

PERMANENT COMMISSION OF THE FIDE FOR CHESS COMPOSITIONS (PCCC)



XXXIV. MEETING IN ROTTERDAM, NETHERLANDS 3.8.-10.8.1991

MINUTES Official Participants

Dr Klaus WENDA	Austria	President
Drs Cor GOLDSCHMEDING	Netherlands	1st Vice-President
Petko A. PETKOV	Bulgaria	3rd Vice-President
Jan HANNELIUS	Finland	Honorary-President
Helmut ZAJIC	Austria	Secretary
Uri AVNER	Israel	Delegate
Roland BAIER	Switzerland	Deputy for Odette Vollenweider
Marco BONAVOGLIA	Italy	Delegate
Ing Jaroslav BRADA	Czechoslovakia	Delegate
Bernd ELLINGHOVEN	Germany	Delegate
Dr Newman GUTTMAN	USA	Delegate
Hannu HARKOLA	Finland	Delegate
Laurent JOUDON	France	Delegate
Marjan KOVACEVIC	Yugoslavia	Delegate
Zoltan LABORCZI	Hungary	Delegate
Jan MORTENSEN	Denmark	Delegate
Manuel MUNOZ	Spain	Delegate
Virgil NESTORESCU	Rumania	Delegate
N. OSUL	USSR	Deputy for Dr Gia Nadareishvili
Marcos ROLAND	Brazil	Deputy for Felix Sonnenfeld
Dr Jan RUSINEK	Poland	Delegate

Colin RUSS	Great Britain	Delegate
Ignaas VANDEMEULEBROUCKE	Belgium	Delegate
Kjell WIDLERT	Sweden	Delegate
Prof Byron ZAPPAS	Greece	Delegate
Dr Laszlo LINDNER	Hungary	Expert for Computer Chess
Barry P. BARNES	Great Britain	Honorary Member
Attila BENEDEK	Hungary	Honorary Member
Pieter ten CATE	Netherlands	Honorary Member
Viktor CHEPIZHNY	USSR	Honorary Member

23 of the 24 member countries were represented.

The following persons were excused:

Dr Gia NADAREISHVILI	USSR	2nd Vice-President
Sonomun CHIMEDTZEREN	Mongolia	Delegate

Roald BUKNE (Norway) attended the sessions as observer of his country without voting right.

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

Ing.N.Dimitrov (Bulgaria), Dr.B.Formanek (Czechoslovakia), Dr.H.Axt, G.Büsing, M.Schlosser (Germany), J.Roycroft, C.Sydenham, P.Valois (Great Britain), H.le Grand, P.le Grand (Netherlands), L.Falk (Sweden), V.Neidze (USSR).

M I N U T E S

§ 1 Opening address, act of remembrance for deceased problemists

After words of welcome Dr Wenda expressed his thanks for the invitation and declared the meeting open.

He regretted the death of several famous problemists since the XXXIII. meeting. A minute of mourning and remembrance was held for: Lörinc Bata, Dr Gyula Bebesi, Prof Caetano Belliboni, Halvar Hermanson, Gerhard W.Jensch the former President of the Commission, Osmo Kaila, Aleksej Kopnin, Carel Sammelius.

§ 2 Verification of attendance and voting rights

23 member countries were represented. Only the delegate of Mongolia was absent.

The meeting was declared legal.

Ing Jaroslav Brada, replacing Dr Bedrich Formanek as delegate for Czechoslovakia, and Manuel Munoz, replacing Antonio Arguelles as delegate for Spain, were welcomed. Felix Sonnenfeld was nominated as delegate for Brazil, replacing the deceased Prof Caetano Belliboni. He was represented by his deputy M. Roland.

In accordance with a proposal by the President, Antonio Arguelles the "Grand old man" of Spanish Problem chess, was appointed to Honorary membership by acclamation of all delegates present (§ I,5 of the Statutes)

§ 3 Approval of the Benidorm Minutes 1990

The minutes of the XXXIII. meeting in Benidorm were approved.

§ 4 Application of new members

There was no new application.

