

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

VARNA, BULGARIA

7. - 14.9.1982

P r o t o c o l

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. Lyapunov	U.S.S.R.	3. Vice-President
Antonio F. Argüelles	Spain	
Uri Avner	Israel	
Dr. Hemmo Axt	F.R.G.	
Attila Benedek	Hungary	
Georges Fuchs	France	Deputy for F. Fargette
Drs. Cor Goldschmeding	Netherlands	
Eugeniusz Iwanov	Poland	
Jan Mortensen	Denmark	
Virgil Nestorescu	Rumania	
Arch. Vladimir Rangelov	Bulgaria	
Milan Velimirović	Yugoslavia	
Kjell Widlert	Sweden	Deputy for A. Hildebrand
Prof. Byron Zappas	Greece	

2) Not members

Present were more than 60 problemists from 18 countries. Active in subcommissions were Y. Afek (Israel), A. Bienabe (France), V. Chepizhny (U.S.S.R.), Ing. N. Dimitrov (Bulgaria), B. Ellinghoven (F.R.G.), Dr. L. Lindner (Hungary) and W. Rosolak (Poland). The secretary was Hannu Harkola (Finland).

Not present: Dr. N. Guttman (U.S.A.), G. Mentasti (Italy), O. Vollenweider (Switzerland), Dr. K. Wenda (Austria), representative from G.R.D., Honorary Presidents C. Mansfield and N. Petrović, Honorary Member Mr. P. ten Cate and endgame study expert Dr. G. Nadareishvili.

As new members the Commission welcomed H. Axt and E. Iwanov.

The Commission congratulated its Honorary President Ing. N. Petrović, who celebrated his 75th birthday on September 7th.

All participants are grateful to Ing. N. Dimitrov, who organized the meeting and all the events which made the visit to Varna an unforgettable experience for all of us. He was also the Director of the 6th World Chess Solving Championship tourney which was organized on 10.-11.9.

M i n u t e s (8.-13.9.1982)

1) Opening address

The President declared the meeting opened and greeted all members and observers welcome. He also addressed his thanks to the Bulgarian Chess Federation for organizing this meeting.

2) Verification of attendance and voting rights

There were 17 member countries represented and 5 absent (Austria, G.R.D., Italy, Switzerland and U.S.A.).

The Honorary Presidents, Honorary Member and endgame study expert were all excused.

The meeting was considered legal.

3) Approval of Arnhem minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting in Arnhem 1981 were approved with the following alterations:

§ 4.1: The name of A. Benedek is added to the Codex Committee.

§ 6: The first sentence shall read "The Codex Committee has a proposal for the new Codex prepared by B. Formánek."

4) Acceptance or exclusion of Members

The Belgian Chess Association had applied for membership. It had nominated Ignaas Vandemeulebroucke as its representative, but because he could not be present in the meeting, the Commission had to postpone the acceptance according to the Statutes (Annex IV.4).

Exclusion of "Deutscher Schachverband der DDR" was taken up according to Annex IV.5 of the Statutes. It was stated that the federation had not sent a delegate to the Commission meetings for 20 years. From a recent letter in reply to President Hannelius it appeared that the federation felt greatly annoyed with eventual exclusion and had made appeal to the FIDE President. For that reason the Commission decided to wait and see, and to write a new letter to the Chess Federation of G.R.D. in which the importance of all Members' activity is underlined.

The Soviet Chess Federation nominated V. Chepizhny as their representative in the Commission for the next four years. He received the place of I. Lyapunov before the elections (§ 15).

At Goldschmeding's suggestion Igor D. Lyapunov was nominated Honorary Member of the Commission after well done duty during eight years as the 3rd Vice-President.

5) Checking on the standing committees

During this meeting the members of the standing committees were:

1. Codex: Formánek (speaker), Benedek, Mortensen.

2. Competitions, WCSC: Velimirović (speaker), Avner, Axt, Dimitrov, Goldschmeding, Lyapunov, Widlert.

WCCT: not active in Varna.

