



**MINUTES of the 31<sup>th</sup> I.C.S.C. CONGRESS held at the Congress Centre, Hotel & Resort Altyn Kargaly, Almaty, Kazakhstan, on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> October 2012, commencing at 09.45 hours**

**AGENDA for the 31<sup>st</sup> I.C.S.C. Congress  
Almaty, Kazakhstan**

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  - 14.4 17<sup>th</sup> ICSC Olympiads 2014
15. Closing Speech by the I.C.S.C. President

**I.C.S.C. Presidium:**

President	Michele Visco	(Italy)
Vice-President	Philip Gardner	(England)
Secretary-General	Rafael Pinchas	(Israel)
Board Member	Pavel Parfenov	(Russia)
Board Member	Krzysztof Michalczuk	(Poland)
Treasurer	Michael Freund	(England)

**Archives Commission:**

Board Member: Jaraslov Schmid (Czech Republic)

Congress Minutes Taker: Dilbar Karimova (Uzbekistan)

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

AZERBAIJAN	(AZE)	Akif Israfil Hajiyev & Mammadova Valentina
BELARUS	(BLR)	<b>No representative present</b>
BULGARIA	(BUL)	<b>No representative present</b>
CROATIA	(CRO)	Marijo Lusic & Zlatko Klaric
CZECH REPUBLIC	(CZE )	Jaraslov Schmid
ENGLAND	(ENG)	Barry David
GERMANY	(GER)	Holger Mende & Sergey Salov
ISRAEL	(ISR)	Irena Barski & Alexander Pinhasov
ITALY	(ITA)	Junge Rodolfo & Olga Nazarova
KAZAKHSTAN	(KAZ)	Burul Begakhmet & Maxim Rozhov
LITHUANIA	(LTU)	Egle Marcinkeviciene
MOLDOVA	(MLD)	Veaceslav Petelca
POLAND	(POL)	Krzysztof Checiak & Tomasz Guminski
RUSSIA	(RUS)	Olga Gerasimova & Yuri Sobolev
SCOTLAND	(SCO)	Mark Towler & John Christie
SERBIA	(SRB)	Vladimir Klasan
SLOVAKIA	(SVK)	Ladislav Svicka & Jan Durkovic
SPAIN	(ESP)	Tandres Rey Taboada
SWEDEN	(SWE)	Jaroslav Korenkiewicz
SWITZERLAND	(SUI)	Bruno Nuesch
UKRAINE	(UKR)	Ivan Kulakov & Vladimir Kovalenko
UZBEKISTAN	(UZB)	Dilbar Karimova & Elvira Ligay

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

ARMENIA	(ARM)	Aharn Avagyan
KYRGYZSTAN	(KGZ)	Aram Akopian & Eduard Kim
MONGOLIA	(MGL)	Enkhbayar Janchivnymbuu

**Observers:**

KAZAKHSTAN	(KAZ)	Yelena Rozhkova & Gennady Pushkarev
POLAND	(POL)	Stiempurski
RUSSIA	(RUS)	Valery Rukhledev & Dmitriy Rebrov

Prior to the ICSC President's opening address the ICSC Vice-President and Congress Organiser, Phillip Gardner, greeted all Congress participants and apologized for the slight delay but thanked them for their patience. He informed all that communication at the 31<sup>st</sup> ICSC Congress would be in the form of International Sign language, and also that filming would take place throughout. He had been persistent with his emails (6 times in all) to all member countries relaying all the necessary information yet has to receive all the original delegate forms complete with the respective country stamp.

PG then informed all that he would be introducing ICSC Board Member, Pavel Parfenov, as Congress Speaker to ensure a smoother running of the ICSC Congress. He also announced the 31<sup>st</sup> ICSC Congress schedule:

11.00 hours: Break for Coffee

12.45 hours: Photo Session & Lunch

14.00 hours: Congress Resumes

15.30 hours: Break for Coffee

Voting cards in the form of three different colours were distributed to all delegates and ICSC Officials.

The Congress speaker thanked Gardner, and then introduced the ICSC President, Michele Visco, to the floor.

