

# MINUTES of the XXIV I.C.S.C. CONGRESS

held in Lucerne, Switzerland, 2<sup>nd</sup> August 1998 starting at 09.37

## I.C.S.C. Board members present: -

Boyce, A.J.	(England)	President
Visco, M.	(Italy)	Vice President
Westerveld, G.J.	(Netherlands)	Secretary-Treasurer
Sobolev, Y.	(Russia)	Board Member

## Country-Member Delegates present: -

BANGLADESH	Khan, H.	Rahman, M.
CROATIA	Rajcevic, B.	
CZECH	Schmid, J.	Cisar, J.
ENGLAND	Gardner, P.K.	
GERMANY	Steinhoff-Klein R.	Heins, H.
HUNGARY	Lukacsovics, L.	Fenyves, T.
ITALY	Baiocco, A.	Malaspina, G.
KAZAKHSTAN	Begakmet, B.	Pushkarev, G.
LATVIA	Artjonova, M.	
LITHUANIA	Sabukiene, G.	Patackas, J.
NETHERLANDS	Johannesen, H.	
POLAND	Wardziak, J.	
PORTUGAL	Araujo, M.	Garcia, P.
ROMANIA	Fonoage, A.	
RUSSIA	Muratov., L.	Salov, S.
SCOTLAND	Carmichael, I.	
SWEDEN	Berntsson, I.	Oloffson, P.
SWITZERLAND	Wartenweiler, P.	Nuesch, B.
UKRAINE	Kulakov, J.	Zuev, Y.
YUGOSLAVIA	Nikolic, M.	

I.C.S.C. Meurer, H. (Germany) Vida, G. (Hungary) van Perlstein, R.H.(Netherlands)

01 President A.J. Boyce warmly welcomed the delegates and declared the 24<sup>th</sup> I.C.S.C. Congress open. On the I.C.S.C.'s 50<sup>th</sup> year in existence, he gave all an insight on the I.C.S.C.'s progress since the special meeting in Copenhagen in 1949.

Chess and friendship, he added, were the two important elements that have brought all the countries together but above all, the importance of the I.C.S.C. to continue in the years to come for all those who love the game of chess.

02. The Swiss representative, B. Nuesch, addressed a word of warm welcome to all at the Congress. He then thanked the I.C.S.C. Board for their co-operation in organising the Championships which had indeed helped him to survive some periods of difficulties, and was pleased that the event has taken off without problems.

03. The appointed scrutineers for the confirmation of delegates' voting powers, were as follows: - Johannesen, H. (NED), Carmichael, I. (SCO), Baiocco, A. (ITA).

04. Of the voting power forms supplied, some countries did not follow the necessary procedures but all were accepted with the exception of YUGOSLAVIA which had not met their subscription dues. The mentioned country would be stripped of voting powers at the Congress, and would only act as observers.
05. The appointed Election committee members were as follows: -  
Johannesen, H. (NED), Muratov, L. (RUS), Garcia, P. (POR).
06. The appointed Financial committee members were as follows: -  
Malaspina, G. (ITA), Kulakov, I. (UKR), Korenkiewicz, J. (SWE).
07. Proposed by the President and voted unanimously that the following countries' application for affiliation are not to be rejected, and discussion to follow up at a later date.
08. Change to the agenda were outlined to all.
09. Minutes of the 23<sup>rd</sup> Congress, Rotterdam 1996, were accepted.
- 09.1 Italy reported the good news that the outstanding financial dues from UKRAINE had been settled but the case of BELARUS had yet to be settled.
10. Amendments to the I.C.S.C. Board: - 4.1 delete Mr. R. den Besten; include Mr. H. Johannesen. Accepted.
- 11.a. A projected chart showing breakdown of expenditure was screened, and the financial implications (i.e. Presidium., Secretarial, translation costs, bank costs, material and service costs, auditor fees, etc) both demonstrated and explained by Malaspina, G. (Italy).
- 11.b. After queries by both ITALY and PORTUGAL, a proposed format to improve the 94/95 Accounts was accepted. (40-0).
- 11.c. The 96/97 Accounts were accepted unanimously. (40-0).  
The President thanked the Financial Committee for their hardworking efforts.
- 12.a. NETHERLANDS' (H. Johannesen) report on the WC Individuals, Rotterdam, showed no financial loss. The only problem was the communication breakdown from some of the countries especially on accommodation. Accepted by all.
- 12.b. As above.
- 12.c. RUSSIA's (L. Muratov) report on the Europa Cup, Moscow 1997 was accepted by all. No financial losses were made, and the only concern was lack of space in the playing premises.
- 12.c.1. SWITZERLAND (B. Nuesch) gave an update on the WC Team event, Lucerne, 1998, and assured all that there would be no financial problems.
- 12.d. Because of inflation and communication difficulties, CROATIA unfortunately had to decline from organising the 1999 EUROPE CUP. HUNGARY confirmed their interest, and the location would be BUDAPEST. Accepted by all.

