

XXX MEETING OF THE PERMANENT COMMISSION OF THE FIDE
FOR CHESS COMPOSITIONS
Graz, Austria 22.8.-29.8.1987

M I N U T E S

Official Participants

Dr Klaus WENDA	Austria	President
Drs Cor GOLDSCHMEDING	Netherlands	1 st Vice-President
Victor CHEPIZHNY	USSR	2 nd Vice-President
Attila BENEDEK	Hungary	3 rd Vice-President
Jan HANNELIUS	Finland	Honorary President
Helmut ZAJIC	Austria	Secretary
Antonio ARGUELLES	Spain	Delegate
Uri AVNER	Israel	Delegate
Dr Hemmo AXT	FRG	Delegate
Prof Caetano BELLIBONI	Brazil	Delegate
Marco BONAVOGLIA	Italy	Delegate
Ing Jaroslav BRADA	Czechoslovakia	Delegate
Dr Newman GUTTMAN	USA	Delegate
Hannu HARKOLA	Finland	Delegate
Laurent JOUDON	France	Delegate
Marian KOVACEVIC	Yugoslavia	Delegate
Vladimir RANGELOV	Bulgaria	Delegate
Jan RUSINEK	Poland	Delegate
Colin RUSS	Great Britain	Delegate
Ignas VANDEMEULEBROUCKE	Belgium	Delegate
Odette VOLLENWEIDER	Switzerland	Delegate
Kjell WIDLERT	Sweden	Delegate
Prof Byron ZAPPAS	Greece	Delegate

Vladimir Rangelov was replaced by Ing Nicolai Dimitrov on 28.8.1987.
So 21 of the 24 countries were represented.

The following persons were excused:

Jan MORTENSEN	Denmark	Delegate
Virgil NESTORESCU	Rumania	Delegate
DI Nenad PETROVIĆ	Yugoslavia	Honorary President
Pieter ten CATE	Netherlands	Honorary member
I.D.LJAPUNOV	USSR	Honorary member
Dr Gia NADAREISHVILI	USSR	Study expert

GDR still has no nominated delegate.

R. Bukne (Norway) and G. Mariz (Portugal) attended most of the sessions as observers of their countries.

Active visitors fullfilling tasks as tourney director, assistant director, members of subcommissions, etc., were:

Ing N. Dimitrov (Bulgaria), G. Schiller (GDR), G. Büsing, B. Ellinghoven, H. Gruber (FRG), Dr L. Lindner (Hungary).

A G E N D A

§ 1 Opening address

President Dr Klaus Wenda declared the meeting opened and welcomed the participants, especially the new delegates:

Marco BONAVOGLIA (Italy), Jaroslav BRADA (Czechoslovakia), Laurent JOUDON (France), Jan RUSINEK (Poland), Colin RUSS (Great Britain).

He regretted the death of several wellknown and meritorious problemists since the XXIX meeting. A minute of mourning and remembrance was held for: Jean Pierre Boyer, Jan Hartong, Eric Hassberg, Willem Hoek, C.E. Kemp, Vladimir Koroljkov, Matti Myllyniemi, Antonio Piatesi.

§ 2 Verification of attendance and voting rights

Represented were 21 member countries and 3 were absent (Denmark, GDR and Rumania).

The meeting was declared legal.

§ 3 Approval of Fontenay protocol 1986

The protocol of the previous meeting in Fontenay-sous-Bois (XXIX meeting) was accepted.

§ 4 Application of new members

Gabriel Mariz (Portugal) requested information regarding a future membership in the Commission.

§ 5 Checking on the standing subcommissions

1. Codex:

Prof C. Belliboni	new member
Dr B. Formanek	absent
Drs C. Goldschmeding	Speaker
J. Mortensen	absent
Kj. Widlert	

2. Competitions: a) WCSC

U. Avner	
Dr. H. Axt	Speaker
Drs C. Goldschmeding	
Kj. Widlert	

b) WCCT and Olympic composing tourneys

U. Avner

V. Chepizhny

B. Ellinghoven

Speaker

J. Rusinek

new member

Prof B. Zappas

c) Album and publications

U. Avner

Dr H. Axt

A. Benedek

J. Brada

new member

G. Büsing

new member

V. Chepizhny

Dr N. Guttman

M. Kovacević

Kj. Widlert

Speaker

3. Qualifications:

M. Bonavoglia

new member

H. Harkola

new member

J. Rusinek

new member

I. Vandemeulebroucke

O. Vollenweider

Speaker

4. Computer matters:

Dr H. Axt

R. Baier

L. Joudon

Dr L. Lindner

Speaker

N. Macleod

§ 6 Notification of proposals

The following proposals were notified:

- 1) Proposal for voluntary guidelines for organizing chess problem tourneys by USA (Toma Garai and Robert Burger).
- 2) Establishment of an official register of chess problem terms by Hungary (Dr László Lindner).
- 3) Creation of a centre for collecting errata-lists by FRG (Günter Büsing).

§ 7 Codex:

Drs C. Goldschmeding gave a short report and stated, that he had corresponded with B. Formanek during the year. He pointed out there will be too many definitions bringing further questions and finally many answers. He mentioned some main questions:

- a) definition of new types of fairy pieces
- b) guidelines for organizing tournaments (see also proposal under § 6)
- c) question of anticipation.

A written report and a draft of general rules will be prepared by the next meeting.

§ 8 Competitions

8.1. World Chess Solving Championship (WCSC)

11 teams (34 solvers) took part in the 11th competition. Ing N Dimitrov acted as tournament director and chief judge, assisted by G. Schiller and Ing J. Brada. The appeals jury consisted of Ing N. Dimitrov, I. Vandemeulebroucke and Prof B. Zappas.

Results:

Teams:	1. FRG (World Champion)	177 points
	2. Yugoslavia	166 "
	3. Finland	152 "
	4. Great Britain	149,5 "
	5. Israel	137 "
	6. Poland	136 "
	7. Switzerland	135 "
	8. France	132 "
	9. Netherlands	123,5 "
	10. Austria	94 "
	11. Italy	70 "

Individuals: 1. Michel Caillaud, France (World Champion)
 2. Marian Kovačević, Yugoslavia
 3. Pauli Perkonoja, Finland

Before the competition started, no. 4 of the rules for the WCSC was amended by unanimous decision: "The members of the teams also take part in the individual championship. A country not participating with a team is allowed to send one person to the individual championship."

8.2 Preliminary results of the 3rd World Chess Compositions Tournament (WCCT)

B. Ellinghoven (replacing D. Blondel as speaker in the subcommission) reported about his difficulties in collecting the different protests of the countries and informing the judges. The reported results were only preliminary information for the commission, not meant for official publication. Only the first place (USSR) seems to be quite sure.

8.3 Preparation of the 4th WCCT

B. Ellinghoven and J. Rusinek by unanimous decision were nominated members of the subcommission. M. Kovačević and B. Zappas suggested discussing the 4th WCCT in order to find good themes and to make possible an early announcement.

V. Chepizhny's promise that the USSR would organize this tournament, provided that the announcements and results could be printed in another country, was accepted with pleasure.

Following a proposal of M. Kovačević and B. Ellinghoven, the commission decided to abolish the rule that the country proposing a theme must nominate the judge too.

The following countries are officially invited by the commission to make theme proposals for the 4th WCCT.

2#: Belgium, Brazil, Greece, India, Italy, Netherlands, USSR

3#: FRG, Great Britain, Hungary, Netherlands, Switzerland, USSR

n#: Austria, FRG, GDR, Great Britain, USA

endgames: Czechoslovakia, Finland, Israel, Poland, Rumania, Sweden, USSR

s#: Bulgaria, Hungary, Israel, Poland, Switzerland

h#: Brazil, Bulgaria, FRG, GDR, Hungary, Yugoslavia

fairies: Bulgaria, Czechoslovakia, France, FRG, Great Britain, India, Israel, Sweden.

Theme proposals should be sent to B. Ellinghoven, Königstraße 3, D-51 Aachen, by May 1st 1988.

8.4 FIDE-Album tourney 1980-1982

K. Widlert reported that all judgements are completed. At last the retros and 3# have been sent to DI N. Petrovic, who already did an

enormous amount of work in the last year. He had to correct many errors by composers or section directors.

