostrava	Czech Republic	32			
2004	Mumbai	India	33			
2005	Villa La Angostura	Argentina	34			
2006	Dresden	Germany	35			
2007	Benalmádena	Spain	36			
2008	Pleven	Bulgaria	37			
2009	Leeds	England	38			
2010	Antalya	Turkey	39			
2011	Järvenpää	Finland	40			

## **Commissions and Committees**

All ICCF Committees and Commissions Members were reviewed. The present membership along with any changes from 2010 Congress are identified below

### **Playing Rules Commission**

Per Söderberg (SWE), (Chair), 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) (Chair), 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 (CAN)~~, Andrew Dearnley (ENG).

Changes: Valer-Eugen Demian (CAN) has been replaced by Andrew Dearnley (ENG)

### **Rating Rules Commission**

Gerhard Binder (GER), (Chair), 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 Mrkvička (CZE), Ragnar Wikman (FIN), George Pyrich (SCO)~~

Changes: The President' Council has been disbanded. All discussions will now take place in the EB.

### **Marketing Committee**

(To be determined once a Marketing Director is selected)

### **Arbiters Committee (ACO)**

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

Changes: Valer-Eugen Demian (CAN) has been replaced by Andrew Dearnley (ENG)

### **Historical Research Committee (HRC)**

Iván Bottlik (HUN), (Chair), Tim Harding (IRL), Eric Ruch (FRA), Sergey Grodzensky (RUS), Ken MacDonald (CAN)

### **Services Committee (SC)**

Jean-Christophe Chazalatte (FRA) (Chair), Dr. Jason Bokar (USA), Gerhard Binder (GER), Marco Caressa (ITA), J. Franklin Campbell (USA), Andrew Dearnley (ENG), Frank Geider (FRA), Austin Lockwood (ENG), Neil Limbert (ENG), Iain MacKintosh (SCO), Michael Millstone (USA), Clive Murden (AUS), Arjens Oudheusden (NED), , Ian M. Pheby (ENG), Eric Ruch (FRA), Per Söderberg (SWE), Raymond Boger (NOR), Alan P. Borwell (SCO), Ambar Chatterjee (IND).

Changes: Jean-Christophe Chazalatte (FRA) replaces Raymond Boger as Chair, Alan P. Borwell removed, Andrew Dearnley (ENG) added, Neil Limbert (ENG) added, Iain Mackintosh (SCO) added, Michael Millstone (USA) added, Arjen Oudheusden (NED) added, Ian M. Pheby (ENG) added, Ambar Chatterjee (IND) removed, Franklin Campbell (USA) removed.

### **Appeals Committee (Playing Rules)**

Ragnar Wikman (FIN) (Chair), 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), (Chair), Artis Gaujens (LAT), Pablo Salcedo Mederos (CUB), Tim Runting (AUS), Dinand Knol (RSA).

### **Arbitration Committee**

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

Changes: Nol van't Riet (NED) has requested to step down from committee membership.

**Disciplinary Committee**

Frank Geider (FRA) (Chair) will select other members. This is a new committee authorized by Congress for the first time this year.

**Internal Bylaws Working Group**

Eric Ruch (FRA) (Chair), Jean-Christophe Chazalotte (FRA) (Vice-Chair).  
Members will be selected by the Chair.

## Future Meetings

Before the acceptance of any proposals, the Executive Board made the following proposal to Congress:

**Effective with the start of the 2012 Congress, ICCF will raise the contribution of hosting a full-scope Congress from € 1.500 to € 5.000. ICCF will also cover the full cost of the closing banquet. The document “ICCF Congress and Meetings” was distributed to delegates prior to Congress and was discussed and presented as part of his proposal. The document may also be found in Appendix M.**

<b>For</b>	<b>44</b>
<b>Against</b>	<b>00</b>
<b>Abstention</b>	<b>00</b>
<b>Not Present</b>	<b>07 (ALG, JPN, TUR, EST, NCA, PER, GUA)</b>

With the proposal to host the 2012 Congress in Istanbul withdrawn by Turkey, only one offer to host the 2012 Congress was received.

The delegate and Zonal Director from South Africa, Dinand Knol (RSA) shared a proposal to host the 2012 Congress in Rustenberg, South Africa.

## 2012 Congress Proposals

### PROPOSAL BY SACCA TO HOLD THE 2012 ICCF CONGRESS IN SOUTH AFRICA

SACCA hereby proposes to hold the 2012 ICCF Congress in South Africa as detailed below.

When: September/October 2012 Depends on the school holidays.

Where: The Orion Safari Lodge in Rustenburg in the North West Province situated about 130 km West of Pretoria.

Format: Full traditional Congress as set out below:

Draft programme:	Saturday:	Arrival of delegates and registration EB meeting etc Welcome party
	Sunday:	Opening of Congress Cultural programme Opening banquet



Monday:	Congress Ladies programme Match, Blitz, Exhibition or Meeting
Tuesday:	Congress Ladies programme Match, Blitz, Exhibition or Meeting
Wednesday:	Congress Ladies programme Match, Blitz, Exhibition or Meeting
Thursday:	All day excursion Match, Blitz, Exhibition or Meeting
Friday:	All day excursion Closing banquet
Saturday:	Departure of delegates

Please take note of the following points:

Transportation from and to the Johannesburg International Airport will be made available.  
The hotel's rate is 810 SA Rand (about € 85) per person per day and includes the following:  
Accommodation

Breakfast

Lunch

This rate decreases by about 200 SA Rand (about € 21) per person for a second or third person shearing.

A large conference hall with audio and visual equipment for the congress proper as well as two smaller rooms (for meetings etc.) will be available.

Tea/coffee with snacks will be served during every morning and afternoon break.

All the usual support services will be provided.

The event will be handled by Ms. Elise Steenkamp who is a FIDE event organiser.

If enough people are interested, a post congress tour can also be arranged.

Further details about the accommodation may be found at <http://www.oriongroup.co.za/saf-overview.html>

**With no other proposals to host the 2012 Congress, a vote was called:**

<b>For</b>	<b>44</b>
<b>Against</b>	<b>00</b>
<b>Abstention</b>	<b>00</b>
<b>Not Present</b>	<b>07 (ALG, JPN, TUR, EST, NCA, PER, GUA)</b>

The 2012 Congress will be hosted by the South Africa Chess Federation in Rustenburg, South Africa. Specific location is:

Safari Lodge: Donkerhoek Road, Rustenburg Kloof, North West Province.

S 25°41'11.5"  
E 027°11'46.2"

It should also be noted that Zone 1 – Europe has voluntarily offered to contribute an additional 1.500 Euros to the hosts of the 2012 Congress.

### **Other Year Congress Proposals**

Our Polish Delegate provided us with a preliminary proposal for 2016 to celebrate the 90th anniversary of the Polish Chess Federation.

Poland has hosted an ICCF Congress three times previously:

- 1973-Warsaw
- 1983-Poznań
- 1993-Gdańsk

Warsaw is the proposed location for 2016.

Mr. Wojnar also mentioned that if there was no other interest, Poland might also be prepared to host the 2013 Congress as well as 2016.

### **Any Other Matters**

With no other matters being brought forward, ICCF President, Eric Ruch declared Congress adjourned.

## **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 15.10.2011 to the ICCF President and General Secretary and the final version would be available by 30.12.2011, in readiness for formal approval by the 2012 Congress.

In closing the ICCF Congress 2011, the ICCF President, Eric Ruch (FRA) thanked the Finnish Correspondence Chess host Federation and all those who had helped with the Congress to make this Congress most successful. 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.

In declaring the Congress closed, the ICCF President expressed hope that all would meet again in 2012 Congress in South Africa.

/s/  
Eric Ruch  
ICCF President

/s/  
Michael Millstone  
ICCF General Secretary

## Appendix A: Voting Proxy Assignments

Algeria (ALG)	Ali Dikmen as Proxy
Argentina (ARG)	Carlos León Cranbourne as Delegate Designee
Australia (AUS)	Alan P. Borwell as Proxy
Austria (AUT)	Tunc Hamarat as Delegate
Belarus (BLR)	Eric Ruch as Proxy
Belgium (BEL)	Gian-Maria Tani as Proxy
Brazil (BRA)	Carlos León Cranbourne as Proxy
Bulgaria (BUL)	Tunc Hamarat as Proxy
Burkina Faso (BUR)	NO VOTE - FINANCE
Canada (CAN)	Leonard (Corky) Schakel as Proxy
Chile (CHI)	Carlos León Cranbourne as Proxy
Côte d'Ivoire (CIV)	NO VOTE - FINANCE
Croatia (CRO)	Josef Mrkvička as Proxy
Cuba (CUB)	Dr. Fritz Baumbach as Proxy
Czech Republic (CZE)	Josef Mrkvička as Delegate
Denmark (DEN)	Søren Peschardt as Delegate
Ecuador (ECU)	+++
England (ENG)	Andrew Dearnley as Delegate
Estonia (EST)	Mart Tarmak as Delegate Designee
Finland (FIN)	Ragnar Wikman as Delegate
France (FRA)	Eric Ruch as Delegate
Germany (GER)	Dr. Uwe Staroske as Delegate
Ghana (GHA)	NO VOTE - FINANCE
Greece (GRE)	

Guatemala (GUA)	Dr. Guy José Bendaña as Proxy
Hong Kong (HKG)	Everdinand (Dinand) Knol as Proxy
Hungary (HUN)	Dr. Fritz Baumbach as Proxy
Iceland (ISL)	Per Söderberg as Proxy
India (IND)	Tunc Hamarat as Proxy
Ireland (IRL)	Andrew Dearnley as Proxy
Israel (ISR)	Per Söderberg as Proxy
Italy (ITA)	Gianni Mastrojeni as Delegate
Japan (JPN)	Ali Dikmen as Proxy
Latvia (LAT)	Artis Gaujens as Delegate
Lithuania (LTU)	Alfonsas Kupšys as Delegate Designee
Luxembourg (LUX)	Gian-Maria Tani as Proxy
Malta (MLT)	Alan P. Borwell as Proxy
Mexico (MEX)	NO VOTE - FINANCE
Netherlands (NED)	Willem Adrianus (Arjen) Oudheusden as Delegate
New Zealand (NZL)	Leonard (Corky) Schakel as Proxy
Nicaragua (NCA)	Dr. Guy José Bendaña as Delegate
Norway (NOR)	Andrew Dearnley as Proxy
Peru (PER)	Dr. Guy José Bendaña as Proxy
Poland (POL)	Mariusz Wojnar as Delegate
Portugal (POR)	Gian-Maria Tani as Proxy ++
Qatar (QAT)	SUSPENDED
Romania (ROM)	Gianni Mastrojeni as Proxy
Republic of South Africa (RSA)	Everdinand (Dinand) Knol as Delegate

Russia (RUS)	Sergey Yakovlevich Grodzensky as Delegate
Scotland (SCO)	Alan P. Borwell as Delegate Designee
Slovakia (SVK)	Dr. Ján Helbich as Delegate Designee
Slovenia (SLO)	Marjan Šemrl as Delegate
Spain (ESP)	Søren Peschardt as Proxy
Sweden (SWE)	Per Söderberg as Delegate
Switzerland (SUI)	Ulrich Baumgartner as Delegate

Togo (TOG)	NO VOTE - FINANCE
Turkey (TUR)	Ali Dikmen as Delegate
Ukraine (UKR)	Eric Ruch as Proxy
USA (USA)	Leonard (Corky) Schakel as Delegate

++ Has already made election votes via e-mail.