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

The ICSC President, Michele Visco, declared the 31<sup>th</sup> ICSC Congress open, and heartily with a warm welcome to all those present in the Congress Hall. The country-members were introduced in alphabetic order via the Power point slides; also greeted were the ICSC Board, adherent country-members and Congress Observers. MV then shortly acquainted himself with various items of the Congress agenda reporting that, according to the Agenda, he would discuss both the undertaking and participation of I.C.S.C. teams in the 39<sup>th</sup> F.I.D.E. Chess Olympiad in Khanty-Mansiysk, Russia in 2010, the 2011 1<sup>st</sup> Asian Team Championship in Tashkent, Uzbekistan, the 40<sup>th</sup> F.I.D.E. Chess Olympiad in Istanbul, Turkey 2012 and the World Individual Championships in Almaty, Kazakhstan.

MV then welcomed the 25 representing countries, noting the first time the World Individual Championships being conducted in Central Asia which has witnessed the introduction of 3 new countries - Armenia, Kyrgyzstan and Mongolia.

MV outlined an apology for absence coming from the I.C.S.C. Honorary-President, Anthony Boyce (England).

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

Frank Wood	(England)	11-2011	- 88 years
Alexander Gorbylev	(Belarus)	06.01.2009	- 70 years
Ladislav Morbicer	(Czech Republic)	12-2011	- 59 years
Bratislav Kostic	(Serbia)	28.01.2012	- 55 years
Piet Berghuis	(Netherlands)	12.10.2011	- 80 years
Janusz Zak	(Poland)	29.06.2011	- 77 years
Jan Nendza	(Germany)	10.10.2011	- 66 years
Vyacheslav Parfenov	(Russia)	31.05.2011	- 51 years

**02. WELCOME SPEECH BY THE CHESS PRESIDENT OF KAZAKHSTAN, MRS BURUL BEGAKHMET**

The Chess President of Kazakhstan, Mrs. Burul Begakhmet, warmly greeted all present at the Congress, indicating her great pleasure in seeing them in Kazakhstan. BB reported that, for the first ever time, Central Asia had conducted the prestigious Deaf World Individual Championships and the ICSC Congress. She also expressed her surprise on the high number of participants which had not been anticipated. BB wished all the best of success and enjoyment in playing in the competition as well as making the most of their time in Almaty, familiarizing with the landmarks of the city.

**03. CONFIRMATION OF ELECTION AND FINANCIAL COMMITTEES**

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

Krzysztof Michalczuk	Poland	(Chief)
Jaroslav Korenkiewicz	Sweden	

The following delegates were nominated to audit the ICSC financial papers:

Holger Mende	GERMANY	(Chief)
Alexander Pinhasov	ISRAEL	
Marijo Lusic	CROATIA	

In addition to the above electors, the following delegate was both nominated and appointed for the role of the ICSC Congress Minutes Taker:

Dilbar Karimova	Uzbekistan
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**04. CONFIRMATION OF THE I.C.S.C. DELEGATES VOTING POWERS**

It was announced that confirmed number of official votes was 39 votes, the breakdown being:

<b>ICSC Delegates votes:</b>	<b>50 Votes</b>
<b>ICSC Board (5 members):</b>	<b>5 Votes</b>
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>55 VOTES</b>

The Election Committee Chief, Krzystzof Michaczuk, issued three voting cards to each delegate and official, the significance of each colour being:

<b>Green:</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Red:</b>	<b>No</b>
<b>Yellow:</b>	<b>Abstained</b>

KM asked delegates for their appropriate use of the cards for the vote count would be crucial towards a decision.

**05. ADMISSION OF NATIONAL ASSOCIATIONS / FEDERATIONS**

Three applications for affiliation to the ICSC were submitted by the following countries: Armenia, Kyrgyzstan and Mongolia

The Secretary-General, Rafael Pinchas, welcomed the new countries - Armenia, Kyrgyzstan and Mongolia into the ICSC family. These new countries were taken pictures together with the ICSC Board. The ICCD President warmly greeted the newly joined countries, and gifted each country a new 60<sup>th</sup> Jubilee book of the ICSC.

