

MINUTES of the XXVI I.C.S.C. Congress

held at Vilnius, Lithuania, on Sunday 28th July 2002.

I.C.S.C. Presidium

President:	Anthony Boyce	(England)
Vice-President:	Michele Visco	(Italy)
Secretary-General:	Gerrit Westerveld	(Netherlands)
Treasurer:	Bruno Nüesch	(Switzerland)

Country-Member Delegates:

BELARUS	(BLR)	(2):	Chaslav Bahdanovich
CROATIA	(CRO)	(2):	Marijo Lusic, Darko Svec
CZECH REPUBLIC	(CZE)	(2):	Jaroslav Schmid, Eva Borovickova
ENGLAND	(ENG)	(2):	Phillip Gardner
GERMANY	(GER)	(2):	Rainer Steinhoff-Klein, Helmut Heins
HUNGARY	(HUN)	(2)	Laszlo Lukacsovics, Tamàs Fenyves
ITALY	(ITA)	(2):	Rosino Vizzaccaro, Olga Nazarova
KAZAKHSTAN	(KAZ)	(2):	Mrs. B Begakhmet, G. Pushkarev
LATVIA	(LAT)	(2):	Varis Strazdins, Marina Artjomova
LITHUANIA	(LTU)	(2):	Aleksas Jasiunas, Egle Marcinkeviciene
NETHERLANDS	(NED)	(2):	Hans Johannesen
POLAND	(POL)	(2):	Jozef Smarkusz, Jan Wardziak
RUSSIA	(RUS)	(2):	Lir Muratov, A. Volchkov
SWEDEN	(SWE)	(2):	Ingvald Berntsson, Jaroslav Korenkiewicz
SWITZERLAND	(SUI)	(2):	Peter Wagner
UKRAINE	(UKR)	(2):	Ivan Kulakov, Yuri Zuev

Observer Country Delegates

UZBEKISTAN	(UZB)	Isdjanov Kuchkar, Karimova Dilbar
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Friends of I.C.S.C.

Treasurer:	Rudi van Perlstein	(Netherlands)
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Minute Takers:

First day (28.07.02):	Phillip Gardner	(England)
Second day (29.07.02)	Gerrit Westerveld and Anthony Boyce (ICSC)	

01. OPENING ADDRESS BY THE PRESIDENT

The I.C.S.C. President, Anthony Boyce declared the 26th Congress open at 09.05 hours with the following statement:

"We, the ICSC Board, welcome you, delegates of different country-members of the ICSC, to the 26th Congress in Vilnius today. We thank the President of the Lithuanian Deaf Sports Federation for the use of this Congress room. We see new faces here so may I introduce myself as the President of the ICSC, **Anthony Boyce**, the Vice President, **Michele Visco**, the Secretary-General, **Gerrit Westerveld**, and the Board member, **Bruno Nüesch**. **Sergei Salov**, the 5th member of the Board, is

absent, so he apologises for not being here. He sends you his greetings. We also introduce the Friends of ICSC Treasurer, **Rudi Van Perlstein (NED)**, who has attended a total of 19 Congresses since 1964 (he missed only one, Stockholm 1988), **Yuri Sobolev (RUS)** (past Board Member) and **Phillip Gardner (ENG)**, who will be doing the Minutes for the 7th time!

The ICSC continues to operate since 1949. It started with a seed grown at Copenhagen, and it grew when country-members joined in and supported ICSC. Today the ICSC stands firm like a fully grown tree, thanks to the past and present Board members who have made it possible. Now the tree is alive and is held firmly by roots. You, the delegates, are the roots of the ICSC. The Board of the ICSC carries out tasks according to the Statutes and Regulations. You, the delegates, support the ICSC by your yearly subscription. We thank you for your support.

In this Congress, we have a long Agenda together with reports, proposals, presentations, discussions and future events. At Lucerne 1998, the Board of ICSC was elected for 4 years. We must step down today to make way for elections to create a new Board of ICSC. A sad day for some but an exciting time for those who will face a new challenge for the future to achieve the objectives of ICSC. Today I ask you in the name of good sport, good co-operation and friendship to build a better future for deaf chess players from all over the world who need our support. Thank you. Now I would like to ask you to stand for 2 minutes' silence for **Dr. Mojmir Svabensky, Ph.D (CZE)** who passed away in May 2002 and for **Ms. Genovaite Sabukiene (LTU)** who died in September 2001. Thank you."