Proxy will not vote for EB elections for Portugal

+++ Ecuador has submitted votes via e-mail.

## Appendix B: Schedule of Proposed Congress Allowances

	Current Scheme			Proposed Revised Scheme		
	(0.04 EUR per KM)	Hotel	Total	(0.06 EUR per KM within own continent or 0.05 EUR outwith own continent)	Hotel	Total
	Travel Return (HEL)	Hotel (92 EUR per night)	Payable	Travel Return (HEL)	Hotel (92 EUR per night)	Payable
<b>Executive Board</b>						
President	152.00 €	828.00 €	980.00 €	228.00 €	828.00 €	1,056.00 €
General Secretary	697.76 €	828.00 €	1,525.76 €	872.20 €	828.00 €	1,700.20 €
Finance Director *	137.60 €	644.00 €	781.60 €	206.40 €	644.00 €	850.40 €
World Tournament Director *	152.00 €	644.00 €	796.00 €	228.00 €	644.00 €	872.00 €
Marketing Director *						
Services Director *						
Zonal Director - Europe	162.40 €	644.00 €	806.40 €	243.60 €	644.00 €	887.60 €
Zonal Director - Latin America	888.00 €	644.00 €	1,532.00 €	1,110.00 €	644.00 €	1,754.00 €
Zonal Director - NAPZ	564.00 €	644.00 €	1,208.00 €	705.00 €	644.00 €	1,349.00 €
Zonal Director - Asia/Africa	768.08 €	644.00 €	1,412.08 €	960.10 €	644.00 €	1,604.10 €
<b>Management Committee</b>						
Title Tournament Commissioner	177.60 €	644.00 €	821.60 €	266.40 €	644.00 €	910.40 €
Non-Title Tournament Commissioner *	600.00 €	644.00 €	1,244.00 €	750.00 €	644.00 €	1,394.00 €
Direct Entry Commissioner *	152.00 €	644.00 €	796.00 €	228.00 €	644.00 €	872.00 €
Webmaster *	1,216.00 €	644.00 €	1,860.00 €	1,520.00 €	644.00 €	2,164.00 €
Qualifications Commissioner	139.20 €	644.00 €	783.20 €	208.80 €	644.00 €	852.80 €
Ratings Commissioner	75.84 €	644.00 €	719.84 €	113.76 €	644.00 €	757.76 €
Rules Commissioner	31.92 €	644.00 €	675.92 €	47.88 €	644.00 €	691.88 €
<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>5,914.40 €</b>	<b>10,028.00 €</b>	<b>15,942.40 €</b>	<b>7,688.14 €</b>	<b>10,028.00 €</b>	<b>17,716.14 €</b>
Less: not attending in 2011 *	2,257.60 €	3,220.00 €	5,477.60 €	2,932.40 €	3,220.00 €	6,152.40 €
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,656.80 €</b>	<b>6,808.00 €</b>	<b>10,464.80 €</b>	<b>4,755.74 €</b>	<b>6,808.00 €</b>	<b>11,563.74 €</b>

## Appendix C: Balance Sheet

Balance Sheet as at 31st December 2010				
	2010 - Euros		2009 - Euros	
	Net Assets	Capital	Net Assets	Capital
<b>Capital</b>				
Accumulated Fund		220,375.59		183,549.78
Appreciation of investments		2,163.78		
Profit & Loss		33,245.94		36,825.81
<b>Sub-Total - Capital</b>		<b>255,785.31</b>		<b>220,375.59</b>
<b>Intangible Assets</b>				
Webserver in Service 2004	81,917.05		81,917.05	
Webserver in Service 2005	19,415.03		19,415.03	
Webserver in Service 2006	12,189.19		12,189.19	
Webserver in Service 2007	5,071.68		5,071.68	
Webserver in Service 2008	4,667.86		4,667.86	
Webserver in Service 2009	4,632.37		4,632.37	
Webserver in Service 2010	8,332.50			
Amortisation Webserver	-123,898.78		-116,920.06	
<b>Sub-Total - Net Intangible Assets</b>	<b>12,326.90</b>		<b>10,973.13</b>	
<b>Fixed Assets</b>				
Hardware Equipment	0.00		3,988.10	
Software Equipment	0.00		1,977.82	
Depreciation of Equipment	0.00		-5,965.91	
<b>Sub-Total - Net Fixed Assets</b>	<b>0.00</b>		<b>0.00</b>	
<b>Investments</b>				
CFS FCP Money Fund	0.00		14,060.05	
Portfolio at Credit Lyonnais	16,223.83		0.00	
<b>Sub-Total - Investments</b>	<b>16,223.83</b>		<b>14,060.05</b>	
<b>Stocks</b>				
Medals	1,511.50		1,094.60	
Prizes	3,493.35		3,910.25	
ICCF Gold	0.00		336.80	
<b>Sub-Total - Stocks</b>	<b>5,004.85</b>		<b>5,341.65</b>	
<b>Receivables</b>				
Member Federations				
ICCF Zones	59,599.67		56,822.61	
Officials	0.00		0.00	
Allowance for Bad Debts	0.00		-2,175.66	
<b>Sub-Total - Receivables</b>	<b>59,599.67</b>		<b>54,646.95</b>	
<b>Liabilities</b>				
Suppliers	-328.06		-1,389.78	
Officials	-433.60		-1,826.22	
Tournament Directors	-736.28		-609.20	
Players	0.00		-228.98	
Prizes	-3,603.70		-2,701.79	
Teams	0.00		0.00	
<b>Sub-Total - Liabilities</b>	<b>-5,101.64</b>		<b>-6,755.96</b>	
<b>Sub-Total - Net Current Assets</b>	<b>59,502.88</b>		<b>47,890.99</b>	
<b>Deferred Revenues</b>		<b>771.71</b>		<b>0.00</b>
<b>Bank Accounts</b>				
Credit Suisse - Current	0.00		49,597.15	
Credit Suisse - Savings	0.00		56,256.66	
Credit Lyonnais - Current	15,343.86		0.00	
Credit Lyonnais - Savings	130,767.25		0.00	
DE PayPal USA	0.00		28,599.20	
DE PayPal FRA	4,242.44		0.00	
RBS Perth Scotland	18,149.86		7,656.76	
<b>Sub-Total - Bank Accounts</b>	<b>168,503.41</b>		<b>142,109.78</b>	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>256,557.02</b>	<b>256,557.02</b>	<b>220,375.59</b>	<b>220,375.59</b>



## Appendix D: Profit and Loss – Income Statement

<b>Profit and Loss Account for the year ended 31st December 2010</b>				
<b>INCOME</b>				
		<b>2010 - Euros</b>	<b>2009 - Euros</b>	
Membership		5,512.50	5,213.66	
World individual candidates		1,347.75	612.50	
World individual semifinal		5,900.51	2,870.49	
World individual preliminary		5,707.63	5,076.55	
World individual 7 player		7,141.87	6,810.91	
World individual 11 player		6,592.48	6,396.82	
Olympiads		0.00	5,287.76	
Thematic		2,381.27	1,630.58	
Master Norm		5,502.71	5,112.08	
Grand Master Norm		2,780.75	2,605.53	
Champions League		0.00	10,863.75	
World Cup		0.00	10,116.72	
Junior World Cup		0.00	350.27	
Veterans World Cup		5,694.04	3,837.76	
4th Webserver Open		4,430.46	0.00	
Rapid Play Tournaments		0.00	178.01	
Blitz Play Tournaments		0.00	201.90	
Fast Money Prize Tournaments		0.00	694.85	
Money Prize Tournaments		3,513.34	3,589.26	
DE Fees Refunded & Other Adj.		-112.46	-47.89	
Invitation Tmts Cat.I-III		274.50	210.16	
Invitation Tmts Cat.IV-VI		2,370.00	1,498.09	
Invitation Tmts Cat.VII-XIII		6,892.50	2,973.94	
Invitation Tmts Cat.XIV+		720.00	0.00	
Invitation Team Tmts.		456.00	526.71	
International Open Tmts		1,392.00	754.43	
National Federation Server Games		8,140.50	8,893.54	
Other Income		0.00	75.04	
Creditors Written Off		228.98	0.00	
Bank Interest		768.75	239.30	
Exchange Differences		0.00	40.19	
		<b>77,636.08</b>	<b>86,612.90</b>	

## Appendix E: Profit and Loss – Expenditure Statement

Profit and Loss Account for the year ended 31st December 2010			
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>			
		<b>2010- Euros</b>	<b>2009 - Euros</b>
Congress - Payment to Organisers		1,500.00	1,347.20
Congress - Other Expenditure		2,659.06	4,662.88
Meetings		2,731.14	4,699.85
Officials		872.24	1,648.16
Congress Allowances		9,013.02	6,939.88
World Tour. Office		1,013.05	469.78
Thematic Tour. Office		82.15	83.70
World Championships		0.00	0.00
World Individual Tour.		0.00	212.14
DE Rebates to NF's		3,601.45	6,384.01
Internet "ICCF.com"		0.00	0.00
Rating Costs		298.17	319.10
Prizes (Incl. MPT's)		2,832.77	2,492.32
Trophies, Medals & Books		1,801.06	1,118.81
ICCF Webserver		7,614.63	7,635.69
Other expenditure		0.00	8.76
Exchange Differences		1,802.41	0.00
Debt Written Off		2,358.46	42.44
Bank Charges		1,070.67	351.49
Depreciation		7,315.52	9,195.23
Allowance for Bad Debts		-2,175.66	2,175.66
		44,390.14	49,787.10
Surplus/Deficit		33,245.94	36,825.81
		<b>77,636.08</b>	<b>86,612.90</b>

## Appendix F: Title Tournament Commissioner Data

### 2. WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

#### 2.1. WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS • PRELIMINARIES

tournts.	sections	Cat.	players	Start date			end date			unfinished	Tournament
			by group	day	month	year	day	month	year	games	Director
WCCC32 PR	002	3	13	20	04	2008	02	12	2010	0	Jaromír Canibal
	007	4	13	30	07	2008	01	12	2010	0	Duncan Chambers
	008	4	13	10	09	2008	22	07	2010	0	
	009	3	13	25	10	2008	22	01	2011	0	
	010	3	13	25	10	2008	21	10	2010	0	
	011	2	13	20	11	2008	15	09	2010	0	
	012	2	13	20	11	2008	13	10	2010	0	
	013	3	13	20	12	2008	28	12	2010	0	
014	3	13	20	12	2008	01	09	2010	0		
WCCC33 PR	001	3	13	20	02	2009	03	02	2011	0	Duncan Chambers
	002	3	13	20	02	2009	30	11	2010	0	
	003	3	13	10	04	2009	05	12	2010	0	
	004	3	13	20	04	2009	02	03	2011	0	
	005	3	13	20	07	2009	17	02	2011	0	
	006	3	13	20	08	2009				1	
	007	3	13	30	08	2009				2	
	008	3	13	05	11	2009	22	05	2011	0	
	009	3	13	30	11	2009	20	04	2011	0	
	010	3	13	10	12	2009				8	
WCCC 34 PR	001	2	13	10	03	2010				10	Duncan Chambers
	002	2	13	10	03	2010				8	
	003	2	13	10	03	2010				6	
	004	2	13	10	03	2010	20	05	2011	0	
	005	2	13	10	03	2010				4	
	006	2	13	10	03	2010				3	
	007	2	13	10	03	2010				10	
	008	2	13	10	03	2010				13	
	009	2	13	10	03	2010				7	
	010	2	13	10	03	2010				10	
	011	2	13	10	03	2010				18	
WCCC 35 PR	001	3	15	10	03	2011				101	Duncan Chambers
	002	3	15	10	03	2011				90	
	003	3	15	10	03	2011				94	
	004	3	15	10	03	2011				91	
	005	3	15	10	03	2011				95	
	006	3	15	10	03	2011				101	
	007	3	15	10	03	2011				82	