§ 5 Checking of the standing sub-committees:

1. Codex:

Dr.H.Axt

G.Büsing

Dr B. Formanek

Drs C. Goldschmeding

Spokesman

J. Mortensen

C.Sydenham

K. Widlert

2. Competitions: a) WCSC

U. Avner

Dr H. Axt

Spokesman

Drs C. Goldschmeding

K. Widlert

b) WCCT

U. Avner

B. Ellinghoven

Spokesman

Dr J. Rusinek

Prof B. Zappas

c) Olympic composing tourneys

M. Kovacevic

Prof B. Zappas

Spokesman

d) Album and Publications

U. Avner

Dr H. Axt

G. Büsing

Dr N. Guttman

M. Kovacevic

Z. Laborczi

K. Widlert

Spokesman

3. Qualifications: M. Bonavoglia

H. Harkola

V. Nestorescu

I. Vandemeulebroucke

Spokesman

4. Computer matters: Dr H. Axt

R. Baier

H. le Grand

new member

Dr N. Guttman

L. Joudon

Dr L. Lindner

Spokesman

M. Schlosser

5. Studies:

L. Falk

W. Mees

V. Neidze

Secretary

V. Nestorescu

J. Roycroft
Dr J. Rusinek

Spokesman

§ 6 Notification of proposals by members

A proposal by Hungary about selection of sections of the WCCT was notified.

§ 7 Codex, report by the subcommittee

G. Büsing informed the commission about the final version of the Codex draft, part one (Articles 1 to 18). Articles 10, 12 and 13 were discussed. In accordance with a motion by H. Harkola the passage "In studies and direct mates" of Article 13 (3) was changed to "In studies and problems". (22 members present, 17 in favour, 1 against, 4 abstentions). In accordance with a motion by Dr N. Guttman Article 13 part (3) was incorporated in Article 14 part (2) (all members present, 15 in favour, 8 abstentions). With these and some other minor alterations, part one of the adapted Codex draft was accepted by unanimous decision of all the 23 delegates present. In the meantime G. Büsing has adapted the Codex on the basis of the decisions (see enclosure). Part two will be prepared for discussion in the 1992 meeting.

§ 8 Competitions

8.1. The 15th World Chess Solving Championship (WCSC)

Results of the 15th WCSC

Teams:	1. USSR (titlewinner)	144 points
	2. Germany	136 points
	3. Great Britain	130 points
	4. Yugoslavia	126 points
	5. Switzerland	123 points
	6. Finland	120 points
	7. Poland	119 points
	8. Netherlands	116 points
	9. France	115 points
	10. Belgium	108 points
	11. Israel	101 points

Individuals:	1. Georgij Evsejev, USSR (World Champion)
	2. Arno Zude, Germany
	3. Marjan Kovacevic, Yugoslavia

Drs Goldschmeding proposed eliminating the studies in future. Studies were not suitable for exact checking by computer. They should be replaced by problems of a popular kind of fairy chess. After a short discussion Dr Wenda asked for a written proposal for the next meeting, with which the subcommittee should deal. This was accepted.

8.2. WCCT

Dr Rusinek representing director E. Iwanow announced the preliminary results of the 4th WCCT.

1st place USSR (title winner)

2nd place Czechoslovakia

3rd place Poland

Tables with the detailed results were distributed to all delegates.

In opposition to the Brazilian proposal to establish 2 helpmate-sections (Bournemouth minutes pt 8.4 and Benidorm minutes pt 8.6) the subcommittee recommended reducing the number of themes from 10 to 7 (only one theme in each of the sections twomovers, threemovers, moremovers, endgames, helpmates, selfmates, fairies). Spokesman B.Ellinghoven pointed out that 7 themes would make the work of organizers easier. Further he emphasized that every country would be free to participate either in all seven sections, or in a selected number of sections. In the latter case, the country would lose the chance to earn points in the omitted section(s). A longer discussion began about the Hungarian proposal (see pt 6) but finally the complete recommendation of the subcommittee (7 themes instead of 10, every country may participate in each section and each section counts) was accepted (all 23 delegates present, 19 in favour, 4 against).

As Czechoslovakia obtained the 2nd place in the 4th WCCT, delegate Ing Brada was asked to organize the 5th WCCT. He expressed his conviction that Czechoslovakia would be able to do this task and promised to inform the President

as soon as possible about the decisions of his Chess Federation concerning this question. B.Ellinghoven asked all countries to propose themes and judges by the end of April 1992.

8.3. FIDE-Album tourney 1983-85, report by the President

Dr Wenda reported that all diagrams had been sent to Sachovska Naklada in Zagreb. 1100 problems by 338 composers had been selected. M.Kovacevic considered that the Album would be finished within 4 months. As soon as all the required information is in his hands, Dr Wenda will inform the delegates especially about the price of the Album and the exact address of the publisher, for orders.

