

XXVI MEETING OF THE PERMANENT COMMISSION OF THE FIDE
FOR CHESS COMPOSITIONS Bat-Yam, Israel, 29/8-5/9 1983

Protocol

Participants

1) Members

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| Jan Hannelius | Finland | President |
| Barry P Barnes | G-Britain | 1st Vice-President |
| Dr Klaus Wenda | Austria | |
| Louis Tryssesoone | Belgium | Deputy for I Vandemeulebroucke |
| Georges Fuchs | France | |
| Dr Hemmo Axt | FRG | |
| Uri Avner | Israel | |
| Drs Cor Goldschmeding | Netherlands | |
| Virgil Nestorescu | Romania | |
| Antonio F Argüelles | Spain | |
| Kjell Widlert | Sweden | Deputy for A Hildebrand |
| Roland Baier | Switzerland | Deputy for O Vollenweider |
| Eric Hassberg | USA | Deputy for N Guttman |
| Milan Velimirović | Yugoslavia | |

The Commission welcomed Georges Fuchs as a new Member, replacing Francois Fargette.

2) Observers

There were about 60 problemists from 16 countries present at the meeting. The following non-members were active at sub-commissions:

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| Dr John Niemann | FRG |
| Yochanan Afek | Israel |
| Bernd Ellinghoven | FRG |

Not present were the Vice-Presidents V Chepizhny (USSR) and A Benedek (Hungary), the Members Arch V Rangelov (Bulgaria), J Mortensen (Denmark), Prof B Zappas (Greece), G Mentasti (Italy) and E Iwanow (Poland). GDR and CSSR have no named Members.

The Honorary Presidents C Mansfield and N Petrović, the Honorary Members P ten Cate and I Lyapunov, and the endgame study expert Dr G Nadareishvili were also facing obstacles.

The agenda for the meeting was drawn up at a full Presidium meeting in London, 19-24/4 1983.

The Organization Committee, headed by Uri Avner, must be warmly thanked for their beautiful work. Thanks are also tendered to the Chess Federation of Israel, the Municipality of Bat-Yam and all those who contributed to a very successful congress.

Uri Avner was also the Director of the 7th World Solving Championship which was held during the meeting. He was assisted by Bernd Schwarzkopf (FRG).

Minutes (30/8 - 4/9 1983)

§ 1 Opening address

The President welcomed all Members and observers present, and declared the meeting opened. He also gave special thanks to the organizers.

The President proposed Kjell Widlert as secretary for this meeting. This was accepted.

Avner reported that 8 countries and in addition 2 individual solvers had announced their intention to take part in the 7th WCSC.

§ 2 Verification of attendance and voting rights

There were 13 member countries represented, and 9 absent (Bulgaria, Denmark, Greece, Hungary, Italy, Poland, USSR and CSSR).

As 8 Members present are required for a legal meeting, this meeting was declared legal.

§ 3 Approval of Varna minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting in Varna 1982 were accepted with the following addition to § 9.1 (WCSC), clause 6:

"See § 3, clause 2 of the rules" (appendix 2).

§ 4 Acceptance or exclusion of Members

The Belgian Chess Association had applied for membership. The application was accepted unanimously. The new Member is represented by Ignaas Vandemeulebroucke, whose deputy for this meeting was Louis Tryssesoone. The number of Members present thus increased to 14.

In conformity to a recommendation of the Presidium meeting in London 1983 it was agreed that the question of exclusion should not be dealt with this year.

§ 5 Checking on the standing committees

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| - Codex | No member present. |
| - WCSC | Velimirović (speaker), Avner, Axt, Goldschmeding, Widlert. |
| - WCCT | Niemann (speaker), Avner, Fuchs, Hannelius, Hassberg, Nestorescu, Widlert. |
| - FIDE Albums | Widlert (speaker), Afek, Avner, Axt, Barnes, Ellinghoven, Hassberg, Velimirović. |
| - Publications | Ellinghoven (speaker), Goldschmeding, Velimirović. |
| - Qualifications | Barnes (speaker), Argüelles, Hassberg, Nestorescu, Tryssesoone, Velimirović. |

§ 6 Notification of proposals by Members

New proposals and subject matter for "Any other business" were notified.

