

MINUTES of the 28th I.C.S.C. CONGRESS held at the Krudy Vigado Hotel, Nyiregyhaza-Sosto, Hungary on Friday 15th September 2006, commencing at 09.15 hours.

Present were the following:

I.C.S.C. Presidium:

President	Michele Visco	(Italy)
Vice-President	Bruno Nuesch	(Switzerland)
Secretary-General	Phillip Gardner	(England)
Board Member	Marijo Lusic	(Croatia)
Treasurer	Michael Freund	(England)

I.C.S.C. Honorary Presidents / Honorary Members

Honorary President	Gabor Vida	(Hungary)
Honorary President	Gerrit Westerveld	(Netherlands)
Honorary Member	Rudi van Perlstein	(Netherlands)

Friends of the I.C.S.C. Fund

Member	Gerrit Westerveld	(Netherlands)
Member	Michele Visco	(Italy)

I.C.S.C. Technical Committee

Chair	Goran Cehic	(Croatia)
Member	Gunter Arnold	(Germany)
Member	Jaroslav Schmid	(Czech Republic)

I.C.S.C. Country-Members:

BULGARIA	(BUL)	Vasil Panev
CROATIA	(CRO)	Darko Svec, Branko Kauzlaric
CZECH REPUBLIC	(CZE)	Jaroslav Schmid, Eva Borovickova
ENGLAND	(ENG)	Alasdair MacLeod
GERMANY	(GER)	Holger Mende, Gunter Arnold
HUNGARY	(HUN)	Sandor Konkoly, Laszlo Lukacsovics
ITALY	(ITA)	Rosino Vizzaccaro, Olga Nazarova
LITHUANIA	(LTU)	Egle Marcinkeviciene, Gediminas Petrauskas
NETHERLANDS	(NED)	Hans Johannesen
POLAND	(POL)	Krzysztof Michalczuk
RUSSIA	(RUS)	Yuri Sobolev, Alexander Beliaikov
SCOTLAND	(SCO)	John Christie
SLOVAKIA	(SVK)	Ladislav Svicka, Peter Pastor
SWEDEN	(SWE)	Jaroslav Koreniciewicz
SWITZERLAND	(SUI)	Gregor Maier, Samuel Aebersold
UKRAINE	(UKR)	Yuriy Zuev, Ivan Kulakov

Country-Members - Observers

BELARUS	(BLR)	Alena Mikhalionak
BULGARIA	(BUL)	Georgi Stefanov
MOLDOVA	(MDL)	Ruslan Lopatiuc, Alexei Ciuprun
SLOVAKIA	(SVK)	Jaromir Ruda

Congress Minute Taker: **Ilan Dwek (England)**

01. I.C.S.C. PRESIDENT'S OPENING ADDRESS

The ICSC President, Michele Visco, declared the 28th ICSC Congress open at 09.15 hours with a warm welcome to all those present at the Congress. He then thanked the H.M.S. organizers for making this occasion possible.

He remarked that since the ICSC's formation in 1949, the total number of ICSC delegates reached a remarkable figure of 223. He then introduced both himself and the ICSC Board Members before asking all those present to state both their names and their representative country.

The President then asked for a minute's silence to remember the following people who have recently passed away:

Poland:	Mr. Jerzy Okecki	(??.08.2004 – 60 years)
Netherlands:	Mr. Herman W. Grudelbach	(01.02.2005 – 63 years)
Germany:	Mr. Theodor Krumscheid	(31.08.2005 – 85 years)
	Mr. Gunter Woller	(18.08.2005 – 83 years)
Scotland:	Mr. William Greig	(25.05.2006 – 74 years)

01.1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Written apologies for absence were announced by the ICSC Secretary-General:

Anthony Boyce, England	-	ICSC Honorary President
David Guy	-	Wales
Portugal		

All wished the ICSC every success in running the 28th Congress.

02. WELCOME SPEECH BY THE H.M.S. PRESIDENT (09.30 hours)

The President of the H.M.S., Mr. Sandor Konkoly, opened his speech by warmly welcoming everyone at the Congress to his host country, Hungary. He admitted that there had been some problems since Hungary stepped in at such short notice. But having resolving most of them through sheer hard work, the HMS Organising Committee managed to get all the participating teams and officials here safely.

He added that the chess set laid out in the middle of the Congress room conveyed the symbol of the ICSC. The ICSC Chess Teams Championships here so far has fascinating, with a winner yet to be determined prior to the final round.

Mr. Sandor Konkoly was warmly thanked for his speech.

