



INTERNATIONAL CHESS COMMITTEE OF THE DEAF

Minutes of the 32nd I.C.C.D. Congress, held at the Adriatic Hotel, Opatija, Croatia, on Friday, June 24, 2014 (commencing at 09.45 hours)

Present:

ICCD Board:

President: Michele Visco (Italy)
Vice President: Phillip Gardner (England)
Secretary-General: Rafael Pinchas (Israel)
Board Members: Pavel Parfenov (Russia), Krzysztof Michalczuk (Poland)
Treasurer: Michael Freund (England)

Honorary Presidents / Honorary Members ICCD

None Present

ICCD Member Countries Delegates:

Armenia - Gagik Serobyan
Azerbaijan - Akif Hajiyev
Belarus - Vasily Horbach
Bulgaria- Nikolay Ninov
Croatia - Marijo Lusic, Zlatko Klaric
Czech Republic - Jaroslav Schmid
Germany - Sergey Salov, Holger Mende
England - Ilan Dwek, Barry David
Hungary - Zsolt Niyro, Tamas Fenyves
Israel - Alexander Pinhasov, Irena Barsky
Italy - Mirko Pasquotto, Marco Grudina
Kazakhstan - Maxim Rozhkov, Natalia Gorokhova
Lithuania - Egle Marcinkeviciene
Poland - Krzysztof Checiak, Jaroslav Janiec
Russia - Yuri Sobolev, Olga Gerasimova
Scotland - Mark Towler, John Christie
Slovakia - Peter Frajka
Sweden - Peter Berenyi, Jaroslav Korenkiewicz
Switzerland - Tobias Aebersold
Ukraine - Ivan Kulakov, Validimir Kovalenko

Congress Minutes Taker: Yuri Sobolev (Russia)

Congress Facilitator: Pavel Parfenov (Russia)

01. ICCD PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

The I.C.C.D. President, Michele Visco, declared the opening of the 32nd ICCD Congress at 09.45 hours with a warm welcome to all Congress delegates. He thanked the ICCD Presidium for their cooperation with the Croatian Deaf Sport Federation headed by President Mario Lusic and the Chess Club "e2-e4" organizer headed by Zlatko Klaric for making this Congress possible.

Visco remarked that, since the formation of ICCD in 1949, the total number of ICCD delegates had reached a remarkable number of 268. He then he introduced the ICCD Presidium members presenting both their names and country they represented. Having done this, he then asked for a minute's silence to remember the following people who had recently died:

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| - | BROSKA KARL-WERNER | GERMANY | 02/10/ 2013 - 65 years |
| - | KAMARS AIGARS | LATVIA | 2014 - 42 years |
| - | CHILTON MICHAEL | NETHERLANDS | 24/4/2014 - 73 years |
| - | KRASNOV VASILY | RUSSIA | 4/11/2013- 72 years |
| - | ARNOLD GUNTER | GERMANY | 2013 - 78 years |
| - | VAN DER LIDEN CORNELIS | NETHERLANDS | 2013 - 75 years |

02. Welcome Remarks from the CDAC President (10.00)

The CDAC President, Marijo Lusic, warmly welcomed the ICCD Presidium, and all delegates to the Congress and wished everyone a good Congress. There were evidently some problems, but they could be positively resolved. The Chairman of the Organizing Committee (E2-E4), Zlatko Klarić, also congratulated the Opening of the 33rd Congress and wished all an enjoyable time.

03. ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE I.C.C.D. SUB-COMMITTEES

Election Committee:

Zsolt Niyro (Hungary) - Chairman

Jaroslav Korenkiewicz (Sweden)

Akif Hajiyev (Azerbaijan)

Finance Committee:

Holger Mende (Germany) - Chairman

Marijo Lusic- Croatia

Alexander Pinhasov- Israel.

ICCD Congress Minutes Report Taker:

The proposal of Rafael Pinchas (Israel) to act as Congress Minute Taker was rejected for this would act as a conflict to the ICCD Statutes given his current status as ICCD Secretary-General. Holger Mende proposed Yuri Sobolev (Russia) as Congress Minutes Secretary and this was voted unanimously.

04. CONFIRMATION of Votes

After a count, the total number of votes was declared:

ICCD delegates (18 countries x 2 votes) 36 votes

ICCD Presidium (5 members x 1 vote): 5 votes

Total: 41 VOTES

05. ADMISSION OF NATIONAL CHESS FEDERATIONS

Visco reported that since there was no admission of new members and that the membership of Spain, Romania, Turkmenistan and Portugal would remain a question. It was also reported that Wales had withdrawn its ICCD membership.

06. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION TO THE AGENDA

The ICCD Secretary-General requested an addition; the proposal of joining the ISCD as an associate member.

