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XIIth Conference of the Permanent Commission
of the FIDE for Chess Compositions

Arcachon 1968

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The XIIth Congress of the Permanent Commission of the FIDE for Chess Compositions was held at Arcachon, France, from the 16th to 22nd September, 1968.

The following members were present:-

Comins Mansfield, President (Britain)
*Gerhard W. Jenssch, 1st Vice-President (W. Germany)
Prof. Dr. Boris A. Sakharov, 2nd Vice-President (U.S.S.R).
Jan Mortensen, 3rd Vice-President (Denmark)

A. F. Arguelles (Spain)
J. Bertin (France) (Deputy, for P. Biscay)
P. ten Cate (Holland)
Ing. N. Dimitrov (Bulgaria) (Deputy, for Arch.V.Rangelov)
Ing. B. Formanek (Czechoslovakia)
*Dr. G. Grzeban (Poland)
A. Hildebrand (Sweden)
O. Kaila (Finland)
C. E. Kemp (Britain)
H. M. Lommer (Spain)
G. Mentasti (Italy)
Dr. G. Faros (Hungary)
D. R. Wertheim (Israel) (Deputy, for Dr.S.Segenreich)
F. V. Wilson (U.S.A.) (Deputy, for Dr. N. Guttman)

B. P. Barnes (Britain) acted as Secretary, while Dr. K. Fabel (West Germany) and H. M. Lommer (Spain) were the interpreters.

Apologies for absence were received from A. Nagler (Switzerland), Dr. K. Wenda (Austria), and from W. Weber (East Germany) who was unable to obtain a visa.

Attending as observers were R. Lecomte and F. le Lionnais (France), D. N. Kapralos (Greece), Dr. J. Niemann (West Germany), P. Perkonoja (Finland) and A. J. Roycroft (Britain).

Dr. Grzeban and Mr. Jenssch missed some of the meetings through indisposition.

Silent homage was paid to the memory of three valued members who have passed away:- Prof. J. Halumbirek, V. Halberstadt and A. Lapierre.

The meetings were held in the Casino Mauresque, by kind permission of the Arcachon municipality. Special thanks are tendered to M. E. Guemard who undertook responsibility for the congress. Cordial thanks are also due to Mme. Daudon for her great generosity, and to other benefactors and helpers, including M. Bertin and Les Amis du Probleme d'Echecs.

A G E N D A

ARCACHON, FRANCE. 1968.

1. The report of the 1967 session at Tampere.
 2. Album 1914 - 1944. Latest news, etc.
 3. Album 1965 - 1967. Announcing rules.
Appointing Directors and Judges.
 4. Album 1962 - 1964. Names of new candidates for
Master title. Arranging judges.
Consideration of proposal that
there should be one panel for all
the candidates (G.W.J.).
 5. Possible modification of the rules for the title.
 - (a) Reconsideration of Tampere sub-committee's
proposal. (See "aide-memoire").
 - (b) Possible revision of percentages of
entries which can appear in the Albums.
(See "aide-memoire").
 6. Competitions to discover any faults in the Albums.
 7. Consideration of a further award of the Master title.
 8. Appointment of new International Judges.
 9. Rumania's application for admission.
 10. Proposal to make official any future unofficial
international team matches.
 - 10A. Possibility of international solving tournaments.
 11. Definition of "Fairy". Should orthodox self-
mates, and perhaps orthodox help-mates, be
excluded? (C.M.).
 - 11A. Use of "camouflage" pieces. (Finland).
 12. Date and place of next meeting.
 13. Any other business.
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Point 1.

The Tampere Protocol was approved.

Point 2.

The progress of the 1914 - 1944 Album was given to Members. Only two sections are quite completed, which is hardly surprising considering the magnitude of the job. It was agreed to admit certain entries received after the closing date of behalf of some deceased composers. Mr. J. Sulc (Czechoslovakia) was unanimously appointed as a Judge in the Three-movers and More-movers (Models) sections to fill the vacancies caused by the death of Mr. R. Cheney (U.S.A.). It was agreed that he is well qualified to judge three-movers and more-movers as well as studies.

Certain Members have heard of a few important omissions of deceased composers from this Album. As soon as this is proved, the President will pass the information to Mr. Petrovic who may be able to include some of their best work in an Annexe.