03. CONFIRMATION OF DELEGATES' VOTING POWERS (09.33 hours)

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

Holger Mende	Germany	(Chair)
Alexander Beliakov	Russia	
Gediminas Petrauskas	Lithuania	

It was then announced that the official voting count would be 34* votes, the breakdown being;

ICSC Delegates	(15 countries x 2 votes):	30 Votes
ICSC Board	(4 members x 1 vote):	4 Votes
Giving a total of:		34 VOTES*

* Note: It was discovered at 9.59 hours by Johannesen (NED) that the one country had been overlooked so an amendment had been made on the voting count:

ICSC Delegates	(16 countries x 2 votes):	32 Votes
ICSC Board	(4 members x 1 vote):	4 Votes
Giving a total of:		36 VOTES

04. APPOINTMENT OF THE ELECTION COMMITTEE (09.38 hours)

The following delegates were appointed to represent the Election Committee:

Hans Johannesen	Netherlands	(Chief)
John Christie	Scotland	
Jaroslav Schmid	Czech Republic	

05. ADMISSION OF NATIONAL ASSOCIATIONS / FEDERATIONS (09:40 hours)

SLOVAKIA (Peter Pastor) announced that they had changed their name from the "Slovakia Deaf Olympic Commission" to the "Slovakian Association Union of Deaf Sports", and was approved by the E.D.S.O. (European Deaf Sports Organisation) in Baden, Austria on June 2006.

06. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FOR THE AGENDA (09.42 hours)

The ICSC President informed all delegates of the two additional motions (Nos. 11 & 12).

07. CONFIRMATION OF THE 27TH CONGRESS MINUTES (09.45 hours)

The Minutes of the 27th ICSC Congress held at Malente, Germany 2006, were accepted by all with a 33-0 voting majority (3 abstained).

08. I.C.S.C. BOARD REPORTS 2003 -2005 (09.47 hours)

As mentioned in the 27th ICSC Minutes, the ICSC Secretary served a reminder that the ICSC had delivered their promise to submit outstanding ICSC Board Reports for the years 2003 and 2004.

08.1 ICSC BOARD REPORT 2003

There were no questions raised, and the 2003 ICSC Board Report was accepted with a 33-0 vote (3 abstained).

08.2 ICSC BOARD REPORT 2004

There were no issues raised, and the 2004 ICSC Board Report was accepted with a 33-0 vote (3 abstained).

08.3 ICSC BOARD REPORT 2005

Ivan Kulakov (UKR) asked for an explanation on the omission of Mr. Sergei Salov from the ICSC Board in the Report. The ICSC President explained that it was the ICSC Board's decision to omit Mr. Salov as his own personal agenda had brought several conflicting issues with the ICSC. The ICSC had informed the Russian Deaf Chess Federation of their decision which was duly accepted.

The ICSC secretary explained that the ICSC had decided to respect Mr. Salov's wishes not to make an announcement for his expulsion at the 27th ICSC Congress at Malente, and had allowed him to continue his ICSC rating duties.

The ICSC President reminded that the ICSC had always carried the highest regard of Salov as a chess player, and had acknowledged that he had brought great dignity to the game of deaf chess. But their decision in removing him from the ICSC Board was a separate issue.

The 2005 Board Report was amended to include this additional sentence:

"It was agreed at Malente 2004 that Mr. Salov's services as ICSC Board member would no longer be required".

The 2005 ICSC Board Report was passed with a 33-0 majority (3 abstained).

09. FINANCIAL REPORTS OF THE I.C.S.C. (09.57 hours)

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

Samuel Aebersold
Ivan Kulakov

Switzerland
Ukraine
(Chair)

Mr. Aebersold briefly reported on his findings on both the 2004 & 2005 Financial Reports; the Financial Committee had found them highly accurate and compiled in a very methodical manner. He then thanked the ICSC Treasurer for his hard work and cooperation.

There were no questions raised, and a 33-0 voting majority count was accepted (3 abstained).

(There was a 19-minute interval at 09.59 hours for refreshments – the Congress resumed at 10.17 hours)

09.1 FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE FRIENDS OF THE I.C.S.C. (10.17 hours)

The Financial Report for 2004-05 showed a true record of the accounts, and was unanimously accepted by all with a 33-0 vote (3 abstained).

10. REPORTS OF I.C.S.C. EVENTS 2004-2005 (10.27 hours)

The ICSC Secretary served a reminder to all delegates that a proposal had been passed at the 27th ICSC Congress in Malente, Germany 2004 that the organizing country hosting an ICSC event are obliged to submit a report three months prior to the ICSC Congress otherwise a penalty fee would be imposed.

