

MINUTES of the 33rd I.C.C.D. CONGRESS held at the Tigran Petrosian Chess House, Yerevan, Armenia on Monday 23rd May 2016, commencing at 10.00 hours.

Present were the following:

I.C.C.D. Presidium:

President	Phillip Gardner	(England)
Vice-president	Maxim Rozhkov	(Kazakhstan)
Secretary-General	Ivan Kulakov	(Ukraine)
Board Member	Jaroslav Schmid	(Czech Republic)
Treasurer	Holger Mende	(Germany)

I.C.C.D. Country- Members:

(ARM)	Grigor Grigoryan, Anna Papoyan
(CRO)	Bogdan Bozinovic
(BLR)	Siarhei Kudrashov, Alena Mikhalionak
(ENG)	Barry David
(GER)	Holger Mollmann, Sergey Salov
(KAZ)	Natalya Gorokhova, Dmitry Mochalskiy
(ITA)	Michele Visco, Vincenzo Russo Spena
(LTU)	Egle Marcinkeviciene
(MGL)	Enkhbayar Janchivnyambuu
(POL)	Krzysztof Checiak, Aleksander Kubin
(SVK)	Peter Frajka
(TKM)	Ata Bayramov
(UKR)	Svetlana Gonchar, Vladimir Kovalenko
(UZB)	Magrupdjan Inogamov, Sirojiddin
	Zaynidinov
(ISR)	Aleksander Pinhasov
(SCO)	Mark Towler, John Christie
(SWE)	Peter Berenyi, Torbjorn Johansen
(IND)	Kapoor Subhash
	(CRO) (BLR) (ENG) (GER) (KAZ) (ITA) (LTU) (MGL) (POL) (SVK) (TKM) (UKR) (UZB) (ISR) (SCO) (SWE)

Adherent I.C.C.D. Country – Member:

GEORGIA (GEO) Tariel Verulashvili

Observers:

LITHUANIA (LTU) Tomas Jankunas

RUSSIA (RUS) Lir Muratov, Alexey Petrov

<u>Congress Leader:</u> Peter Berenyi (Sweden)

<u>Congress Minute Taker:</u> Egle Marcinkeviciene (Lithuania)

01. I.C.C.D. PRESIDENT'S OPENING ADDRESS (10.00 hours)

The I.C.C.D. President, Phillip Gardner, declared the 33rd ICCD Congress open at 10.00 hours with a warm welcome to all those present in the T.Petrosian Chess House and he reported that involved delegates of 18 countries.

President P. Gardner thanks to President G. Grigoryan of Armenia Deaf Sports Federation for the excellent organization. He reported that M. Freund can't took part in the congress for his health and send greetings to delegates from his. Former ICCD secretary-general Gerrit J.Westervald as honorary president welcomed the delegates via the Power Point. President P.Gardner informed that former ICCD president Gabor Vida celebrated 95 years Anniversary and ICCD board behalf welcomes his.

President P. Gardner thanks the former members (Rafael Pinchas, Pavel Parfenov, Krzysztof Michalczuk, Michael Freund) of the Board for the service for ICCD in Opatija, Croatia. Also still he thanked to M.Visco, the former ICCD president, for many 12 years of presidency. President P.Gardner awarded M. Visco a gold medal and a diploma. M.Visco thanked and endeavors that deaf chess would spreads and would rise upwards.

The President asked us all for a minute's silence to remember those who have departed from us:

Holand: Rudi van Perlstein – (1928 – 29.12.2014) – 86 years;

Kazakhstan: Gennady Pushkarev – (30.07.1933 -27.07.2015) – 82 years

Latvia: Evalds Kluss – (25.06.1937 – 23.04.2015) – 78 years

Lithuania: Gediminas Petrauskas (21.07.1943 – 02.02.2016 – 72 years)

Moldova: Alexei Turcenco (02.08.1959 -02.06.2015) – 56 years Switzerland: Daniel Hadorn (03.08.1961 – 07.10.2014) – 53 years Switzerland: Peter Schoch (20.11.1938 – 01.10.2015) – 77 years Uzbekistan: Alisher Anarkulov (23.08.1968 -14.08.2014) - 41 years

