

XXI MEETING OF THE PERMANENT COMMISSION
OF THE F.I.D.E. FOR CHESS COMPOSITIONS

CANTERBURY, ENGLAND
30.8. - 6.9.1978

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Participants

1) Members

Jan Hannelius	Finland	President
Dr. Bedrich Formánek	Č.S.S.R.	1. Vice-President
Barry P. Barnes	Britain	2. Vice-President
Igor D. Ljapunov	U.S.S.R.	3. Vice-President
Antonio F. Argüelles	Spain	
Roland Baier	Switzerland	Deputy for O. Vollenweider
Attila Benedek	Hungary	
Mr. Pieter ten Cate	Holland	
Francois Fargette	France	
Janko Furman	Yugoslavia	Deputy for H. Bartolović
Edgar Holladay	U.S.A.	Deputy for N. Guttman
Bo Lindgren	Sweden	Deputy for A. Hildebrand
Jan Mortensen	Denmark	
Virgil Nestorescu	Rumania	
Dr. John Niemann	B.R.D.	Deputy for G. W. Jensch
Arch. Vladimir Rangelov	Bulgaria	
Wladyslaw Rosolak	Poland	
Dr. Klaus Wenda	Austria	
David R. Wertheim	Israel	

2) Not members

Numerous other problemists, famous and new names, attended the conference. The following list contains also the teams of the 2nd World Chess Solving Championship tournament:

Austria: F. Chlubna, H. Zajic; Belgium: I. Vandemeulebroucke; Finland: H. Hurme, P. Perkonoja; France: Y. Cheylan, G. Fuchs, J. Zeller; West Germany: H. Ahues, H. Albrecht, B. Ellinghoven, P. Kniest, G. Latzel, R. Queck, H.-P. Rehm, G. Rinder, H. Rössler, W. Speckmann; Hungary: G. Bakcsi, M. Morvay, Z. Nagy; Rep. of Ireland: P. O'Shea; Israel: Y. Afek, U. Avner; Italy: G. Mirri; Netherlands: C. Goldschmeding, H. le Grand, W.J.G. Mees, M. Schrader, J.H. Turkstra; Poland: E. Ivanov, M. Halski; Spain: F. Salazar; Sweden: K. Widlert; Switzerland: R. List, M. Ott, O. Vollenweider; U.S.A.: E.M. Hassberg; U.S.S.R.: S. Golovanova (interpreter), Y. Vladimirov; Yugoslavia: F. Abdurahmanović, M. Kovačević, B. Ostruh, M. Velimirović; Great Britain: J.D. Beasley, R.F. Bradley, L.C. Citeroni, A.S.M. Dickins, C.J. Feather, A.J. Fenner, J.G. Grevatt, G.P. Jelliss, P.R. Kings, N.A. Macleod, Sir Jeremy Morse, J. Nunn, C.A. Pequignot, A.C. Reeves, J.M. Rice, A.J. Roycroft, C.A.H. Russ, C.C.L. Sells, D. Shire, D.A. Smedley, A. Spuris, C.P. Sydenham, P.S. Valois, C. Vaughan.

Hannu Harkola (Finland) took down the minutes of the meeting.

Absent were the honorary presidents, the expert for endgame studies (Lommer) and representatives from Italy (Mentasti) and D.D.R.

The 21st meeting of the commission was held in the Christ Church College, Canterbury. The organizers had prepared a rich and interesting conference with composing and solving competitions, lectures, excursions etc so that everyone surely found the week to be too short. The British Chess Problem Society deserves our warmest thanks and especially to Barry Barnes, Chris Feather and Colin Vaughan we want to say "well done"!

M i n u t e s (31.8.-5.9.1978)

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1) Verification of attendance and voting rights

In total 19 member countries were present and 2 were absent. The meeting was considered to be legal. Neither the honorary presidents nor the endgame study expert were able to attend.

2) Protocol Malinska 1977

J. Mortensen asked if Dr. Nadareishvili had given his opinion about the article by J. Roycroft (12 §). The answer was negative.

B. Formánek pointed out that also Č.S.S.R. provided the first W.C.S.C. with one problem (3a §). With this correction the protocol was approved.

3) Publications

a) The FIDE-Album 1971-73 will appear within a few weeks. The index of the Album was already available for inspection.

b) The theme register for the Album 1962-64 has now been completed. K. Wenda gave the final version to I. Ljapunov to be distributed to all members.

c) The publications committee has not yet received any information about publications or tournaments. (Ribe 14 §, Malinska 6 §)

4) Competitions

a) The directors of the Album 1974-76 competition have reported the following numbers of entries:

	<u>entries</u>	<u>authors</u>	<u>countries</u>
2-movers	1452	284	30
3-movers	967	224	23
n-movers	705	218	22
selfmates	384	141	25
helpmates	965	246	28
fairies	613	165	26
endgames	820	158	23

The presidium proposed that the percentage of problems in different sections should be decided only after the elimination of problems not eligible for the Album. Thus the presidium should be authorized to determine these percentages.