The Album will have about 450 pages and about 1200 problems. It should appear before the end of 1987. Dr Wenda expressed the commission's common feeling, that all problemists will be very obliged to Mr Petrovic and his successful efforts in editing and printing the Albums for so many years.

8.5 FIDE-Album tourney 1983-1985

Dr Wenda reported that DI N. Petrović would be ready to act as editor also for this album, provided that his health is good enough. Until now 2000 2#, 1100 3#, 470 s#, 750 fairies, 110 retros have been sent to the directors.

The directors of h#, n# and endgames did not answer the president's letter.

Questions of typography and editing should be discussed next year, when the Album 1980-82 has appeared.

In the following discussion U. Avner proposed the establishment of a special list of FIDE-Album judges. Dr Wenda's opinion that this would be a mark of distrust towards all the other international judges, depreciating this title, was endorsed by the majority without formal voting. It was decided to be very careful with the selection of Album judges in the future.

A longer discussion about the value and aim of the Album register then took place. Finally, the president summed up the different opinions concerning a conclusion: As it seems almost impossible to have a complete, detailed register with the exact terms to describe all problems, it would be useful at least to describe those problems which are significant and important for the theme that they show. By this means the future Albums would be more useful for judges and editors, revealing anticipations or previous problems with similar themes or theme combinations.

8.6 Olympic composing and solving tourneys

Prof B. Zappas promised to inform the president as soon as possible about the conditions of such tourneys in connection with the Chess Olympiad in Greece 1988.

Following a proposal by V. Chepizhny the subcommission for WCCT was empowered to take care also of olympic composing tourneys.

§ 9 Publications

9.1 Printing of the FIDE-Album 1983-1985 and future Albums

At the commission's wish the president will write a letter to Mr Petrovic expressing his thanks for Mr Petrovic's work in the past, and for his promise to be the editor of the Album 1983-85 too. For the 1986-88 and later Albums a new editor and publisher must be found. Better instructions to composers in the announcement are recommended.

The president expressed his hope that the Hungarian chess friends will be able to continue the work of Mr Petrovic in future.

The main thing would be to ensure that people in the USSR and other eastern countries could buy the Albums without problems of foreign exchange. Mr Benedek and Dr Lindner promised their support in this question.

9.2. Official Organ of PCCC

An official publication seems to be useful in the following matters:

- a) announcements of commission meetings, Album tourneys and WCCT.
- b) official announcements of results of WCCT and WCSC.
- c) announcement of new title holders.
- d) short version of PCCC protocols with important decisions.
- e) reports on work in progress regarding FIDE Albums and WCCT.
- f) messages to the problemists from subcommissions.
- g) address lists of all delegates and subcommission speakers.
- h) lists of IM, IGM, judges etc.
- i) information on computer testing (list of books).
- j) new Codex.

After a longer discussion the following proposal was approved:

In "The Problemist" (in English) as well as in the Austrian magazine "Schach aktiv" (in German) a "page for PCCC matters" will regularly appear. C. Russ was elected unanimously to be the "editorial representative" of the commission. He will, together with the president, be responsible for the PCCC publications.

9.3. List of errors and other publications

The report of the Publications Subcommission, based on the proposal of G. Büsing (see § 6), establishing a "centre for error lists", was accepted.

- a) delegates are asked to collect information of checking done in their countries and to send it to G. Büsing, Raiffeisenstraße 3, D-8195 Endlhausen. (this concerns only books, not magazines)
- b) this centre will publish information as to which books have been tested,
- c) error lists for particular books may be sent in photocopy on request, as long as not too many such requests are made,
- d) the centre will coordinate and collect the lists.

Finally the "Errata centre" was established by unanimous agreement of the 18 members present. All national lists of errors in books including FIDE-Albums should be sent to G. Büsing.