02. WELCOME SPEECH BY THE PRESIDENT OF A D S F (10.10 hours)

The President of the ADSF, Mr. Grigor Grigoryan, opened his speech by warmly welcoming everyone at the Congress to his host country, Armenia first time. He was pleased that an attention showed the respectables guests: the President Serzh Sargsyan of Armenia, FIDE President Kirsan Ilyumzhinov and other high-ranking officials of Armenia in the T. Petrosian Chess House opening ceremony of the I.C.C.D. World Individual Deaf Chess Championships on 17th May 2016. He briefly informed about awards of medals after the championships at T. Petrosian Chess House and closing ceremony & banquet at the restaurant.

O3. ADOPTION OF THE VOTING COMMISSION & CONFIRMATION OF THE VOTING POWERS (10.15 hours)

President P. Gardner devolved to Peter Berenyi (SWE) to lead in the 33rd Congress. The following delegates were appointed to sanction the voting powers of the delegates:

Natalya Gorokhova Kazakhstan

Aleksander Pinchasov Israel

P. Berenyi declared the confirmed number of official votes, the breakdown being:

I.C.C.D. Delegates (18 countries x 2 votes): 36 votes
I.C.C.D. Board (5 members x 1 vote): 5 votes

Total voting count: 41 votes

04. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA (10.20 hours)

P.Berenyi presented the list of delegates from 18 countries via the Power Point.

05. ADMISSION OF NEW NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FEDERATIONS (10.25 hours)

I. Kulakov welcomed the representative Tariel Verulashvili from Georgia for affiliation to the ICCD and said that Georgia will be able attente as an official delegate next the Congress in England on 2018. T.Verulashvili thanked and said that is many deaf chess players at school in Georgia, he promised that Georgian chess players will participate in European deaf chess events next year in Sweden.

It was voted unanimously (41-0) that Georgia would now be accepted as an official member – country of the I.C.C.D.

CONFIRMATION OF THE 32nd CONGRESS MINUTES, OPATIJA, CROATIA, 2014 (10.32 hours)

P. Berenyi presented the minutes of the 32nd Congress in Opatija, Croatia via the Power Point. President P.Gardner informed that Y.Sobolev (RUS) was Minute Taker of the 32nd Congress in Opatija and can't attend in the 33rd Congress at Yerevan.

The Minutes of the 32nd I.C.C.D. Congress held at Opatija, Croatia 2014, were ACCEPTED with a 41-0 voting.

07. I.C.C.D. BOARD REPORT, 2014-2015 (10.36 hours)

I. Kulakov asked delegates about this report and waited for their opinions but they did not questions.

The 2014-2015 I.C.C.D. Board Report was ACCEPTED with a 41-0 voting.

08. FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE I.C.C.D. (10.39 hours)

The following delegates had been appointed by the ICCD Board to represent the Financial Committee:

Michele Visco Italy (Chief)
Mark Towler Scotland
Aleksander Pinhasov Israel

I.C.C.D. Treasuer H. Mende presented to M. Visco about this financial report.

08.1 REPORT FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE (10.42 hours)

M.Towler was doubted by confirmation of the financial report when M. Freund can't to present this finance account for his health. H. Mende agreed, that there isn't evidence for documents and accounts. M. Visco said that everything is in order, but no details about the flight, accommodation and others. Besides, M. Freund should be report and deliver the documents but for his health had to return to London with all the documents from Austria hospital.

08.2 STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS 2014 & 2015

08.3 APPROVAL OF THE FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS 2014 & 2015

M. Towler suggested stop the statement of accounts and financial accounts 2014 & 2015. M.Visco and A. Pinhasov agreed it. B. David (ENG) suggested to abstain and to manage the accounts, the checks for next Congress on 2018 in England. A. Kubin

(POL) said, that there is no theft, here is a trifle and he suggested to adoption the financial report. However B. David said that it is important for low-value money has to be with the check and the account. President P. Gardner suggested to abstaine.

The Financial Report of the I.C.C.D. was ABSTAINED with a 41-0 voting.