The ICSC President concluded his speech with an announcement for the day's program.

01 (a). APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Written apologies were received by the following countries:

United States of America (U.S.A)

Bulgaria

Scotland

Yugoslavia

and also by the ICSC Board Member, **Sergei Salov (RUS)**.

02. WELCOME SPEECH BY THE PRESIDENT OF LITHUANIA

The President of the Lithuanian Deaf Sports Federation, Aleksas Jasiunas, warmly welcomed all delegates to the 26th I.C.S.C. Congress on his home country on behalf of his fellow countrymen. Whilst he expressed delight in seeing 18 countries present in Lithuania, he stressed hope for a continual growth in deaf chess. He then thanked the ICSC for their good work in steadying the ship.

He concluded his brief speech by extending his country's hospitality of providing lunch to all officials and delegates present.

03. 1. COMMITTEE FOR VOTING POWERS

The following nominated delegates were appointed to sanction the voting powers of the delegates:

Hans Johannesen	Netherlands	(Chair)
Varis Strazdins	Latvia	
Ivan Kulakov	Ukraine	

2. CONFIRMATION FOR VOTING POWERS OF THE DELEGATES

Johannesen (NED) reported that the following six (6) country-members had failed to meet the ICSC document requirements:

Belarus	-	No official stamp
Hungary	-	Country name omitted
Latvia	-	Country name omitted
Lithuania	-	Unofficial ICSC Document
Sweden	-	No official stamp
Switzerland	-	No official stamp

The above-mentioned countries were reminded to adhere to the ICSC Statutes for the next Congress. After officially accepting them, it was announced that the official total voting count would be 36 votes, the breakdown being:

I.C.S.C. Delegates	(16 Countries x 2 votes):	32 VOTES
I.C.S.C. Board	(4 members x 1 vote):	4 VOTES
Giving a total of		36 VOTES.

(Note: Uzbekistan, as Observers, do not have the voting powers.)

04. APPOINTMENT OF THE ELECTION COMMITTEE

The following nominated delegates were appointed after a 36-0 majority to sanction the voting powers of the delegates and to take over the ICSC Board in Item 15:

Laszlo Lukacsovics	Hungary	(Chair)
Yuri Zuev	Ukraine	
Helmut Heins	Germany	
Olga Nazarova	Italy	

05. ADMISSION OF NATIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

- 1 **Armenia** have expressed interest in joining the ICSC but they would have to abide by the Statutes guidelines.
- 2 **Turkmenistan** recently participated in the ICSC's Asia Cup -again, they would be welcomed as a member if they would oblige with the formalities of the Statutes.

- 3 **Uzbekistan** were accepted as a provisional member of the ICSC after a 35-1 voting count -the two delegates, Kuchkar and Dilbar, were warmly welcomed.
- 4 **Slovakia's** application for re-admission to the I.C.S.C. was put on hold for there were no delegation present - agreed with a 36-0 voting count.

06. AGENDA INFORMATION

There were two items for inclusion to Agenda Item 14 (Correspondence)

- a) **Croatia's** protest on the eligibility of a player of the Italian National squad;
- b) **Lithuania's** problems regarding the ICSC WC team organisation.

07. CONFIRMATION OF THE I.C.S.C. CONGRESS MINUTES, ZAKOPANE 2000

The Minutes of the 25th I.C.S.C. Congress, Zakopane 2000, were circulated via the I.C.S.C. Bulletin, December 2000 and apart from Croatia's unfounded query, they were unanimously accepted.

08. I.C.S.C. BOARD REPORT FOR 2000 -2001

- a) **Johannesen (NED)** pointed out an omission - **Nico v/d Linde (NED)** passed away on November 2001.
- b) **Lusic (CRO)** queried on the ICSC's relations with the CISS. **Visco (ICSC)** briefly summed up the professional relationship between the two bodies, with periodical bulletins being exchanged to each other.

The ICSC Board report was approved with a 34-0 voting majority.

09. FINANCIAL REPORTS OF THE I.C.S.C.

1. The following delegates were appointed with a majority voting count to carry out the duties of the Finance Committee:

Rainer Steinhoff-Klein	Germany	(Chair)
Jaroslav Korenkiewicz	Sweden	
Michael Freund	England	

2. The Finance Committee presented their report and made some recommendations to improve the auditing of the financial statements for future ICSC Congresses. They announced their verdict on the following financial years:

1998 Accounts: Rejected at Zakopane 2000, the books were re-examined and found to be a rather complex business but were deemed complete.