The ICCD Vice President Phillip Gardner (England) informed all delegates that after the adoption of the Congress 2000-2012 motions, the I.C.C.D. Statutes had been updated accordingly.

07. CONFIRMATION OF THE 31st CONGRESS MINUTES

The Minutes of the 31st ICSC Congress, held in Almaty (Kazakhstan) in 2012, was adopted by a majority vote (31 - for, 4 - against with 6 votes abstained).

08. REPORT OF THE I.C.C.D. BUREAU 2012-2013

Visco reported that the new name, the ICCD, had already made an impact for good contacts had been established with FIDE following a meeting in Turkey that had brought in 2,000 Euros and 50 digital chess clocks towards the 2012 Kazakhstan chess event that also witnessed the visit of FIDE President Ilyuzhminov to Almaty for the opening of the Individual World Championship. At the FIDE Chess Olympiad Congress, Khanty-Mansiysk, it was agreed to stage the 1st World Disabled Games at Dresden, Germany. The European Chess Federation provided financial assistance in the amount of 1,200 euros.

08.1 REPORT OF THE ICCD BUREAU 2012

The 2012 Board Report was presented to all delegates. Ivan Kulakov (Ukraine) requested the preparation of regulations on the audiograms. Parfenov (Russia) added that should ICCD become an associate member of ISCD, the responsibility of the audiograms would be shifted to the ICSD.

08.2 REPORT OF THE ICCD BUREAU 2013

The 2013 Board Report was circulated to all. The Vice President Phillip Gardner (England) said that the entire ICCD presidium would be ineligible for vote.

There were no issues raised in the report although there were some speakers: Alexander Pinhasov (Israel), Ivan Kulakov (Ukraine), Holger Mende (Germany).

The Board Reports were approved by a majority of vote (33-4 with 4 abstained).

After a pause, the ICCD Vice President, Phillip Gardner (England), announced the good news that after a long wrangle, it had been agreed between the Polish Chess Federation of the Deaf and Deaf Sports Federation Poland that they would work together. The President of the Poland Sports Deaf Association, Jaroslav Janiec, welcomed all delegates and pledged to give full assistance to the Polish Chess Federation of the Deaf, headed by Krzysztof Checiak.

Poland was given 2 votes towards their delegation at the Congress after an approval by a majority of votes (38 - for, 3 - abstained)

The vote count would now be:

Delegates ICCD (19 countries x 2 votes) 38 votes

Presidium of the ICCD (5 members x 1 vote): 5 votes

Total: 43 votes

09. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF THE I.C.C.D.

The Finance Committee had found the 2012 and 2013 reports to be very accurate and well compiled. ICSC Treasurer was praised for his hard work and cooperation with the Finance committee.

ICCD Treasurer Michael Freund (England) read the financial report for 2012, with a balance of minus 1,000 Euros chiefly due to the bad debts from some ICCD member countries.

Alexander Pinhasov (Israel) demanded to pay ICCD Secretary General Rafael Pinchas (Israel) for the flight ticket in the amount of 500 euros at Almaty, and to buy him as secretary a computer for work. Parfenov (Russia) said that the ICCD Presidium would decide this question.

The 2012 Financial Report was accepted with a vote majority (32 - for, 9 - abstentions and 2 - against).

The 2013 Financial Report was also acceptable; the European Chess Federation had allocated 1,200 euros for financial aid towards the 2013 organisation in Lithuania. The Secretary-General Rafael Pinchas (Israel) asked why these funds organizer gave ICCD Treasurer Michael Freund 300 euros for his expenses on the road. Marcinkeviciene (Lithuania) said that the committee agreed to do it in this way. The Financial report was well drawn up.

The 2013 Financial Report was approved by a vote majority (30 - for, 10 - against, 3 - against).

10. REPORT ON I.C.C.D. EVENTS 2012-2013

10.1 15th WORLD INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIP, ALMATY, KAZAKHSTAN 2012

Delegate Maxim Rozhkov (Kazakhstan) reported on the 7 different competitions being played at a good level despite arbiter problems. Excursions were organized as well as a friendly football match between ICCD and Kazakhstan. Thank to financial support from FIDE, the balance has become zero. The FIDE President Ilyumzhinov's invitation was a great boost to all involved.

Towler (Scotland) complained on Visco's incorrect ruling that had affected his game at Almaty and demanded an apology. But the latter did not feel he was at fault at all.

10.2 40th FIDE Chess Olympiad FIDE, Istanbul 2012

Pinchas reported that the captains were Jaroslav Schmidt (Czech Republic - Men's) and Olga Nazarova (Italy - Women's). The Men's team had performed very well, taking the highest placing in history. There was a good feel and communication within the teams. There was a successful meeting with FIDE representatives of FIDE, the outcome being a grant of 2000 euros and 50 chess clocks. The FIDE flag was also presented.