	008	3	15	10	03	2011				104	
	009	3	15	10	03	2011				83	
	010	3	15	10	03	2011				90	
	011	3	15	10	03	2011				87	
	012	3	15	10	03	2011				99	
	013	3	15	10	03	2011				87	
	014	3	15	10	03	2011				95	

## 2.2. WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS • SEMIFINALS

tournts.	sections	Cat.	players by group	Start date			end date			unfinished games	Tournament Director		
				day	month	year	day	month	year				
WCCC 29 SF	006	5	13	30	05	2005	09	05	2011	0	C. Flores Gutiérrez		
WCCC 32 SF	002	8	13	20	04	2008	25	08	2010	0	Juan A. Martello		
	003	8	13	10	05	2008	28	09	2010	0			
	006	6	13	30	07	2008	31	03	2011	0			
	007	6	13	30	07	2008	30	11	2010	0			
	009	7	13	25	10	2008	09	11	2010	0			
WCCC 33 SF	011	6	13	25	11	2008	17	03	2011	0	Juan A. Martello		
	001	7	13	20	02	2009	30	01	2011	0			
	002	8	13	20	04	2009				2			
	003	8	13	20	07	2009				1			
	004	8	13	20	07	2009				2			
	005	7	13	30	08	2009				5			
	006	9	13	05	11	2009				4			
	007	8	13	30	11	2009				6			
WCCC 34 SF	008	6	13	10	12	2009				5	Duncan Chambers		
	001	6	13	10	06	2010				50			
	002	8	13	10	06	2010				24		Valery Myakutin	
	003	8	13	10	06	2010				26			
	004	8	13	10	06	2010				26			
	005	8	13	10	06	2010				15			
	006	8	13	10	06	2010				22			
	WCCC 35	007	8	13	10	06	2010					15	Zdeněk Nývlt
		008	8	13	10	06	2010					23	
		009	8	13	10	06	2010					19	
		010	8	13	10	06	2010					31	
		011	8	13	10	06	2010					34	
012		8	13	10	06	2010				30	Marco Caressa		
WCCC 35	001	8	13	10	06	2011				78	Valery Myakutin		
	002	8	13	10	06	2011				78			

SF	003	8	13	10	06	2011				78	
	004	8	13	10	06	2011				78	
	005	8	13	10	06	2011				78	
	006	8	13	10	06	2011				78	
	007	8	13	10	06	2011				78	
	008	8	13	10	06	2011				78	
	009	8	13	10	06	2011				78	Zdeněk Nývlt
	010	8	13	10	06	2011				78	
	011	8	13	10	06	2011				78	
	012	8	13	10	06	2011				78	
	013	8	13	10	06	2011				78	

### 2.3. WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS • CANDIDATES' TOURNAMENTS

tournts	sections	Cat.	players by group	Start date			end date			unfinished games	Tournament Director
				day	month	year	day	month	year		
WCCC 25 CT	004	10	13	30	10	2005	28	02	2011	0	C. Flores Gutiérrez
WCCC 27CT	004	10	13	30	08	2007	25	07	2010	0	Bielecki/Tinture
WCCC 28 CT	002	10	13	30	06	2008	21	12	2010	0	Laurent Tinture
	004	10	13	25	07	2008	17	08	2010	0	
	005	10	13	30	08	2008	13	05	2011	0	
	006	10	13	30	10	2008				2	
	007	10	13	30	10	2008				1	
WCCC 29 CT	001	10	13	25	02	2009				1	Laurent Tinture
	002	10	13	30	04	2009				3	
	003	10	13	20	07	2009				4	
	004	11	13	05	12	2009				6	
WCCC 30 CT	001	11	11	10	09	2010				33	Juan A. Martello
	002	11	11	10	09	2010				36	
	003	11	11	10	09	2010				43	
	004	11	11	10	09	2010				40	
	005	11	11	10	09	2010				43	
	006	11	11	10	09	2010				31	
	007	11	11	10	09	2010				24	
	008	11	11	10	09	2010				35	
	009	11	11	10	09	2010				26	
	010	11	11	10	09	2010				24	

## 2.4. WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS • FINALS

tournts.	sections	Cat.	players	Start date			end date			unfinished	Tournament
			by group	day	month	year	day	month	year	games	Director
WCCC FINAL	020	13	15	25	10	2004	20	02	2011	0	Bielecki/Flores
	023	13	17	31	12	2007				1	Bielecki/Caressa
	024	12	17	10	06	2009				2	Caressa
	025	14	17	10	12	2009				50	C. Flores Gutiérrez
	026	13	17	10	06	2010				69	George Pyrich
	027	14	17	10	06	2011				136	C. Flores Gutiérrez

## 3. LADIES' WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

### 3.1. LADIES' WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS • SEMIFINALS

tournts.	sections	Cat.	players	Start date			end date			unfinished	tournament
			by group	day	month	year	day	month	year	games	director
LWCCC 09 SF	001	8	9	20	04	2008	13	10	2010	0	Gianni Mastrojeni
	002	8	10	20	04	2008	22	07	2010	0	
	003	8	10	20	04	2008	06	10	2010	0	
LWCCC 10 SF	001	8	9	01	03	2011				35	Ian M. Pheby
	002	8	9	01	03	2011				36	
	003	8	9	01	03	2011				33	
	004	8	9	01	03	2011				32	

### 3.2. LADIES' WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS • FINALS

tournts.	sections	Cat.	players	Start date			end date			unfinished	tournament
			by group	day	month	year	day	month	year	games	director
LWCCC FINAL	009	14	11	01	02	2011				55	Ian M. Pheby

## 4. CORRESPONDENCE CHESS OLYMPIADS

## 4.1. CORRESPONDENCE CHESS OLYMPIADS • PRELIMINARIES

tournts.	sections	Cat.	teams	Start date			end date			unfinished	tournament
		1st board	by group	day	month	year	day	month	year	games	director
OLY 16 PR	001	9	11	10	07	2005	26	07	2010	0	Carlos Flores Gutiérrez
	003	9	10	10	07	2005	31	01	2011	0	
OLY 18 PR	001	11	9	10	09	2009				12	Karel Glaser
	002	12	9	10	09	2009				5	Michael Millstone
	003	12	9	10	09	2009				16	Juan A. Martello
	004	11	9	10	09	2009				15	Stanislav Škerlík
	005	11	9	10	09	2009				16	Ian M. Pheby
OLY 19 PR	001	7	8	10	03	2011				223	Carlos Flores Gutiérrez
	002	11	8	10	03	2011				218	
	003	9	8	10	03	2011				224	

## 4.2. CORRESPONDENCE CHESS OLYMPIADS • FINALS

tournts.	sections	Cat.	teams	Start date			end date			unfinished	tournament
		1st board	by group	day	month	year	day	month	year	games	director
OLY FINAL	016	13	13	10	06	2010				256	Carlos Flores Gutiérrez
	017	15	13	10	09	2009				59	

## 5. LADIES' CORRESPONDENCE CHESS OLYMPIADS

## 5.1. LADIES' CORRESPONDENCE CHESS OLYMPIADS • FINALS

tournts.	sections	Cat.	teams	Start date			end date			unfinished	tournament
		1st board	by group	day	month	year	day	month	year	games	director
LOLY FINAL	008	13	11	01	09	2008	11	11	2010	0	Karel Glaser

## 6. GRAND MASTER NORM TOURNAMENTS

## 6.1. WEBSERVER GRAND MASTER NORM TOURNAMENTS

tournts.	sections	Cat.	players	Start date			end date			unfinished	tournament
			by group	day	month	year	day	month	year	games	director
GMN Web	013	10	13	20	07	2008	20	02	2011	0	Michael Millstone
	014	10	13	15	09	2008	15	10	2010	0	
	015	10	13	25	10	2008	06	12	2010	0	
	016	10	13	15	02	2009	20	12	2010	0	
	017	11	13	10	03	2009	07	10	2010	0	
	018	9	13	30	04	2009	19	12	2010	0	
	019	9	13	30	08	2009				1	
	020	10	13	30	10	2009				3	
	021	10	13	10	01	2010				6	
	022	10	13	15	04	2010				13	
	023	10	13	20	07	2010				28	
	024	10	13	10	09	2010				14	
	025	10	13	25	11	2010				48	
	026	10	13	15	01	2011				47	
	027	10	13	20	02	2011				60	
028	10	13	10	04	2011				66		
029	10	13	10	05	2011				67		

## 7. MASTER NORM TOURNAMENTS

## 7.1. POSTAL MASTER NORM TOURNAMENTS

tournts.	sections	Cat.	players	Start date			end date			unfinished	tournament
			by group	day	month	year	day	month	year	games	director
MN Postal	117	4	13	15	02	2005	16	10	2010	0	Carlos Flores Gutiérrez
	120	5	13	25	07	2006				2	
	121	6	13	10	09	2008				2	
	122	5	13	10	12	2009				38	

## 7.3. WEBSERVER MASTER NORM TOURNAMENTS

tournts.	sections	Cat.	players	Start date			end date			unfinished	Tournament
			by group	Day	month	year	day	month	year	games	Director
MN Web	029	5	13	20	04	2008				1	Ian S. Brooks
	034	5	13	20	07	2008	28	09	2010	0	Michael Millstone
	036	5	13	30	10	2008	06	09	2010	0	
	037	5	13	30	10	2008	07	10	2010	0	
	039	5	13	15	12	2008	24	08	2010	0	
	040	5	13	15	12	2008	19	11	2010	0	
	041	5	13	15	02	2009	25	02	2011	0	Giorgio



042	5	13	15	02	2009	01	12	2010	0	Ruggeri Laderchi
043	5	13	05	03	2009	22	11	2010	0	
044	5	13	10	04	2009	28	11	2010	0	
045	4	13	25	04	2009	05	02	2011	0	
046	5	13	05	06	2009	16	04	2011	0	
047	4	13	20	07	2009	01	04	2011	0	
048	4	13	20	07	2009	02	11	2010	0	
049	4	13	20	08	2009				1	
050	4	13	30	10	2009				6	
051	4	13	30	11	2009				2	
052	4	13	30	1	2010				5	
053	4	13	30	1	2010				14	
054	5	13	10	3	2010				7	
055	4	13	10	4	2010				4	
056	3	13	10	5	2010				6	
057	4	13	10	7	2010				9	
058	5	13	20	08	2010				31	
059	5	13	20	08	2010				23	
060	5	13	20	10	2010				29	
061	5	13	20	10	2010				25	
062	5	13	30	11	2010				49	
063	5	13	30	11	2010				49	
064	4	13	10	12	2010				44	
065	4	13	15	01	2011				54	
066	4	13	10	02	2011				65	
067	5	13	25	02	2011				73	
068	4	13	10	04	2011				76	

## 8. NORM TOURNAMENTS TO BE STARTED AFTER JULY 2011

### 8.1. WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP • FINALS

#### WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP 28 • FINAL

Start date 10 June 2012 – To be played on ICCF webserver with the use of “nodes”.