The ICSC Vice-President, Phillip Gardner informed all of the organisation name change for Slovakia – the Slovak Federation of the Sport Deaf.

**06. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION TO THE 31ST CONGRESS AGENDA**

There was no addition to the 31<sup>st</sup> ICSC Congress Agenda.

**07. 30TH I.C.S.C. MINUTES, ESTORIL 2010 – MATTERS ARISING**

The ICSC President reported the need to approve the 30<sup>th</sup> ICSC Congress Minutes at Estoril 2010 but welcomed any matters and issues.

Sobolev (RUS) questioned the issue of the election system employed at Estoril especially both the Vice President and General Secretary, especially the latter position. He stated that although Mr. Rafael Pinchas is renowned as a literate person with strong international sign language, he is a total amateur when it comes to chess even though he has raised deaf chess in Israel. This was a

serious error in adopting this election system for this was a breach of the Statutes.

On the election of the President, there were two candidates, Visco and Sobolev himself. The latter had withdrawn due to health reasons, so Visco was unanimously elected ICSC President. This had created another problem, the election of the ICSC Vice-President (Gardner). Again, the election system had been incorrectly conducted for the appointments had to come from the elected five Board members.

Regarding the ICSC General Secretary, the President noted Pinchas' good work over the last two years and felt that he had fulfilled his role. He then thanked Sobolev for his concerns.

Schmid commented on the lack of Estoril 2010 games on Chessbase. The responsibility had been the Chief Arbiter who had failed to hand over the game score sheets. Visco had reminded him over and over again to forward him the copies but had received no response at all.

The Minutes of the 30<sup>th</sup> ICSC Congress held at Estoril, Portugal 2010, were ACCEPTED (24 for, 2 against, 19 abstained).

## **08. I.C.S.C. BOARD REPORTS 2010 & 2011**

### **08.1 Matters Arising from the ICSC Board Reports**

There was little to comment on the ICSC Board Reports.

### **08.2 Confirmation of the ICSC Board Reports**

The ICSC Board Reports 2010 & 2011 were unanimously accepted with a 39-0 vote (16 abstained).

## **09. FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE I.C.S.C.**

The ICSC Treasurer, Michael Freund, warmly greeted all delegates, reporting that he had circulated the financial accounts well in advance. He had worked hard on attempting to reduce the budgeting costs and was delighted that the FIDE Chess Olympiads had not proven costly for the accommodation of the ICSC teams had been heavily subsidized.

There were a few financial difficulties.

### **09.1. Financial Committee - See Item 3.**

### **09.2. & 09.4 Statement of Accounts 2010-2011**

Freund thanked Uzbekistan for their financially supporting the ICSC President during the 1<sup>st</sup> Asian Deaf Team Chess Championship in Tashkent in 2011, and also to Kazakhstan on accommodating the ICSC Secretary General, Rafael

Pinchas, in 2011 during the inspection site visit for the World Individual Championships in Almaty.

### **09.3 & 09.5. Approval of the Financial Accounts 2010-2011**

The Accounts were withheld, due to the lack of auditing of the Accounts over a two-year period. It was agreed by all present to postpone the Accounts to the next ICSC Congress for the Financial Committee has to meet the obligations of studying the Accounts and approving them.

A 15 minute break was declared.

#### **Addendum:**

The Russian President, Valery Rukhledev, was invited to make a speech at the ICSC Congress.

Rukhledev thanked all for the invitation, and praised the ICSC for their good work and the active participation of the ICSC delegates, noting the bright future of deaf chess. Being the Chief Regional representative of Central Asia and East Europe, he had observed the rise of chess status among the deaf; he then promised assistance in including deaf chess at the 2015 ICSD Winter Games, possibly in Russia. The next ICSD Congress in 2013 would be in Sofia, Bulgaria, and he would raise the subject of including chess among the sporting programme. He thanked all for their attention and expressed hope that the world deaf chess movement would continue to flourish for many more years to come.