10.1 WORLD TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS, MALENTE 2004 (10.22 hours)

The D.G.S. submitted an excellent written report, complete with results and financial accounts. A copy was left on the table for all delegates to browse though, and the ICSC Secretary said he would be happy to send copies to those who had wanted a copy.

Gunter Arnold gave a brief account of both the experiences and problems encountered at Malente. The event had turned out to be a break-even in terms of cost, much to their delight. Accommodation had been a major factor, with several Russian teams opting to stay elsewhere instead of the Malente premises that would have catered for all participants.

Marijo Lusic applauded Germany for their gigantic efforts in organizing such a successful event, and hinted that their organisation skills should be adopted for future events.

D.G.S. report was accepted by all with a unanimous 36-0 vote.

10.2 E.C. CLUB TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS, PIESTANY 2005 (10.29 hours)

Peter Pastor gave a brief account of the organizing of the event – communication with 16 clubs had been smooth, and there were no real problems encountered. The financial situation, too, was acceptable. However, there were some small snags such as transport and unpaid bills from the hotel bar.

He was delighted that the arbiter of the event had met the ICSC President at the FIDE Olympiads at Turin recently.

He then apologized for not submitting a written report but promised he would follow this up and send a copy to the ICSC Secretary. He then gave his best wishes to the H.M.S. in organizing the World Team Chess Championships.

The ICSC president warmly thanked him for his verbal report, and reminded all delegates of their country's responsibility to meet all the outstanding payments to the host country before departing.

10.3 2nd ASIAN INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIPS, KAZAKHSTAN 2005 (10.36 hours)

Michael Freund, the ICSC representative for this event, reported that Kazakhstan took over the organizing after Russia had pulled out. There had been entries from five different countries but both India and Pakistan pulled out at the 11th hour due to both financial and visa problems. This left only Kyrgyzstan, Uzbekistan and Kazakhstan.

He had found the trip a wonderful learning experience and listened intensely to their various problems at the Asian Congress. There were two possible candidates for future ICSC events:

3rd Asian Open Individual Championships, Uzbekistan, 2007;
World Individual Championships, Kazakhstan 2012

H. Johannesen (NED) queried on both the hospitality bestowed on him, and on the food (an essential criterion for future events). M. Freund responded that he was given special treatment everywhere he went, and as for the food, he simply accepted on what was given to him.

The ICSC President reminded that only Kazakhstan and Uzbekistan were full-paying members of the ICSC, and that only Kazakhstan had experience in organizing ICSC events.

Michael Freund concluded his report by expressing his disappointment that both Asian teams were absent from the WC 2006 event. He was then thanked for his report.

11. REPORT OF THE 37TH F.I.D.E. CHESS OLYMPIAD, TURIN, ITALY 2006 (10.43 hours)

The ICSC President reported that the FIDE Chess Olympiads were held bi-annually, and followed up with a brief account on the Turin 2006 event. The total number of participants (players / captains / officials) was 13, whilst both Gardner and Freund came for two days for an ICSC Board meeting.

A full report would appear later on, hopefully in the ICSC Bulletin. The ICSC Men's Captain, Goran Cehic gave a brief run down on the men's excellent performance coming 76th overall, 14 places above their allocated seeding. The ICSC had finished above their counterparts, the IBCA and the IPCA. It was unfortunate that Schmid was unwell and could not undertake the captaincy for the ladies so it went to Pavel Parfenov (RUS). The Ladies finished 97th, well down on their expectations for they were seeded 67th.

The next event would be in Dresden, Germany in 2008.

The ICSC President added that the ICSC had missed out on the Category 3 medals behind Tajikistan and Algeria.

The report was approved with a 36-0 vote.

12. I.C.S.C. REPORTS (10:53 hours)

12.1 TECHNICAL COMMITTEE REPORT (10.53 hours)

The ICSC Secretary said that he had not received a report from the Technical Committee for this Congress. The ICSC President stated that the TC had always been a thorny problem to the ICSC, largely due to its ineffectiveness to operate at all times.

Gunter Arnold jokingly stated that they had all been asleep but admitted that the general communication had always been very bad. It started six years ago when the TC had the services of Salov, Arnold and Lukacsovics. Statutes had been changed but following the departure of Westerveld and Lukacsovics, it appeared that the Presidium had left the TC on the shelf for not much had happened since.

The existing TC needs both support and encouragement from the new presidium to make amendments / additions, etc, to the Statutes.

Peter Pastor (SVK) emphasized the need to receive reports from ICSC and also that each country should receive information via e-mail. The ICSC Secretary replied that the ICSC actually sent out reminders.