Visco added that he and the Secretary General were both invited to the FIDE Congress as observers at Khanty-Mansiysk (Russia); it was decided to hold the first World Disabled Chess Championships for all disabled categories in Dresden in 2013. And the FIDE would be allocating 4,000 euros towards the event. At Dresden during the opening and closing ceremonies, the FIDE Vice-Presidents from both Slovakia and Africa would be invited as well as the FIDE National arbiter Belyakov (Russia).

10.3 21st European Championship, Kaunas 2013

Marcinkeviene (Lithuania) reported on the Kaunas event which was a great success, many thanks to the excellent cooperation of ICCD. The 1,200 euros grant was a welcome boost, for the balance has now become zero.

Pinhasov (Israel) complimented that everything had been perfectly organised.

10.4 First World Disabled Chess, Dresden 2013

Visco outlined some problems at the Dresden event otherwise it was well organised. The Russian chess player, Gerasimov was the top ICCD performer. Olga Gerasimova (Russia) expressed disappointment for there was no women's prize ceremony.

11. Archives Commission REPORT

The ICCD Archives Report was not presented at all.

Note: It was discovered that one member-country, Bulgaria, was missing from the Congress therefore the vote count was amended as follows:

Delegates ICCD (20 countries x 2 votes): 40 votes
Presidium of the ICCD (5 members x 1 vote): 5 votes
Total: 45 votes

12. FINANCIAL REPORT OF FRIENDS OF ICCD (14.15)

The Financial Report for 2012-13 presented no problems at all - unanimously approved by all.

12.1 I.C.C.D. Society of Friends

The ICCD Treasurer, Michael Freund (England) reported that things had very quiet over the past two years. In 2012 donations were made by Kazakhstan and England, and he thanked both countries for their generosity. In 2013, a small grant was received in the amount about 60 euros. At present the balance stands about 8,000 euros.

Berenyi (Sweden) asked what how the Friends of ICCD could assist member-countries. Gardner said that members of the countries could apply for financial aid. Sobolev (Russia) suggested that 6-7 thousand euros should be saved whilst the rest would be on offer for financial assistance.

Approved by a majority of votes (for - 42, abstained - 3).

13. DIPLOMAS AND AWARDS

Visco announced the winners of diplomas and titles :

I.C.C.D. Grandmaster: Vladimir Klasan (Serbia)

I.C.C.D. Grandmaster: Alisher Anarkulov (Uzbekistan)

I.C.C.D. Woman International Master: Natalya Myronenko (Ukraine)

Bronze Medal: Akif Hajiyevev (Azerbaijan)

Silver Medal: Michael Freund (England)

14. PROPOSALS AND MOTIONS

14.1 Proposals 1 and 2. (Germany- H.Mende)

Involved in the debate: Sobolev, Rozhkov, Lusich, Gerasimova, Berenyi, Marcinkeviene, Dwek.

This proposal was DEFEATED (11 for, 17 against, 15 abstained)

14.2 Proposal 3 (Germany - Mende).

This proposal was DEFEATED (14 for, 27 against and 4 abstained)

14.3 Proposal 4 (Germany-Mende)

This proposal was DEFERRED

14.4 Proposal 5 (Israel - Pinhasov)

Involved in the discussion were: Freund, Rozhkov, Sobolev, Gardner.

Voting took place and the proposal was REJECTED (16 for, 27 against and 4 abstained).

14.5 Proposal 6 (Kazakhstan - Rozhkov)

The speakers were: Pinchas, Gardner, Lusich, Visco – they all supported the development of Asia.

This proposal was PASSED (41 for, 4 abstained)

14.6 Proposal 7 (The ICCD Board)

Gardner encouraged the idea of the ICCD joining the ICSD as an associate member and attending the ICSC Congress at Khanty-Mansiysk, in early 2015.

Speakers: Lusich, Rozhkov, Parfenov, David

This proposal was quickly PASSED by an overwhelming majority (43 for, 2 abstained)

14.7 Proposal 8 (The ICCD Board)

Gardner requested to add to the ICCD Regulations for European Championships both team and individual.

This proposal was ACCEPTED (40 for and 5 abstained).

Lusic (Croatia) suggested that the First European individual Championship should be in 2017.

Important information.

Visco announced that the audiogram results confirmed the ineligibility of the serbian player, Stoikovic Zoran.

The following were involved in the debate: Salov, Lusic, Kulakov, Sobolev, Gardner, Rozhkov, Pinchas, Janiec.

It was decided to exclude Stoikovic from the competition and record his results as losses.