The World Federation of the Deaf representative, Dmitry Rebrov of Russia, was also invited to make some comments to the audience. He thanked all for the invitation in attending the ICSC Congress, and although WFD does not promote sports, he gave assurance that chess would be part of their future social programme.

## **10. REPORT ON I.C.S.C. EVENTS 2010-2011**

### **10.1. 16th ICSC Olympiads, Estoril, Portugal 2010**

Gardner expressed great regret on the lack of report from Portugal in view of conducting the first ever Chess Olympiads at Estoril 2010. He had written to the LPDS chess leader Joao Alberto Ferreira several times yet he had received no response.

Gardner remarked that since his arrival in Portugal, Ferreira had been attending to several tasks practically on his own. There were several ongoing problems with India being the biggest headache. LPDS had been dealt a big blow by the U-turn from the Portuguese Sport Ministry regarding a promised grant hence a 40,000 euro loan had to be obtained. LPDS was now running at loss of 36,000 euros, and are struggling to make any headway towards reducing the overall costs.

Lusic (Croatia) raised the issue of India's participation. Gardner explained LPDS's hotel problems with India's refusal in settling the costs hence the knock on effect was changing hotels five times during the duration of the Chess Olympics. The deaf Indian players had conducted themselves well but their hearing leader was disruptive.

#### **10.2. 39th F.I.D.E. Olympiads Kanty Mansiysk, Russia 2010**

The President reported that copies of this report would be circulated in due course via the email. The ICSC Men's and Ladies' captain were Goran Cehic (Croatia) and Olga Nazarova (Italy) respectively.

The President was pleased that the ICSC Men's team had achieved 48th place out of 152 countries and the Ladies 59<sup>th</sup> out of 115 teams. Parfenov (Russia) also praised both Teams on their achievements.

#### **10.3. 20th European Cup Club Team Championships, Liverpool 2011**

Barry David (ENG) was pleased to report the immense success of the Europa Club Team Championships at Liverpool especially staging the 1<sup>st</sup> ICSC Open event. He was particularly thrilled to see 20 teams participating and was also delighted to see the Banquet being held at Liverpool Football Club. He congratulated Zagreb on gaining first place overall, and hoped that all teams would have pleasant memories of Liverpool. The chess event had managed to create a surplus, and on behalf of the E.D.C.A., a donation of 200 euros was presented to the I.C.S.C.

The ICSC President thanked Barry for the most generous donation, expressing the I.C.S.C.'s gratitude.

Kulakov (Ukraine) acknowledged the good organisation of the Liverpool event but raised three 3 small problems: 1 – lack of hotel accreditations; 2 – the arbiters not fulfilling their obligations especially on the last hour of play; 3) the similarity of medals especially that of the Open event.

Mende (GER) also congratulated on the excellent organisation, and was elated with the visit of the ICSC Archives Museum since there was much to see. He then asked all delegates to search for further material and forward them for conservation.

### **11. I.C.S.C. REPORTS 2010-2011**

#### **11.1. I.C.S.C. Archives Commission Report**

The I.C.S.C. Archives Commission report was unanimously accepted by all.

#### **11.2. Society for Friends of I.C.S.C. Report**



There was no report available.

## 12. PRESENTATION OF I.C.S.C. DIPLOMAS & HONOURS

The ICSC President handed out Diplomas to the following recipients:

I.C.S.C. Grandmaster: Yehuda Gruenfeld (Israel)

I.C.S.C. Grandmaster: Zlatko Klaric (Croatia)

## 13. PROPOSALS & MOTIONS

### Motion No. 1 RUSSIA

Sobolev explained that, in the Asian parts of the world (Russia, China, Central Asia, etc.), the respective governments tend to have an extremely negative attitude towards funding a “club”, hence spending more emphasis on teams. Therefore the wording “team” is more appropriately used rather than a “club”. The attitude differs in Western-based countries.

There was much discussion especially from Mende (GER), and it was eventually agreed that this motion would be on hold (deferred) until after Russia’s next motion has been discussed or until the 32<sup>nd</sup> ICSC Congress in 2014.