1999 Accounts: Well organised layout of the books - deemed complete.

3. A vote of approval was given on the 1998 and 1999 accounts
4. The Financial Committee's reported their verdict on the following years:

2000 Accounts: Not complete.

2001 Accounts: Not complete.

Smarkusz (POL) stressed his country's unhappiness with the inefficient handling of the accounts, pinpointing the inexperience of **Nüesch** as ICSC Treasurer. The chief problem was the exchange conversion from Dutch Guilders to the Euro, **Nüesch** also explained that his domestic problems had gotten in the way of his financial duties. The ICSC President regretted the incomplete accounts of 2000-2001 but promised they would be complete before the New Board of ICSC took over. There was to be no voting of approval for the accounts 2000-2001 until the next ICSC Congress. He pointed out that from the 2001 subscriptions there was an alarming drop of **1,500 Euros** from the previous year, the breakdown being: 1998: **7279 Euros**. 1999: **8590 Euros**, 2000: **8015 Euros**, 2001: **6465 Euros**. This would have an effect on the budgeting of ICSC Board expenses. Discussion followed, with especially observations made by **Muratov (RUS)** on the reducing number of clubs under each country, and his follow-up suggestion of having smaller clubs paying less than the normal subscription rate charges to the ICSC.

Thanks were given to the three members of the Finance Committee for their work and for their report.

5. REPORT ON FRIENDS OF I.C.S.C. FUNDS

The Friends of the ICSC Treasurer, **Rudi van Perlstein**, highlighted several inaccuracies on the financial statement that had been prepared by the ICSC Treasurer, **Bruno Nüesch**. They were amended accordingly. He then reported with regret that **Heinz Meurer (GER)** had resigned. But he was pleased to welcome **Anthony Boyce (ICSC)** as a worthy replacement.

He reported that, in 1998, the funds had 5,000 Dutch Guilders but now it has risen to 8,000 Dutch Guilders. The primary aim of the Fund would be to aid African countries.

Perlstein announced his resignation as Treasurer owing to both his advancing age (74 years old) and family problems. He was then thanked for his excellent work.

The Friends of ICSC Funds accounts were approved with a 29-0 majority.

10. REPORT OF I.C.S.C. EVENTS

1. I.C.S.C. WORLD INDIVIDUALS, ZAKOPANE 2000

Smarkusz (POL) gave a brief report on the successful WC Individual event. Thanks were given to the Polish Chess Organising Committee for their smooth and efficient organisation.

2. I.C.S.C. EUROPA CUP, LISBON 2001

Although there was no Portuguese delegation present, it was summed up that the organisation of the Lisbon event was excellent.

3. I.C.S.C. GOODWILL GAMES, ROME 2001

Vizzaccaro (ITA) gave his report that there were 16 participants from 5 countries in this event organised in Rome by A.S.I.S. The proceeds from this event were donated to the ICSC. **Salov (RUS)** was invited to give a simultaneous chess exhibition.

4. I.C.S.C. ASIAN INDIVIDUALS, ALMATY 2002

Begakhmet (KAZ) reported that Kazakhstan were allocated a FIDE grant of 1,000 Swiss Francs to organise the first ever ICSC Asian Individual Championships. There were sixteen (16) entries, the winning entry coming from Uzbekistan. Kazakhstan occupied both 2nd and 3rd places whilst a Turkmenistan participant finished 4th. Bangladesh were the original hosts but pulled out, hence Kazakhstan coming into the rescue.

Begakhmet was thanked for her great efforts on behalf of the ICSC.

5. I.C.S.C. ALL-AMERICAN INDIVIDUALS 2002

This proposed tournament was not undertaken. ICSC had written a letter of invitation to Argentina and less than a year later to the U.S.A. to organise the All American Cup Individual Championships but there were no replies from both countries.

6. I.C.S.C. EUROPA CUP, UKRAINE 2003

The Ukrainian Deaf Sports Federation, with Salov's recommendation, have offered to host the 2003 Europa Cup Club Team Championships. It was approved unanimously by all. **Lvov** was chosen over Kiev for both economic and nodal reasons.

7. I.C.S.C. WORLD INDIVIDUALS, GERMANY 2004

Steinhoff-Klein (GER) announced the official site to be **HAMBURG** instead of Koblenz, and the dates to be between 31st July and 13th August 2004.