6 players have already earned a qualification for this Final.

### 8.2 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP 2012 • CANDIDATES – SEMIFINALS – PRELIMINARIES

TTC suggest to start these stages at the same dates of 2011 :

Preliminaries : 10 March 2012

Semi-Finals : 10 June 2012

Candidates' tournament : 10 September 2012

### 8.3. ICCF OLYMPIAD • FINAL 18 – PRELIMINARIES 20

Announcement for this event will be published as soon as all qualifications will be known.

### 8.4 ICCF LADIES' OLYMPIAD – FINAL 9

The tournament will consist of a Final only because there were an insufficient number of teams to form Preliminaries - It is planned to start the Final on 1st September 2011

## 9. ENTRIES FOR NORM TOURNAMENTS

### 9.1. MEMBER FEDERATION NOMINATIONS

ICCF Tournament Rules specified new conditions of Member Federation Nominations based on the number of players in particular Member Federations, according to the membership fee statistics for previous year. The following table shows the number of Member Federation Nominations used in the Preliminaries and Semi-finals of the 35th World Correspondence Chess Championship:

#	federations	MFN 2011			#	federations	MFN 2011		
		allowed	used	unused			allowed	used	unused
1	Algeria	2		2	36	Japan	3	1	2
2	Argentina	3	1	2	37	Kazakhstan	0		
3	Australia	3	1	2	38	Kenya	0		
4	Austria	3	1	2	39	Latvia	3	3	
5	Belarus	2	1	1	40	Lithuania	3	3	
6	Belgium	3	2	1	41	Luxemburg	2	2	
7	Brazil	3	3		42	Malta	2	2	
8	Bulgaria	3	2	1	43	Mexico	2		2
9	Burkina Faso	2		2	44	Netherlands	4	2	2
10	Canada	3	2	1	45	New Zealand	2		2
11	Cape Verde	2	2		46	Nicaragua	2		2
12	Chile	2		2	47	Norway	3	3	0
13	Colombia	0			48	Panama	0		
14	Croatia	2		2	49	Peru	2	2	0
15	Cuba	2		2	50	Poland	3	1	2
16	Czech Rep.	3	3		51	Portugal	3	2	1
17	Denmark	3	1	2	52	Qatar	2		2
18	Ecuador	2		2	53	Romania	3	3	
19	England	3	1	2	54	Russia	4	4	
20	Estonia	3	2	1	55	Scotland	3	2	1
21	Finland	3	3		56	Singapore	0		
22	France	3	3		57	Slovakia	3	3	
23	Germany	6	5	1	58	Slovenia	2	2	
24	Ghana	2		2	59	South Africa	2	2	
25	Greece	2		2	60	Spain	3	3	
26	Guatemala	2	1	1	61	Sweden	3		3
27	Hong Kong	2	1	1	62	Switzerland	3	3	
28	Hungary	2		2	63	Togo	2		2
29	Iceland	2	1	1	64	Tunisia	0		
30	India	2		2	65	Turkey	3	3	
31	Indonesia	0			66	Turkmenistan	0		
32	Ireland	2	1	1	67	Ukraine	2	2	
33	Israel	2	1	1	68	Uruguay	0		
34	Italy	4	4		69	USA	5	5	
35	Ivory Coast	2		2	70	Venezuela	0		
					total		159	95	64
					2010		160	91	69

## 9.2. ENTRIES FOR INDIVIDUAL NORM TOURNAMENTS IN 2011

#	Fed.	World Championship				Ladies' WC		Norm		Total	#	Fed.	World Championship				Norm		Total			
		F	CT	SF	PR	F	SF	GMN	MN				F	CT	SF	PR	F	SF		GMN	MN	
1	ALG									36	JPN				1				1			
2	ARG	1		2	2		2			7	37	KAZ										
3	AUS			1	2		1	1	2	7	38	KEN										
4	AUT	1		4	2					7	39	LAT			1	6			7			
5	BLR			3						3	40	LTU			3	8	1	1	14			
6	BEL			4	4			3	1	12	41	LUX			2	1	1	1	5			
7	BRA	2		4	4	1			3	14	42	MLT				2			2			
8	BUL			3	5		1			9	43	MEX										
9	BUR										44	NED	1		4	5		2	1	13		
10	CAN				3				1	4	45	NZL						1		1		
11	CPV				2					2	46	NCA						1		1		
12	CHI	1								1	47	NOR			3	3		1		7		
13	COL										48	PAN										
14	CRO			2	1				1	4	49	PER	1		2			1	1	5		
15	CUB				1					1	50	POL			6	4		3	4	2	19	
16	CZE			5	11	2	1	6	5	30	51	POR			4	1		1			6	
17	DEN			3	5			2		10	52	QAT										
18	ECU				1					1	53	ROU			6	3		2	2	1	14	
19	ENG			6	7		2	1	3	19	54	RUS	2		21	23	3	4	2	13	68	
20	EST			2	3			1		6	55	SCO				2				1	3	
21	FIN			5	1			4	1	11	56	SIN										
22	FRA	1		4	7		1	1	3	17	57	SVK			8	2		4	3	5	22	
23	GER	4		19	32	2	2	10	14	83	58	SLO			3	3			2	2	10	
24	GHA										59	RSA			1	1		1			3	
25	GRE				1					1	60	ESP			3	8		4	1	3	19	
26	GUA				2					2	61	SWE			3	3					6	
27	HKG				1				1	2	62	SUI	1		3	7				2	13	
28	HUN							1		1	63	TOG										
29	ISL			2	2					4	64	TUN										
30	IND										65	TUR			3	6				1	10	
31	INA										66	TKM										
32	IRL			2						2	67	UKR	1		3	1		1		2	8	
33	ISR	1		1	1					3	68	URU										
34	ITA			11	12	1	4	1	6	35	69	USA			7	8			1	2	18	
35	CIV										70	VEN										
total														17		169	210	11	36	52	78	573
2010														17	110	156	143			65	169	541

## 9.2. ENTRIES FOR INDIVIDUAL NORM TOURNAMENTS IN 2011

## 10. REMARKS

In 2010, it was possible to start only one postal section, a WC Semi-final.  
No one in the first half of 2011.

## Appendix G: Non-Title Tournament Status

### Webchess Open Tournaments

Dr. Guido Bresadola is the Central Tournament Leader.

He continues to do an excellent job to keep all four editions under control. You can follow the progress of all these tournaments on the server. The next edition (the 5th one) should start sometimes next year.

### Webchess Open 1st edition

Server final – tournament was finished on January 29, 2011. Winners:

1. Siikaluoma, Auno (FIN, ICCF-ID 460917) 8.0 points – CONGRATULATIONS!
2. SIM Zebre, Peter (SLO, ICCF-ID 480089) 7.5 points (43.5 SB)
3. SIM Raijmaekers, Rene C.H. (NED, ICCF-ID 370177) 7.5 points (42.0 SB)

### Webchess Open 2nd edition

Server final – started June 21st, 2010. In a span of one year we have 73 results and only 5 remaining games. Leaders for the moment are:

- 1-2. Loinjak, Sinisa (CRO, ICCF-ID 900144) 8.0 points – one remaining game.
- 1-2. Pasko, Peter (SVK, ICCF-ID 950321) 8.0 points – all games finished.

### Webchess Open 3rd edition

Server semifinals – less than a year into it we have no finished group out of the total of 9.

### Webchess Open 4th edition

Server preliminaries – our record edition so far has 22 groups finished out of the total of 82. This is the situation roughly after 1 year of play. The majority of new volunteer TDs are doing a very good job, while their mentors are also watching the situation whenever needed.

## WORLD CUPS

Here is a quick overview of all unfinished editions from my last report:

### World Cup 11 – England: Jo Wharrier (NEW Central Tournament Leader)

Valer Eugen Demian reports:

Server final – tournament was finished on February 6, 2011 after roughly 2.5 years. Winners:

1. SIM Moll, Reinhard (GER, ICCF-ID 81204) 8.5 points (47.25 SB) – CONGRATULATIONS!
2. Zautzig, Hubert (GER, ICCF-ID 84961) 8.5 points (46.25 SB)
3. SIM Forslof, Lars (SWE, ICCF-ID 450528) 7.5 points.

Special mention goes to CTL Joe Wharrier for successfully bringing this edition to an end.

### World Cup 12 – Czech Republic: Josef Mrkvicka (Central Tournament Leader)

Zdenek Nyvlt and Valer Eugen Demian report:

Thank you Zdenek for your regular and timely updates!

Postal final – started October 12th, 2009. 92 out of 105 results are in. Leader is SIM Gleichmann, Matthias (GER, ICCF-ID 83154) with 9 points. Non Title Tournaments Commission (NTTC) 3 of 5

World Cup 13 – Austria: Rudolf Hofer (Central Tournament Leader)

Valer Eugen Demian reports:

Server final – there is only 1 game left without any effect on the top3. Winners:

1. SM Moll, Reinhard (GER, ICCF-ID 81204) 9.0 points – CONGRATULATIONS!
2. Kruis, Rob P. (NED, ICCF-ID 371002) 7.0 points
3. SIM Zajontz, Rainer (GER, ICCF-ID 81224) 6.5 points (32.5 SB).

Special mention goes to CTL Rudolf Hofer for organizing this event.

World Cup 14 – Australia: George Stibal (Central Tournament Leader)

Valer Eugen Demian report:

Server final – there are 3 games left, one with direct implications on deciding the winner. The winner will be decided between SIM Mol, Reinhard (GER, ICCF-ID 81204) who has finished all his games and Simakhin, Aleksey (RUS, ICCF-ID 141519) who still has one game left.

World Cup 15 – Slovakia: Jan Helbich (Central Tournament Leader)

Valer Eugen Demian reports:

Server semifinal – one group out of 7 is unfinished and even that one has only one game left. However it might take some time until that game will end and qualifications be decided.

World Cup 16 (post) – Germany: Hartmut Höbel (Central Tournament Leader)

Valer Eugen Demian reports:

Postal semifinals – all 4 groups started more than 1 year ago are still ongoing. The play will continue for a while since a lot of games are still unfinished.

World Cup 17– Spain: Carlos Flores (Central Tournament Leader)

Valer Eugen Demian report:

Server preliminaries – only 2 out of 79 groups are still ongoing; each of the two groups has one game left and none could influence the qualifications. The semifinal stage could start soon.