### Motion No. 2 (RUSSIA)

Gerasimova (RUS) reported that the existing ICSC Statutes has the 2000 version whereas at previous ICSC Congresses (2002, 2004, 2006, 2008, 2010), many changes were agreed on the ICSC Statutes. Alas, these additions and changes are not publicized on the ICSC website Section “Statutes and Regulations”.

Therefore, the ICSC Statutes must be amended accordingly.

Russia’s proposal was ACCEPTED (41 for, none against, 9 abstained).

*Parfenov informed of a Photo-shoot session for 10-15 minutes before lunch; all are obliged to return to the Congress hall at 14-00 hours.*

### Motion No. 3 – UKRAINE

Kulakov (UKR) proposed that the ICSC Chess Olympiad teams should consist of players achieving the top places in the World Individuals rather than be

based on their ELOs or on selection by the appointed captains. He felt that players not taking part in the last WC Individuals should not be considered.

Schmid (CZE) responded that the five (5) strongest deaf chess-players in the world had gained several important victories to the ICSC therefore enhancing their reputation.

The President replied that, having been left with so little time, he had entrusted the respective captains to select the players. The inclusion of Italy's Dulio Collutiis and Israel's Yehuda Gruenfeld were welcomed for they participate on the same levels as their hearing professional peers.

Schmid reminded that the World Individuals are held every four years whilst the FIDE Olympiads are held every two years therefore it would be rendered difficult to comply with the top five places in the World Individuals.

Much discussion followed and Parfenov had the last word of citing that the final decision should rest with the ICSC captains.

Ukraine's motion was DEFEATED (Yes – 11, No – 16, Abstained – 22).

#### **Motion No. 4 UKRAINE**

Sobolev (RUS) suggested discussion of this motion in the AOB section but Parfenov insisted that this must be treated as a motion therefore this had to be discussed at this state.

The ICSC President remarked that Ukraine's motion was good for this was also adopted by FIDE. But he recommended 30 moves as an ideal solution.

Ukraine's proposal was ACCEPTED with amendment (30 moves) (38 for, 4 against, 7 abstained).

#### **Motion No. 5 UKRAINE (called back)**

Ukraine's proposal was automatically DEFERRED for it was now of little significance.

#### **Motion No. 6 – CROATIA**

Lusic (Croatia) served notice that 18 European countries were present at the 31<sup>st</sup> ICSC Congress; he felt the need to set up a European Deaf Chess Association. He then explained the motives behind Croatia's proposal.

Gerasimova (RUS) has said that no sense to open the association, for there is already ICSC so it would be enough.

Lusic emphasized the need of further discussion; he made it clear that the proposed association would always comply with ICSC. Slovakia raised their

concerns, indicating that the few numbers of chess players does not merit the forming of a new association.

Elvira (UZB) felt that such discussion should not be welcomed for ICSC should think more about developing chess in other regions rather than look at Europe which is clearly dominating deaf chess.

Parfenov hinted that it might be necessary to introduce the word "Commission" instead of "Association". Gardner agreed but hinted that the commission would have a different definition elsewhere in Europe.

Parfenov suggested that a vote should now take place now that heavy discussion had already taken place.

Croatia's motion was DEFEATED (Yes – 11, No – 19, Abstained – 23).

#### **Motion No. 7 – CROATIA**

Parfenov served some clarification on this proposal.

Mende (GER) felt that although Croatia's proposal was quite reasonable, he was worried about the implications of additional financial expenditure.

Schmid (CZE) felt this was not a bad idea, having the European Team Championships once every four years and the Club Championships once every four years. And he suggested a more appropriate voting system: a - club to close, team only, b - team plus club.

Croatia's proposal was ACCEPTED with wording amendment (26 for, 6 against, 18 abstained).

#### **Motion No. 8 – CROATIA**

Mario gave a brief outline of the motion, indicating that this would solve several of the ICSC Board's problems.

Parfenov has requested a vote for Croatia's motion with immediate effect.