09. REPORTS OF I.C.C.D. EVENTS (10.50 hours)

09.1 41st F.I.D.E. CHESS OLYMPIADS, TROMSO, NORWAY, 2014

President P. Gardner informed that then as vice-president do not participated in Tromso, Norway, so he presented M. Visco who reported that the FIDE Chess Olympiads is held every two years, ICCD, IBCA, IPCA took part too. Captain S.Salov selected players to ICCD Men's team, captain O. Nazarova- ICCD Ladies team. Of the 177 countries, the Men's had finished 70th place and of the 136 countries the Ladies had finished 70th. Besides, M. Visco reported that he was not informed that Rafael Pinchas (ISR) then as general-secretary took place in FIDE Olympiad in Tromso. M. Visco don't know how Rafael Pinchas received the finance 4000 Euros. Yet he was no informed how R.Pinchas couls be a translator on an accreditation card. M. Visco informed that chess player Alisher Anarkulov (UZB) suddenly died on the last day after the FIDE Chess Olympiads games, that Norwegian medics confirmed the natural death of A.Anarkulov. M. Visco regrets that A. Anarkulov was a strong player and Asian deaf chess champion. P. Gardner said that it was not normal contact with organizers of Tromso because they traveled out after Olympiads. A.Anarkulov's the passport was taken to Uzbekistan, his the things were lefte in the hotel. After a some days norwegians officers take out his remains by a ship to Netherlands and then over week his remains was repatriated to Uzbekistan.

The ICCD Prezident's and M. Visco report was ACCEPTED with a 41-0 voting.

09.2 14th I.C.C.D. CHESS OLYMPIADS, OPATIJA, CROATIA, 2014 (11.05 hours)

President P.Gardner presented via Power Point the report by Z.Klarico who passed him on the last minute. The organization at Opatija was smooth with good tournaments. B. David (ENG) asked about the positive and negative finances. H.Mende (GER) said that is positive.

Croatia's report was ACCEPTED with a 41-0 voting.

09.3 3rd ASIAN INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIPS, ULAANBAATAR, MONGOLIA, 2015 (11.12 hours)

E. Janchivnyambuu (MGL) presented the report about Asian Individual events via Power Point. The organization was very smooth with good tournaments. He gave in

to President the memory card. S. Zaynidinov (UZB) proposed to organize Asian A. Anarkulov Memorial Deaf Chess Tournaments in 2019.

Mongolia's report was ACCEPTED with a 41-0 voting.

- P. Berenyi announced the break of coffe at 11:30 hours. Agenda countined at 12:00 hours.
- **09.4 1**st EUROPEAN TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS, BAKU, AZERBAIJAN, 2015 (12.00 hours)
- 09.5 23rd EUROPEAN CLUB TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS, BAKU, AZERBAIJAN, 2015

I.Kulakov (UKR) apologized that the representative of Azerbaijan cant't come to Armenia for political reasons between Azerbaijan and Armenia. So it was Presented in a video film where the president Akif Hajiyev of Azerbaijan Deaf sports Federation spoke about the successful organization of the European chess events. A. Hajiyev thanked to M.Freund for the support 200 Euros. He hope Azerbaijam will participate in the European chess events in Sweden 2017.

Azerbaijan's report was ACCEPTED with a 41-0 voting.

09.6 3rd WORLD DISABLED CHESS, DRESDEN, GERMANY, 2015 (12.05 hours)

H. Mende presented the report of World Chess Championship for Disabled in Dresden (Germany) 2015. Deaf chess players from several countries took part in the Championship. During the Opening Ceremony the H. Mende welcomed all on behalf of the ICCD. During the event President P. Gardner had a meeting with Chairman of the FIDE Disabled Commission, with the arbiter from Australia who showed a great attention to the disabled chess players. H. Mende has been informed of the need for sign language interpreter in the FIDE Olympiad. A. Mikhalionak (BLR) request that in common among men chess players, women would be awarded medals at World Disabled Chess events.

Dresden's report was ACCEPTED with a voting 40-0, abstained 1.

- **10. I.C.C.D. REPORTS** (12.15 hours)
- **10.1** ARCHIVES COMMISSION REPORT 2014-2015

President P. Gardner informed that ICCD intends to pay 100 Euros to Warrington museum for the maintenance. Gerrit Westerveld from the Netherland sent more materials of chess to Warrington.