World Cup 18 – Poland: Mariusz Wojnar (Central Tournament Leader)

ICCF Diamond Jubilee Webserver

In Memory of Witold Bielecki (1947 – 2008)

Valer Eugen Demian report:

Poland has stepped up to the plate after successfully organizing 3 other editions of the World Cup (3rd, 6th and 7th). They have decided to honor Witold's memory with another one of a kind edition. At the time of this report entries are still being accepted with the next report from Mariusz scheduled for mid August.

## VETERAN WORLD CUPS

I would revise the way all headers in this section are organized on the server. Dumping everything under one generic header and having the first edition spelled differently creates a lot of confusion.

ICCF Veterans World Cup 1: Josef Mrkvicka (Tournament Organizer)

Valer Eugen Demian reports:

Server final – there is one game left, while the first place is already decided. Winner:

1. Kruis, Rob P. (NED, ICCF-ID 371002) 8 points – CONGRATULATIONS! Non Title Tournaments Commission (NTTC) 4 of 5

ICCF Veterans World Cup 2: Alan Borwell (Tournament Organizer)

Alan Borwell and Valer Eugen Demian report:

Server preliminaries, semifinals – since my last report all 21 preliminary groups were finished. The 5 semifinal groups started not long ago on June 1st, 2011 as originally planned. Congratulations to Alan and his team for taking extremely good care of this event.

ICCF Veterans World Cup 3: Alan Borwell (Tournament Organizer)

Valer Eugen Demian reports:

Server preliminaries – out of the 28 groups started on September 1st, 2010 three are already finished.

### JUNIOR WORLD CUPS

1st Junior World Cup – ICCF: Markus Homske (Tournament Organizer)

Valer Eugen Demian reports:

Server final – Markus is doing an excellent job running this first final. A little over than 1 year after the start of it there are only 11 games left. Leaders are Schweer, Hendrik (GER, ICCF-ID 85852) and Porcelli, Danny (ITA, ICCF-ID 241259) with 5.5 points each.

One negative aspect of this final is the high number of defaulted games = 9 so far. They have been defaulted by the bottom 3 finalists.

### CHAMPIONS LEAGUE

Our web pages are located here:

<http://tables.iccf.com/email/ChLeague/2007/>

All groups are available for online viewing here:

<http://www.iccf-webchess.com/Tables2.aspx>

Again (this runs as a general theme throughout this report) there were no significant (worth mentioning) incidents so far. This has been by far the smoothest edition since the very beginning of the league.

According to the cycle of 2 years we committed to this season should come to an end and a new season must start by the end of the year. I envision a lot of work available and use this opportunity to make an appeal for help. You can help with adjudications, preliminary setup work, etc. If you wish to help, please do not hesitate to contact me directly.

All groups in all divisions are ongoing. Details for all of them would occupy too much space. My hope is to be able to end the season successfully.

DE5A – Direct Entry 5 Years Anniversary

Tournament Organizer: Jean-Christophe Chazalotte, DE Commissioner

I am sure Jean-Christophe has more details about this tournament in his report. We have managed to defuse a possible conflict situation with the help of Jean-Christophe and George Pyrich not long ago and things have been running smoothly ever since.



## Appendix H: Webserver Thematic Themes

WEBSERVER THEMATIC TOURNAMENTS 2012 Theme N°	Entries not later than...	Start date
1	1.01.2012	15.01.2012
2	15.02.2012	1.03.2012
3	1.04.2012	15.04.2012
4	15.05.2012	1.06.2012
5	1.09.2012	15.09.2012
6	15.10.2012	1.11.2012
7	1.12.2012	15.12.2012

### Themes

1	Amar (70th Death Anniversary) Opening, A00	1. 7183
2	Queen's Indian, E17	1. 4244 7866 2. 3234 3736 3. 7163 2726 4. 7273 3827 5. 6172 6857 6. 5171 5878 7. 4445
3	English, Botvinnik Variation, A25-6	1. 3234 5755 2. 7273 2836 3. 2133 7776 4. 6172 6877 5. 5254 4746 6. 7152
4	Muzio Opening, A45	1. 5254 5755 2. 6264 5564 3. 7163 7775 4. 6124 7574 5. 5171
5	French, MacCutcheon Variation, C12	1. 5254 5756 2. 4244 4745 3. 2133 7866 4. 3175 6824 5. 5455 8786
6	Anti-Benoni, Kasparov's Gambit, A31	1. 4244 7866 2. 3234 3735 3. 7163 3544 4. 6344 5755 5. 4425 4745
7	Sicilian, Scheveningen Variation, B80-9	1. 5254 3735 2. 7163 4746 3. 4244 3544 4. 6344 7866 5. 2133 5756

## Appendix I: Postal Thematic Themes

Theme N°	Entries not later than...	Startdate
1	15.01.2012	1.02.2012
2	1.03.2012	15.03.2012
3	15.04.2012	1.05.2012
4	15.09.2012	1.10.2012
5	15.11.2012	1.12.2012

### Themes:

1	Tubingen Gambit, A00	1. 2133 7866 2. 7274 6674 3. 5254 4746 4. 6152 7466 5. 4244
2	Sicilian, Alapin Variation, B22	1. 5254 3735 2. 3233 4745 3. 5445 4845 4. 4244
3	Elephant Gambit, C40	1. 5254 5755 2. 7163 4745 3. 5445 6846 4. 2133 7866 5. 6152
4	Ruy Lopez – Cordel Defence, C64	1. 5254 5755 2. 7163 2836 3. 6125 6835
5	Winawer Gambit, D10	1. 4244 4745 2. 3234 3736 3. 2133 5755

## Appendix J: Multi-Group Events

### Multi-group events

#### Current situation

The ICCF is running many tournaments which consist of multiple groups. These include tournaments where the groups are started all at the same time (e.g. a world cup), and tournament series where new groups are started when filled (e.g. master class).

Currently the server is running each of these groups as unrelated individual events. There is no formalized notion of a multi-group event yet.

An exception are team events with several boards. Here the server is aware of the connection. There is one parent event, and each board is related to this parent event. The parent event itself has no games associated with it, but is used to collect all the information about the event and the teams. The board events are created when the team event starts.

#### New requirements

There are several new requirements which can only be solved with defining multi-group events: Currently, dummy events are used for announcing multi-group events (e.g. master class) on the new events list. These dummy events are used only for announcements but are never started. Instead, a copy of this event is started.

With automated event registrations, there is no way to associate a registration to a dummy event with the real event. Features such as tracking the status of an event registration, and displaying the number of registered players on the new events list cannot be implemented.

#### Proposal

This is a list of all the proposals related to multi-group events. The list starts with the features required to implement the other features.

Define a new property “MultiGroupEvent” for Events. If true, we can use the existing property “Parent”, which is NULL for the parent event, and points to the parent for the group event.

When creating an event, add a checkbox for multi group event in step 1.

I would suggest that an event cannot be a team event and a multi group event at the same time. While the Olympiad and the Champions League are exceptions, I think the registrations for these events are by teams, and not by players. Such registrations are currently not handled by the server.

When creating a multi-group event, in step 2 the TO should select the number of players per group. I would suggest that all groups should be the same size.

In step 2 the TO should also select if the multi-group event is to start all the groups at the same time, or continually.

The naming convention of the groups can be discussed. It could simply be “group 1”, “group 2” similar to the board events. But we could also have other naming conventions.

When allocating players to a multi-group event, the TO will see a list of all players of all groups. For some events it is possible to have multiple entries of the same player. This could either be generally allowed, or be an option of the event.

It is then possible to track the status of an event registration, and change it accordingly if the player was allocated to the corresponding tournament, and when that tournament was started. These registrations would no longer be shown as pending on the registrations list.

On the new events list, the number of registrations to a tournament can be displayed. This could not include registrations to groups that were already started.

After a multi-group event was started, the event may have to stay on the new events list (e.g. master class), or be removed (e.g. world cup). This can be done automatically, based on the TO's selection in step 2.

On the cross table of a multi-group event, there can now be links to move to the next or previous group (similar to team events, which have links to move to the next and previous boards).

There could be an overview of all groups of a multi-group event, with links to each group, and maybe additional information.

When starting a multi-group event, the players have to be assigned to the groups.

This could be done manually by the TO (requires the feature “drawing screen” to be implemented first).

This could be done automatically by the server. We would need to define how the server was to balance the group (e.g. by country and rating).

If one player has multiple registrations, he cannot be more than once per group. Also the balancing algorithm should try to put him versus different opponents, if possible.

When creating a tournament, the TO currently can create a copy of an event, but he has to know the ID of the event he wants to copy. Instead, the create event screen could now provide for a way to create a new group of a multi-group event. Only multi-group events starting continually should be offered here.

It should be discussed what happens if the number of players is not divisible by the number of players per group.

## Appendix K: ICCF Registration - Draft of New Statutes (French)



### STATUTS DE L'INTERNATIONAL CORRESPONDENCE CHESS FEDERATION

#### Section 1 : statut, principes et objet de l'association

##### Article 1

L'*International Correspondence Chess Federation* (ICCF) est l'organisation mondiale des échecs par correspondance. Elle est indépendante et sans durée limitée. Sa fusion avec une autre organisation et sa dissolution requièrent l'approbation unanime des membres présents ou représentés de l'assemblée générale, dénommée Congrès.

##### Article 2

L'*International Correspondence Chess Federation* (ICCF) est dépourvue de but lucratif et organise une activité sportive purement récréative. Pour cette raison, l'ICCF est membre affiliée de la Fédération Internationale des Echecs (FIDÉ), elle-même membre de l'ARISF (*Association of IOC Recognised International Sports Federations*) regroupant les fédérations sportives internationales reconnues par le Comité International Olympique. Les dirigeants et personnalités concourant à l'activité de l'ICCF sont bénévoles.

##### Article 3

Les échecs par correspondance se définissent comme étant toute partie d'échecs dans laquelle les deux adversaires ne sont pas assis l'un en face de l'autre autour de l'échiquier pour jouer les coups. Les coups sont transmis à distance par tous moyens et le temps est normalement compté en jours par coups.

##### Article 4

1°) Le siège de l'ICCF est fixé en Suisse, au siège de l'association membre *Die Schweizer Fernschachvereinigung* (SFSV) – Association Suisse des Echecs par Correspondance (ASEC) – *Associazione Svizzera Scacchi per Corrispondenza* (ASSC), en vertu d'une convention spéciale annexée aux présents statuts.

2°) Le Congrès est autorisé à créer des bureaux partout dans le monde, en fonctions des intérêts de l'ICCF. Les bureaux sont ouverts en respectant la loi nationale régissant les associations du pays où ils sont créés.

#### Article 5

L'année financière de l'ICCF débute au 1er janvier et se termine au 31 décembre de chaque année. Les comptes sont présentés en Euros, de même que toutes les autres informations à caractère financier, sauf à ce qu'il apparaisse plus favorable de les fournir dans différentes devises.

#### Article 6

1°) Les membres de l'ICCF contribuent à la vie matérielle de celle-ci par le versement d'une cotisation dont le montant est fixé chaque année par le Congrès. Cette cotisation est assise sur une part fixée sur le nombre de joueurs appartenant à la fédération membre et sur une seconde part correspondant aux nombre et à la nature des parties d'échecs jouées par les joueurs appartenant à chaque fédération membre

2°) La première part de la cotisation des membres est calculée par tranche de 100 joueurs appartenant à la fédération nationale, donnant lieu pour chaque tranche, à une contribution d'un montant fixé par le Congrès.