FIDE-Albums: Widlert (speaker), Afek, Barnes, Benedek, Bienabe, Chepizhny, Ellinghoven, Formánek, Iwanov, Lyapunov, Velimirović, Zappas.

3. Publications: Lyapunov (speaker), Ellinghoven, Goldschmeding, Rosolak, Velimirović.
4. Qualifications: Barnes (speaker), Argüelles, Lyapunov, Nestorescu, Velimirović.

6) Checking on the elections committee

From the original committee only L. Lindner was present and therefore A. Argüelles and G. Fuchs were nominated as members of this committee to prepare the elections in 1982.

7) Notification of proposals by members

New proposals and matters for "any other business" (§ 14) were notified.

8) Codex

The basic text of the new Codex has been prepared in English by the Committee. It will be translated into German by Mortensen and sent to every member of the Commission before the end of this year. Any remarks should be sent to Formánek within two months.

9) Competitions

9.1. World Chess Solving Championship (WCSC)

The Commission decided to establish international Grandmaster and Master titles for solvers. The rules are in Appendix 1. This decision concerns also the previous WCSC-tourneys.

The Commission decided that the title of an individual World Championship for solving will not be granted earlier than next year.

Axt proposed that in future the results of the two best solvers of a team in every round should be counted, as proposed by the sub-commission in 1981. Avner proposed to adopt this rule only if at least 50 % of the teams consist of three solvers. Axt made a second proposal of counting the 2 best solvers of a team each day. After discussion, the Commission accepted Axt's first proposal (2 best solvers in each round are counted) with 12 votes for, 4 votes against (Britain absent).

The present rules state that at least 7 teams must compete in an official WCSC for teams. Zappas proposed that there should be no such limit. The proposal was rejected with 2 votes for and 14 against.

Axt proposed that at least 10 solvers should take part if a WCSC shall be considered an official individual championship, with qualification for titles. The proposal was accepted with 15 votes for and 1 vote against.

It was also agreed that one country may send 4 solvers if a WCSC is not an official team championship.

The complete rules are in Appendix 2.

9.2. World Chess Compositions Tournament (WCCT)

The judges are expected to make their awards by the end of September and the final results will be available before the end of this year.

9.3. FIDE-Album_tourney_1977-79

Only two sections (helpmates and studies) have been completed. In the selfmate section some delay has occurred due to E. Holladay (USA). The Commission decided to nominate R. Ruppin (Israel) as a reserve judge, if need be. A telegram was received during the meeting with the information that the selection has probably been sent already by Holladay.

9.4. Reorganization_of_the_Album_tourney

Arising from points 9.4 and 10.1 (Printing of the Albums after 1977-79 [Arnhem 1981, Appendix 5]), the FIDE Albums Committee agrees that the present album system which can leave out album-worthy compositions because of an album total of 800 fixed in advance is not satisfactory. It is also an injustice to the composers who need album points. High quality of content should be a first priority.

By the next meeting, the original proposers (Ellinghoven, Velimirović and Widlert) of future albums will investigate details relating to selection of problems, printing of albums, costs, and the opportunities to buy the albums by all countries.

As far as possible, members will be kept informed by information letters.

10) Publications

10.1. Printing_of_the_albums

See point 9.4. above.

10.2. Problem

The official magazine of the Commission, Problem, has not been issued regularly. The Commission decided to send a letter to the publishers to express the hope that they do their best for the continued publication of the magazine.

10.3. New_publications

The publications committee explained that because of a lack of information it was impossible to compile a list of new publications. For the next meeting, a list will be provided by B. Ellinghoven and M. Velimirović. Information of new publications in 1982-83 should be sent to Velimirović (see the example!).

Lyapunov has updated the list of errors in the Albums and it was given to all members. The Commission also expressed its gratitude to the problemists (especially M. Myllyniemi and P. Perkonoja) and computer experts (I. Blom, M. Korhonen and P. Wiereyn) who have helped in preparing this list.

The Committee recommends that the list is published in problem magazines for general information and for checking. Further additions to the list are invited. Every country should correct faulty claims, giving also reasons or proof, and inform Lyapunov about misprints in the Albums. A completed list will be published in a future Album.