8.4. FIDE-Album tourney 1986-88, report by the directors

P.le Grand reported that the threemover section was finished. The judges had been extremely severe. In accordance with the new system decided in Benidorm (see minutes of Benidorm pt 12, exception b) problems with 7,5 points were selected also, but the percentage still is less than 12%. The subcommittee will deal with this matter next year. In most of the other sections two of the three judges have sent their awards to the respective directors. On the question of finding a suitable team for printing and publishing this Album, K.Widlert, spokesman of the subcommittee submitted three main alternatives:

1. Printing in Yugoslavia with J.Varga as editor and Sahovska Naklada as publisher.
2. Printing in Germany with the team D.Blondel and B.Ellinghoven.
3. Postponing the decision to the next year.

As the subcommittee could not recommend one of these alternatives there arose a short discussion. Finally Dr Wenda, supported by the majority of the delegates, preferred to leave the matter for the next meeting.

8.5. Printing of future Albums, Translation of the Album register

It was discussed in detail how to reduce the increasing work of directors and judges for the future Albums. Many proposals were discussed but no final solutions could be found. Therefore K.Widlert suggested putting all questions on the subject on the Agenda of the next meeting. The questions should be discussed extensively and carefully. Dr Wenda promised to provide time enough for the subcommittee's work in the first 3 days of the meeting.

Concerning the Album register, K.Widlert proposed one book with a theme register for all previous Albums, assuming that such a book would be bought by many problemists. Dr Wenda mentioned the enormous work required by such a register, and recalled the draft of a register for the Album 1962-64 he had worked out with a team. Dr Formanek suggested publicising the idea of the Album register, which in the present form Dr Axt called a first draft, in the magazines to get further ideas and suggestions for improvements.

Finally, Dr Rusinek provided information about an excellent theme register for studies by V.Nestorescu which was generally welcomed.

§ 9 Publications

9.1. report by the subcommittee and the centre for errata lists.

In his short report G.Büsing mentioned his good contacts with various persons in Germany in order to coordinate their work checking publications.

9.2 Proposal by Argentina about the size of diagram sheets in FIDE Album tourneys

The subcommittee being in favour of this proposal recommended without obligation using the size DIN A 5. So a formal vote was not necessary.

§ 10 Qualifications

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

Spokesman I. Vandemeulebroucke announced the following recommendations of his committee:

- a) The title "International Judge of the FIDE for Chess Compositions" to Vladimir Kos (Czechoslovakia) for threemovers and endgames, and Colin Sydenham (Great Britain) for twomovers.
- b) The title "Honorary Master of Problem Chess" to: Albert Koldijk (Netherlands) and Jean Zeller (France).
- c) The title "International Solving Grandmaster of the FIDE" to Georgij Evsejev (USSR).
- d) The title "International Solving Master of the FIDE" to: John Nunn (Great Britain) and Sergej Rummyantsev (USSR)

All titles were granted by unanimous decision of 22 delegates present. The President distributed official PCCC-certificates for the Masters and Judges who had achieved their titles in Benidorm to the respective delegates.

The meeting proceeded to discuss the modification of the Wiener Neustadt resolution, which was included as pt 6) in the Benidorm proposal by Israel: "Composers who reached 1st to 3rd place in any WCCT section will get one bonus title-point additionally to Album points." That means that a high rated WCCT problem could get 2 points. An argument in favour was the generally high standard of the WCCT. On the other hand the use of only one judge in a theme tourney would not bring guarantee enough for an objective selection equivalent to the Album procedure. The proposal was rejected (21 members present, 7 in favour, 12 against, 2 abstentions).

10.2. Conditions for granting the title International Judge (Proposal by Belgium)

This written proposal had already been submitted in Benidorm. After preparation the Subcommittee proposed the following amendments:

- a) First application for the title International Judge in one section: 4 awards in the section applied for and among them two published abroad are needed.
- b) First application for the title International Judge in more than one section: 4 awards (among them two published abroad) in one section which must be signified as first section and 3 awards in each other section are needed. (this means that a candidate for 3 sections must present at least 10 awards).
- c) Application for extension of the previously granted title to other sections: 3 awards in each of those sections.

All applications must be in written form. They should be addressed to the Spokesman of the Qualifications Committee or to the President and must be signed by the Chess federation, the national association for chess compositions or the delegate of the applying country.

The proposal was accepted (21 members present, 20 in favour, 1 abstention). The President will make the necessary amendments to Annex III, 1,d of the Statutes in accordance with this decision.