The ICSC President admitted that his command of the English Language was not 100% therefore could not commit himself to work on the Statutes which would often prove difficult especially in understanding the wording.

There was a suggestion of computer translation but the chess terminology would make this a difficult task.

Sobolev mentioned that Russia had made six proposals but three were submitted with the other three to be forwarded to the TC therefore they would have some tasks to look forward to.

12.2 ARCHIVES COMMISSION REPORT (11:03 hours)

There was a written report from Luciano Baiocco (ITA) who was elected at Vilnius 2002 to carry out the work.

In brief, A. Boyce (Eng) has been efficient in collecting historical records for the Archives whilst J. Schmid (CZE) had been able to amass a fast growing collection of ICSC games. Both were thanked for their efforts.

12.3 SOCIETY OF FRIENDS OF I.C.S.C. (11:06 hours)

Gerrit Westerveld (NED) reported that things had been very quiet of late; there was hardly any form of activity. But there had been two most generous donations recently, and he had written to thank them.

He said that the Society would be happy to give out financial support to countries in need of aid.

He mentioned that he had not received a copy of the financial reports but reported a surplus of 5543 Euros, an increase of 1000 Euros.

12.4 I.C.S.C. WEBSITE (11:08 hours)

Giulio Malaspina (ITA) stepped down as Webmaster so the ICSC President took over the role.

The website actually cost nothing to the ICSC, and it had been useful for cascading information to ICSC delegates.

Mende (GER) suggested that some interface pages needed changing for it was too slow to upload and suggested speedier links. The ICSC President hinted that the memory storage limitation could be the key to slower speeds but apologized for any inconvenience caused.

The ICSC Secretary raised the question as to whether or not the website would be a good idea for cascading information for most of the older generation have no computers and that some countries had limited access to internet links. There was also the problem of opening and downloading certain files, as well as the issue of confidentiality.

The ICSC President stressed the importance of keeping the ICSC open in terms of accessibility, and also keeping it in line with other organizations.

Gunter Arnold explained that the ICSC Secretary would sometimes send emails to the Head of the Sports federations who would not understand the importance of chess correspondence, therefore it would often result in a communication breakdown. Gunter Arnold himself would often prompt Visco to send him emails for he would not always get the forwarded information from his Sports Federation.

The ICSC President explained that the website is a relatively new area, and DVD technology would be a future tool for information cascading.

Aebersold suggested sending two copies of letters – one to the Sports Federation if there was one governing chess, and one to the Chess Federation. The ICSC President explained that each country has a different organizational system i.e. a chess governing body, sports governing body or a social organisation.

(The Congress took a lunch break at 11.20 hours, resumed at 11.45 hours)

13. PRESENTATION OF AWARDS FOR I.C.S.C. DIPLOMAS AND HONOURS (11.45 hours)

The ICSC President handed out Diplomas and honours to the following winners:

I.C.S.C. Grandmaster:	Duilio Collutiis	(Italy)
I.C.S.C. Woman Grandmaster:	Olga Gerasimova	(Russia)
I.C.S.C. Woman Grandmaster:	Tetyana Baklanova	(Ukraine)
I.C.S.C. Woman Grandmaster:	Anna Ryvova	(Czech Republic)
I.C.S.C. Woman International Master:	Annegret Mucha	(Germany)
I.C.S.C. Woman International Master:	Olga Nazarova	(Italy)
I.C.S.C. Woman International Master:	Ludmilla Rossinskaya	(Russia)
Bronze Medal Award:	Lir Muratov	(Russia)
	Krzysztof Michalczuk	(Poland)
	Yuri Zuev	(Ukraine)
	Tamas Fenyves	(Hungary)
Silver Medal Award:	Burul Begakhmet	(Kazakhstan)
	Bruno Nuesch	(Switzerland)

(The Congress took a lunch break at 12.00 hours, resumed at 13.50 hours)

14. PROPOSALS AND MOTIONS (13.50 hours)

The ICSC President reminded all delegates that their submitted proposals ought to be received at least six months in advance.

See Appendix B for motions.

- 14.1 Motion 1. ITALY's proposal for an improved version to determine the ICSC World Individual Champion when there is a tie between at least two players, was generally in favour by all but more clarification was required on the format. The general view was that FIDE regulations should be adopted and the wording should be to make the motion more appropriate.

This proposal was ACCEPTED (34 for, 1 against, 1 abstained).

- 14.2. Motion 2. RUSSIA's proposal for separate prizes for the top placed boys and girls at the World Junior Individual Championships was agreed on condition that there should be a minimum of six players for each section.