Archives commission report was ACCEPTED with a voting 41-0.

10.2 SOCIETY OF FRIENDS OF I.C.C.D. & ACCOUNTS 2014-2015 (12.19 hours)

P.Berenyi apologized, that M. Freund can't to presente the report.

The report was ABSTAINED with a voting 41-0.

- **11. PROPOSALS & MOTIONS** (12.20 hours)
- 11.1 I.C.C.D. MEMBER COUNTRIES MOTIONS

MOTION No. 1 (SWEDEN)

P.Berenyi (SWE) suggested money send to the ICCD for the accommodation , then the ICCD collected money from other countries to transfer for a local organization 20% earnings. P. Berenyi suggested the participants staying at the same hotel. I.Kulakov (UKR) said that it is overloaded for ICCD, better to send money to the local organization. H.Mende (GER)suggested 50% entry fee send for ICCD, while 20% - for the organization.

Sweden proposal was WITHDRAWN with 41-0 voting.

MOTION No. 2 (SWEDEN) (12.26 hours)

Sweden proposal was WITHDRAWN with 41-0 voting.

MOTION No. 3 (LITHUANIA) (12:30 hours)

E.Marcinkeviciene explained the situation it is the topicality for small countries where is the decrease of the deaf peoples, dies deaf players, hard to select team of players.

Lithuanian proposal was ACCEPTED with 41-0 voting.

MOTION No. 4 (UKRAINE) (12.35 hours)

V. Kovalenko (UKR) suggested to allow automatic qualification for participating in World Championships and European Championships not only for ICCD Grand Masters but also for ICCD Masters of International grade (IM).

M. Rozkhov (KAZ) requested to include 2 men and 2 women from Asia to European chess events.

Ukrainian proposal was ACCEPTED (Yes - 28, Abstained – 10, No – 0).

MOTION No. 5 (ENGLAND) (12.45 hours)

B.David (ENG) suggested that present audiogram system used by ICCD be reviewed and scrutinized by three member countries and their recommendations be considered by the full ICCD congress in 2018.

T. Johansen (SWE) suggested that after the victorious competitions to lead away the player to check the audiogram. I.Kulakov (UKR) suggested to Board of ICCD for new player the control to the local doctor to check the audiogram. S.Salov (GER) suggested one day before the competitions to check the audiogram. G.Grigoryan (ARM) assented the proposal of S.Salov. T. Johansen (SWE) said that the hard of hearing players must use the sign language, because the ICCD is deaf committee. M.Visco (ITA) urged the hard of hearing players to use the sign language. President P.Gardner said need to tolerate players who want to play socially, still foreground that again need new Board of ICCD for three neutral member countries.

England proposal was ABSTAINED with 41-0 voting.

MOTION No. 6 (ENGLAND) (13.00 hours)

B.David (ENG) suggested that the European Deaf Chess Clubs Championship and the European Deaf Chess Teams Championship should not be held at the same time. President P.Gardner said that European Club Championship should held every two years, team and individual – fours years, but H.Mende not assented his the proposal, because it is expensive.

England proposal was ACCEPTED (Yes -34, Abstained -2, No -0).

MOTION No. 7 (ISRAEL) (13.10 hours)

A.Pinchasov (ISR) requested to reduce an annual membership fee (50 Euros) for Israel, because not receive support and pay everything by ourselves. M.Visco (ITA) showed the ICCD supscriptions and fess from 01.01.2014 with DPG (Gross Domestic) via Power Point. I.Kulakov (UKR) said if is problem, to write an official application to ICCD for the support.

Israel proposal was REJECTED with 41-0 voting.

MOTION No. 8 (SCOTLAND) (13.16 hours)

Scotland proposal was DEFEATED (Yes – 2, Abstained – 14, No -20).

MOTION No. 9 (UZBEKISTAN) (13.20 hours)

Uzbekistan proposal was ACCEPTED (Yes – 26, Abstained – 8, No – 0).

