

PERMANENT COMMISSION OF THE FIDE FOR CHESS COMPOSITIONS (PCCC)



XXXII. MEETING IN BOURNEMOUTH, ENGLAND 19.8.-26.8.1989

M I N U T E S

Official Participants

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| Dr Klaus WENDA | Austria | President |
| Drs Cor GOLDSCHMEDING | Netherlands | 1st Vice-President |
| Attila BENEDEK | Hungary | 3rd Vice-President |
| Jan HANNELIUS | Finland | Honorary-President |
| Helmut ZAJIC | Austria | Secretary |
| Antonio ARGUELLES | Spain | Delegate |
| Uri AVNER | Israel | Delegate |
| Roland BAIER | Switzerland | Deputy for O.Vollen- weider |
| Prof Caetano BELLIBONI | Brazil | Delegate |
| Marco BONAVOGLIA | Italy | Delegate |
| Bernd ELLINGHOVEN | FRG | Delegate |
| Dr Bedrich FORMANEK | Czechoslovakia | Delegate |
| Dr Newman GUTTMAN | USA | Delegate |
| Hannu HARKOLA | Finland | Delegate |
| Laurent JOUDON | France | Delegate |
| Marjan KOVACEVIC | Yugoslavia | Delegate |
| Jan MORTENSEN | Denmark | Delegate |
| Dr Gia NADAREISHVILI | USSR | Delegate and Expert for endgames |
| Virgil NESTORESCU | Rumania | Delegate |
| Petko A. PETKOV | Bulgaria | Delegate |
| Dr Jan RUSINEK | Poland | Delegate |
| Colin RUSS | Great Britain | Delegate |

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| Ignaaas VANDEMEULEBROUCKE | Belgium | Delegate |
| Kjell WIDLERT | Sweden | Delegate |
| Prof Byron ZAPPAS | Greece | Delegate |
| Barry P. BARNES | Great Britain | Honorary Member |
| Dr Laszlo LINDNER | Hungary | Expert for Computer Chess |

23 of the 25 member countries were represented.

The following persons were excused:

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| Viktor CHEPIZHNI | USSR | 2nd Vice-President |
| DI Nenad PETROVIC | Yugoslavia | Honorary President |
| Sonomun CHIMEDTZEREN | Mongolia | Delegate |
| Pieter ten CATE | Netherlands | Honorary Member |
| Igor LJAPUNOV | USSR | Honorary Member |
| Giorgio MIRRI | Italy | Honorary Member |

The GDR has no officially nominated delegate, Gabriel MARIZ (Portugal) and Roald BUKNE (Norway) attended the sessions as observers of their countries without voting right.

Active visitors fulfilling tasks as members of subcommittees, tourney director, assistant director, etc, were:

Dr H. Axt, G. Büsing (FRG), N. Macleod, J. Rice, I. Sanders, P. Valois (Great Britain), O. Comay (Israel), W. Mees (Netherlands), L. Falk (Sweden), Z. Janevski (Yugoslavia), V. Neidze (USSR).

M I N U T E S

§ 1 Opening address, act of remembrance for deceased problemists

After an address of welcome by the President of the British Chess Problem Society, Colin Sydenham, Dr Wenda expressed his thanks for the invitation and declared the meeting open.

He regretted the death of several very famous problemists since the XXXI. meeting. A minute of mourning and remembrance was held for: Alexander Goldstein, Jacob Haring, Hans Klüver, Rafael Kofman, Vladimir Korolkov, Iosif Kriheli, Avenir Popandopulo, Evgenij Umnov.

§ 2 Verification of attendance and voting rights

23 member countries were represented and 2 were absent (GDR and Mongolia).

The meeting was declared legal.

Dr Bedrich Formanek, after some years of absence again the official delegate of Czechoslovakia, Bernd Ellinghoven, the new delegate of FRG, replacing Dr Hemmo Axt, and Dr Gia Nadareishvili, replacing Viktor Chepizhni as delegate for USSR, were welcomed.

An official letter from the USSR Chess Federation informed the Commission that Viktor Chepizhny had retired from all his organizing functions concerning the PCCC and that Dr Nadareishvili was entitled to be the new delegate.

Dr Wenda regretted this decision of Mr Chepizhni and appreciated his successful work through 6 years as Vice-President. Finally Dr Wenda pointed out that according to the statutes Viktor Chepizhni remained 2nd Vice-President until the end of the XXXIII. meeting in 1990.

§ 3 Approval of the Minutes of Budapest 1988

The minutes of the XXXI. meeting in Budapest were accepted.

§ 4 Application of new members

There was no new application.