15. ELECTION OF I.C.C.D. OFFICIALS 2015-2018

Both Dwek and David (England) spoke on the debate of the ICCD Secretary's sole decision to withhold the nominations of both Gardner and Freund (England).

Zsolt Niyro reported that after checking the applications, the three candidates would apply for role of ICCD President: Rafael Pinchas (Israel), Phillip Gardner (England) and Michele Visco (Italy).

Voting took place for three of the candidate and the results were as follows:

Phillip Gardner (England) - 20 votes.

Michele Visco (Italy) - 11 votes.

Rafael Pinchas (Israel) - 11 votes.

At Rafael Pinchas' request for re-election between Gardner and Visco, it voted: for - 19 people. Against - 24 people. Therefore the second round of voting was rejected.

Phillip Gardner (England) has automatically become the 7th president of the ICCD for the 2015- 2018 period. The retiring ICCD President, Michele Visco, congratulated by Phillip Gardner on his election and wished him every success.

15.3 ELECTION OF FOUR BOARD MEMBERS OF THE ICCD

7 candidates had applied for the four remaining seats, and voting results were as follows:

Pavel Parfenov (Russia) - 23 votes.

Krzysztof Mikhalchuk (Poland) - 6 votes.

Jaroslav Schmid (Czech Republic) - 31 votes.

Holger Mende (Germany) - 26 votes.

Ivan Kulakov (Ukraine) - 31 votes.

Maksim Rozhkov (Kazakhstan) - 34 votes.

Enkhbayar Janchivnyambuu (Mongolia) - 2 votes.

Thus the following four members were elected: Maxim Rozhkov (Kazakhstan), Ivan Kulakov (Ukraine), Jaroslav Schmid (Czech Republic) and Holger Mende (Germany).

15.4 After behind the door negotiations, the ICCD appointments were as follows:

Vice President: Maksim Rozhkov (Kazakhstan)

Secretary-General: Ivan Kulakov (Ukraine)

Members of the Board:

Holger Mende (Germany) - Treasurer, Jaroslav Schmid (Czech Republic)

16. FUTURE I.C.C.D. EVENTS 2015-2018

16.1 1st European Championship, Baku Azerbaijan 2015

The President of the Azerbaijan Sports Federation of the Deaf, Akif Hajiyev, reported that the event would be held in Baku, within eight days prior to the end of September. He added that he would seek cheap hotels and provide free bus service. A month after this Congress, e-mails would be sent to all member-countries. Salov (Germany) requested the safety for the chess players of Armenia.

16.2 Individual championship of Asia, Mongolia, October 2015

There was no representative from Mongolia therefore no discussion was made.

16.3 16th World Individual Championships, ARMENIA 2016

Delegate Gagik Serobyanyan (Armenia) showed a slide showing the Tigran Petrosian chess Building where the chess would be played, and the deaf centre. He welcomed all to Yerevan, and if there was a visa problem, he would then try to cooperate.

16.4 41st Chess Olympiad FIDE, Tromsø, NORWAY 2014

The Secretary-General ICCD Rafael Pinchas announced the captains of the ICCD Men's and Women's: Sergei Salov (Germany) and Olga Nazarova (Italy).

The team captains announced the selected players to participate in the FIDE Chess Olympiad: Men's- Gruenfeld Yehuda (Israel), Collutiis Duilio (Italy), Vladimir Klasan (Serbia), Alisher Anarkulov (Uzbekistan), Ghadimi Mohammed Reza (Germany).

Women's - Gerasimova Olga (Russia), Balkanova Tatiana and Natalia Mironenko (Ukraine), Mucha, Annegret (Germany), Egle Marcinkeviciene (Lithuania).

16.5 the 2nd World Disabled Chess Championship is to be held at Dresden, Germany in October 2015

16.6 1st European Individual Championships 2017 – No bid

16.7 ICSC World Team Championships, 2018

Janiec (Poland) announced that Poland would be interested to host the Championship.

17. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

17.1 Gardner said the old presidium must run until 31 December 2014 before giving way to the new Presidium on 1st January 2015. He thanked Michele Visco (Italy) for his 12 years contribution as ICCD President as well as the Secretary General of the ICCD Rafael Pinchas (Israel) for his work, and also Pavel Parfenov (Russia) and Krzysztof Michalczyk (Poland) and ICCD Treasurer Michael Freund (England).

17.2 Lusic (Croatia) proposed a friendly football match between chess players ICCD and Croatia in their spare time in the evening.

17.3 Mende (Germany) presented a vote of thanks to the ICCD President, Michele Visco, for his great contribution to ICCD.

18. ICCD PRESIDENT'S CLOSING SPEECH

Visco handed the ICCD flag to the new ICCD President and declared the 32nd ICCD Congress closed at 19.45 hours.