MOTION No. 10 (KAZAKHSTAN) (13.24 hours)

Kazakhstan proposal was ACCEPTED with 41-0 voting. MOTION No. 11 (ITALY) (13.28 hours)

I.Kulakov assented the new ICCD Logo of Baiocco Luciano, instead of the old Logo.

Italian proposal was ACCEPTED with 41-0 voting.

P.Berenyi announced the break: at 13.35 hours - Photo of all delegates; at 13.45 hours - Dinner; at 15.00 hours - Agenda countined.

11.2 I.C.C.D. BOARD MOTIONS (15.10 hours)

MOTION No. 1 (The I.C.C.D. Executive)

Proposal was ACCEPTED with 41-0 voting.

MOTION No. 2 (The I.C.C.D. Executive)

Proposal was ACCEPTED with 41-0 voting.

MOTION No. 3 (The I.C.C.D. Executive)

Proposal was ACCEPTED with 41-0 voting.

MOTION No. 4 (The I.C.C.D. Executive)

Proposal was ACCEPTED (Yes -39, Abstained -2, No -0).

MOTION No. 5 (The I.C.C.D. Executive)

Proposal was ACCEPTED with 41-0 voting.

MOTION No. 6 (The I.C.C.D. Executive)

President P.Gardner reasoned that the deaf chess players is decreasing in Latvia, while the deaf draughts players is growing, meanwhile in Estonia the deaf chess club is closed. In Scotland the draughts are popular, often it is held the match between Scotland and England. In Russia is a popular draughts too.

Proposal was ACCEPTED (Yes -19, Abstained -10, No -6).

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MOTION No. 7 (The I.C.C.D. Executive)
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Proposal was ACCEPTED with 41-0 voting.

MOTION No. 8 (The I.C.C.D. Executive)

Proposal was ACCEPTED (Yes -23, Abstained -5, No -13).

MOTION No. 9 (The I.C.C.D. Executive)

Proposal was ACCEPTED with 41-0 voting.

MOTION No. 10 (The I.C.C.D. Executive)

Proposal was ACCEPTED (Yes -39, Abstained -2, No -0).

MOTION No. 11 (The I.C.C.D. Executive)

Proposal was ACCEPTED with 41-0 voting.

MOTION No. 12 (The I.C.C.D. Executive)

Proposal was ACCEPTED (Yes -29, Abstained -10, No -2).

MOTION No. 13 (The I.C.C.D. Executive)

Proposal was ACCEPTED (Yes – 26, Abstained – 9, No – 6).

MOTION No. 14 (The I.C.C.D. Executive)

Proposal was ACCEPTED (Yes -39, Abstained -0, No -2).

MOTION No. 15 (The I.C.C.D. Executive)

Proposal was ACCEPTED with 41-0 voting.

MOTION No. 16 (The I.C.C.D. Executive)

Proposal was ACCEPTED with 41-0 voting.

MOTION No. 17 (The I.C.C.D. Executive)

Proposal was ACCEPTED with 41-0 voting.

- **12. FORTHCOMING I.C.C.D. EVENTS 2016-2020** (16.00 hours)
- 12.1 42nd F.I.D.E. CHESS OLYMPIADS, BAKU, AZERBAIJAN 2016

President P.Gardner informed that captain V. Kovalenko of ICCD Ladies team and himself P.Gardner of ICCD Men's team will represent in FIDE Chess Olympiads In Baku (AZE) on September. He foregrounded that the prizewinners and a higher place occupying players will be selecte at the end of World Deaf Individual Championship.

Report was ACCEPTED with 41-0 voting.

- **12.2 1**st EUROPEAN INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIPS, LUND, SWEDEN **2017** (16.00 hours)
- 12.3 24th EUROPEAN CLUB TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS, LUND, SWEDEN 2017

P.Berenyi briefly showed a presentation of Lund via Power Point.

Lund's bid to host the 1st European Individual Championships and 1st European Club

Team Championships was unanimously **ACCEPTED** with a 41-0 voting.

12.4 3rd ASIAN TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS 2017 (16.08 hours)

N.Gorokhova (KAZ) proposal to host Asian Team Championship at Aktau, Kazakhstan in 2017.

