

PERMANENT COMMISSION
OF THE FIDE FOR CHESS COMPOSITIONS (PCCC)



XXXVII. MEETING IN BELFORT, FRANCE 23.7.- 30.7.1994

MINUTES

Official Participants

Dr.Klaus WENDA	Austria	President
Helmut ZAJIC	Austria	Secretary
Ing.Fadil ABDURAHMANOVIC	Bosnia and Herce- govina (new member)	Delegate
Laszlo ANYOS	Hungary	Deputy for T.Szabo
Uri AVNER	Israel	Delegate
Roland BAIER	Switzerland	Delegate
Marco BONAVOGLIA	Italy	Delegate
Bernd ELLINGHOVEN	Germany	Delegate
Dr.Bedrich FORMANEK	Slovakia	Delegate
Drs.Henk le GRAND	Netherlands	Deputy for C.Goldschmeding
David GURGENIDZE	Georgia	Delegate
Dr. Newman GUTTMAN	USA	Delegate
Hannu HARKOLA	Finland	Delegate
Alexander HILDEBRAND	Estonia (new member)	Delegate
Ing. Jiri JELINEK	Czechia	Delegate
Marko KLASINC	Slovenia	Delegate
Miodrag MLADENOVIC	Yugoslavia	Deputy for B.Djurasevic
Virgil NESTORESCU	Romania	Delegate
Jacques ROTENBERG	France	Delegate
Colin RUSS	Great Britain	Delegate
Ignas VANDEMEULEBROUCKE	Belgium	Delegate
Josip VARGA	Croatia	Delegate
Jakov VLADIMIROV	Russian Federation	Delegate
Kjell WIDLERT	Sweden	Delegate
Barry P. BARNES	Great Britain	Honorary Member
Dr. Laszlo LINDNER	Hungary	Honorary Member

At the beginning 21 of the 29 member countries were represented. After acceptance of the new applications (see §4) 23 of 31 member countries were represented.

The following persons were excused :

Drs. Cor	Netherlands	1st Vice President
GOLDSCHMEDING		
Petko A. PETKOV	Bulgaria	3rd Vice President
Sonomun CHIMEDTZEREN	Mongolia	Delegate
Jan MORTENSEN	Denmark	Delegate
Manuel MUNOZ	Spain	Delegate
Dr. Jan RUSINEK	Poland	Delegate
Aivars SPILBERGS	Latvia	Delegate
Prof. Byron ZAPPAS	Greece	Delegate

After the death of Felix SONNENFELD Brazil had not sent a new delegate.

Roald BUKNE (Norway) and Mauricio HERMAN (Argentina) attended the sessions as observers of their countries without voting right.

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

T.KALLIO, K.SOLJA (Finland), Dr.H.AXT, G.BÜSING, Dr.R.STAUDTE (Germany), J.BEASLEY, J.ROYCROFT, B.STEPHENSON, C.SYDENHAM, P.VALOIS (Great Britain), T.MAEDER (Switzerland) , O.PERVAKOV (Russian Federation)

Also several French problemists worked very effectively in the background.

MINUTES

§ 1 Opening address, remembrance for deceased problemists

After words of welcome President Dr.Wenda expressed his thanks for the invitation and declared the meeting open. Since there was no Vice-President present he nominated Dr.B.Formanek who was the most senior in active service among the present members as assistant chairman.

He expressed his best wishes to Drs.C.Goldschmeding for recovering from his serious disease.

After this Dr.Wenda regretted the death of several famous problemists since the XXXVI.Meeting. A minute of mourning and remembrance was held for:

K.Bacmeister (Germany), P.Eerkes (Netherlands), F.Fleck (Hungary), E.Gross, P.Kniest, H.C.Krumm (Germany), I.Kisis (Latvia), D.Nixon (Great Britain), A.Simonet (Belgium), J.Szöghy (Hungary).

§ 2 Verification of attendance and voting rights

21 member countries (out of 29) were represented.
The meeting was declared legal.

§ 3 Approval of the Bratislava minutes 1993

The minutes of the XXXVI.Meeting in Bratislava (1993) were approved.

§ 4 Application of new members

Two written applications presented by designated delegates were accepted by unanimous decision.

President Wenda welcomed as new delegates:

Ing.Fadil ABDURAHMANOVIC (Bosnia and Hercegovina) and Alexander HILDEBRAND representing Estonia this year.