Croatia's Proposal No. 8 was ACCEPTED (45 for, none against, 8 abstained).

#### **Motion No. 9 I.C.S.C. Board**

Freund reported on Slovenia's outstanding 600 Euros on ICSC subscriptions and asked all to consider accepting the proposal of striking off their membership.

Pinchas remarked that at the FIDE Chess Olympiad in Turkey, he and Visco had addressed Slovenia's financial debt with the President of the Chess Federation of Slovenia who then pleaded that Slovenia should not be struck off and be granted some time to consider their obligations in settling the outstanding fees. The period granted would be before the next ICSC Congress in 2014.

Proposal 9 was ACCEPTED (27 for, 15 against, 11 abstained).

A second proposal to postpone striking off Slovenia was unanimously accepted.

#### **Motion No. 10 I.C.S.C. Board**

Since Iceland have been inactive in ICSC chess circles for a number of years, this proposal was deemed valid by all and Parvenov called for an immediate vote on Iceland's fate:

Proposal 10 was ACCEPTED (27 for, 15 against, 11 abstained).

#### **Motion No. 11 I.C.S.C. Board**

Withdrawn

#### **Motion No. 12 I.C.S.C. Board**

Withdrawn

#### **Motion No. 13 I.C.S.C. Board**

Since U.S.A. have been inactive in ICSC chess circles for a number of years, this proposal was deemed valid by all and Parvenov called for an immediate vote on the fate of the United States of America:

Proposal 10 was ACCEPTED (27 for, 15 against, 11 abstained).

#### **Motion No. 14 I.C.S.C. Board**

Withdrawn

#### **Motion No. 15 I.C.S.C. EXECUTIVE**

Freund felt that it would be much more convenient to hand out ICSC Accounts every two years for it would create less paperwork. Parfenov expanded on this, stating that it would prove less of a burden.

Krzysztof Checiak (POL) indicated that Freund must still present annual account reports to the ICSC Board members whilst to ICSC countries-members, bi annual accounts would be considered ideal.

**Freund thanked all for understanding.**

**Proposal 15 was ACCEPTED (43 for, 2 against, 2 abstained).**

*The Congress was interrupted by an urgent message relayed by the police of Kazakhstan: Rozhov announced to all present that, regarding the Republic of Kazakhstan law, each visitor must carry two documents on registrations and migration, and that it would be an obligation to check on arrival in airport. An absent document would result in serious problems regarding departure from Kazakhstan; Max requested all passports and relevant papers to be collected after the Congress.*

**Motion No. 16 I.C.S.C. Board**

**Withdrawn**

**Motion No. 17 I.C.S.C. Board**

**Pinchas has reported that he had examined the ICSC Statutes, making some additions and corrections (highlighted in red) for there were plenty of grammatical mistakes, all now corrected. Pinchas asked all delegates confirm these adjustments.**

**Proposal No. 17 was ACCEPTED (37 for, none against, 12 abstained)**

**Motion No. 18 I.C.S.C. Board**

**Gardner reported that prior to the Liverpool 2011 Europa Cup Club Team Championships, there was no regulations relating to an Open team event. So he drafted one up in time, hence this would require full approval by all.**

**Proposal 18 was ACCEPTED (38 for, none against, 12 abstained)**

**Motion No. 19 I.C.S.C. Board**

**Pinchas reported that all documents had been circulated to all delegates; a commission was set up in Liverpool 2011 involving Salov (GER), Pinchas (ICCD) and Dwek (ENG).**

**Sobolev (RUS) expressed great concern for this would load a great burden on ICSC. Pinchas indicated that the new Club Rules would include a prize fund of 3000 Euros. Kulakov (UKR) queried on the source of the prize fund the contents being rather vague.**

**Proposal No. 19 was REJECTED (13 for, 18 against, 18 abstained).**

**Motion No. 20 I.C.S.C. Board**

**Withdrawn (Deferred)**

**Motion No. 21 I.C.S.C. Board**

Pinchas suggested that each team or chess-player should wear a uniform / attire indicating the representing country for it would look professional on an opening or closing parade; chess is regarded as a sport. Pinchas commented that the FIDE President was pleasantly surprised when witnessing the appropriate attire of Uzbekistan, Kazakhstan and Germany. At Olympiads and other ICSC events, it would raise the profile of deaf chess and possibly financial aid from FIDE.