This proposal was ACCEPTED (35 for, none against, 1 abstained).

- 14.3. Motion 3. RUSSIA's proposal for trainers of the winning country at the World Team Chess Championships to be presented with medals was greeted with a mixed reception. There were a number of countries without a trainer but might instead include a non-playing captain. So the motion was amended to include a captain. It was agreed that there would be a maximum of six persons to be awarded medals for each team for the Men's and four for the Ladies.

This proposal was ACCEPTED (18 for, 6 against and 12 abstained).

- 14.4. Motion 4. RUSSIA's proposal for the Russian Language to be used in accordance to the growing number of Russian countries within the ICSC was not warmly welcomed. For there was evidence of the former Russian states now having their own language, and it was only recently that the German language was withdrawn. It was felt that Russia could cooperate with the ICSC Secretary if some translation was necessary, and Alexander Beliakov (RUS) offered his services.

The ICSC President indicated that a link could be created on the ICSC cover page to lead to the website written in Russian.

This proposal was then withdrawn.

- 14.5. Motion 5. CROATIA's proposal for the renaming of the Europa Cup Club Team Championships to the European Team Championships brought divided feelings among the delegates – the word 'club' was essential to many countries having more than just one club.

Voting took place and the motion was REJECTED (13 for, 20 against, 3 abstained)

- 14.6. Motion 6. HUNGARY's proposal for a change on the election system of the Presidium and ICSC Board was deemed to be vague in view of the incorrect wording of the motion. Opinion was divided:

- It was felt that the European Deaf Sports Organisation (EDSO) / International Committee of Sports for the Deaf (ICSC) election protocol should be adopted;
- There should be six Board Members which would work effectively – i.e. 3 in, 3 out every 4 years;
- Elections to take every two years

This proposal was REJECTED (16 for, 8 no, 12 abstained) – ICSC Statutes, Article VI.4. refers.

14.7 Motion 7. HUNGARY's proposal for new 3-day Rapidplay Championships was viewed with some doubt as ICSC calendar was thought to be already congested. However, Hungary offered to host the first one themselves.

This proposal was ACCEPTED (13 for, 10 against, 13 abstained).

14.8. Motion 8. SCOTLAND's proposed rules for the 1st Deaf-Blind Individual Championships 2008 were discussed at length. They were thought to be sensible rules, but it was agreed to look at the IBCA rules to determine the criteria of qualified Deaf-Blind players. The ICSC would then consult the IBCA for further advice. Russia reminded all that the Deaf-Blind headquarters was currently established in Moscow, so they could also offer their help with advice.

This proposal was ACCEPTED by all (36 votes).

14.9 I.C.S.C. EXECUTIVE BOARD

Motion 9 - (World Team Championships)

This proposal was accepted by a voting majority of 18 (21 for, 3 against, 12 abstained).

14.10 I.C.S.C. EXECUTIVE BOARD

Motion 10 - (Olympic Committee)

This proposal was quickly accepted by an overwhelming voting majority of 34 (34 for, 2 abstained).

14.11 I.C.S.C. EXECUTIVE BOARD

Motion 11 - (Exclusion of Argentina)

This proposal was felt to be rather harsh on Argentina for to date, they have had only one representative. Marijo Lusic then added that Croatia had already submitted a motion on behalf of Croatia before the International Committee of Sports for the Deaf (ICSD) for their up-coming 2007 Congress at Salt Lake City, USA. Croatia's proposal was to introduce the game of chess to the Winter Olympics and it would help prevent dwindling numbers.

It was agreed that this motion would be on HOLD.

14.12 I.C.S.C. EXECUTIVE BOARD

Motion 12 - (ICSC Ratings)

It was agreed to adhere to the FIDE ELO Ratings, and withdraw the ICSC regulations for ICSC Ratings.

This proposal was ACCEPTED by all (36 votes for, none against).

(The Congress took a mid-afternoon break at 16.25 hours, resumed at 16.50 hours)

15. I.C.S.C. BOARD ELECTIONS 2007-2010 (16.50 hours)

15.1 The following delegates were appointed to represent the Election Committee:

Hans Johannesen	Netherlands	(Chair)
John Christie	Scotland	
Jaroslav Schmid	Czech Republic	

H. Johannesen announced that there were six candidates vying for five different positions within the ICSC.

Marijo Lusic informed all that he had no intention of serving the ICSC for the next four years so tendered his resignation from the ICSC Board. He was thanked for his excellent work.

Hans Johannesen then announced before the delegates that the ICSC Board would now be comprised of the following candidates: Michele Visco (ITA), Phillip Gardner (ENG), Bruno Nuesch (SUI), Laszlo Lukacsovics (HUN) and Yuri Sobolev (RUS).

