

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

held in Zakopane, Poland, 30<sup>th</sup> July 2000, commencing at 09.11 hours

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

Boyce, Anthony James	(England)	President
Visco, Michele	(Italy)	Vice-President
Westerveld, Gerrit Johannes	(Netherlands)	General Secretary
Nuesch, Bruno Walther	(Switzerland)	Treasurer
Salov, Serguei	(Russia)	Board Member

## Country-Member Delegates present:

<b>Croatia</b>	Svec, Darko	
<b>Czech Republic</b>	Schmid, Jaroslav	
<b>England</b>	Gardner, Phillip	Handy, Peter
<b>Germany</b>	Heins, Helmut	Steinhoff-Klein Rainer
<b>Hungary</b>	Fenyves, Tamàs	Lukàcsovics, Laszlo
<b>Italy</b>	Baiocco, Angelo	Vizzaccaro, Rosino
<b>Lithuania</b>	Sabukiene, Genovaite	
<b>Moldova</b>	Televco, Evgeniu	
<b>Netherlands</b>	Johannesen, Henrik	
<b>Poland</b>	Grajek, Mieczyslaw	Wardziak, Jan
<b>Portugal</b>	Carvalhoeiros, Joao Paulo	Ferreira, Joao Alberto
<b>Russia</b>	Muratov, Lir	Volchkov, Alexander
<b>Sweden</b>	Berntsson, Ingvald	Korenkiewicz, Jaroslav
<b>Switzerland</b>	Wagner, Peter	
<b>Ukraine</b>	Kulakov, Ivan	Zuev, Yurij
<b>U.S.A.</b>	Makhlin, Michael	
<b>Yugoslavia</b>	Nikolic, Milorad	

## Observers:

<b>Argentina</b>	Nielsen, Jorge	
<b>Bulgaria</b>	Georgiev, Vesselin	Arnaudov, Petar
<b>Iceland</b>	Gardarsson, Halldor	
<b>Latvia</b>	Artjomova, Marina	

<b>I.C.S.C. (Honorary)</b>	Vida, Gabor	van Perlstein, Rudi H.
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01. President A.J. Boyce warmly welcomed the delegates and declared the 25<sup>th</sup> I.C.S.C. Congress open. He gave full appreciation to P. Gardner (Eng) for offering his services as Minute-taker for the past five Congresses. He then praised R.H. van Perlstein (Ned) for his loyalty, having attended 18 Congresses, the last 5 coming out his own expenses. He requested all to pay their respects to the following bereaved with a minute's silence: O. Punschke (Ger), W. Kaspers (Ned), G. Kopton (Ger) and M. Araujo (Por). He highlighted the 50 glorious years of the I.C.S.C. since its formation in 1949 when the four countries – Finland, Denmark, Netherlands and Norway – met and established the I.C.S.C. but within the auspices of the C.I.S.S. (the I.C.S.C. became independent in 1956 after the Warsaw Congress).

The President thanked M. Visco for producing a souvenir book on the 50 years of the I.C.S.C., G. Westerveld for working with Visco on the I.C.S.C. Exhibition, and Poland for the decorative work on the I.C.S.C. diploma pennants. He also acknowledged all for the presents, diplomas and cards, stating that he hoped the I.C.S.C. flag would fly higher in the New Millennium.