§ 7 Codex

The text of the proposed new codex had not yet been translated from English into German.

As no members of the committee were present, no discussion could take place this year.

§ 8 Competitions

8.1 World Chess Solving Championship (WCSC)

The subcommittee proposed no change in the rules of the previous year. The English text will be checked and translated into German for possible inclusion as an Annex of the Statutes. This will be decided next year.

The 7th WCSC ended in abridgement as follows.

Teams: 1st Finland (World Champion), 2nd Yugoslavia, 3rd FRG.

Individuals: 1st Roland Baier, Switzerland (World Champion), 2nd Kari Valtonen, Finland and 3rd Pauli Perkonoja, Finland.

8.2 Results of the 2nd WCCT

The booklet with the final results was published by "Die Schwalbe" just before the meeting. In abridgement: 1st USSR (World Champion), 2nd Israel, 3rd USA, 4th CSSR, 5th Hungary, 6th Yugoslavia. 29 countries in all took part. Tournament director Dr John Niemann was congratulated for his excellent work.

8.3 The 3rd WCCT

In accordance with the proposal of the subcommittee, the Commission decided to retain the number of themes and the other rules from the 2nd WCCT with one exception:

If the organizing country wishes, it may allow 3 entries from each country in each section, where the 3rd entry would serve as reserve. In that case only the 2 best placed compositions by different composers will appear in the award, for each country and section. The 3rd entry (which may be by the same composer as one of the other two) will not be printed and will not score any points.

It was decided to invite Israel to arrange the next WCCT. No answer to the invitation could be given at the meeting. If Israel cannot accept, the President may invite another country.

Countries willing to assist the organizer financially were asked to indicate this as soon as possible.

The Commission decided to invite the following Countries to propose two themes and one judge (of their own country) for the 3rd WCCT:

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| France and Spain | Twomovers |
| USA and Great Britain | Threemovers |
| USSR | Moremovers |
| Finland | Endgame studies |
| Israel | Selfmates |
| Romania | Helpmates |
| FRG and Sweden | Fairies |

The final selection and formulation of the themes will be made at next years' meeting. The 3rd WCCT could then be announced in the second half of 1984.

8.4 FIDE album tourney 1977-1979

It was reported that all the judges' selections were completed but the director for selfmates had not informed the album director. Hannelius will write to the persons concerned.

8.5 FIDE album tourney 1980-1982

The majority of the subcommittee for FIDE albums proposed a new system of selection, based on a proposal by Ellinghoven, Widlert and Velimirović which was distributed to all Members before the meeting.

In this system there is still three Judges and one Director in each section. The number of sections is also unchanged. Each judge must grade every composition on a scale from 0 to 4 points:

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| 4 points | MUST be in the Album ("masterpiece") |
| 3 " | OUGHT TO be in the Album ("very good") |
| 2 " | COULD PERHAPS be in the Album ("average") |
| 1 " | OUGHT NOT TO be in the Album ("not very good") |
| 0 " | MUST NOT be in the Album ("bad or completely unoriginal") |

Compositions by the judges shall be graded by the Section Director, representing respectively each of them.

All entries with a total of 8 points shall go into the Album.

In the proposed system the number of compositions in each section and in the whole Album depends on the judges' estimate of the quality (It was mentioned in the discussion that the limit of 8 points could be raised if the final selection would turn out to be too large for printing).

Barnes proposed a simpler system: each Judge selects those entries that he considers album-worthy, and all entries selected by 2 of the 3 Judges go into the Album.

After discussion, the proposal of the subcommittee (a point scale from 0 to 4 points) was accepted with 12 votes for and 1 vote against (Austria absent).