§ 5 Checking of the standing sub-committees:

1. Codex:
 - Prof C. Belliboni
 - Dr B. Formanek
 - Drs C. Goldschmeding Spokesman
 - J. Mortensen
 - K. Widlert
2. Competitions:
 - a) WCSC
 - U. Avner
 - Dr H. Axt Spokesman
 - Drs C. Goldschmeding
 - P. Valois new member
 - K. Widlert
 - b) WCCT
 - U. Avner
 - B. Ellinghoven Spokesman
 - Ing Z. Janevski
 - Dr J. Rusinek
 - Prof B. Zappas
 - c) Olympic composing tourneys
 - Prof C. Belliboni
 - M. Kovacevic
 - Prof B. Zappas Spokesman
 - d) Album and Publications
 - U. Avner
 - Dr H. Axt
 - A. Benedek
 - G. Büsing
 - Dr N. Guttman
 - M. Kovacevic
 - K. Widlert Spokesman
3. Qualifications:
 - M. Bonavoglia
 - H. Harkola
 - V. Nestorescu new member
 - Dr J. Rusinek
 - I. Vandemeulebroucke Spokesman

4. Computer matters: Dr H. Axt

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| R. Baier | |
| O. Comay | new member |
| Dr N. Guttman | new member |
| L. Joudon | |
| Dr L. Lindner | Spokesman |
| N. Macleod | |

5. Studies:

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| O. Comay | new member |
| L. Falk | |
| W. Mees | |
| Dr G. Nadareishvili | Spokesman |
| V. Nestorescu | new member |
| J. Roycroft | |
| Dr J. Rusinek | |

Vasha Neidze (USSR) was nominated as secretary of this subcommittee.

§ 6 Notification of proposals

The following proposals were notified:

1. Proposal by Poland (see Agenda § 13 pt. 2)
2. Proposal by Israel for an adjusted Album selection system (see Agenda § 8 pt 8)
3. Proposal by Austria for a) Computation of Album points and b) Award of Master titles (See Agenda § 8 pt. 8, § 10 pt. 3)
4. Proposal by Yugoslavia for establishing a FIDE-Master title (see Agenda § 13 pt. 1)
5. Proposal by Brazil for WCCT theme selection (see Agenda § 8 pt. 4)
6. Proposal by Italy for special FIDE-tourneys (see Agenda § 8 pt. 10)
7. Proposal by the subcommittee for Olympic composing tournaments for rules (see Agenda § 8 pt. 9)
8. Proposal by Austria for future WCCT (see Agenda § 8 pt. 4)
9. Proposal by the Association Francaise pour la Composition Echiquienne (see Agenda § 16)

10. Proposal by USA for voluntary guide lines to organize problem-tourneys (see Agenda § 16)

§ 7 Codex:

Dr Formanek and Drs Goldschmeding submitted a Codex draft. Dr Wenda expressed his thanks for this work, which should be considered as a basis for serious discussion. A proposal by P. A. Petkov to include detailed guidelines for fairy chess was postponed. Dr Formanek asked all members to convey to him their ideas, proposals, comments by the end of January 1990 in order to prepare the ground for decisions at the next meeting.

§ 8 Competitions

8.1. The 13th World Chess Solving Championship (WCSC)

H. Harkola proposed in Annex III, pt. 1. e) to change the passage "one of the first ten places" into "one of the first fifteen places". This was accepted after short discussion (20 votes in favour, 2 against, 22 delegates present).

C. Russ expressed the official thanks of the British organizers to B. Ellinghoven for his selection of original problems and studies for this WCSC.

Results of the 13th WCSC

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| Teams: | 1. USSR | 159 points |
| | 2. FRG | 152 points |
| | 3. Finland | 148 points |
| | 4. Yugoslavia | 143 points |
| | 5. Great Britain | 138 points |
| | 6. Sweden | 138 points |
| | 7. Switzerland | 136 points |
| | 8. Israel | 129 points |
| | 9. Netherlands | 116 points |
| | 10. Czechoslovakia | 112 points |
| | 11. Poland | 106 points |
| | 12. France | 106 points |
| | 13. Belgium | 66 points |

- Individuals: 1. Georgij Evsejev, USSR (World Champion)
2. Arno Zude, FRG
3. Pauli Perkonoja, Finland

8.2. Official results of the 3rd WCCT

B. Ellinghoven reported that a booklet with all problems and awards has been sent on a complimentary basis to all participating countries. Further copies were available at cost price. Dr Wenda said that B. Ellinghoven had set an admirable example with the content and format of this booklet and expressed his best thanks.