02. M. Grajek (Pol) gave a heart welcome to all the board members and delegates to Zakopane. He was thrilled to see his country host the WC Individuals for the second time, especially in Zakopane (the first being in 1956). He expressed satisfaction on the smooth organisation and hoped sufficient hospitality was given to all.
03. The appointed scrutineers for the confirmation of delegates voting powers were as follows: Y. Zuev (Ukr), M. Grajek (Pol), H. Heins (Ger).
04. The following National Associations were admitted to the I.C.S.C. by an unanimous vote: ARGENTINA and MOLDOVA.  
The President warmly welcomed Argentina's first ever participant, Jorge Nielsen. Moldova promised to settle their financial debts by the end of 2000.
05. Apologies were received from Meurer (Ger) and Carmichael (Sco). All were notified of an adjustment in the Agenda – items 10 and 11. Both Germany's and England's proposals were accepted to be placed in the Agenda. And the Presidential's proposal were also accepted to be placed in the Agenda.
06. The Minutes of the 24<sup>th</sup> I.C.S.C. Lucerne Congress were unanimously accepted as a true record.
07. On the I.C.S.C. Board Report, there were three corrections:  
Item 2. Add Team  
Item 6.2 Replace Marroc with Marocco  
Item 10.1 Include M. Araujo (Portugal)  
Of the 31 votes, 29 accepted the I.C.S.C. Board Report, with 2 rejected.
- 08.1 The appointed Financial committee were as follows:  
Steinhoff-Klein (Ger), Handy (Eng), Korenkiewicz, J. (Swe).
- 08.2 There were some inaccuracies in the computerised accounts. Therefore the Financial Committee felt obliged not to put forward their proposal for acceptance of the accounts. The President thanked the Committee for their work and would put the corrected financial statement (1998-1999) before the next Congress for approval.
- 08.3 Voting did not take place.
- 08.4 van Perlstein (Ned) as the Honorary Treasurer of the Society of Friends of I.C.S.C. presented a report on the Friends of the said society's steady growth. He regretted the withdrawal of the Chairman of the said society, H. Meurer (Ger), due to ill-health. He gave some fund raising suggestions so as to reduce costly bank charges. Income has passed the 6,000 Dutch Guilder mark. There are currently five members in the Society.
09. Report of I.C.S.C. Events

- 09.1 Nuesch (Sui) gave some information on the WC Teams event in Lucerne in 1998 and reported a healthy profit largely thanks to the waiving of fees by sponsors and companies.
- 09.2 Lukacsovics (Vice-President, Hun), reported that, despite the short notice, Hungary had managed to get the organisation ready in time for the 1999 European Cup event. 12 teams took part, and there were no financial losses. As for problems, they were minimal, easily resolved. A souvenir issue including the revised EC 1999 table and the revised EC games has been prepared.  
Hungary were presented with the I.C.S.C. diploma for their efforts.
- 09.3 Ferreira (Por) thanked all for their condolences on Araujo's death. He gave a presentation for the European Cup event in 2001, stressing that prompt payment on accommodation fees would make their work much easier.  
Queries from both U.S.A. and Ukraine concluded that more notice would be required for "Eastern Bloc" countries to resolve their currency difficulties.  
Information Packs were ready for circulation.
- 09.4 On the WC Teams event in 2002, Sabukiene (Lit) confirmed that the event would go ahead in Lithuania, and gave a brief presentation of their arrangements.  
The work would commence once accepted by the I.C.S.C. Board.

## 10. Proposals

- 10.1 The I.C.S.C. Board Proposals were all accepted.  
It was agreed that Salov (Rus) on behalf of the I.C.S.C. Board would be elected to the Technical Committee.
- 10.2 a) Russia  
Item 1: Lir Muratov to be awarded the I.C.S.C. Arbiter Diploma approved  
Item 2-5 were all withdrawn, Item 6 – Accepted (30 votes)  
b) England's proposal of introducing I.C.S.C. membership cards to give the member better identification was unanimously accepted.  
c) Germany's proposal was forwarded to the new Technical Committee.
- 10.3 President's Proposals
- a) Any country-members of I.C.S.C. having not paid two years' subscriptions, and a further two years no-communication with the office of I.C.S.C., shall automatically cease as a country-member of I.C.S.C.
- b) If the said country-member wishes to resume their country-membership of I.C.S.C., it must pay entry fee as for any country wishing to become a country-member of I.C.S.C.
- c) The said country-member settlement of the two years' outstanding subscriptions and the presence of its delegate at the Congress are the two conditions required for approval in its re-admission to the country-membership of the I.C.S.C.  
The President's proposals were accepted.  
Regarding previous outstanding subscription payments:
- a) Agreed by 12-8 vote (8 abstained) that Argentina are to pay 2 years subscriptions out of their outstanding 4 years, due to currency difficulties.