The Commission then decided to invite the following Directors and Judges for Album 1980-1982, largely following the proposal of the Album subcommittee:

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| Twomovers | Director | Hassberg |
| | Judges | F Hoffmann, Retter, Touw |
| | Reserves | Myllyniemi, Rice, Leiss |
| Threemovers | Director | Chepizhny |
| | Judges | Umnov, Morice, Keller |
| | Reserves | Jørgensen, Kofman, Matthews, Zappas |
| Moremovers | Director | Lepuschütz |
| | Judges | Rehm, Y Vladimirov, Vukceovich |
| | Reserves | Zucker, B Fargette, Kozdon, Lindgren |
| Endgame studies | Director | Y Hoch |
| | Judges | Nestorescu, Perkonoja, Gurgenidze |
| | Reserves | Rusinek, Bron, Kasparjan, Hildebrand |
| Helpmates | Director | Benedek |
| | Judges | Niemann, Abdurahmanović, Garai |
| | Reserve | Kricheli |
| Selfmates | Director | Valois |
| | Judges | Avner, Wenda, Laue |
| | Reserves | Szwedowski, Holladay, Lindgren |

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| Fairy Chess | Director | H Gruber |
| | Judges | P Kniest, Petkov, Baier |
| | Reserves | Rice, Seider, Smits |
| Retro § | Director | Lauinger |
| Mathematics | Judges | Caillaud, Dittmann, Klasinc |
| | Reserves | Hazebrouck, Ostruh |

The President will write to all those invited. Several Members promised to supply him quickly with missing addresses.

The Album tourney will be announced as soon as all Judges and Directors have accepted. A closing date of June 30th, 1984, is planned.

8.6 Possibilities of the WCSC as part of the Chess Olympiads

Chepizhny suggested in April-83 that the WCSC might be carried out as part of the Chess Olympiads. Hannelius has mentioned the idea in a letter to the FIDE. At the suggestion of Barnes he will ask for permission of the FIDE to call the 1984 WCSC "Olympiad".

Due to Chepizhny's absence this matter was not discussed further this year.

8.7 Observations on olympic composing tourneys

Chepizhny brought up in April-83 that olympic composing tourneys should be announced early enough to make it possible to proclaim the awards in connection with the main event.

Hannelius mentioned illustratively the Luzern Olympiad, ended on 17/11-82, closing date for the composing tourney 31/3-83 (no award as yet).

The discussion was postponed (ref: § 8.6).

8.8 Recommendations for prizegiving principles

Chepizhny has remarked that announced prizes in tourneys must also be distributed. The discussion was postponed (ref: § 8.6).

In this connection Ellinghoven stated that 1000 copies of an official diploma for international titles of chess composition and -solving, including WCCF winners, could be printed in FRG, provided an official FIDE diploma would be available as the basis of design.

§ 9 Publications

9.1 Printing of the FIDE album 1980-1982

The proposal by Ellinghoven, Widlert and Velimirović (see § 8.5) contained also a scheme for printing the Album in the West. It was based on the binding of each country to order and pay for a number of copies in advance. Because only a few "extra" copies are possible, the societies should consider also the future need when placing their order. The cost of printing would be 5-8 DM, depending on the number of copies printed.

From this proposal the Commission concluded that the President should contact Chepizhny, inviting him to find a way to make the Album available in the East.

All Members should find out before next meeting how many copies their societies could order. It was warmly recommended to send the Album to all native members and to meet the expenses through the membership fee.

It was agreed that all details of printing and distribution will be decided at the Commission meeting next year, whereto Hannelius underlined the necessity of a preliminary Presidium meeting.

9.2 "Problem" as official organ of the PCCC

Velimirović reported that "Problem" has not been published for some time but that it may possibly reappear after a change of printer.

9.3 List of new publications

No material was available in this meeting.

9.4 List of errors in the FIDE albums

List of errors (unsoundness and misprints) have been published in some magazines now and then and the Hungarian committee for chess compositions has published a complete list covering all Albums until now. Formánek has also sent a list of incomplete or incorrect solutions to "Bohemians" in the Albums.