The proposal was opposed by J. Mortensen supported by K. Wenda, who insisted that the decision should be made during this meeting. I. Ljapunov informed that the Album 1974-76 will be printed probably not earlier than in 1980. It was decided by a vote of 12 for, 5 opposed and 2 abstentions to leave the decision to the presidium. The members and the section directors should be informed.

b) WCCT: A working group consisting of J. Hannelius, F. Chlubna, A. Dickins, E. Hassberg, I. Ljapunov and H.-P. Rehm prepared the matter according to the presidium recommendation from Paris in May. Theme proposals have been received from six countries but four themes were missing and two were late (Denmark 2, Israel 1, Switzerland 1 and Yugoslavia 2). The proposals were distributed to the members. C.S.S.R. has decided not to arrange part of the tourney because of disagreement in the fairy section. J. Niemann promised that in this situation B.R.D. might arrange the whole tourney. To settle the dispute a compromise had been discovered by the presidium and prepared by A. Dickins as requested. The intention was to replace the fairy section with a "historical" theme. This idea was rejected by a vote of 5 for, 12 opposed and 2 abstentions.

A second attempt to save the tourney was prepared by B. Lindgren and K. Wenda and later on it was supported by 7 other members (Annex 1). According to it the tourney should consist of 10 themes, of which 6 obligatory ones, and each participating country should select 8 themes. At first this proposal was accepted in principle by a vote of 17 for, 1 opposed and 1 abstention. Then in another voting (17 for, 1 opposed, 1 abstention) the number of themes was decided to remain 10, but without obligatory themes, and 8 of them could be chosen by the participants. The working group, added with B. Lindgren, will prepare the tournament further. B.R.D. is ready to organize the tournament also with these conditions.

c) WCSC: The organizer of the next WCSC has not yet been decided.

5) Codex Committee report

The Codex Committee has prepared a more detailed draft (2 pages) for the new Codex. Some parts are still missing. The text was distributed to the members for any remarks or suggestions, which should be sent to B. Formánek preferably before the end of this year but not later than three months before the next meeting.

6) Election of officers

The elections were conducted by P. ten Cate assisted by H. Harkola and K. Wenda. The presidium was re-elected by the following votes:

president:	Jan Hannelius	16,	Barnes	2,	blank	1
1. vice-president:	Bedřich Formánek	13,	Barnes	4,	blank	2
2. vice-president:	Barry P. Barnes	17,	Wenda	1,	blank	1
3. vice-president:	Igor D. Ljapunov	13,	Wenda	2,	blank	4.

It was established that there is no need to elect a new qualifications committee.

7) Qualifications

a) It was not possible to nominate new candidates for international masters or grandmasters, because the new Album was not yet published. J. Hannelius proposed that after the appearance of the Album the points may be counted. The members and FIDE should be informed immediately. P. ten Cate supported this opinion but H. Harkola pointed out that in this way no one is really responsible for the procedure. K. Wenda added that according to the rules it is the commission which decides on new masters. The authority of the commission is, however, limited because the title has to be granted when the point limit is exceeded. By a vote of 14 for, 3 opposed and 2 abstentions the commission decided to authorize the presidium to get the points counted after the publication of the Album 1971-73 and to announce the names of the new masters and grandmasters to FIDE.

International judges: The title of an international judge was granted to the following six problemists:

Hillel Aloni, Israel for endgame studies
Yves Cheylan, France for 2-movers
Bruno Fargette, France for 3- and moremovers
Iosif Grosu, Rumania for endgame studies
Shlomo Seider, Israel for 2-movers and fairies
Christopher C. L. Sells, Britain for helpmates and fairies

One application was rejected.

b) Grandmasters honoris causa. The qualifications committee has discussed the proposal concerning the grandmaster title honoris causa but they could not agree. After some discussion it was suggested to vote in principle if the title may be granted also "honoris causa". By a vote of 4 for, 14 against and 1 abstention the commission decided to reject the proposal.

c) Themes-64 has published an article where readers are invited to comment on all aspects of 1) FIDE-Albums, 2) the point system for appointment of masters and grandmasters, and 3) the desirability of titles. Readers' views were diverse and no firm conclusions could be drawn. However, the article served a useful purpose in influencing members' discussions on the above matters, showing the way and giving advice for the future.

8) The Statutes

No modifications were made to the Statutes but they are subject to future development.