8.3. 4th WCCT, report by the director, discussion about open questions

As almost all judges were taking part in the meeting, the open questions could be settled.

8.4. Future WCCTs, theme selection etc., Proposals by members.

The Brazilian proposal to establish 2 Helpmate-sections in the 5th WCCT, and the Austrian proposal to change point 9 of the rules of WCCT were postponed.

8.5. FIDE-Album tourney 1983-85, preliminary reports by the directors

Reports were made in all sections except the more-movers. Dr Nadareishvili promised to contact the responsible director, V. Rudenko.

8.6. FIDE-Album Tourney 1986-88, selection of judges, question of printing

The Subcommittee for publications recommended the following persons:

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| Twomovers | <u>Director</u> | Colin Sydenham |
| | <u>Judges</u> | Marjan Kovacevic Franz Pachl Dr Juraj Brabec |
| | <u>Reserves</u> | Jurij Suskov Leopold Szwedowski |
| Threemovers | <u>Director</u> | Piet Le Grand |
| | <u>Judges</u> | Mircea Manolescu Aleksandr Kuzovkov |

Gerard Smits
Claude Goumondy
Shlomo Seider

Reserves

Moremovers

Director

Dr Hemmo Axt
Jakov Vladimirov
Kjell Widlert
Alois Johandl

Judges

Reserves

Ing Miroslav Sindelar
Manfred Zucker

Selfmates

Director

Paul Valois
Uri Avner
Wladyslaw Rosolak
Venelin Alaikov
Dr Hartmut Laue

Judges

Reserves

Helpmates

Director

Anders Uddgren
Ing Zivko Janevski
Attila Benedek
Charalampos Fougiaxis
Jean Haymann
Günter Büsing

Judges

Reserves

Fairies

Director

Theodor Tauber
Dr Hans-Peter Rehm
Denis Blondel
Petko A. Petkov
Norman Macleod
Dr Bedrich Formanek

Judges

Reserves

Retros

Director

Andre Hazebrouck
Bernd Ellinghoven
Michel Caillaud
Andrej Frolkin
Aleksandr Kisljak

Judges

Reserves

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| Studies | <u>Director</u> | Dr Jan Rusinek |
| | Judges | Virgil Nestorescu Jan van Reek Yehuda Hoch |
| | Reserves | Vaza Neidze Lars Falk |

The complete list of directors and judges was accepted by unanimous decision. Dr Wenda would dispatch the official announcement before the end of this year. 31.7.1990 would be the closing day for the entries. M. Kovacevic gave a short report about editing and printing in the future. He submitted the offer of a Yugoslav team to continue the work of Ing N. Petrovic.

After some discussion about possible alternatives the commission preferred to carry on the tradition and to publish the Album 1986-1988 in Yugoslavia again. An editorial committee consisting of Bernd Ellinghoven, Denis Blondel, and Marjan Kovacevic was established by unanimous decision, to prepare the details by the next meeting.

8.7. Album register

A revised theme-register by Dr Axt, in German and English with alphabetic and numerical order, has been sent to the directors of the Album 1983-85.

8.8. System for evaluating Album problems in future, discussion of proposals by Israel, Austria

The first points of both proposals recommended enlarging the scoring scale for evaluating Album problems to nine steps.

This was accepted by unanimous decision with 22 delegates present. The commission agreed with the Israel proposal to use half points and to have the scale 0 - 0,5 - 1 - 1,5 - 2 - 2,5 - 3 - 3,5 - 4. (17 votes in favour, 5 against, 22 members present). The new scale should be used for the first time in the Album 1986-1988.

A rigorous and long discussion took place about point 2 of the Israel proposal, which aims to have an adjustment procedure after final judgements with too low or too high percentages of selection.

In that discussion especially C. Russ, Dr K. Wenda, B. Ellinghoven and H. Zajic pointed out that this system would mean a serious intervention in the responsibility of the independent judges, which should be avoided. Uri Avner insisted on his opinion. The Commission should have the possibility to correct extreme ratings of judges, who obviously proved to have been too severe or too liberal. Dr Wenda finally summed up the arguments and suggested continuing the discussion in Alicante next year on the basis of a more detailed paper. He especially was interested to hear the opinion of the Album-directors, to get a better view of the present situation.

Then point 6 of the Austrian proposal was discussed. Dr Formanek, U. Avner, Roycroft were in favour of the 3 Album-Judges also evaluating the compositions placed first in a WCCT. Dr Wenda, Dr Rusinek and Prof Zappas preferred to include them automatically in the Album. Uri Avner suggested withdrawing the resolution of Wiener Neustadt (first placed compositions of WCCT come into the Album automatically).