Lunch was served at 12.50 hours

11. PRESENTATION OF DIPLOMAS

The following diplomas were awarded:

INTERNATIONAL ARBITERS

Günter Arnold	Germany
Helmut Heins	Germany
Giulio Malaspina	Italy

I.C.S.C. GRANDMASTER

Michael Makhlin	United States of America
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I.C.S.C. WOMAN GRANDMASTER

Svitlana Gonchar	Ukraine
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SERVICES TO THE I.C.S.C

BRONZE MEDAL

Angelo Baiocco	Italy
Jaroslav Schmid	Czech Republic
Karel Frydl	Czech Republic
Burul Begakhmet	Kazakhstan

SILVER

Laszlo Lukacsovics	Hungary
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12. PROPOSALS.

1. UPDATING OF THE I.C.S.C. STATUTES AND REGULATIONS

The ICSC Board's proposals on updating both the Statutes and Regulations were accepted in favour of a 26-0 vote majority.

2. I.C.S.C. BOARD PROPOSALS

a) REGULATIONS FOR CHAMPIONSHIPS I.C.S.C. WORLD JUNIOR DEAF CHESS

Croatia queried on whether the juniors would be categorized according to their ages. **Germany** responded by assuring that they had considered doing so, and that would not be a problem.

Poland raised their concerns that there was only one junior in their Goodwill event in Zakopane 2000. But the ICSC pointed out that the

1994 Csopak event in Hungary had attracted a good number of juniors. A promised funding of a maximum 1,000 Swiss Francs was guaranteed to promote the junior event.

PASSED with a 31-0 voting majority.

b) **I.C.S.C. ARCHIVES COMMISSION**

A motion to have the following persons commissioned to carry out the work on the ICSC Archives and to record the documents available was presented by **ITALY**. The results would be reported at the next ICSC Congress in 2004.

Michele Visco	Italy
Jaroslav Schmid	Czech Republic
Luciano Baiocco	Italy
Anthony Boyce	England

A query was brought up on the question of having two Italians on the commission body but it was understood that communication and accessibility to computerized data would be easier for those concerned. PASSED with a 31-0 majority.

c) **I.C.S.C. FINANCE COMMITTEE**

The ICSC Board's proposal on the recommendation of the Finance Committee to improve the presentation of financial details during the auditing to be carried out by the Finance Committee in future ICSC Congresses was presented and approved unanimously.

3. RUSSIA'S PROPOSALS

- a) A motion to retain **Anthony Boyce (ENG)** for the post of ICSC President for the next 4 years was declined with thanks and was much appreciated of its support by the President.
- b) A nomination for **Sergei Salov (RUS)** to the new I.C.S.C. Board was carried forward to the Election of Officials.
- c) See England's proposal 4 (a)

4. ENGLAND'S PROPOSALS

- a) Together with Russia's proposal 3(c), on the maximum nine day duration for the World Team Championships, the motion was passed unanimously with a 27-0 voting majority.

- b) Withdrawn
- c) A request to nominate **Anthony Boyce (ENG)** for the ICSC Gold Medal in recognition of his efforts was referred to the next ICSC Board meeting.
- d) A request to award **Anthony Boyce (ENG)** for the title for ICSC International Master for his third placing at the ICSC World Individual Championships, Washington 1984, was referred to the next ICSC Board meeting.

13. I.C.S.C. TECHNICAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

1) TECHNICAL COMMITTEE REPORT FOR 2000-2001

The absence of the Technical Committee Chair, **Salov (RUS)**, had prompted a brief reading of the Report which was unanimously accepted. The ICSC Chairman praised Technical Committee's work as well as the ICSC Rating report carried out by **Salov (RUS)** on behalf of the ICSC.

2) TECHNICAL COMMITTEE PROPOSALS

The first batch of the TC's proposals circulated to all country-members via the ICSC Bulletin had brought in no queries so they were unanimously accepted.

On the second batch of the TC's proposals brought in two queries:

Croatia on the handling of the proposals which were circulated to all delegates at the Congress -they had wanted the opportunity to look thoroughly at the several proposals outlined by the Technical Committee.

Ukraine asked for clarification on the ELO/ICSC rating seeing they were given a lower rating having been in the top three in the last two World Team Championships. **Muratov (RUS)** supported Ukraine's case and pointed out that the seedings were not justified. Agreed with a 26-2 vote that the TC proposals should be referred back to the Technical Committee.