A decision about the application of Macedonia was postponed to the next meeting because no delegate was present (see Statutes ANNEX IV, 4). Therefore finally 23 member countries (out of 31) were represented

§ 5 Checking of the standing sub-committees

1. Codex :

Dr.H.AXT
 G.BÜSING spokesman
 Dr.B.FORMANEK
 C.SYDENHAM
 K.WIDLERT

2. Competitions :

a) WCSC

U.AVNER
 Dr.H.AXT spokesman
 M.KLASINC new member
 J.VLADIMIROV new member
 K.WIDLERT

b) WCCT

U.AVNER spokesman
 Dr.B.FORMANEK
 J.JELINEK new member
 J.VLADIMIROV new member

c) Album and Publications

U.AVNER
 Dr.H.AXT
 G.BÜSING
 Dr.N.GUTTMAN
 K.SOLJA
 K.WIDLERT spokesman

3. Qualifications :

M.BONAVOGLIA
 D.GURGENIDZE
 H.HARKOLA
 V.NESTORESCU new member
 I.VANDEMEULEBROUCKE spokesman

4. Computer Matters :

Drs.H.le GRAND spokesman
 Dr.N.GUTTMAN
 T.KALLIO new member
 Dr.L.LINDNER
 T.MAEDER new member
 M.MLADENOVIC
 J.ROTENBERG
 Dr.R.STAUDTE new member
 B.STEPHENSON

5. Studies :

D.GURGENIDZE	
V.NESTORESCU	
O.PERVAKOV	new member
J.ROYCROFT	spokesman

These five items of the Agenda were treated completely in the first session on Monday, July 25th, 1994, with Dr. Wenda on the President's chair. Also § 8, § 10, § 14 and § 15 were partially discussed respectively preparations were made.

By the reasons of a serious illness Dr. Wenda was forced to leave Belfort on July 26th, 1994 to undergo medical treatment in an Austrian hospital.

Before leaving he appointed Helmut Zajic as his deputy for Austria. According to the statutes the session on July 27th, 1994 was held by the most senior member Dr. Bedrich Formanek as chairman. On July 28th, 1994 Dr. B. Formanek was elected as the new President.

Vienna, September 1994



Dr. Klaus Wenda

Helmut Zajic

§ 6 Evaluation system for Album points
(proposals by the sub-committee)

In his brief report K. Widlert informed the Commission that the proposals were discussed in the sub-committee but that it would be too early to submit them to the Commission.

§ 7 Codex, report by the sub-committee

Regarding the proposal to establish a unified database Drs. H. le Grand expressed his hope to get a first draft of a standard version ready by the end of August for testing it in practice.

In his report about the codex G. Büsing reminded of the fact that the first part was already finished and had been accepted at the XXXIV. Meeting in Rotterdam (1991). In the second part there were still many open questions which the sub-committee hopes to solve within the next year. For instance difficulties exist how to treat problems which are anonymously published for WCCT and WCSC. In principle there are three possibilities:

1. To consider them as published.
2. To consider them as unpublished.
3. To consider them as published in order to protect the author's right of priority but to allow the author to publish them nevertheless anywhere as originals.

§ 8 Competitions

8.1. The 18th World Chess Solving Championship Results :

Teams:	1. Germany	158,5 points
	2. Great Britain	157 points
	3. France	154 points
	4. Russian Fed.	149,5 points
	5. Finland	147,5 points
	6. Switzerland	138,5 points
	7. Netherlands	135,5 points
	8. Slovakia	133,5 points
	9. Slovenia	129,5 points
	10. Ukraine	124 points
	11. Israel	119,5 points
	12. Bosnia- Hercegovina	119,5 points
	13. Belgium	109,5 points
	14. Czechia	97,5 points
	15. Croatia	87,5 points
	16. Austria	63,5 points

Individuals:	1. Arno ZUDE, Germany (World Champion)
	2. Michel CAILLAUD, France
	3. Jonathan MESTEL, Great Britain

Dr.H.Axt, the spokesman of the WCSC-subcommittee, submitted two proposals to change the "Rules for the WCSC":

- a) To use in item 10 the word " must " instead of " can ".
- b) To add in item 4 the words " The three best solvers of a WCSC are entitled to participate in the following WCSC (individual) independently of their qualification in a national championship and even if not among the four solvers as defined above."

Both proposals were accepted by the majority (19 in favour, 4 against).

Some other proposals by the sub-committee and suggestions by J.Vladimirov to allow all International Solving Grandmasters the participation in any case were discussed shortly.

Dr.Formanek recommended to postpone these matters that would require careful deliberation at the next meeting.

Finally Dr.B.Formanek and J.Rotenberg expressed their special thanks to J.Beasley for his excellent organization and procedure as tourney director of the 18th WCSC.

8.2. FIDE-Album tourney 1986-88, report by the editor

B.Ellinghoven regretted that this Album could not be published this year. The editorial team plans a lot of improvements, for instance an index in three languages which requires careful preparation.

He promised the publication before the next meeting in Finland in 1995.