This latter proposal was rejected (8 votes in favour, 11 against, 4 abstentions).

The whole matter will be discussed again next year.

8.9. Olympic composing tourneys, discussion about new rules (proposal by the subcommittee)

Prof Zappas, spokesman of the subcommittee, reading a paper containing proposed rules, expressed his opinion that such tourneys would make good propaganda for chess compositions among the chess players. The financial requirement seemed to be tolerable compared with the main activities of an Olympic Organization Committee. As there was no concrete chance to have a special composition

tourney according to the above mentioned rules in Novi Sad 1990, the matter was postponed.

8.10. Special FIDE-tourneys (proposal by Italy)

This matter was postponed, too. It should be checked by the subcommittee for competitions before discussion in the Commission.

§ 9 Publications, report by the subcommittee and the centre for errata lists.

G. Büsing reported that the testing of Josef Breuer's book with 1800 problems had just been finished. Then he referred to a booklet by Steen Christensen from Denmark. He appreciated the immense work of this man in checking more than eight thousand problems in all the FIDE-Albums. He is going to contact Mr Christensen, trying to synchronize the latter's work with that of the subcommittee.

§ 10 Qualifications

10.1. Confirmation of the titles granted in Budapest 1988

All the titles granted in Budapest (see minutes of the XXXI. Meeting, § 10.2.) were confirmed at the General Assembly of big FIDE.

10.2. Granting of titles, proposals and report by the Qualifications Committee

I. Vandemeulebroucke, spokesman of this subcommittee, began by expressing sincere thanks to H. Harkola for his excellent lists, which would be a valuable aid for all present and future calculations. The question of whether it would be possible to grant a title also to a deserving composer who was deceased before the Commission's meeting, was postponed after short discussion to next year.

The Qualifications committee recommended:

- a) The title "Honorary Master of Problem Chess" to Gino Mentasti (Italy)
- b) The title "International Judge of the FIDE for Chess Compositions" to:

Dr Hemmo Axt (FRG) for threemovers and moremovers
Roland Baier (Switzerland) for threemovers, help-
mates, fairies

Denis Blondel (France) for fairies

Bernd Ellinghoven (FRG) for moremovers, helpmates,
selfmates, fairies, retros

Dr Mario Figueiredo (Brazil) for helpmates

Paul Joita (Rumania) for endgames

Vjaceslav Kopaev (USSR) for twomovers and moremovers

Marjan Kovacevic (Yugoslavia) for twomovers

Petko A. Petkov (Bulgaria) for twomovers, three-
movers, moremovers, selfmates, helpmates, fairies

Nikita Plaksin (USSR) for retros

Anders Uddgren (Sweden) for helpmates, fairies,
retros

Jan van Reek (Netherlands) for endgames.

- bb) The extension of the title "International Judge" in
regard to the main activities of the respective
judges:

Norman Macleod (Great Britain), extension for
helpmates and fairies

Dieter Müller (GDR), extension for helpmates

Manfred Zucker (GDR), extension for selfmates.

Dr Wenda pointed out that such an extension should
only be an item of information for organizers of
tourneys and editors of magazines and would not
affect the value of the title in principle.

- c) The title "International Solving Master of the FIDE"
to Georgij Evsejev (USSR), winner of the 13th WCSC,
who simultaneously obtained his first IGM-Norm.

The title "Honorary Master" to G. Mentasti was granted with 22
votes in favour and 1 abstention. The new titles "Internatio-
nal Judge" and the proposed extensions of titles were granted
by unanimous decision of all the 23 delegates present.

10.3. Discussion: How to grant titles before an Album is
printed (proposal by Austria)

This question concerns the following three points of an Austrian proposal:

- "1. The tourney director of each section, having received the three Judges' decisions and settled with the Judges any questions arising, compiles an official list of all compositions which are to be included in the Album, with precise details of composers' names. He sends this list to the President of the PCCC and to the spokesperson of the Album and Publications Subcommittee.
2. In the lists described under 1. the evaluation of each of the three Judges and the global total of points are to be given. For every problem to be included in the Album the composer receives 1 point, for every study to be included in the Album 1 2/3 points.
3. In the annual session of the PCCC, the lists described under 1. will be used in order to establish whether composers have achieved the necessary number of points for the award of the Grandmaster's or Master's title. If the latter is the case, and following a corresponding proposal by the Qualifications Committee, the Commission can award the title without waiting for the publication of the Album."

In the discussion the disadvantages were found rather small. So the proposal was accepted.

(21 votes in favour, 1 against, 22 members present.)