3°) La seconde part de la cotisation des membres correspond à une contribution assise sur un tarif pour chaque tournoi organisé par l'ICCF multiplié par le nombre de joueurs des fédérations membres ayant participé à chacun de ces tournois.

4°) L'ICCF n'impose pas que ce tarif corresponde effectivement au montant du droit de jeu que les fédérations membres exigent de leurs membres pour participer aux tournois de l'ICCF et ne pratique à ce titre aucune ingérence dans la gestion économique et financière des fédérations membres.

5°) En cas d'urgence, notamment de création de tournois avant la réunion d'un Congrès, celui-ci délègue expressément au Conseil d'Administration la faculté de fixer un ou plusieurs nouveaux tarifs, au sens de du 3°) du présent article. Ces tarifs font l'objet d'une ratification au cours du premier Congrès utile.

6°) La seconde part de la cotisation est confirmée par le Congrès chaque année ou modifiée pour les tournois identiques joués dans les années précédentes.

#### Article 7

Les ressources de l'ICCF sont constituées par :

- a) Les cotisations annuelles des membres,
- b) Les subventions publiques, le cas échéant,
- c) Les dons et aides privées que l'association peut recevoir,

- d) Les autres ressources non interdites par les lois et règlements en vigueur ; appartiennent à cette catégorie, les droits de jeux payés à l'ICCF directement par les joueurs, qui peuvent notamment être ressortissants de pays ne disposant pas d'association nationale de jeu d'échecs par correspondance, et en particulier par tout système de paiement en ligne sur l'Internet ; les fédérations membres de l'ICCF peuvent refuser à leurs joueurs l'utilisation de ce système de paiement direct, dont les modalités sont fixées par le règlement intérieur.

### Article 8

Le but de l'ICCF est de promouvoir et de développer l'étude et la pratique des échecs par correspondance à travers le monde. Elle encourage et développe les relations et les coopérations internationales entre les joueurs d'échecs, les amateurs et la Fédération Internationale des Échecs (FIDÉ) en ayant pour objectif l'amélioration des contacts et l'harmonie entre tous les peuples du monde.

### Article 9

1°) L'ICCF édicte les règles applicables au jeu d'échecs par correspondance au niveau international définies au paragraphe 1.2, incluant celles relatives au Championnat du Monde individuel et par équipes. L'ICCF a également pour but de promouvoir et a le pouvoir d'autoriser d'autres tournois par correspondance au niveau international

2°) Conformément à son règlement intérieur et à ses différentes règles de jeu, l'ICCF fournit un classement individuel et décerne les titres aux joueurs par correspondance et aux arbitres internationaux

### Article 11

L'ICCF a son propre logo, sa devise « AMICI SUMUS » (nous sommes amis) et son hymne. Ces éléments ne peuvent être reproduits sans autorisation préalable de l'ICCF.

### Article 12

Les modifications des statuts requièrent un vote de l'assemblée générale, dénommée Congrès, à la majorité des deux tiers des membres présents ou représentés. Pour procéder à des modifications des statuts, l'annonce doit en être publiée au moins quatre semaines avant la tenue du Congrès.

## **Section 2 : acquisition et perte de la qualité de membre**

### Article 13

Les membres de l'ICCF sont les organisations d'échecs par correspondance nationales qui font autorité sur les activités nationales des échecs par correspondance dans leur propres pays, lequel doit être également membre à part entière de la FIDÉ. Une seule fédération par pays est admise.

#### Article 14

Une fédération nationale souhaitant adhérer à l'ICCF doit présenter une demande écrite au Secrétaire Général de l'ICCF qui doit comporter le nombre de ses joueurs adhérents, une copie de ses statuts, constitution et règles et toute autre information demandée par l'ICCF, en particulier au sujet de ses liens avec la fédération d'échecs nationale, membre de la FIDÉ. L'admission en tant que membre de l'ICCF est décidée par le Congrès.

#### Article 15

Chaque pays est désigné dans l'ICCF selon la version adoptée par la FIDÉ du code de 3 lettres de l'*International Standards Organisation* (ISO).

#### Article 16

Les membres de l'ICCF ont le droit de participer au Congrès et de voter, ou de désigner par écrit un mandataire pour voter en leur nom, et de soumettre des propositions au Conseil d'Administration et au Congrès de l'ICCF. Chaque membre a le devoir de nommer un Délégué officiel et d'en informer le Secrétaire Général, pour toutes les affaires de l'ICCF et en particulier la représentation au Congrès. Les fédérations membres ont le droit de participer aux tournois par équipes organisés par l'ICCF et de nommer les joueurs individuels aux tournois selon les règles et les quotas définis par l'ICCF dans son règlement intérieur et ses différents règlements de jeu.

#### Article 17

Les membres reconnaissent et acceptent les présents statuts, ainsi que le règlement intérieur, les différents règlements de jeu et les décisions de l'ICCF. Ils doivent s'acquitter sans délai du paiement de leur cotisation dans la période déterminée par le directeur financier, membre du Conseil d'Administration. La violation de ces devoirs peut entraîner la suspension ou perte de la qualité de membre par le Congrès, sur proposition du Conseil d'Administration.

#### Article 18

1°) Les personnes qui ont œuvré avec mérite en tant que Président peuvent être élues Président Honoraire par une majorité des deux tiers du Congrès.

2°) Les personnes qui ont œuvré avec mérite pour le bien et le développement des échecs par correspondance au plan international peuvent être élus Membres Honoraires par une majorité des deux tiers du Congrès.



3°) Les Présidents et Membres honoraires ont le droit de prendre part à toutes les réunions du Conseil d'Administration et à tous les Congrès en tant qu'observateurs sans droit de vote. De plus, ils doivent être informés de toutes les activités de l'ICCF.

#### Article 19

Le règlement intérieur définit les conditions dans lesquelles des clubs d'échecs par correspondance internationaux peuvent devenir membres affiliés de l'ICCF et définit les droits et devoirs qui s'attachent à cette qualité.

### **Section 3 : le Conseil d'Administration**

#### Article 20

Le Conseil d'Administration comprend :

- a. Le Président
- b. Le Secrétaire Général
- c. Le Directeur Financier
- d. Le Directeur Mondial des Tournois
- e. Le Directeur du Marketing
- f. Le Directeur des Services
- g. Les Directeurs de Zones (pas plus de 4)

#### Article 21

Le président a seul la capacité de représenter l'ICCF à l'égard des tiers dans toutes les activités de la vie civile de l'association, avec faculté de délégation, à un ou plusieurs membres du Conseil d'Administration. En cas d'empêchement, il est remplacé de droit par le Secrétaire Général de l'association.

#### Article 22

1°) Les membres du Conseil d'Administration et l'Auditeur financier, à l'exception des Directeurs de Zone, sont élus par le Congrès tous les quatre ans. Les membres élus prennent leurs fonctions à compter du 1<sup>er</sup> janvier suivant la date du Congrès. Cependant, lorsque des élections intermédiaires s'avèrent nécessaires, elles peuvent être organisées par courriel et les membres élus dans ces conditions prennent leurs fonctions immédiatement.

2°) Le règlement intérieur fixe de manière détaillée les règles de votes et la procédure électorale.

#### Article 23

L'élection des Directeurs de Zones est organisée à l'intérieur de chaque zone.

#### Article 24

Le mandat de tous les membres du Conseil d'Administration prend fin au 31 décembre de la période de 4 ans.

#### **Section 4 : le Congrès**

##### Article 25

Le Congrès est la plus haute autorité de l'ICCF et exerce le pouvoir législatif. Il approuve le budget de l'ICCF, élit le conseil d'administration et l'Auditeur financier, détermine les structures de l'ICCF. Il supervise les activités déléguées au conseil d'administration et aux responsables de l'ICCF.

##### Article 26

Les membres votants du Congrès sont les Délégués officiels des fédérations membres.

##### Article 27

Aucun quorum n'est requis pour la tenue du Congrès.

##### Article 28

Si une fédération membre ne peut être représentée au Congrès par son Délégué, elle peut exercer son droit de vote de la manière suivante :

- a) par un Délégué suppléant membre de la même fédération ayant une autorisation écrite de la fédération concernée.
- b) par une déclaration écrite indiquant clairement ses intentions de vote.
- c) en donnant procuration écrite à un autre délégué ayant droit de vote ou à un Membre Honoraire ou Président Honoraire.

Les Délégués suppléants remplissant les conditions de l'alinéa a) ci-dessus sont éligibles pour recevoir des mandats d'autres fédérations membres.

Néanmoins, personne ne peut disposer de plus de 3 votes au total.

##### Article 29

Le Congrès doit se réunir au moins une fois tous les deux ans. L'organisation du Congrès doit être décidé par le Congrès précédent, ou à défaut par le Président.

##### Article 30

Les invitations, l'ordre du jour et les notices du Congrès doivent être envoyés par le conseil d'administration, avec l'invitation et les informations de la fédération hôte, au moins quatre mois avant la tenue du Congrès. Les propositions relatives à l'ordre du jour du Congrès doivent être reçues par le Secrétaire Général, ou le responsable de l'ICCF en charge de la question, au moins un mois avant le début du Congrès.

Le Président a la faculté d'annuler ou de réorganiser une réunion du Congrès en cas de circonstances exceptionnelles.

### Article 31

Une réunion extraordinaire du Congrès peut être convoquée par le conseil d'administration sur la demande d'une majorité des membres de l'ICCF ou de deux tiers des membres du conseil d'administration. La réunion du Congrès est organisée dans les trois mois suivant la date de réception d'une telle demande.

### Article 32

La demande d'une réunion extraordinaire du Congrès doit préciser le lieu, l'objet et l'ordre du jour de la réunion. Le conseil d'administration prendra les mesures nécessaires et fournira les détails de l'organisation à toutes les organisations membres au moins un mois avant la tenue de la réunion extraordinaire.

## **Section 5 : l'Auditeur financier**

### Article 33

L'Auditeur est responsable devant le Congrès de la vérification des comptes et des rapports financiers qui lui sont fournis ou qu'il réclame, selon les règles de l'ICCF et les bonnes pratiques de la comptabilité. Il doit fournir un rapport au Congrès.

## **Section 6 : les Comités d'Appels**

### Article 34

Trois Comités d'Appel sont institués au sein de l'ICCF :

- Comité d'Appel (Règles du jeu),
- Comité d'Appel (Autres règles),
- Comité d'Arbitrage

### Article 35

Le Comité d'Appel (Règles du jeu) est compétent exclusivement dans les affaires relatives aux règles du jeu de l'ICCF.

### Article 36

Le Comité d'Appel (Autres règles) est compétent exclusivement dans les affaires relatives aux règlements des tournois de l'ICCF ainsi que de tous autres règlements en rapport avec le jeu d'échecs par correspondance à l'ICCF.

### Article 37

Le Comité d'Arbitrage est compétent pour les litiges de nature plus large, tels que les litiges liés au comportement des dirigeants et officiels, des responsables de tournois, des fédérations membres ou des joueurs individuels.