Mario complimented Pinchas for the original idea regarding the uniform, but noted that chess would be played over 10 days, hence the need to change wears therefore creating laundry problems.

Bruno Nuesch (SWI) particularly liked the idea about the uniform, and gave his full support to Pinchas. Pinhasov suggested use of uniform for parade only.

Elvira disagreed with Croatia, indicating that chess is entirely different from football. She particularly liked the uniform idea for it would express team unity. Egle (LIT) disagreed stating that use of uniform attire would not be obligatory during matches but just at ceremonies.

Proposal No. 21 was ACCEPTED (40 for, 4 against, 5 abstained).

**Motion No. 22 (a) I.C.S.C. Board**

Pinchas indicated that all delegates, trainers, officials and other officials must be imposed a participation fee of 20 Euros. Which is a small amount but it would be necessary to help the ICSC. FIDE has expressed concern on why the ICSC has not made such a charge. If a player also represents as an ICSC delegate, he will then only be charged once.

Should this motion be passed, then all member-countries must oblige payment for the 2012 event in Kazakhstan.

Parfenov has said that voting would take form in two variations, a and B: a – vote on the motion, B – if passed, pay now or next time.

Kulakov noted that this as a required protocol but disagreed on immediate payment action; this has to be for the next time round. Barry David (ENG) was worried that the next time round, several ICSC delegates could possibly abandon participation at the ICSC Congress. Svicka (SVK) objected to this, citing that delegates have had to pay their own costs in attending the Congress.

David (ENG) felt that the ICSC memberships should cover the fees for it is clear that the membership fees are rather high especially for Category A countries. Kulakov (UKR) felt that delegates should not be imposed such fees.

Voting took place, and Proposal 22 (a) was ACCEPTED (25 for, 21 against, 5 abstained).

#### **Motion No. 22 (b) I.C.S.C. Board**

Elvira (UZB) felt this was immoral to introduce fees without prior warning for it would have serious implications on several countries especially on cost budgeting.

Poland suggested voting in the form of variations and Pinchas (ISR) suggested the necessity to vote on the proposed fees for the next time round.

Parfenov served clarification on the voting format.

Proposal 22 (b) was REJECTED (9 for, 36 against, 6 abstained).

#### **Motion Nos. 23 (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f) - I.C.S.C. Board**

Sobolev (Russia) objected that fees imposed on the Deaf-Blind; why should they pay as opposed in past Championships? Pinchas replied that nothing should be free in view of the costs in staging those events such as medals, cups, etc.. And in FIDE Chess Olympiads, the blind contribute towards the participation fees.

Akif (Azerbaijan) queried on the accreditation fees for delegate accompanying the deaf-blind; it would be too much to pay twice. Parfenov explained that only one fee would be imposed on deaf-blind participants regardless on the number of assistants.

Bruno (Switzerland) expressed view that it would be necessary to introduce new fees on adults but imposing them on juniors would be ridiculous for it would be necessary to consider the future generation of deaf chess otherwise ICSC would be hindering development among junior level.

Slovakia raised this question: if a deaf-blind player participates, would it be necessary to pay a fee of 50 euros, as well as his accompanying person?

Parfenov requested a vote, clarifying that a “yes” would signify the introduction of the new fees whilst a “no” would result in current fees remaining the same.

Proposals 23 (a), 23 (b), 23 (c), 23 (d), 23 (e) were rejected (21 for, 23 against, 7 abstained).