- 12.5 15th I.C.C.D. CHESS OLYMPIADS, MANCHESTER, ENGLAND 2018 (16.12 hours)
- 12.6 34th I.C.C.D. CONGRESS, MANCHESTER, ENGLAND 2018

B.David showed a presentation of Manchester via Power Point.

Manchester's bid to host the 15th ICCD Chess Olympiads was unanimously **ACCEPTED** with a 41-0 voting.

- 12.7 2nd EUROPEAN TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS 2019
- 12.8 25th EUROPEAN CLUB TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS 2019

No bid.

12.9 4th ASIAN INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIP 2019

No bid.

- **12.10 17**th I.C.C.D. INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIPS **2020** (16.22 hours)
- 12.11 35th I.C.C.D. CONGRESS 2020

A.Kubin (POL) proposal to host Individual Championships in Poland, but will be certainly in June.

P. Berenyi announced the break of coffe at 16:27 hours. Agenda countined at 17:00 hours.

13. PRESEANTATION OF AWARDS FOR I.C.C.D. DIPLOMAS & HONOURS (17.00 hours)

The ICCD President handed out Diplomas, medals and titles to the following recipients:

Silver medal: Sergey Salov (Germany)

Gold medal: Jaroslav Schmid (Czech Republic)

Phillip Gardner (England)
Michele Visco (Italy)

ICCD International Master: Aleksandr Slepsov (Azerbaijan)

Volodymyr Kovalenko (Ukraine)

ICCD International Grandmaster: Alisher Anarkulov (Uzbekistan)

14. ANY OTHER BUSINESS (17.15 hours)

- **14.1** N.Gorokhova (KAZ) requested that in open chess tournament should be separately the women's and men's.
- **14.2** M. Towler (SCO)was submitted a protest for the commission why arbiters is not included to the commission. M.Rozkhov (KAZ) explained him that the commission is only make up of four members, but not of the arbiters. P.Gardner (ENG) supplemented that the arbiters is not attend in the commission.
- **14.3** L.Muratov (RUS) and A.Petrov (RUS) informed that Russian chess player Verlinskij is first deaf chess player between hearing chess players. So they invite to participate a friendly tournament in memory of Verlinskij in Russia on December 2017.
- **14.4** B.David (ENG) asked for ICCD group in FACEBOOK which would like to upload videos. P.Gardner (ENG) assented to upload videos to ICCD group, for which it is responsible M. Visco.
- 14.5 T. Johansen (SWE) told that he formerly did not know about the ICCD, so he often actively participated in hearing chess tournaments, although losed the games

but himself improved it. T.Johansen learned of the ICCD, when he met then vice-president P.Gardner in Oslo, Norway. Then P.Gardner suggested his to participate in friendly chess international tournament in Lithuania on 2014, but T.Johansen can't for the finance. Hence first time he was represented for Sweden team in Baku 2015. So he is happy that can to participate further.

- **14.6** S. Zaynidinov (UZB) suggested to include juniors team to adults team 2x2, because the government of Uzbekistan supports juniors.
- **14.7** A.Kubin (POL) suggested for all to use the international sign language.
- **14.8** H.Mende (GER) informed, if is the problem for the World Disabled Chess Championships in Dresden 2017, to apply to the ICCD.
- **14.9** J.Schmid (CZE) proposed to organise World deaf chess events other time, while not at the same time whene there is the FIDE Olympiads.
- 14.10 P.Gardner (ENG) reported that Australia wants to enter to the ICCD, because there is strong deaf chess players. He proposed to include Australian chess players to Asian deaf championships. Still he informed that was in Lozana, Switzerland for the ICCD admission to ICSD, however there said, that chess is no sport, it is doubts. ICCD would like to include the chess to the winter deaflympics.
- **14.11** G.Grigoryan , president of Armenia Deaf Sports Federation, good appreciated ICCD Congress, because himself often participated in ICSD Congress.
- **14.12** I.Kulakov (UKR)request president G.Grigoryan take in the chess to the winter deaflympics in Armenia 2021.
- 15. CLOSING SPEECH BY THE I.C.C.D. PRESIDENT (18.05 hours)

ICCD President thanked for delegates for positive speechs and declared the the 33rd ICCD. Congress closed at 18.10 hours.