#### Article 38

Les Comités d'appel de l'ICCF sont complémentaires et ne peuvent être considérés comme des échelons hiérarchiques pour des appels successifs.

#### Article 39

Les Présidents des Comités d'Appels sont nommés par le Conseil d'Administration. Ces nominations doivent être approuvées par le Congrès.

#### Article 40

Le travail des Comités d'Appels de l'ICCF est soumis à des procédures opérationnelles. Les joueurs, capitaines d'équipe, fédérations membres ou responsables doivent soumettre leur appel au Président du Comité d'Appel compétent.

#### Article 41

Les décisions des Comités d'Appel de l'ICCF sont sans recours.

### **Section 7 : Règlement intérieur**

#### Article 42

Le Congrès adopte un règlement intérieur ayant pour objet de préciser et compléter les règles de fonctionnement interne de l'ICCF. Il pourra comprendre également les règles de jeu et de tournois de l'ICCF.

### **Section 7 : Dispositions finales**

#### Article 43

Les présents statuts ont été adoptés par le congrès 2011 de l'ICCF à la majorité des deux tiers des membres présents ou représentés à Järvenpää (Finlande) et abrogent les statuts précédents dans leur version modifiée pour la dernière fois en octobre 2010 à Antalya (Turquie).

Tout problème d'interprétation des présents statuts se règlera sur sa version française, à raison de la nationalité suisse de l'association *International Correspondence Chess Federation* (ICCF).

Fait à Järvenpää (Finlande), le

## Appendix L: ICCF Registration - Draft of New Statutes (English)



### STATUTES OF THE INTERNATIONAL CORRESPONDENCE CHESS FEDERATION

#### Section 1: Status, Principles and Purpose of the Association

##### Article 1

The *International Correspondence Chess Federation* (ICCF) is the Worldwide Organization for Correspondence Chess. It is independent and has an unlimited duration. Its merger with another organization and its dissolution require the unanimous approval of members present or represented at the general assembly, called the Congress.

##### Article 2

The *International Correspondence Chess Federation* (ICCF) is a non-profit federation organizing a purely recreational sports activity. For this reason, ICCF is an affiliate member of the World Chess Federation (FIDE), itself a member of ARISF (*Association of IOC Recognised International Sports Federations*) which gathers together international sports federations recognized by the International Olympic Committee. All ICCF officials work on an honorary basis.

##### Article 3

Correspondence chess is defined as any chess game in which both opponents are not sitting opposite one another around a chessboard to make their moves. The moves are transmitted remotely by various means and the time is usually counted in days per move.

##### Article 4

1) ICCF's headquarters is established in Switzerland, at the headquarters of the member association *Die Schweizer Fernschachvereinigung* (SFSV) – Association Suisse des Echecs par Correspondance (ASEC) – *Associazione Svizzera Scacchi per Corrispondenza* (ASSC), by virtue of a special agreement attached as an appendix to these Statutes.

2) The Congress is authorized to establish offices anywhere in the world, according to ICCF interests. The offices are opened in accordance with the national laws governing associations in the country in which they are created.

#### Article 5

ICCF's fiscal year begins January 1<sup>st</sup> and ends December 31<sup>st</sup> of each year. The accounts are presented in Euros, as well as all other information of a financial nature, except when it appears more favourable to provide it other currencies.

#### Article 6

1) Members of ICCF contribute to the material life of the organization by paying a membership fee which is set annually by the Congress. This membership fee is comprised of a fixed part based on the number of players belonging to the member federation and a second part corresponding to the number and nature of the chess games played by the players belonging to each member federation.

2) The first part of the membership fee is calculated per 100 players belonging to the national federation, giving rise, for each portion thereof, to a contribution in an amount set by the Congress.

3) The second part of the membership fee is a contribution levied against a rate for each tournament organized by ICCF multiplied by the number of players from the member federations who participated in each of these tournaments.

4) ICCF does not require that this rate effectively match the amount of the playing fees that the federations may require from their members to participate in ICCF tournaments and as such does not interfere in the economic and financial management of member federations.

5) In an emergency, particularly the creation of tournaments before the meeting of the Congress, the Executive Board is expressly delegated with the ability to set one or more new rates, as defined in paragraph 3) of this article. These rates are subject to ratification at the next Congress which takes place.

6) The second part of the membership fee is confirmed by the Congress each year, or modified for the same tournaments played in previous years.

#### Article 7

ICCF resources are comprised of:

- a) Annual membership fees,
- b) Government grants, if any,
- c) Donations and private assistance that the association may receive,

- d) Other resources not prohibited by laws and regulations; belonging to this category, game fees paid directly to ICCF by players, which may include citizens of countries with no national correspondence chess association, and especially any type of online payment system on the Internet; member federations of the ICCF may refuse to allow their players to use this direct payment system, in accordance with the rules established by the internal bylaws.

### Article 8

ICCF's purpose is to promote and develop the study and practice of correspondence chess throughout the world. It encourages and develops relationships and cooperation between international chess players, enthusiasts and the World Chess Federation (FIDE) with the objective of improving contact and harmony among all peoples of the world.

### Article 9

1) ICCF enacts the rules for correspondence chess at the international level as defined in article 3, including those relating to the individual and team World Championships. ICCF's purpose is also to promote and to be able to authorize other tournaments by correspondence at the international level

2) In accordance with its internal bylaws and its various playing rules, ICCF provides individual rankings and confers titles on correspondence players and on international arbiters.

### Article 10

ICCF is a democratic association and does not discriminate based on race, skin colour, sex, language, religion, political or other opinions, national or social origin, property, birth origin or any other status. ICCF observes strict neutrality with respect to the internal affairs of member federations and affiliated organizations.

### Article 11

The ICCF has its own logo, its own motto "AMICI SUMUS" (we are friends) and its own anthem. These materials may only be reproduced with ICCF's prior authorization.

### Article 12

Amendments to the statutes require a vote of the general assembly, called the Congress, and a majority of two thirds of the members present or represented. To make changes to the statutes, the announcement must be published at least four weeks before the Congress is held.

## **Section 2: Acquisition and Loss of Membership**

### Article 13

ICCF members are national correspondence chess organizations who are the authorities on national correspondence chess activities in their own countries, and must also be full members of FIDE. Only one federation per country is allowed.

### Article 14

A national federation wishing to join ICCF must submit a written request to the ICCF General Secretary, which must include the numbers for its player members, a copy of its statutes, constitution and rules and any other information requested by ICCF, especially regarding its relationship with the national chess Federation, which is the FIDE member. Admission as an ICCF member is decided by the Congress.

### Article 15

Each country is designated by ICCF according to the version adopted by the FIDE using the 3 letter code of the *International Standards Organization* (ISO).

### Article 16

ICCF Members have the right to participate and vote at the Congress, or to appoint a proxy in writing to vote on their behalf, and to submit proposals to the Executive Board and to the ICCF Congress. Each member has the duty to appoint an Official Delegate and to inform the General Secretary of this, for all ICCF business and especially for representation at the Congress. Member federations have the right to participate in team tournaments organized by ICCF and to name individual players for tournaments according to the rules and quotas set by ICCF in its internal bylaws and the various rules of play.

### Article 17

The members acknowledge and accept these Statutes, as well as the bylaws, the various rules of play and ICCF decisions. They must pay their membership fees without delay during the time period set out for this by the Finance Director, member of the Executive Board. The violation of these duties can lead to suspension or loss of membership by the Congress, as proposed by the Executive Board.

### Article 18

- 1) People who have served with distinction as President may be elected Honorary President by a two thirds majority of the Congress.
- 2) People who have served with distinction for the benefit and development of correspondence chess at the international level may be elected Honorary Members by a two thirds majority of the Congress.



3) Honorary Presidents and Members have the right to take part in all meetings of the Executive Board and all of the Congresses as observers without voting rights. In addition, they must be informed of all ICCF activities.

#### Article 19

The internal bylaws define the conditions under which international correspondence chess clubs can become affiliated members of ICCF and define the rights and duties attaching to that status.

### **Section 3: Executive Board**

#### Article 20

The Executive Board includes:

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

#### Article 21

The president alone has the ability to represent ICCF with respect to third parties in all activities of civil life of the association, with the power to delegate, to one or more members of the Executive Board. In his absence, he is replaced legally by the General Secretary of the association.

#### Article 22

1) The members of the Executive Board and the Financial Auditor, with the exception of the Zonal Directors, are elected by the Congress every four years. The elected members take office from the January 1<sup>st</sup> following the date of the Congress. However, when intermediary elections are required, they can be organized by email and the members elected under these conditions take office immediately.

2) The internal bylaws set out the rules of voting and the electoral process in detail.

#### Article 23

The election of the Zonal Directors is organized within each zone.

#### Article 24

The term of office for all members of the Board ends on December 31<sup>st</sup> at the end of the 4 year period.

#### **Section 4 : The Congress**

##### Article 25

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.

##### Article 26

Voting Members of the Congress are the official delegates of Member organizations.

##### Article 27

No quorum is necessary for meetings of the Congress.

##### Article 28

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

(a) through a substitute delegate from the same organization, having written authority from the organization 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.

##### Article 29

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.

##### Article 30

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.

#### Article 31

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.

#### Article 32

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 organizations at least one month in advance of the date of the meeting.

### **Section 5: The Financial Auditor**

#### Article 33

The Auditor is responsible to the Congress for the auditing of the accounts and the financial reports provided to him or that he prepares, according to ICCF rules and best practices in accounting. He must provide a report to the Congress.

### **Section 6: The Appeals Committees**

#### Article 34

There are three Appeals Committees established within ICCF:

- Appeals Committee (Playing Rules)
- Appeals Committee (Other Rules)
- Arbitration Commission

#### Article 35

The Appeals Committee (Playing Rules) has jurisdiction only in cases relating to the ICCF playing rules.

#### Article 36

The Appeals Committee (Other rules) has jurisdiction only in cases involving the ICCF tournament regulations and any other regulations relating to correspondence chess with the ICCF.

### Article 37

The Arbitration Commission has jurisdiction over disputes of a broader nature, such as disputes related to the behavior of leaders and officials, tournament officials, member federations or individual players.

### Article 38

The ICCF Appeal Committees are complementary and cannot be considered as hierarchical levels for successive appeals.

### Article 39

The Chairmen of the Appeals Committee are nominated by the Executive Board. These nominations must be approved by the Congress.

### Article 40

The work of the ICCF Appeals Committees is subject to operational procedures. Players, team captains, member federations or officials must submit their appeal to the chairman of the relevant Appeals Committee.

### Article 41

Decisions of the ICCF Appeals Committee are without recourse.

## **Section 7: Internal Bylaws**

### Article 42

The Congress adopts bylaws whose purpose it is to clarify and supplement the ICCF internal operating rules. They may also include the ICCF playing and tournament rules.

## **Section 8: Final Provisions**

### Article 43

The present statutes have been passed by a majority of two thirds of the members present or represented at the 2011 Congress in Järvenpää (Finland) and repeal the former statutes in their version modified for the last time at the 2010 Congress in Antalya (Turkey).

If there are any discrepancies in the interpretation of these Statutes, the French version will prevail, due to the Swiss nationality of the *International Correspondence Chess Federation (ICCF)*.