Point 3.

The rules of the 1965-1967 Album will be circulated soon. It was decided that two of the three types of three-movers and more-movers, the "logical" and the "others", should be combined now and in the future.

Directors: Two-movers: A. F. Arguelles
Three-movers and More-movers:
(a) models: B. Formanek
(b) others: R. Lecomte
Studies: H. M. Lommer
Help-mates: Dr. G. Paros
Self-mates: W. Weber. Reserve: A. Hildebrand
Fairies: C. E. Kemp

Judges, subject to their acceptance, will be:

Two movers: J. Savournin/A. Dombrovskis/V. Bartolovic
Reserves: Drs. C. Goldschmeding/J.
Hannelius

Three-movers and More-movers (Models):
Ing. F. Hladik/A. Akerblom/C. Wermelinger
Reserves: V. Bron/A. Guljaev/T. Czarnecki

Three-movers and More movers (Others):
E. Biscay/B. Lindgren/Dr. E. Fabel
Reserves: L. Schor/N. Dimitrov

Studies: V. Korolkov/W. Korn/A. Roycroft
Reserves: Dr. G. Grzeban/A. Hildebrand
Help-mates: J. Burbach/T. Steudel/Z. Zilahi
Reserves: Dr. S. Segenreich/O. Kaila
Self-mates: G.F. Anderson/A. Ojanen/S. Limbach
Reserves: J. Buchwald/E. Visserman
Fairies: C. Seneca/B. Formanek/J. Mortensen
Reserves: D. Nixon/H. Ternblad

Future Albums will be restricted to about 800 selections. Any necessary scaling down of the general maximum percentages will be decided by the President after the total number of entries is known. The closing date will be 30th September 1969.

Point 4.

The 1962-1964 Album should be ready very soon. Sixteen new candidates for the Master title have qualified, ten through their successes in this Album alone. 59 judges, including some reserves, have been chosen to examine their best work (i.e. all their Album successes as well as a further 50 problems or 25 studies).

A proposal was passed that there should be one panel of judges (probably 16) for all candidates from the 1965-1967 Album onwards. The FIDE's permission to make this change will be sought at Lugano. It will probably have an independent president, and it will be decided next year whether Members of our Commission will serve on it. Meanwhile, Members should give the President any suggestions some time before the next meeting. It would, of course, be responsible to our Commission.

After the proposal was passed, Prof. Dr. B. Sakharov handed me a letter, a translation of which appears as Appendix A.

Point 5.

Before recommending any change in the rules, it was decided to await the effect of the reduction in the size of the Album to about 800 selections (see Point 3).

Point 6.

As arranged at Tampere, Mr. Barnes will inform national societies of our suggestions for an international solving tourney aimed at discovering errors in the 1962-1964 Album. This will be done as soon as this Album has appeared.

Point 7.

It was unanimously decided to recommend to the FIDE that the title "International Master of the F.I.D.E. for Chess Compositions" should be granted to Hans-Peter Rehm (West Germany). The usual reports from three independent judges (Messrs. W. Foldeak/A. Johandl/C. Seneca) had been read to Members.

A similar recommendation was made by the necessary 75% majority in respect of Jacob Haring (Holland), the judges in his case being Messrs. V. Chepizniy/J. G. Lamas/M. Myllyniemi.

Point 8.

A sub-committee (Messrs. A. Arguelles/Dr. G. Grzeban/O. Kaila) was appointed to consider five proposals for the title "International Judge of the F.I.D.E. for Chess Compositions".

The following were recommended for the title:

Dr. K. Wenda (Austria)	Three-movers (Others)
	More-movers (Others)
A. J. Kozlov (U.S.S.R.)	Two-movers
	Three-movers, both types.

Point 9.

An applicant for Rumania to become a member has been asked to send an official application from his National Chess Federation.

It was confirmed that a new country cannot be elected until 1970 (to cover the next four-year cycle 1971-1974).

Point 10.

The full award of the mammoth 1962-1964 International Team Match was produced. It was conducted in 18 different sections and resulted in a victory for the U.S.S.R., followed by Holland, Sweden and Finland.

Progress on the second match (arranged by Holland) was reported to Members.