Gunter Arnold disagreed that the five above-mentioned candidates should be automatically elected, and called for a vote to approve each candidate. He then urged that the Treasurer should be included to the ICSC Board.

Sandor Konkoly warned that if Michael Freund was to be elected to the Board, he would then submit a protest on the grounds that Hungary had been asked to submit only one candidate instead of two. Marijo Lusic explained that Freund's role was vital since he had helped sort out the ICSC's financial problems in the past.

Konkoly explained that Hungary had originally submitted two nominations for the ICSC Board, but had been told by the ICSC secretary that only one was applicable. Hence Konkoly himself withdrew to make way for the other nominee. Therefore nominations would not be acceptable from the floor and also there should be two from England.

Johannesen explained that Gardner had required the services of Freund for the role of ICSC Treasurer. Arnold added that since Nuesch had done a bad job as previous ICSC Treasurer and was removed to make way for Michael Freund as requested by the ICSC Secretary, the financial books had been restored to perfect order.

Panev (BUL) suggested a secret ballot for the sake of confidentiality but this was dismissed. Voting took place for the five candidates and the results were as follows:

YES – 29 votes, NO – no votes, ABSTAINED – 2 votes.

15.2 ELECTION OF THE I.C.S.C. PRESIDENT

Michele Visco (Italy) was confirmed as ICSC President for the term 2007-2010.

15.3 ELECTION OF THE FOUR I.C.S.C. BOARD MEMBERS

The following appointment of the ICSC Board was as follows:

Vice President:	Bruno Nuesch	(Switzerland)
General Secretary:	Phillip Gardner	(England)
Board Members:	Yuri Sobolev	(Russia)
	Laszlo Lukacsovics	(Hungary)

Michael Freund (England) was elected to continue as ICSC Treasurer on a non-voting capacity.

15.4 ELECTION COMMITTEE TO DISSOLVE

The roles of the Election Committee (Johannesen, Christie and Schmid) were now dissolved, and they were thanked for their good work.

16. FORTHCOMING I.C.S.C. EVENTS 2007-2010

16.1. 18th Europa Cup Club Team Championships, Bulgaria 2007

The President of the Union of the Deaf in Bulgaria, Vasil Panev, began by expressing his delight in associating himself with all the delegates at the ICSC Congress, and explained that the event would be in Primorsko, for a provisional six days between 01/06/2007 and 10/06/2007 but he was aware of some preferences for 13/06/2007.

He added that this event had received good support from the Bulgarian Chess Federation and had been assured that FIDE arbiters and other facilities would be provided. The cost would be 35 Euros per day including banquet, transport, etc.

The ICSC President stated that an inspection would not be necessary. Panev added that the building is deaf owned, and has all the mod cons available including a spa.

It was agreed that a date would be settled with the ICSC secretary as soon as possible.

16.2. 2nd Asian Cup Team Deaf Chess Championships 2007

Nothing official had yet to be confirmed so no discussion was required.

16.3. ICSC World Individual Championships, St Gallen, Switzerland 2008

Gregor Maier gave an excellent PowerPoint presentation on the St Gallen playing venue which is approximately 80 km from Zurich Airport. The dates would be between 19th July and 2nd August 2008. The venue would be located in the Exhibition Hall of St Gallen, and will include both the 1st Deaf-Blind Chess Championships and the Open Tournament.

The chess brochures which he had already circulated would include provisional prices based on categories. The average accommodation cost would be in the E60 – E80 range for each person. The venue is 20 minutes walk to the Old Town, and both the Santis Mountains and the Lake Constance are within sight.

He concluded his presentation by giving his own email address for further enquiries, and the Swiss Deaf Chess Federation website is www.chess08.com.

Johannesen queried on the possibility of a deaf blind chess player bringing a guide dog and what would the rules be especially regarding accommodation? Maier responded that he would look into this and make enquiries.

Jaroslav Schmid enquired about the grant from the FIDE and the ICSC President replied that the promised funds had not been as forthcoming as in the past.

16.4. 38TH F.I.D.E. CHESS OLYMPIAD, DRESDEN, GERMANY 2008

The ICSC President gave brief details on the 2008 event, provisionally between 2nd-4th November 2008, and anticipated more information from the FIDE at a later date. He suggested two persons from the new ICSC Olympic Committee to meet up with the Dresden Deaf Club to make preparations for meetings, representatives, and so on.

Arnold replied that he was familiar with the venue in Dresden and had good contacts with some of the Dresden organizers.