The I.C.S.C. President recommended that the 2nd batch report should be also referred back to the Technical Committee for further consultation.

14. CORRESPONDENCE

- a) The ICSC President reported that F.I.D.E. have issued a statement on drug-taking, highlighting the use of tablets, and the required protocol (i.e. medical advice). He recommended that any ICSC player wishing to play in

any FIDE event should consult their own doctor and obtain a medical statement if tablets are on the list of drugs which are known to enhance their playing skills. Then the player concerned should submit the medical forms/prescriptions to the arbiter prior to the start of the tournament.

- b) A report from **Malaspina (ITA)**, the ICSC Webmaster - the ICSC Website has so far received 6,000 hits. However, **Johannesen (NED)** stressed the need of regular updating it to keep it attracting interest.
- c) **Westerveld (ICSC)** reported that he had relied heavily on the facsimile machine, from which he had got plenty of correspondence. He had enjoyed excellent rapport with both the ICSC President, **Boyce**, and the Friends of Chess Treasurer, **Perlstein**. He had also received numerous contacts from F.I.D.E.
- d) Following **Sabukiene's** death, **Lithuania** admitted that they had no access to documents following the organising of the WC Team Championships in Vilnius. And they themselves were hampered with serious financial difficulties. But they thanked the ICSC for their help. However, they felt unable to cater for overall accommodation costs for 4 ICSC delegates, and asked for financial help. Croatia felt that the number of ICSC Board Members should be trimmed down to three. **Ukraine** pointed out that the ICSC Board should resolve this problem themselves rather than address this to the delegates but in principle, Lithuania should contribute all the costs.
- e) **CROATIA'S PROTEST.**

Croatia submitted a letter of protest regarding the eligibility of **Goran Cehic** with the Italian National team. **M. Lusic**, the Croatian President, stated that his Federation had not been informed of Cehic's declaration to play for Italy in this competition. He then stressed that Cehic currently both worked and lived in Croatia, as well as Cehic's family lived in Croatia. Furthermore, Italy had not informed Croatia of their intentions to include him in their national squad. They had not minded Cehic playing for Trieste (ITA) in the Europa

Cup Club Championships as was the case in 2001 but this was a different proposition. Croatia then demanded that his participation in the Italian team should be declared void hence their official protest.

Italy responded that, although Cehic possessed a Croatian passport. he was fully eligible to represent Italy since he had not played for Croatia in the last 3 years. They had gained the ICSC's approval, according to the F.I.D.E.'s rules.

There were several heated discussions'

- **Muratov (RUS)** reminded all delegates that following the dissolution of the U.S.S.R., the then I.C.S.C. President, Gabor Vida (HUN), addressed the country eligibility of a player via his own passport. He was not pleased to see two of his countrymen, Salov & Smirnov represent Hamburg in the 2001 Europa Cup in Lisbon. And also questioned the eligibility of **Makhlin** representing the USA at Zakopane 2000. He concluded that the Cehic's scores must stand but the ICSC should attempt to both investigate and resolve the passport issue.
- **Ukraine** pointed out that as for as the Congress is concerned, the ICSC should be the premier body, not the F.I.D.E. And they asked for interpretation of the ICSC Statutes under Item 1.6 (see further below).
- **Hungary** felt that the three-year residency validity was a total mockery and was not in accordance to the ICSC Statutes.
- **Germany** supported Russia's claim that the validity of the passport would form the best solution for a player's eligibility.
- **Visco (ICSC)** responded that **Makhlin (USA)** had served his three years residence in the United States before being declared eligible to play for his adopted Country. And Cehic too, had served his three years' residence in Italy. However, they admitted that they did not contact Croatia which would have been the normal protocol. He concluded by stating that ICSC would look into the passport matter next time. However. Croatia were not satisfied with Visco's explanation, stressing that playing under a Country flag was a very big issue So had rendered the Whole thing to be invalid. They then requested that Cehic Should be removed from playing for Italy and have his scores declared void.
- **Latvia** criticized the three bodies
 - Italy, Croatia and the ICSC
 - for the lack of diplomacy in handling this delicate situation, and then demanded a vote to decide Croatia's protest.