The Commission decided not to take any further action concerning errors in the old Albums. In future corrections will run on from Album to Album, but care will be taken to minimize the errors through computer testing etc.

It was stated officially that problem 103 in Album 1974-76 is by Jac Haring, not by Jan Hartong as indicated in the index.

§ 10 Qualifications

10.1 Confirmation of the titles granted in Varna 1982

The titles nominated in Varna (Varna protocol, § 11.2) have been confirmed by the FIDE, except the IM-title of Kovacević, who deserved it in Varna. This defect will be cared for in connection with the new titles.

10.2 Nomination of new titles

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

Jan Rusinek (Poland) for endgame studies

Jean Morice (France) for two-, three- and moremovers

Hans-Dieter Leiss (FRG) for twomovers

Attila Benedek (Hungary) for two-, three- and moremovers and helpmates and selfmates

Mordechay Shorek (Israel) for helpmates

According to the results of the 7th WCSC, the title of International Solving Master of the FIDE was granted to:

Kari Valtonen (Finland)

Arno Zude (FRG)

It was noted that the World Champion of Chess Solving in 1983 is

Roland Baier (Switzerland)

§ 11 Statutes

11.1 New Annex

It was suggested that the rules for the WCSC and Solving Master titles (Varna protocol, appendix 1 and 2) should be annexed to the Statutes.

Barnes will revise the English text. Axt will do a translation into German and Fuchs will translate into French. The decision on annexing to the Statutes can then be made at the meeting in 1984.

11.2 Extra ordinary Member for computer matters

The Hungarian "Committee for Chess Compositions" (Benedek/Lindner) gave reasons for a world wide control of chess problems and proposed election of an expert-member to cooperate with computer specialists and to keep the Commission informed.

The Commission decided that this is not needed for the time being.

§ 12 Financial support by the FIDE

According to a message from the Secretary of the FIDE, the financial support has been raised from 2000 to 3000 CHF a year.

The president mentioned that he cannot attend the FIDE congress in Manila for economical reasons.

§ 13 Future meetings and the WCSC

The USA, with organizer in chief Robert Burger, had invited the PCCC to hold the 1984 meeting, incl the WCSC, in San Francisco. Full details of all arrangements and the moderate prices were given.

According to a new invitation from Yugoslavia both events could be held in that country, possibly near Sarajevo. Prices would be comparable to those in Bat-Yam.

Italian API/Gino Mentasti had made known their willingness to invite the PCCC in 1984 (also 1985?) to the Adriatic area (Rimini/Riccione). Prices were given but no mention about the WCSC. The Commission found this invitation worth completing for 1985.

In the discussion many Members stated that they would like to go to San Francisco, and would probably also be able to, but getting teams enough for the WCSC seemed most unlikely.

In the vote the Yugoslavian invitation received 7 votes, and the invitation from USA 4 votes. Two abstentions. Austria was absent. So the 1984 PCCC meeting (27th) and the WCSC (8th) will be held in Yugoslavia.

The Commission gave warmest thanks to Robert Burger for his generous offer.


§ 14 Any other business

Hannelius reported on an Pan-American endgame tourney, at request of George Koltanowski (tourney-leader). The tourney is aimed to honour the 75th birthday of Walter Korn-(judge). Pauli Perkonoja was proposed as-sisting European judge.

Alexander Goldstein, Australia, took up the difficulty of detecting anticipations, and suggested that a list should be made of collectors who are able to check prospective prize-winners before awards are published. In this connection it was mentioned that the collection of the late Hermann Albrecht is continued by Hans-Dieter Leiss.

Hassberg pointed to an article about master titles by David Brown, published in Chess Life, Aug 1983. Hannelius: "The article is worth noticing and it may call forth a specified US proposal."

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Jan Hannelius
President

Kjell Widlert
Secretary