## Appendix M: ICCF Congress and Meetings

### 1. Ordinary meeting of Congress

Annual meeting of Congress or Ordinary meetings can be organized following two options:

- Full scope
- Reduced scope

#### 1.1. Full Scope Congress

##### 1.1.1. Responsibilities of Host Federation for Organising a full scope ICCF Congress

###### 1.1.1.1. Essential

- To provide a main venue for the Congress in a good quality but reasonably priced hotel in an attractive location, with options of lower priced accommodations and restaurants in the surrounding area. The Congress hotel should have a suitably sized main meeting room and another ancillary meeting room(s) for use as an office and for smaller meetings of up to 12 persons (e.g. for Management Committee members, etc.).
- To provide invitation and reservation documents (and visa advice as necessary).
- To provide for Host Federation Opening banquet
- To provide lapel badges and place name cards for each delegate and official.
- To arrange for the availability of Internet access, video projector, printer, paper, other audio and visual materials, and photocopying machine for use during Congress.
- To provide facilities, score sheets, and equipment for the traditional ICCF blitz tournament.
- To provide beverages and snacks for breaks and the Blitz tournament and to obtain advance menus for ICCF Closing Banquet and make arrangements in consultation with ICCF President and Finance Director.

###### 1.1.1.2. Optional

- To provide a full day excursion to a place or area(s) of local interest. If the budget permits, this should include a small lunch or, otherwise, a stop near to reasonably priced eating facilities.
- To arrange at least one chess event (in addition to the traditional ICCF blitz tournament).
- To provide a small welcoming reception on the Saturday evening
- To provide some traditional or other entertainment following the Opening Ceremony, during the Opening Banquet and the Closing Banquet.

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

### **1.1.2. Responsibilities of ICCF for Organising a Full Scope Congress**

- To issue the invitation letters, information sheets and reservation forms to all delegates/officials.
- To issue all reports and documentation for consideration prior to and during the Congress.
- To be responsible for the costs of printing and copying material during the Congress.
- To be responsible for the costs of the Closing Banquet.
- To distribute the draft Minutes etc. to all delegates/officials, either at the close of the Congress or subsequently.
- To provide guidance to Host Federations about Congress requirements and arrangements.
- To provide for reimbursement towards expenses incurred by EB/MC members, as provided in Section 3.

### **1.1.3. Specimen of full scope ICCF Congress Schedule**

Saturday	Arrival and registration of delegates/officials
Saturday PM	Meeting of ICCF Executive Board / Management Committee
Saturday evening	<i>Short welcoming reception (drink/ aperitif)</i>
Sunday 10 AM	Opening Ceremony (+ <i>short traditional entertainment</i> )
Sunday AM	Opening of Congress Meetings
Sunday PM	Committee Meetings
Sunday evening	Opening banquet (+ <i>traditional entertainment</i> )
Monday AM/PM	Congress Meetings
Monday evening	Chess match/event, local event or free
Tuesday AM/PM	Congress Meetings
Tuesday evening	Chess match/event, local event or free
Wednesday AM	Congress Meetings
Wednesday/PM	Congress Meetings or Local sightseeing, preparation of minutes, or free
Wednesday evening	ICCF Blitz Tournament
Thursday AM/PM	<i>Full day excursion (with small lunch if budget permits)</i>
Friday AM/PM	<i>Full day excursion (optional, at cost of participants), or free time</i>
Friday evening	Closing ICCF Banquet
Saturday etc.**	Departure of delegates / special or private excursions etc.

*optional by host federation (in italics)*

#### **1.1.4. ICCF Financial support to Host Federation**

In addition to paying for the cost of items listed in 1.1.2, ICCF shall provide 5 000 Euros to the Host Federation.

### **1.2. Reduced scope Congress**

#### **1.2.1. Responsibilities of Host Federation for Organising a reduced scope ICCF Congress**

- To provide a main venue for the Congress in a good quality but **reasonably priced hotel** in an attractive location, with options of lower priced accommodations and restaurants in the surrounding area. The Congress hotel should have a suitably sized main meeting room and another ancillary meeting room(s) for use as an office and for smaller meetings of up to 12 persons (e.g. for Management Committee members, etc.).
- To provide invitation and reservation documents (and visa advice as necessary).
- To provide lapel badges and place name cards for each delegate and official.
- To arrange availability of Internet access and video projector.
- To provide beverages and snacks for breaks during Congress.

#### **1.2.2. Responsibilities of ICCF for Organising a Full Scope Congress**

- To issue the invitation letters, information sheets and reservation forms to all delegates/officials.
- To issue all reports and documentation for consideration prior to and during the Congress.
- To be responsible for the costs of printing and copying material during the Congress.
- To distribute the draft Minutes etc. to all delegates/officials, either at the close of the Congress or subsequently.
- To provide guidance to Host Federations about Congress requirements and arrangements.
- To provide for reimbursement towards expenses incurred by EB/MC members, as provided in Section 3.

#### **1.2.3. Specimen of full scope ICCF Congress Schedule**

Saturday	Arrival and registration of delegates/officials
Saturday PM	Meeting of ICCF Executive Board / Management Committee
Sunday AM & PM	Congress Meetings



Monday AM/PM	Congress Meetings
Tuesday AM/PM	Congress Meetings
Tuesday PM	Departure of delegates
Wednesday AM	Departure of Delegates

#### **1.2.4. ICCF Financial support to Host Federation**

In addition to paying for the cost of items listed in 1.2.2, ICCF shall provide 5000 Euros to the Host Federation.

## **2. Extraordinary meetings of Congress**

### **2.1. Responsibilities of Host Federation for organising an extraordinary meeting of Congress.**

- To provide a main venue for the Congress in a good quality but reasonably priced hotel, with options of lower priced accommodations and restaurants in the surrounding area. The Congress hotel should have a suitably sized main meeting room and another ancillary meeting room(s) for use as an office and for smaller meetings of up to 12 persons (e.g. for Management Committee members, etc.).
- To provide invitation and reservation documents (and visa advice as necessary).
- To provide lapel badges and place name cards for each delegate and official.
- To arrange for the availability of Internet access, video projector, printer, paper, other audio and visual materials, and photocopying machine for use during Congress.

### **2.2. Responsibilities of ICCF for organising an extraordinary meeting of Congress**

- To issue the invitation letters, information sheets and reservation forms to all delegates/officials.
- To issue all reports and documentation for consideration prior to and during the Congress.
- To be responsible for the costs of printing and copying material during the Congress.
- To distribute the draft Minutes etc. to all delegates/officials, either at the close of the Congress or subsequently.
- To provide guidance to Host Federations about Congress requirements and arrangements.
- To provide for the expense of beverages and snacks for breaks.
- To provide for reimbursement towards expenses incurred by EB/MC members, as provided in Section 3.

### **3. Reimbursement of expenses of EB/MC members attending to Congress**

ICCF shall provide for reimbursement towards expenses incurred, as follows:

- any ICCF Executive Board and Management Committee member
- a scale of reimbursement which does not attempt to cover all items of expenditure, but which represents a significant contribution towards the cost of travel (6 Euro cent per km travelled from nearest airport to the host country main airport or closest airport to the congress location within own continent and 5 Euro cent per km outside own continent) and 100% of the hotel accommodation cost up to 9 days (allowable duration of stay will be defined by the ICCF President).

### **4. Executive Board and/or Management Committee meetings**

Where it is considered essential that a special Executive Board and/or Management Committee meeting is required, then all of the participants will receive reimbursement from ICCF of reasonable travel expenses, irrespective as to whether they are member federation delegates. The reasons for such meetings and the costs thereof will be reported to the next Congress.

### **5. Other matters**

It has been a long tradition of ICCF that additional members of delegations, various other officials, partners and families should be encouraged to attend Congresses. There are also other CC enthusiasts who attend Congresses, although having no official position in ICCF or a member federation.

The costs of the following persons attending banquets, excursions and events will be borne by the host federation or ICCF, as defined in sections 1 and 2 above:

- a) partners / families of delegates / ICCF officials,
- b) additional members of delegations and their partners / families,
- c) other CC friends with no official capacity and their partners / families may request ICCF President / Host Federation approval to participate in Congress activities and functions. They should also receive permission from the delegate for their country.

## Appendix N: Gerhard Radosztics Memorial Tournament Open Tournament

This tendered in honor of our long-standing and unfortunately died much too early correspondence chess speakers and delegates ICCF correspondence chess tournament will be held as prize money tournament.

Start date: Sep 01, 2012

Tournament end: without

The game is played on the ICCF web server according to the rules of the ICCF

Time control: 50 days for 10 moves

Entry fee: € 20 –

Entry to Rudolf Hofer fernschach@chess.at

Tournament Director Rudolf Hofer

Belongs to the international Elowertung

Prize money: Save from 68 participants (otherwise aliquots)

1. Place at least € 300, - + € 2,0/Spieler
2. Place at least € 200, - + € 1,5 / player
3. Place at least € 100.- + € 1,0 / player

Best player to 1801 Elo € 50, -

Best player between 1801 - 2000 Elo € 50, -

Best player between 2001 - 2200 Elo € 50, -

It is the international Elo rating. For new players is the FIDE Elo rating of players no Elo rating has then he is not used for scoring the best per Elo rating.

Appeals against the outcome of the tournament from the end (last game of the tournament is considered the end of tournament) for 4 weeks be appealed (fernschach@chess.at at tournament director Rudolf Hofer). This objection is to be processed within 14 days (from receipt of objections) and decided. Against this decision then there is no appeal. The decision is final.

Prize money pays 8 weeks after the end of the tournament (the last lot is one end of the tournament).

The game is played several groups (depending on group size) with a maximum of 17 players. That means each player a maximum of 16 games contests. The draw will be conducted by Elo average per group. Care is taken that the groups have about the same rating average. There is no complaint against the group classifications.

Rankings: the case of several groups developed a list of points urge all groups. The fine classification is made after the self-evaluation.

With the same points and self-rating result Exequo rankings and prize money is shared. If a player fails before the 20 train was played the games for the failure are considered as lost.

Parts that need to be stopped after the 20.Zug be estimated.

With tournament registration, the player agrees to the rules of the game, the group classification, the ranking system and the rules of this tournament prize money. All ambiguities were clarified in advance.

To explain the rankings and prize money order scheme below an example is given in respect of a tournament already completed.

Tournament tables shown below are still above control following total tournament table:

1. Bubi Sergei 9
2. Christoph Jaulneau 8.5 48
3. Canovas Pordomingo 8.5 47.75
4. Klaus Koegler 8.5 47.75
5. Csaba Jergler 8.5 46.25
6. Mortensen Vilhelm 8.5 46.00

And so on ....

The prize money would be split.

1st place: 68 participants \* € 2 = 136 - + € 300, - (ÖSB) Total = 436th -.-

2nd place: 68 participants \* 1.5 = € 102nd - + € 200, - (ÖSB) Total = 302nd -

3rd place: 68 participants \* 1.0 = € 68th - € 100 + - (ÖSB) 168th overall -

In the example would just Hr.Bubi 436th -; Hr.Jaulneau 302nd - and Canova and Koegler 84.50 per .-

For instance, if a shared first place then gives each of the two would be € 218th - get. And if there are eg 5 shared first place then everyone would get € 87.20 .-.Anhören