- b) Agreed to reduce the following countries' previous outstanding payments in Dutch currency:

AZERBAYAN	0	SPAIN	570	FINLAND	530
FRANCE	420	NORWAY	210	AUSTRALIA	210
MEXICO	210	VENEZUELA	420	ISRAEL	140
COSTA RICA		420			

## 11. Presentation of Diplomas

- 11.0 The Diploma and the silver medal for services to the I.C.S.C. posthumously awarded to Emil Ladner (USA) was presented to Mr. Makhlin on behalf of U.S.A.
- 11.1 A. Nauryzgaliev (Kazakhstan) was awarded the title of I.C.S.C. International Master for the best score on top board during the I.C.S.C, World Team Deaf Chess Championships, Lucerne 1998.
- 11.2 For his outstanding services, Lir Muratov (Russia) was awarded the title of I.C.S.C. International Arbiter.
- 11.3 Diplomas were awarded to the first three placed participants of the 5<sup>th</sup> I.C.S.C. Correspondence Chess Tournament:

GOLD:	Marco Grudina of Gorizia, Italy
SILVER:	Bonitz Volker of Chemnitz, Germany
BRONZE:	Mirko Pasquotto of Trieste, Italy

H. Heins (Ger) mentioned that Mr. Bonitz Volker died in 1999 and received the 2<sup>nd</sup> placed certificate on behalf of the late Mr. Volker.

Thanks were given to Mr. G. Malaspina (Italy), the Organiser.

## 12. Correspondence

- a) S. Salov (I.C.S.C. Rating Officer) reported on the slow growth of the I.C.S.C. Ratings – in all there were 31 entries. The Moscow event in January 2000 had 5 players with FIDE ratings.
- b) The President, A. Boyce, reported on the introduction of drugs-testing at chess event as recommended by the F.I.D.E. The I.C.S.C. has issued the following 3 proposals to the F.I.D.E.: 1) to form part of the committee for disabled chess; 2) to get a \$ 3,500 grant; 3) challenge the F.I.D.E. to a friendly chess match.
- c) M. Visco (I.C.S.C.) met the C.I.S.S. Vice President in Rome to discuss on whether the game of chess should be accepted as a sport. And it was agreed that the 2001 World Deaf Games in Rome would have chess as a demonstration sport.

13. Forthcoming I.C.S.C. Events 2001-2006

2001	XV Europa Cup Team Club Championships	Lisbon	Confirmed
	I Asian Cup	Bangladesh	Cancelled
2002	XIV World Team Championships	Vilnius	Confirmed
	II World Ladies Team Championships		
	XXVI I.C.S.C. Congress		
2003	XVI Europa Cup Team Club Championships	Hungary or Serbia	
2004	XIII World Individual Championships	Hamburg or Koblenz	
	III World Ladies Individual Championships		Confirmed
	I World Junior Individual Championships		
	XXVII I.C.S.C. Congress		
2005	XVII Europa Cup Team Club Championships	Bulgaria	Candidate
2006	XV World Team Championships	Rome	Candidate
	III World Ladies Team Championships		
	XXVIII I.C.S.C. Congress		

14. Any Other Business

- a) Italy attempted to demonstrate the I.C.S.C. Website but unable to do so.
- b) U.S.A. felt it was more appropriate to hold the World Championships during a low season.
- c) U.S.A. requested introduction of latest technology on audiogram testing, and wanted to see I.C.S.C. events geared for the profoundly deaf with signing capabilities.
- d) Portugal showed some picture signs designed J. Ferreira to avoid communication distractions (i.e. signing, talking, flash-cameras, smoking, hearing & mobile devices)
- e) J. Schmid (Czech Republic) wanted photos and games for the I.C.S.C. Archives from Dr. Svabensky (Cze) who held them.
- f) L. Muratov (Russia) presented the I.C.S.C. President with a gift on behalf of the Russian delegates.
- g) B. Nuesch (Switzerland) reported on a new I.C.S.C. flag being made. It was agreed to use this flag outside in Vilnius whilst the old one would be used inside the chess playing room.
- h) G. Vida (Hungary) said he would be organising a schools chess event in December 2000.
- i) M. Nukolic (Yugoslavia) outlined the country's currency problems and it was agreed to waive a year's subscription.
- j) G. Westerveld (I.C.S.C. Board) announced with sadness that he would terminate his office as Secretary in 2002 when he would be 71 years of age. He then asked for better response to the Annual I.C.S.C. Questionnaire which would aid his fact-finding mission.
- k) A. Boyce (I.C.S.C. President) added that he would make his decision as to his availability for the Presidency for a further 4 years' term one year before the 26<sup>th</sup> Congress in 2002.
- l) Italy announced a chess festival to be held in Rome, at the same as the World Deaf Games 2001.

15. The President declared the meeting closed, thanking all for their presence at 18.00.

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