A proposal to make these matches official F.I.D.E. ones did not obtain a majority. The matter will be raised again next year. The President agreed to speak to Mr. Rogard about this at the Lugano Congress.

Point 10a

A sub-committee (Messrs. N. Dimitrov/G. Jensch/O. Kaila) was formed to look into the question of arranging international solving tournaments. They will report next year.

Point 11

It was decided that in future orthodox helpmates and orthodox selfmates should not be grouped under the heading 'Fairies'.

Point 11a

The Finnish Member, who introduced the subject at Tampere, decided that there was no need for any further discussion.

Point 12

The date and place of our next meeting was not decided upon.

Point 13

- (i) It was agreed that J. Bertin should replace A. Lapiere on the sub-committee for the classification of Helpmates.
- (ii) The 'Mathematical Sub-Committee' requested another year before formulating their conclusions.
- (iii) A proposal by Mr. Jensch that competitors in the 1965-1967 Album should indicate 'logical' entries by adding the letter 'L' was not adopted.
- (iv) Following a suggestion by Mr. Kaila, competitors in the 1965-1967 Album will be asked to indicate their year of birth.
- (v) Mr. Kaila asked "Is a problem with a promoted piece (e.g. white pawns on b2 and d2, white bishop at c3) eligible for tourney honours?". This is generally known as an obtrusive bishop. The meeting agreed, by 8 votes to 5, with the following convention adopted in Hungary - "that promoted pieces be permitted in the diagram provided that they do no more than equal the normal force".
- (vi) Mr. Kaila enquired whether notable problems ("masterpieces") not gaining a place in the Albums should be given the opportunity of appearing in a special "post-Album".
It was agreed that this question should be deferred until after the appearance of the next two retrospective Albums.
- (vii) Mr. Kaila suggested that "an official list of task records should be drawn up and administered by persons appointed by our Commission". He produced a list supplied by the Finnish Problemists' Association, which is quoted as Appendix B.
Conflicting views were expressed as to the desirability or practicability of this, but the matter will be raised again next year.
- (viii) Mr. Kaila raised one or two other contentious points but was reminded that proposals for the Agenda should be sent to the President two months before the meeting.

APPENDIX A.

ARCACHON - 18 SEPTEMBER 1968.

To:

The President of the F.I.D.E. Commission
for Chess Compositions:-

Mr. Mansfield,

I ask you to add to the Protocol of the meeting at Arcachon the following statement of the representative of the U.S.S.R.:

"I think it was wrong to accept the proposal of Mr. Jensch that the board of three judges for each candidate for the Master title should be replaced by a permanent panel to act for the first time with regard to new candidates in the 1965-1967 Album, and in the future.

This is contrary to the existing rules, so we should first have discussed whether it would be useful to alter the rules.

Apart from this, the decision was taken on a vote of 5-4 in favour, whereas 17 were present."

(Signed) B. Sakharov.

Member of the Praesidium of the
Chess Federation of the U.S.S.R.

APPENDIX B

Point 13 (vii) refers:

Suomen Tehtävänäikat, Finland, acting through O. Kaila, propose the following -

That an official list of task records should be drawn up and administered by official FIDE Problem Commission appointees. The record list should contain, for example:

- (a) All one-movers - cf. articles in 'PROBLEM' and book by A. Dickens; h1/ M. Myllyniemi + O. Kaila 2.731; helpstalemate H. Harkola 413; various - H. Klüver.
- (b) Two-movers.
 - 1. Self-blocks
 - 2. Self-blocks + white interference
 - 3. Black unblocks
 - 4. Black-interference (Bartolovic & Petrovic 10)
 - 5. Black line-openings
 - 6. Black-valves
 - 7. Black bi-valves
 - 8. Fleck (with or without batteries/partial or total, Ojanen.
 - 9. Pins
 - 10. Half-pins
 - 11. Unpins (interference and withdrawal)
 - 12. Tries
 - 13. Variations (inclusive with different piece activity)
 - 14. Leo-Valve Theme - T. Tyrkkö 7
 - 15. Laitinen Theme - E.A. Wirtanen 5
 - 16. Luukkonen Theme - J. Hannelius 6

Last three categories to be supervised by Suomen Teht.