11) Qualifications

11.1. International_titles_for_solvers

After a proposal of the WCSC-Committee for solvers' international

title rules had been accepted unanimously by the Commission (see Appendix 1), the Qualifications Committee was able to use the rules and recommend new titles.

11.2. Nomination of new titles

The title of International Judge of the FIDE for Chess Compositions was granted to the following three persons:

Aaron Hirschenson, Israel, for twomovers
 Dr. Ivan N. Ignatiev, Bulgaria, for moremovers, helpmates, self-mates and fairy chess
 Mircea M. Manolescu, Rumania, for two- and three-movers.

The title of International Solving Grandmaster of the FIDE for Chess Compositions was granted to

Pauli Perkonoja, Finland.

The title of International Solving Master of the FIDE for Chess Compositions was granted to:

Ing. K. Angelov, Bulgaria
 U. Avner, Israel
 Dr. H. Axt, F.R.G.
 R. Baier, Switzerland
 O. Comay, Israel
 M. Kovačević, Yugoslavia
 M. Velimirović, Yugoslavia
 Y. Vladimirov, USSR.

12) Financial support by the F.I.D.E.

The financial support by the FIDE has remained at 2000 Swiss francs per annum since 1978 (fiscal period 1.7.-30.6.) and efforts by the President, who has written to FIDE President F. Olafsson, to obtain an increase have not yet succeeded.

13) Future meetings

Israel made the only invitation for a FIDE Problem Commission meeting in 1983 and this was accepted. The 7th World Chess Solving Championship will also be organized in Israel.

Chess federations are asked to recognize the importance and growing succes of the World Chess Solving Competitions for which F.I.D.E. titles of Solving Grandmaster and Solving Master can be granted to successful participants (see § 11.2). Each Chess Federation is asked in the name and spirit of F.I.D.E. to make possible its solving team's participation.

Upon Barnes's initiative Hannelius read a letter from Robert Burger who informs the Commission that the 1984 meeting could be possible in California, USA, if information is given soon. Hannelius will contact Mr. Burger already this year.

14) Any other business

The Commission deeply regrets the recent death of Hermann Albrecht. He was one of the leading authorities in the 2-mover field and built up a large reference-collection. Steps are being taken for the continuation of this collection.

The problems for the next WCSC-tourney shall be sent to the director,

N. Dimitrov, three months before the tourney. All neutral (not participating) countries are asked for help.

Lindner proposed that Ilkka Blom should be named computer solving expert for the Commission. The proposal will be taken up next year.

15) Election

The election of the new Presidium for the next four years was conducted by the election commission Lindner, Argüelles and Fuchs.

There were 14 possible candidates and 17 persons entitled to vote.

For the President there was only one candidate and Jan Hannelius was elected unanimously.

For the 1st Vice-President there were two candidates: Barry Barnes and Benedek Attila. In the voting Barnes received 17 votes and Benedek 0. Barnes was elected 1st Vice-President.

For the 2nd Vice-President there were three candidates: Attila Benedek, Victor Chepizhny and Bedrich Formánek. In the first voting Benedek received 7 votes, Chepizhny 8 and Formánek 2. Because nobody received more than 50 % of the votes a second voting was needed between Benedek and Chepizhny. It resulted in 10 votes for Chepizhny and 7 votes for Benedek. Chepizhny was elected 2nd Vice-President.

For the 3rd Vice-President there were two candidates: Attila Benedek and Bedrich Formánek. In the voting Benedek received 13 votes and Formánek 4. So Benedek was elected 3rd Vice-President.

Kangasala and Helsinki

November 1982



Jan Hannelius
President



Hannu Harkola
Secretary

INDIVIDUAL SOLVING CHAMPIONSHIP
AND SOLVING TITLES

- 1 The WCSC is both a team competition and an individual competition.
- 2 The winner of the WCSC is declared World Champion of Chess Problem Solving for that year.
- 3 The following titles may be given to solvers:
 - a) International Solving Master
 - b) International Solving Grandmaster
- 4 Solvers qualify for titles only through the WCSC.
- 5 To receive the title of International Solving Master, a solver must reach either
 - a) 80% of the point score of the winner, two times within 5 consecutive WCSC'sor
 - b) 100% of the point score of the winner in one WCSC.
- 6 To receive the title of International Solving Grandmaster, a solver must reach
 - 90% of the point score of the winner,
 - 3 times within 10 consecutive WCSC's.
- 7 Only the 10 best solvers in WCSC are considered for qualification according to points 5 and 6 above.