- 12.e. POLAND (J. Wardziak) presented an update on the 2000 WC Individuals, to meet the chess suitability, the venue has been switched to KATOWICE.
- 12.f PORTUGAL (M. Araujo and P. Garcia) confirmed their interest in hosting the 2001 Europe Cup, and gave a brief presentation of the intended arrangements.
- 13.a. Following the award of the I.C.S.C. International Master title, the I.C.S.C. Grandmaster title was awarded to Valerij GRETSCHICHIN of Russia for achieving the F.I.D.E. Grandmaster Title, having obtained an 2555 F.I.D.E. rating.
- 13.b. The following were awarded medals and diplomas for their outstanding services to the I.C.S.C.: -

**BRONZE MEDAL:**

I. Berntsson	(SWE)	O. Entella	(FIN)
L. Lukacsovics	(HUN)	K. Wlostowski	(POL) **
E. Ladner	(USA) **	B. Sigan	(CZE)
S. Salov	(RUS)	J. Duarte	(POR)

**SILVER MEDAL:**

W. Niederer	(SUI)	H. Johannesen	(NED)
H. Heins	(GER)	P. Gardner	(ENG)
B. Petani	(YUG) **	I. Carmichael	(SCO)

(\*\* = posthumous award)

- 14.1. Received by all.
- 14.2. All proposals from 1) to 6) were accepted unanimously. (40-0).
- Messrs. Westerveld (NED), Nuesch (SUI), Salov (RUS), Dyjo (POL) and McLellan (SCO) were thanked for their efforts.
- The I.C.S.C. ratings proposals prepared by both the President and Y. Sobolev (I.C.S.C. Board Member) were accepted unanimously (40-0), and would be introduced into use from January 1<sup>st</sup> 1999 effective.
- 14.3. SCOTLAND's proposal was accepted by the I.C.S.C. and the following were elected to carry out the work with the President:
- I. Carmichael (SCO) and P.K. Gardner (England)
- The notion of having an I.C.S.C. museum as proposed by RUSSIA was not carried into vote but given approval by the I.C.S.C.
- RUSSIA's proposals on both youth chess development was accepted.
- HUNGARY's intention to hold the 2000 Open Tournament in Budapest was granted by the I.C.S.C.
15. The main issues were focussed on making the use of the Internet ITALY has already set up a WWW chess page on behalf of the I.C.S.C. SWEDEN have their own chess site.

16.a. Y. Sobolev (RUSSIA) had to decline on being re-elected.  
W. Dyjo (POLAND) also had to decline, whilst the rest of the retiring I.C.S.C. Board declared their intentions to continue for another term.

16.b. A.J. Boyce (ENGLAND) was unanimously elected to continue as the I.C.S.C. President for the next 4 year term.

16.c. The four elected Board members were elected with their respective roles: -

M. Visco (ITA)	Vice President WWW Chess Internet work, Public Relation Officer
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G.J. Westerveld (NED)	Secretary General Bulletin Editor
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B. Nuesch (SUI)	Board Member, Treasurer
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S. Salov (RUS)	Board Member, I.C.S.C. Rating Officer Liaise with Russian states, Junior Chess
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Salov's eligibility as a player was queried and answered satisfactorily.

16.d. Thanks were given to the dissolving Election Committee.

17.a.	1999	Europe Cup	Budapest, HUNGARY
		Agreed that Kazakhstan and Bangladesh would be admitted.	

17.b.	2000	WC Individuals	Katowice, POLAND
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17.c.	2001	Europe Cup	Lisbon, PORTUGAL
		Both Kazakhstan and Bangladesh were encouraged to set up an Asian zonal in 2001.	

17.d.	2002	WC Team	Vilinius, LITHUANIA
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17.e.	2003	Europe Cup	YUGOSLAVIA (provisional)
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17.f.	2004	WC Individuals	GERMANY
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18. I.C.S.C. - an auction of the I.C.S.C. Games Archive book would take place to raise money towards the I.C.S.C. Friends of Chess Fund.

RUSSIA will present archives of U.S.S.R. history to the I.C.S.C. for the proposed Chess Museum.

CZECH REPUBLIC - booklets containing all games of the Brno 1994 events are now available for sale.

19. The President declared the meeting closed, thanking all for their presence.

Minutes: Mr. P.K. Gardner (England)