Meanwhile, the interpretation of the I.C.S.C. Regulations for the International Deaf Chess of Article I Item No.6 as pointed out by the I.C.S.C President read as follows:

"Every country-member of the ICSC is entitled to participate in the ICSC tournaments with one player or several players holding the nationality of the given country"

The ICSC President admitted that the statement applied to all events and that it was a very general one but pointed out that it did not mention the passport which he felt should have been included. As it was, the eligibility of the player for another country was based on the ruling of FIDE under the residency qualification for at least three years. As ICSC is an affiliated member of FIDE it can refer to the regulations of FIDE since there is no ruling in the ICSC Statutes and regulations on a player residing in another country. He then referred to the ICSC Statutes Article IV Item No.8 in that appeals could be lodged against the decision of the ICSC board and the Congress. The ICSC President insisted that the decision to allow Cehic to play for Italy had been made by the ICSC Board themselves and therefore the voting should be based on Croatia's protest against the Board of the ICSC. He then referred to the Statutes, Section 8.8. He then stressed that it would be the first time in 16 years that the ICSC's decision would be challenged before the Congress.

England proposed two voting ballots - the first one for the ICSC v Croatia protest, and if the vote went in favour of Croatia, then the second would be to determine the outcome of the preferred form of discipline. All agreed.

Voting took place for the ICSC v Croatia issue, the result being:

I.C.S.C.	6 votes
Croatia	16 votes
Abstained	7 votes

The ICSC Board then stepped down in protest of the lack of faith shown to them, and invited the Election Committee to take over and deal with the election for the new Board of ICSC for the term 2003-2006 as per their responsibilities. Then the ongoing Board departed from the Congress Hall.

15. TERMINATION OF THE I.C.S.C. BOARD

1. ELECTION COMMITTEE

A 28-0 vote was in favour of the Election committee taking over with **Lukacsovics (HUN)** chairing the election process.

2. ELECTION OF I.C.S.C. PRESIDENT

Michele Visco (ITA) was nominated as the natural successor for the role of I.C.S.C. President. All in favour.

3. ELECTION OF 4 MEMBERS OF THE I.C.S.C. BOARD

Nominations were received for the following

Sergei Salov (RUS) - written proposal by Russia
Marijo Lusic (CRO) - Verbal nomination by D.Svec (CRO)
Bruno Nüesch (SUI) - Verbal nomination by P. Wagner (SUI)

Phillip Gardner (ENG) declined his nomination in view of the ongoing problems in this Congress.

14 (e) CROATIA (continued)

Discussion followed on the second voting ballot to determine the disciplinary action on Goran Cehic. It was eventually agreed that Italy's scores should still remain intact, and that a vote should be made on whether Goran Cehic should continue playing for Italy.

Voting took place but there was confusion on the allocation of votes. So it was agreed to resume voting once all delegates understood the concept of this proposal.

However, Congress came to an abrupt end for smoke fumes filled in this Congress Hall

CONGRESS ADJOURNED TILL MONDAY 29TH JULY 2002

Resumption of the XXVII (26TH) I.C.S.C. Congress on Monday 29th July 2002, commencing at 09.00 hours.

Country-members not present

Belarus. Sweden

15. ELECTION COMMITTEE (continued from 28.07.02)

- a) **Lukacsovics (HUN)**, Chair of the Election Committee, confirmed the total number of 28 votes from the delegates only.
- b) The Proposals of the new ICSC Board were written on the board as follows:

President:	Michele Visco	Italy
Candidates:	Sergei Salov	Russia
	Bruno Nüesch	Switzerland
	Marijo Lusic	Croatia

- c) **Gardner (ENG)** as Minute taker of the first day was invited to update the ICSC Board of the events following their departure of the Congress. He then excused himself from the Congress at 9.58 hours to resume his England duties.

Both **Westerveld** and **Boyce** took over the role of Minute Takers.

- d) Discussion took place on the 5th Candidate for the ICSC Board - a proposal that **Bruno Nüesch (SUI)** be re-elected as ICSC Treasurer was rejected on the grounds that the accounts had been incomplete for a few years.

Visco (ICSC) was asked if he accepted the Presidency of ICSC and he agreed after an unanimous vote of confidence from the delegates. **Sergei Salov (RUS)** was confirmed as the ICSC Board Member.