After intensive work by the Qualifications committee, especially by H. Harkola, all the awards for the Album 1983 -1985 (except the missing moreover report) could be checked and the following titles were recommended:

- d) The title "Grandmaster of the FIDE for Chess Compositions" to:
Herbert Ahues (FRG)
Emilian Dobrescu (Rumania)
Viktor Chepizhni (USSR)
- e) The title "International Master of the FIDE for Chess Compositions" to:
Yochanan Afek (Israel)
Evgenij Bogdanov (USSR)
Michel Caillaud (France)
Yves Cheylan (France)

Alfred Dombrovskis (USSR)
Vladimir Erochin (USSR)
Toma Garai (USA)
Zivko Janevski (Yugoslavia)
Aleksandr Kuzovkov (USSR)
Mihail Marandjuk (USSR)
Viktor Melnichenko (USSR)
Vasha Neidze (USSR)
Franz Pachl (FRG)
Jurij Suskov (USSR)
Dr Klaus Wenda (Austria)

All these GM- and IM-titles were granted by unanimous decision of the 23 members present.

The President had prepared certificates for all title holders and would distribute these documents to all interested problemists at cost price of 1 Pound.

§ 11 Computer matters, report by the subcommittee.

In his report Dr Lindner treated some items which were important for the development of computer chess. He promised to sum up all the activities in a written report.

§ 12 Studies

12.1. Report by the subcommittee

Dr Nadareishvili assisted by J. Roycroft informed the Commission about the three main points of the subcommittee's first meeting in Bournemouth.

1. Development of guidelines for judges and organizers.
Proposal for extension of the Codex.
2. In the name of the Subcommittee (not of PCCC) the selection of the very best studies of one year.
3. Proposal, to add after the name of J. Roycroft's endgame magazine "EG" the words "edited by the FIDE-subcommittee for studies".

After a short discussion there were no objections, but Dr Wenda pointed out the common opinion that nevertheless "EG" would not be an official organ of PCCC.

12.2. Study competition USSR - Rest of the World

K. Widlert reported that the tourney is running and that there were some discussions about the themes.

§ 13 Establishing of new titles for problem composers

13.1. FIDE-Master (proposal by Yugoslavia)

The proposal provided for 10 Album points as lowest level for this title.

Dr Wenda supported by Dr Lindner und H. Harkola suggested a limit of 15 points.

After a longer discussion as compromise a level equivalent to 12 problems or 8 studies was proposed.

The Commission first voted on establishing the title FIDE Master of Chess Compositions in principle, and after this on certain point-levels.

The first vote on establishing the title FIDE-Master for Chess Compositions in principle had the result: 16 votes in favour, 5 against, 1 abstention, 22 members present.

The second vote to set the qualifying level at 12 points had the result: 11 votes in favour, 8 against, 3 abstentions.

The decision in principle to establish the new title FIDE-Master for Chess Compositions according to § X of the Statutes still needs the consent of big FIDE at its Congress in Nov.1990.

§ 14 Contacts with big FIDE, report by the President

Dr Wenda mentioned that this year the PCCC-meeting was exceptionally taking place after the General Assembly of FIDE, which had been held from 1.-11.8.1989 in Puerto Rico. So the confirmation of titles granted in Bournemouth can be expected at the FIDE Congress 1990 (16.11.-4.12.1990 in Novi Sad).

He reported that FIDE has no objections in principle to the title FIDE-Master for Chess Compositions, but an inflated use of such a title would not be welcomed. H. Harkola remarked that perhaps about 80 problemists, having achieved between 12 and 24,99 Album points, would be title candidates.

§ 15 Future meetings and future WCSC

15.1. Invitation 1990 by Spain

M. Munoz provided some information and distributed hotel-brochures. The meeting will take place in the last week of September.

15.2. Invitation 1991 und 1992

Invitations for 1991 were made by USSR (Tbilisi), Netherlands (near Amsterdam) and Italy (region near Riccione). FRG would like to invite the Commission for 1992 (near Munich).

As there was no detailed information from any country about costs and accommodation, the question was postponed to Alicante.

§ 16 Any other business

J. Zeller rigorously requested the inclusion of the French language in official publications of PCCC. Dr Wenda explained that it would be impossible, owing to the lack of financial resources, to engage official interpreters.

He observed that it had been agreed in Fontenay sous Bois that English should be the official language in the Commission. So he for his own part had chosen not to use German.

It was agreed that the USA-proposal about guide lines for tourneys, raising Codex questions, must be considered by the Codex subcommittee in the first place.

As there was no further business, the President declared the meeting closed.

Vienna, November 1989



Dr K. Wenda
President



H. Zajic
Secretary