**Proposal Motion No. 23 (f) was deferred to the next ICSC Congress.**

**Motion No. 24 I.C.S.C. Board**

**The wording of the motion “To increase the rejoining ICSC fee from 25 Euros to 50 Euros” is self-explanatory; Phillip Gardner felt that countries withdrawing their membership from the ICSC and then re-joining would not be in the spirit of chess for they would not have to pay subscriptions from preceding years.**

**Proposal No. 24 was ACCEPTED (40 for, 2 against, 7 abstained).**

**Motion No. 25 I.C.S.C. EXECUTIVE**

**The ICSC General-Secretary proposed renaming the I.C.S.C. organization by replacing the wording “silent” with “deaf”. And the ICSC Board would look into a more appropriately name title.**

**Proposal No. 25 was accepted by all with an unanimous 49-0 vote.**

**15. I.C.S.C. EVENTS 2013 – 2016**

**15.1. 21st European Cup Club Team Championships 2013**

**Candidate: KAUNAS, LITHUANIA**

**A Powerpoint Presentation was demonstrated to all delegates and admirably delivered.**

**AZE indicated that under the present circumstances they do not deal with bank transfers, but guaranteed 100% down payment on immediate arrival. And Akif requested an invitation letter showing prices and instruction on payment. Egle (LIT) responded that Azerbaijan must address in writing regarding warranties on payment before consideration would be given.**

**KAZ noted the bank transfer payment transfer issue affecting several countries; Uzbekistan being a classical example for they do not have such a bank transfer payment facility. Elvira (UZB) concurred with this, hence expressing this as a great concern in future events.**

**15.2. 4th Asian Championships 2013**

**No candidates – bids welcome**



Rozhov (KAZ) reminded all that Kazakhstan has conducted the Asian Championships on three occasions since 2003, and then Uzbekistan in 2011. He hoped that a different country would step in for 2013, hopefully Kyrgyzstan or even India.

### **15.3. 2nd Disabled Games Dresden October 2013**

The President reported that the 2<sup>nd</sup> Chess Disabled Games in 2013 would once again be in Dresden; he recommended all countries to request funding and support from their own Government for their participation at the Games where there would be three categories with medals being given for each category. Each participating country would have to meet their own expenses to be able to take part.

### **15.4. 17th Chess Olympiads 2014**

**Candidate: OPATIJA, CROATIA**

Both Lusic and Klaric (CRO) presented the power point slides on the proposed 17<sup>th</sup> Chess Olympiads in Opatija, Croatia. The presentation was well received by the ICSC delegates.

The President thanked Croatia for their bid, and would welcome further information in due course.

### **15.5. 41st FIDE Chess Olympiads 2014 Tromso, Norway**

The President confirmed the venue for the next FIDE Olympiads but had little information to date.

### **15.6 22nd European Cup Club Team Championships 2015**

**Candidate: BAKU, AZERBAIJAN**

The Azerbaijan President, Akif Hajiyevev, expressed his country's desire to host the 2015 Europa Club Championships in the Baku capital, and requested full support from all present on Azerbaijan's candidacy. Parfenov confirmed this, indicating that their candidacy would be firmly established for no other country has come forward with a bid. Akif thanked him for his comforting words.

Lusic (CRO) reminded that according to the passed motion at the Congress, Baku would oblige to organising the European Individual Championships in addition to the club team championships.

## **16. A.O.B. (ANY OTHER BUSINESS)**

Armenia declared its intent in undertaking the 2016 World Individual Chess Championships in Erevan, and asked for full support on their candidacy, promising to send information in greater detail to all ICSC country-members via the e-mail. The President expressed his gratitude for Armenia's candidacy bid, noting the new addition of Armenia in the ICCD family, and extending his sincere congratulations to Armenia.

Burul Begkhamet (KAZ) informed all of the forthcoming excursion trips.

Sergei Salov (GER) delivered a short speech in admiration of the ICSC Society of Friends of Chess, and contributed a handsome donation of 50 euros.

#### **17. Closing Speech by the I.C.S.C. President**

The ICSC President informed all of a request by the ICSC General-Secretary to circulate questionnaires at schools on the subject of chess; the FIDE would welcome statistics on chess in schools therefore the ICSC would need to oblige in carrying their task.

The ICSC President declared the 31<sup>st</sup> ICSC Congress closed at **18.00** hours and thanked all present for their active participation.