§ 10 Qualifications

10.1 Confirmation by big FIDE of titles granted in Fontenay

- a) International judge of the FIDE for Chess Compositions:
 Stefan Dittrich (GDR) for twomovers
 Francois Fargette (France) for moremovers
 Günter Schiller (GDR) for three- and moremovers
- b) International solving master:
 Graham Lee (Great Britain)
 Jonathan Mestel (Great Britain)
 Kjell Widlert (Sweden)
- c) Honorary master of problem Chess:
 Antonio Arguelles (Spain)
 Dr. John Niemann (FRG)
 Antonio Piatresi (Italy) +

10.2 Granting of titles

- a) The title "International judge of the FIDE for Chess Compositions" was granted to the following 9 persons:
 David Brown (USA) for helpmates and fairies
 Luciano Citeroni (Great Britain) for twomovers
 Toma Garai (USA) for helpmates
 Andrej Lobusov (USSR) for twomovers, threemovers and moremovers
 Alexander Maximovski (USSR) for endgames
 Karol Mlynka (Czechoslovakia) for twomovers
 Theodor Tauber (Israel) for threemovers, selfmates and fairies

Dr Hermann Weissauer (FRG) for threemovers and moremovers
 Vladimir Zabunov (Bulgaria) for twomovers and threemovers

- b) The title "International solving master of the FIDE" was granted to Michel Caillaud (France)
 He won with 90 points (=100%) the world-championship. This is also his first grandmaster norm.

- c) The title "Honorary master of problem Chess" was granted to the problem expert
 Hans Klüver, (FRG)
 and to the endgame composer
 Dr Gregorz Grzeban (Poland).
 Both are more than eighty years old.

All these titles were granted by unanimous decision of the members present.

10.3 New titles

The qualification committee suggested titles like "FIDE-Master for Chess Compositions" or "Quick composing master" to encourage young composers, who presently need at least 15 years to get one of the FIDE titles. After a longer discussion Dr Wenda expressed the opinion that an inflation of titles should be avoided. Big FIDE would not appreciate too many titles. An exception might be the title FIDE-Master, existing also in the game over the board. The president will put the question on the Agenda in Budapest 1988, if an official proposal is made by any member. M. Kovačević announced such a proposal by his federation.

§ 11 Statutes

11.1 Revision of all amendments since 1981.

President Dr K. Wenda distributed a preliminary German version, C. Russ is translating into English. A written text in the English and German languages will be prepared for a formal decision in Budapest 1988.

11.2 Extraordinary member and subcommission für computer matters. Following a proposal by Dr L. Lindner the subcommission for computer matters was established by unanimous decision. It consists of Dr László Lindner (speaker), Dr Hemmo Axt, Laurent Joudon, Norman Macleod and Roland Baier.

Dr. H. Axt proposed the nomination of Dr Lindner to membership of the commission as an expert for computer chess, according to Annex II of the statutes. Such an official position would be very helpful for his work. The proposal was accepted with 20 votes in favour and one abstention.

11.3 New honorary members

Barry P. Barnes (Great Britain) and Giorgio Mirri (Italy) were declared honorary members by acclamation.

§ 12 Contacts with the big FIDE

Dr K. Wenda reported about his personal visit to the General Secretariat of FIDE in Lucerne in July 1987.

§ 13 Future meetings and WCSC

13.1 Invitation for 1988

Invitations were made by Hungary for a meeting in Budapest and by Yugoslavia for a meeting in Pula. Both invitations included WCSC. The president expressed his thanks to both countries and explained his preference for the Hungarian invitation: it would be a good chance (after Varna 1982) for many problemists of eastern countries to attend the meeting. Further Hungary had not been organizer for 30 years, but Yugoslavia was the venue of meetings 3 times in the last ten years.

After a short discussion the invitation from Hungary was accepted by acclamation.

13.2 Invitation for 1989

Great Britain offered to arrange the meeting including WCSC in Bournemouth at the end of August. This was accepted by unanimous decision.

13.3 Invitation for 1990


Decisions about invitations by Yugoslavia in connection with the Chess Olympiad, by Spain or by any other country were postponed to 1988.


§ 14 Other business

Study composition match between the USSR and the rest of the world:

This match is organized by the USSR (V. Chepizhny) and Sweden (Kj Widlert) Judges will be J. Averbach, V. Kasparjan and presumably J. Nunn and J. Roycroft. There will be 2 sections, the USSR proposing the 1st theme and Sweden the 2nd. The tourney is open to all composers of the world but each composer may send only 1 problem for each theme. Points will be given to the thirty best places for each theme. For both teams a captain should be nominated, who may take part himself in the competition too. With unanimous decision the commission accepted this competition and promised to give support to the organizers, if necessary.

Vienna, October 1987


Dr K. Wenda
President


H. Zajic
Secretary