- e) It was suggested that **Phillip Gardner (ENG)** might accept the post of General Secretary of the ICSC if he was given the option of appointing a ICSC Treasurer. This was of course, subject to approval of the English Deaf Chess Association (E.D.C.A.). This was fully supported by the delegates.
- f) Regarding the nominees for the new Board of ICSC, their country members namely,

Phillip K. Gardner	-	England
Marijo Lusic	-	Croatia
Bruno Nüesch	-	Switzerland

should write letters of support and authorization for the nominees to be accepted as ICSC Board members for the term beginning 2003 and ending 2006.

- g) The old ICSC. Board would continue to work on behalf of the ICSC. until 31st December 2002. The new Board would commence work on 1st January 2003. **Stradzins (LAT)** asked the Congress to vote if this procedure was acceptable to all. It was accepted unanimously.

The outgoing ICSC President thanked **Lukacsovics (HUN)** and the Election Committee for their work with the election.

Two announcements arose before proceeding to the next item No.16 of the Agenda:

- (i) the Uzbekistan delegates thanked the Board of the ICSC for allowing them to attend the Congress and presented their souvenirs to **Mr. Boyce**, **Mr. Westerveld (both ICSC)** and **Mr. Januinas**, the Lithuania Organiser.

- (ii) The Outgoing Secretary-General, **Gerrit Westerveld**, made an urgent request to country members to pay their subscriptions directly to the ICSC bank for the sake of the ICSC Treasurer. Payment of subscription in cash or in foreign currency other than Euros would involve more administration work and extra costs for the ICSC. He reported that only two participating countries have yet to pay the ICSC Championship fees.

16. FORTHCOMING I.C.S.C. EVENTS

1.	E.C. Club Teams	2003	Ukraine accepted.
1.1.	Continental Cup (Asia)	2003	
2.	WC Individuals	2004	Germany accepted.
3.	E.C. Club Teams	2005	
4.	W.C. Teams	2006	Italy accepted
5.	E.C. Club Teams	2007	Sweden accepted.
6.	W.C. Individuals	2008	Switzerland candidate.

Muratov (RUS) proposed **Siberia** as the site for the 2003 Asia Continental Cup, and agreed to a suggested meeting with **Kazakhstan** to discuss this further.

Croatia were asked whether they would consider staging the 2005 EC Club teams event but their President, **Lusic (CRO)**, had declared it a non-starter for their finances would be stretched after the 2005 Deaflympics in Melbourne.

Janiunas (LTU) asked if women would be allowed to participate in a club team for the Europa Cup, in which the answer was in the affirmative.

17. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The outgoing ICSC President, **Anthony Boyce**, drew up a proposal for a F.I.D.E. grant to support African Deaf Chess Cup tournament for the forth coming F.I.D.E. Congress at Bled. Accepted unanimously.

Boyce (ICSC) mentioned that the ICSC has had some very difficult times but now hopefully it will make better progress for many years to come. He stressed his disappointment in missing the presence of **Mr. Beliakov (RUS)** at the Congress especially when he was involved with the Technical Committee.

Boyce (ICSC) asked if **Wardziak (POL)** was available for the vacant Technical Committee place but his response was that he did not command much of the English language and he also did not own either e-mail or Internet facilities. Boyce asked all delegates to accept members of the Technical Committee which was approved unanimously. He thanked the work of **Salov (RUS)** and the Technical Committee in the past four years.

Boyce (ICSC) had enjoyed his sixteen years spell with the ICSC Board, especially on the Friends of ICSC and its fund-raising.

Boyce (ICSC) expressed his wishes to make a proposal for the separation of the Fund Account from the General Account with a new Committee involving himself, **Westerveld (NED)** and **Visco (ITA)** on behalf of the ICSC. This was best left to the new board of the ICSC to deal with. He thanked all for their support to the Fund.

Schmid (CZE) urgently requested all delegates to collect old chess archives for ICSC. He had wanted to collect them and compile a list of records for the ICSC Archives.

Heins (GER) posed the question of having to have a **FIDE** qualified arbiter for the WC Individual Championships. Hamburg 2004. The response was that it was deemed necessary.

Jasiunas (LTU) asked all to attend the I.C.S.C. Closing Ceremony on 31st July for some participating countries would be departing on 1st August.

18. CLOSING OF THE I.C.S.C. CONGRESS

The outgoing ICSC President, **Anthony Boyce**, declared the XXVI (26th) I.C.S.C. Congress closed at 11.20 hours with a brief speech thanking all delegates for their co-operation over the past years and their presence. He then stressed with hope that he would see all delegates at the Closing Ceremony.