9) Financial support by FIDE

The president has received 2000 Swiss francs from the FIDE for expenses during this year. I. Ljapunov is perhaps going to take part in the FIDE meeting in Argentina. He was authorized to discuss the problemists' needs with the new president of the FIDE.

10) Future meetings

a) 1979: The only invitation for the next meeting came from Israel. The invitation could not yet be accepted because of the long and expensive journey and because some members presumably cannot take part. The final answer will be given during this year.

b) After 1979: Only Holland has informed of their intention to arrange the meeting in 1981.

11) Any other business

a) I. Ljapunov called attention to the inconstant rules in the WCSC tournaments. Permanent rules should be prepared for the future tournaments.


b) F. Fargette demanded a new edition of the list prepared by P. ten Cate in 1971 containing information about judges, masters, commission meetings, FIDE-Albums etc.


c) B. Formánek has proposed 10 ideas, which have been appended as an annex to this protocol. (Annex 2.)

d) Several members have not yet given the address lists of grandmasters, international master and international judges to B. Barnes. They are asked to send complete lists to him as soon as possible. (See Paris protocol!)

Kangasala and Helsinki

October 1978


Jan Hannelius
President


Hannu Harkola
Secretary

Annex 1: Proposal for a new WCCT arrangement

Annex 2: 10 ideas for Canterbury meeting

10 IDEAS FOR CANTERBURY MEETING - PROPOSED BY DR. B. FORMANEK

1. According to the decision of Tampere 1967, it was recommended that problems should show the closing date of a formal tourney e.g. I.WCCT C 31.10.1973. The closing date is decisive if the question of anticipation is raised. IT IS NECESSARY TO USE THE 'C' SYSTEM IN THE FIDE ALBUMS
2. In a FIDE Album an author should be able to compete either with a problem published within the 3 years' period or with a problem honoured in a formal tourney with the closing date within the 3 years' period, BUT ONLY IF THE FORMAL AWARD IS PUBLISHED BEFORE THE CLOSING DATE OF THE FIDE ALBUM.
3. It is necessary to publish FULL solutions in FIDE Albums. Who should prepare the full solutions? And how to avoid so many mistakes as in the 68-70 Album?
4. I recommend the use of uniform diagrams for FIDE Albums, WCCT competitions and, perhaps, most other tourneys. An example is attached. Perhaps all countries could produce such diagrams?
5. It seems necessary to form a Subcommission for Technical Matters - a point raised in Mr. Ljapunov's proposed amendments to the Statutes.
6. A recommended rule for formal tourneys: one and only one correction should be allowed after a closing date. An author should be allowed to correct his unsound problem either before the award is published or after the award is published. If the correction is found to be unsound, the problem is definitely disqualified.
7. The correction of a problem which has been disqualified from a formal tourney can compete only in an informal tourney.
8. It is absolutely necessary to resurrect the Subcommission for Terminology. Part of its job should be to prepare definitions of basic problem terms. Another should be to seek the Commission's approval of new theme names. Order should be brought from the chaos in this aspect of problem chess as soon as possible.
9. The procedure for granting Master and Grandmaster titles takes a long time and has disadvantages. What about the idea of a composer publishing a booklet - say 100 copies with at least 50 of his best works? Five International Judges appointed by the Commission could say which problems are of Album quality. For a Master title at least 25 'approved' problems would be necessary - for a Grandmaster, 70, etc. Copies of the booklets could be sent to experts so that anticipations, cooks, mistakes etc. might be pointed out.
10. It would be useful if, every year, a register of new books, problem publications, articles, etc. could be published with short explanatory notes. Who could do this job? Of course, a register of past publications should be done eventually as well.

B. Formanek
Bratislava 10.7.78



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British Chess Problem Society
President: Sir Jeremy Morse

Canterbury, Sept 4th 1978

Proposal for a new WCCT arrangement:

10 themes are given totally,
each country can take part at 8 of ~~them~~^{it}, in the following kind
6 themes (that are 2 too-movers, 2 three-movers, 1 more-movers, 1 helpmate)
are duty, to get the full points.

4 themes (that are 1 selfmate, 1 endgame, 2 fairies) are free
to select two of ~~them~~^{it}, as a country likes ~~it~~.

In each section the best 20 (if there are no many) get points from
20-1. If there are, for instance only 10, they get points from 20-11.

So the maximum number of problems, you have to print in the report,
could be 200.

The last WCCT has demonstrated, that problems in the places 20-30
usually have a small value. The restriction of the best 20 problems
would avoid, ~~that~~ printing - expenses ~~increasing further~~.

The members, ^{who have} signed this paper, believe this matter to
be very urgent, so they propose a discussion about it at once
according to point 6/2 of the commission's rules.

[Signature]

R. Brier

B. Brier

E. Brier



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