These rules were decided by the FIDE Commission in Varna, September 1982.

Point 8 of the original rules, concerning the right to participate in the WCSC, has later been moved to the general WCSC rules (by Kjell Widlert).

RULES FOR THE WORLD CHESS SOLVING CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENTS

- I. WCSC is a competition for national teams and for individual solvers. It is divided into 6 rounds, to be carried out during two days, with 3 rounds a day as it appears from the table below. Round pauses are 15 minutes.

1.	3 two-movers	20 minutes
2.	3 three-movers	60 minutes
3.	3 endgames	100 minutes
4.	3 helpmates	50 minutes
5.	3 more-movers	80 minutes
6.	3 selfmates	50 minutes

- II. WCSC is organized at request by a member country, and it shall be authorized by PCCC/FIDE. All member countries of the FIDE have the right to participate. WCSC is an official team championship if at least 7 teams compete. It is an official individual championship, valid for title qualification, if at least 10 solvers take part.

- III. The teams consist of three members and a team leader, who may be one of the competitors. Teams of two solvers are also allowed.

A country competing with a team may send at most one extra solver, competing only individually, provided this solver has at least one master result according to the rules for solving titles.

One individual solver from each country not competing with a team is allowed.

If a WCSC is not an official team championship, each country may take part with at most 4 individual solvers.

- IV. Attendance shall be reported to the organizer four months before, and the competitors' names on the day before the event at the latest.

- V. Supply of entries shall be cared for by the tournament director from at least three non-participating countries, if possible. The director shall receive the entries at least 4 weeks before the event, and is responsible for selecting the most suitable problems.

- VI. Preferably the entries should be unpublished, but if published, most likely unknown. They should be thematically clear with only one solution, representing good level and at least average difficulty. Fairy conditions, illegal positions and retro are not allowed, neither twins etc.

- VII. All disputes are decided by the tournament director. In case of protests against his decision, the matter is settled by a jury consisting of the director and two neutral persons. The decision of the jury is final.
- VIII. The compositions for solving should, if possible, be given in the form of photocopies, or else be set up on demonstration boards. Chess sets and boards shall be supplied, but competitors may also use their own.
- IX. The method of writing solutions is:
- In mate problems, all moves in all full length variations except Black's and White's last moves, e.g. in 2-ers the key only.
 - In helpmates all moves.
 - In selfmates all moves except the mating moves in all full length variations.
 - In endgames, all moves up to an evident win/draw.
- X. Only one solution may be written for every problem (author's intention or cook). A correct solution scores 1 point. If a solution is incomplete but more than 50% of the full solution then it scores 0,5 points. If a problem has no solution, no points are scored for that problem. A problem with illegal position is treated in the same way as a legal problem.
- XI. If a move is written incorrectly or ambiguously that variation or solution is considered incorrect. However, if the tournament director (or jury) can be absolutely sure that the correct move was intended, the variation or solution is considered correct. Otherwise, this variation is treated as if it was not written at all.
- XII. For every round, the points scored by the two best (or the only two) solvers from each team are counted. These points are totalled together with the corresponding solving times in minutes. The total point score will decide the placements, except in the case of equal point, when the team that used less time will be placed ahead of the others.
- XIII. The results of every round are to be announced without delay after the third and sixth rounds. Objections arising from the solving competition must be given in written form to the director not later than one hour after the results have been presented to the competitors.

These rules were accepted in Wiener Neustadt, September 1980.

Revised in Arnhem, August 1981.

Points I, II, III, and XII revised to reflect decisions in Varna, September 1982. (Revision by Kjell Widlert.)