§ 11 Statutes editorial amendment, report by the President

Dr Wenda pointed to Annex 4 of the Agenda which gives the present revised version (Bournemouth 1989) of the Statutes. He pointed out that the number of PCCC members was reduced from 25 to 24 for the reason that the two states FRG und GDR now are reunified as Germany.

§ 12 System for evaluating Album problems (Proposals by Austria, see Benidorm minutes pt 12)

In the short discussion there were above all different opinions about the cut off point below which entries could be disregarded. U.Avner and K.Widlert suggested waiting for the Album 1986-88 in order to get a better perspective before a decision. Dr Wenda agreed and postponed the matter to the next meeting.

§ 13 Contacts to big FIDE (report by the President)

Dr Wenda reported on the re-election of President Campomanes. The titles granted in Bournemouth and Benidorm were confirmed in the General Assembly in Novi Sad in November 1990.

§ 14 Future meetings and future WCSC

14.1. Invitation 1992

Invitations were submitted by Germany (venue Bonn) and Italy (venue Imola, otherwise Adriatic coast).

B.Ellinghoven distributed some informative papers about the town and the Hotel "President" to the delegates.

The decision brought 19 votes for Germany and 4 votes for Italy. So the next meeting will take place in Bonn during the period 22.8.-29.8.1992.

14.2. Invitation 1993

M.Bonavoglia is going to check whether the Italian invitation also could be valid in 1993. No other offers were made.

§ 15 Computer matters, report by the subcommittee

In his report Dr Lindner submitted a general view of the subcommittee's work and the present situation. He mentioned that beside 7 committee members many other experts were involved in the discussions. He will give details in his next (10th) Circular letter. The progress of this year was so fruitful that the report could be based on the work of 23 computer experts. 12 programmes were discussed or mentioned (6 problem solving programmes, 2 database programmes, 1 endgame database, 3 diagram printing programmes).

Finally Dr Lindner announced his retirement from his position as Expert for Computer Chess and spokesman of the Subcommittee for Computer matters. He promised - depending on his health - to continue to support the aims of the Subcommittee as a simple member. The President expressed the thanks of the Commission, and appreciation of the services of Dr Lindner, who already had been active in 1956 as the first secretary of the Commission, and proposed that he would be appointed to Honorary Membership. This was accepted by acclamation. For

the reason that currently a special subcommittee is established, no new Expert for Computer matters was required. Henk le Grand was appointed to the spokesman of the subcommittee.

§ 16 Study composition match USSR-rest of the world

K. Widlert reported that 2 judges had sent their awards. Small amendments would be possible after establishing if some studies are unsound or not.

§ 17 Election of the third Vice President

As provided in Benidorm (see minutes § 17.2) the election of the 3rd Vicepresident took place. Candidates were P.A. Petkov and Uri Avner. In a secret ballot with all of the 23 members present Petko A. Petkov was elected as 3rd Vicepresident with 13 votes (9 votes for U. Avner, 1 abstention).

§ 18 Any other business

18.1. Studies, report by the subcommittee

J. Roycroft asked for his first draft for Study Tourney Guidelines (Annex 9 of the Agenda) to be separated from the Codex draft, because this matter is still under consideration in the Subcommittee for Studies.

After mentioning the 70th birthday of 2nd Vice-president Dr Nadareishvili on 22.9.1991 he distributed the selected "Study of the year 1986" to the delegates. Any comments should be sent to the Secretary V. Neidze, or in case of postal difficulties to himself.


18.2. Chess Informator, report by M. Kovacevic

M. Kovacevic reported on the ambitious idea to have the best chess problems in the Chess Informator, which yearly appears in 35000 copies and whose director is the Vicepresident of the FIDE. He asked for comments and the general opinion of the Commission. Prof Zappas called this project good propaganda for problem chess, although it would be connected with a lot of new work. Dr Lindner and U. Avner also welcomed the idea. M. Kovacevic proposed

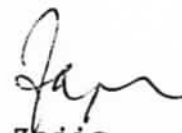
to select twenty problems in each of the 6 sections in a very careful way. Z. Laborczi suggested selecting the problems with the maximum points in the FIDE-Albums. M. Kovacevic assumed that most of the work would be done in Belgrade. The President expressed his sympathy for the project, but he saw no inducement to exert the Commission's influence in this matter.

As there was no other business the President declared the meeting closed.

Vienna, October 1991



Dr K. Wenda
President



H. Zajic
Secretary