16.5 I.C.S.C. DEAF CHESS OLYMPIAD, MOSCOW, RUSSIA 2010

Russia confirmed their interest in hosting the 2010 event. But Alexander Beliakov was concerned about the new title change. Sobolev explained that the title change was to be provisional, so it is to be candidate Olympiads. Ukraine had raised this proposal in 2004 and it was passed.

17. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

17.1 Following the success of the 2005 Europa Cup, L. Svicka indicated that Slovakia would consider bidding for the 2012 World Individual Championships to be held in Bratislava. Ruda added that free accommodation, food and transport would be provided for two delegates from each country but additional persons would have to pay in full. He was confident that the venue would be a new building near the River Danube, to be completed in the year 2009. As for sponsorship, he would bring it into discussion in 2008.

17.2 Konkoly (HUN) expressed concerns about the lack of offers for 2009, and warned that a last minute offer would not be practical especially with Hungary twice taking over at the last minute (1999 – EC and 2006 - WC). He served notice that Budapest would be celebrating their 1000 years Jubilee so Hungary would be submitting for candidacy for 2012.

Ruda (SVK) suggested the use of the personal computer's Universal Serial Bus (U.S.B.) for future meetings, which would be greatly useful.

17.3 Freund stressed that Kazakhstan had been considering hosting the same event! Kazakhstan would be strongly advised to attend the 2008 Congress if they were to apply for the candidacy.

Freund suggested that in future chess events, all chessboards should be connected to the computer to automatically record moves, like at the FIDE Olympiad.

Lir Muratov (RUS) had been doing some chess research on deaf chess in Russia, especially the Capablanca simultaneous chess display in St Petersburg 1916. He showed a photo of a deaf chess player in the same event. From the historical archives, he found another photo, this time in 1926 in St Petersburg which was evident of strong deaf chess players of yesteryear.

He then presented the framed photograph to the ICSC President for the ICSC Archives / Museum.

- 17.4 The ICSC Secretary served a reminder to all that the ICSC now has 30 country-members which was rather small, and expressed the desire to expand. On correspondence, it has been rather on the thin side for he had only received a small proportion of responses to his vast number of emails. He added that he would welcome some acknowledgement or a simple thank you which would indicate that the emails had been opened or received. He had wanted 100% communication, not just 5% as at present!
- 17.5 Gunter Arnold brought up the issue of the missing ICSC flag after the death of the Lithuanian organizer, Ms. G. Sabukiene. The ICSC are currently using the old ICSC flag, and suggested that each country should contribute 10 Euros each towards a new flag.
- 17.6. Regarding the EC Club Team Championships 2009, the ICSC President hinted that Hamburg might be the host but nothing was definite at this stage.
- 17.7. J. Schmid added that Prague could only host the newly-named European Team Championships on the same year but not as the Europa Cup Club team Championships.
18. CLOSING SPEECH BY THE I.C.S.C. PRESIDENT (18.21 hours)

The ICSC President stated that he had been pleased with both the hard work and patience of the delegates and declared the 28th ICSC Congress closed at 18.23 hours.

APPENDIX A

AGENDA for the 28th I.C.S.C. Congress Friday 15th September 2006, Nyiregyhaza, Hungary

01. I.C.S.C. President's Opening Address
02. Welcome Speech by the H.M.S. President
03. Confirmation of the I.C.S.C. Delegates' Voting Powers
04. Confirmation of the Election Committee
05. Admission of the National Association Federations
06. Additional Information for the Agenda
07. Confirmation of the 27th Congress Minutes, Malente 2004
08. I.C.S.C. Board Reports 2003-2005
09. Financial Report of the I.C.S.C.
 - 09.1 Financial Committee
 - 09.2 Statement of Accounts 2004-05
 - 09.3 Approval of the Financial Accounts 2004-05
10. Reports of I.C.S.C. Events
 - 10.1 World Individual Championships, Malente, Germany 2004
 - 10.2 17th European Club Team Championships, Piestany, Slovakia 2005
 - 10.3 2nd Asian Individual Championships, Almaty, Kazakhstan 2005
11. Report of the 37th F.I.D.E. Chess Olympiads, Turin, Italy 2006
12. I.C.S.C. Reports
 - 12.1. Technical Committee
 - 12.2. Archives Commission
 - 12.3. Society of Friends of I.C.S.C.
 - 12.4. I.C.S.C. website
13. Presentation of awards for I.C.S.C. Diplomas & Honours
14. Proposals
 - 14.1 Country-members' Proposals
 - 14.2 ICSC Board Proposals
15. I.C.S.C. Board Elections 2007-2010
 - 15.1 Election Committee to take over
 - 15.2 Election of the ICSC President
 - 15.3 Election of the 4 ICSC Board Members
 - 15.4 Election Committee to dissolve
16. Forthcoming I.C.S.C. Events 2007-2010
 - 16.1 18th ICSC European Club Team Championships, Bulgaria 2007
 - 16.2 2nd ICSC Asian Team Championships 2007
 - 16.3 ICSC World Individual Championships, St Gallen, Switzerland 2008
 - 16.4 38th F.I.D.E. Chess Olympiads, Dresden, Germany 2008
 - 16.5 ICSC Deaf Chess Olympiads, Moscow, Russia 2010
17. Any Other Business
18. Closing Speech by the I.C.S.C. President

APPENDIX B

Motion No. 1 – ITALY (A.S.I.S.)

Re. ICSC Regulation, Article III, point 3, item (i), Page 14 (i)

“If the ICSC World Champion who won, or successfully defended his title at the previous World Individuals Deaf Chess Championships shares the first place, he retains the title even if he has the worse result in accordance with the conditions laid down in ART. III. 3 (e).”

The proposal is to cancel item (i), and replace with this ruling:

“If the players are classed to equal points, then it shall be determined by the following:

- a) The player winning the game outright;
- b) If the game between them is drawn, then the decision is made via Article III, point 3 (e).”

Motion No. 2 – RUSSIA (R.D.C.F.)

When undertaking the World Junior Individuals Deaf Chess Championships of the ICSC regardless of systems of the competitions, winners must be rewarded amongst boys and girls separately. (Article IV, 8.)

Motion No. 3 – RUSSIA (R.D.C.F.)

When undertaking World Teams Deaf Chess Championships of the ICSC, trainers must be rewarded medal together with player. (Article V, 6).

Motion No. 4 – RUSSIA (R.D.C.F.)

According to the Charter ICSC article VI, 3; adds the RUSSIAN Language for official message, protocol of the meetings, bulletins, and all round-robin must be typed together with English in connection with expansion of the Russian language countries.

Motion No. 5 – CROATIA

“Europa Cup Club Team Championships should be renamed to European Team Championships by the model of World National Team Championships because of easier access to funding”

Motion No. 6 – HUNGARY (H.M.S.)

Changing the system of the Presidential election: instead of electing 5 members, elect only 2 or 3 members so the work of the ICSC could be more flowing. For example: 2 or 3 members at the actual congress and the remaining 2 or 3 members at the next congress. We would apply at the next position electing.

Motion No. 7 – HUNGARY (H.M.S)

Installing a fully new competition form: Similar to the hearing we could hold the ICSC rapid and flash world championships in 3 days in the 4-yearly intercontinental cup period. Example in the autumn.

On the 1st day – 4 rounds, the 2nd day 5 rounds, 25-25 minutes per round and on the 3rd day perhaps the flash competition together with the final festivity.

Maybe we could invest a senior competition. It surely would be popular, and very good for developing the deaf world chess. Transactions in each 2 or 4 year's autumn; 2007, 2009, 2011, etc.

Motion No. 8 – SCOTLAND (S.C.D.A.D.)

Rules for the 1st Blind Deaf Individual Championships 2008

- 1) Each Deaf-Blind player is to bring own chess board and pieces for the ease the ease and familiarity.
- 2) The Swiss organisers are to provide a pair of chess clocks (Braille) per 'board'. One pair of the clocks is sufficient for each 'board'.
- 3) Each player will have his (her) guide sitting beside him.
- 4) Each player's guide is to move a piece in opponent's board after the player makes the move in his board. Then the player pushes the clock down on his side. It does not matter which side of the clocks are facing as both players will still feel the times, etc.
- 5) Then both guides are to write down the move as most of the players could not write down moves in Braille.

Layout looks like - player with his board, his guide (beside the player), his opponent's guide (at opposite side), opponent with his board (at opposite side).

Motion No. 9 – I.C.S.C. BOARD

Now that the duration of the ICSC World Team Championships has been shortened and two rounds are applicable on some days, it is proposed that a participating member-country is entitled to include an extra player (i.e. six for men, four for ladies).

Motion No. 10 – I.C.S.C. BOARD

“An Olympic Committee is to be set up to help both prepare and organise ICSC teams for the FIDE Chess Olympiads.”

Motion No. 11 – I.C.S.C. EXECUTIVE

Removal of non-paying member-countries:

Argentina

Motion No. 12 – I.C.S.C. BOARD

Removal of Regulations for ICSC Ratings (Page 41-49)