8.3. FIDE-Album tourney 1989-91, preliminary report by the directors

Twomovers:

In his letter from June 29th,1994 C.Wiedenhoff notified of 1551 entries hoping to get the awards by the end of August.

Threemovers:

Drs.H.le Grand notified of 947 entries with the results from all of the three judges. 110 problems were selected but the decisions are not final (only 11,6 % selected).

Moremovers:

Dr.K.Wenda was able to announce a final result.
Out of 610 entries 112 problems (= 18 %) were selected.

Selfmates:

P.Valois could only notify of the result of one judge.

Helpmates:

In his letter from June 12th,1994 T.Garai hoped to have the final results around the end of this year.

He notified of 1826 entries.

Meanwhile the awards by G.Büsing and A.Uddgren are finished.

Other Fairies:

In his letter from June 9th, 1994 T. Tauber notified of 1011 entries with no awards but good progress by the judges M. Caillaud, K. Widlert and J. Rice.

Retros:

Dr. Dittmann notified of 110 entries. Only one of the judges had sent a preliminary result.

Studies:

J. Roycroft was able to give an almost complete report. Out of 746 entries 121 (= 16 %) endgames were selected.

8.4. 5th WCCT, preliminary report by the director

U. Avner, spokesman of the WCCT-subcommittee, mentioned several questions to be cleared. J. Jelinek reported about the 5th WCCT: 39 countries had announced their participation. Croatia, having missed the final date for entry, and Yugoslavia were allowed to take part without any objections. President Formanek asked additionally for a report in written form containing also several arising special questions and answers.

§ 9 Publications, report by the sub-committee
and the center for error lists

K. Widlert stressed that the judges for the Album 1992-1994 are to be elected at the next meeting in Finland (1995). He asked the members for proposals in this important matter in order to have a suitable basis for decisions in the meeting in time.

§ 10 Qualifications

10.1. Confirmation of the titles granted in Bratislava 1993

The titles granted in Bratislava have been confirmed by the FIDE. Certificates for these titles and for the winners of the 3rd WCCT (1984-1988) were distributed.

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

I. Vandemeulebroucke announced the recommendations of the committee to grant the following titles:

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- a) The title " *International Judge of the FIDE for Chess Compositions* " to:

David Gurgenidze (Georgia) for endgames ,
Aleksandr Feoktistov (Russian Federation) for moremovers

For Bengt Ingre (Sweden) the extension of his title also for moremovers was recommended.

- b) The title " *Honorary Master of Problem Chess* " to:

Dr.Kurt Smulders (Belgium)

All titles were granted by unanimous decision of the 23 delegates present.

§ 11 Statutes

Dr.Wenda will send an amended version (containing all new members) to the delegates.

Beside this there are no alterations.

§ 12 Guidelines for studies, report by the sub-committee

J.Roycroft mentioned a draft which has been circulated in the meantime. Copies for interested persons are available.

The study of the year is going to be selected by the three judges of the current FIDE-Album.

§ 13 Fairy Chess in WCSC (proposals by Belgium, Germany and Slovenia, continued discussion)

After the discussion it was suggested to vote about the concrete proposal to introduce fairies in the WCSC with the requirement of a two-thirds majority. Dr.B.Formanek did not support this.

In his opinion the 2/3 - majority should be reserved only for principal questions as the alteration of the statutes. On the other hand he proposed to have 3 World Chess Solving Championships: one for studies, one for fairies and one for orthodox problems (including helpmates and selfmates) with the possibility to have also an evaluation for all the three sections together.

Several suggestions and ideas, especially by I.Vandemeulebroucke and the sub-committee for the WCSC were

submitted but a common general line how to proceed in future could not be found.

H.Harkola suggested to establish an unofficial fairy solving competition next year to test the possibilities and to get practical experience.

In consequence of all these different opinions the following voting about including fairy chess in the next WCSC did not obtain a majority (10 votes in favour, 10 against , 1 abstention - 21 members present).

§ 14 Future meetings and future WCSC : Invitation by Finland ; Invitation 1996

14.1. Invitation 1995

T.Kallio distributed brochures containing information about the city of Turku / Finland and the hotel there.

The congress will take place in the last week of July 1995.

14.2. Invitation 1996

Invitations were submitted by Israel and the Russian Federation. Both delegates already asked for a decision in the current meeting. The voting by secret ballot with 23 members present resulted in 20 votes for Israel (provisional venue Tel Aviv or Natanya) and 3 votes for the Russian Federation. Therefore Israel will be the venue of the XXXIX.Meeting in 1996.

§ 15 Presidium elections

Suggested by Dr.B.Formanek the title " *Honorary President of the PCCC* " was granted by acclamation Dr.Klaus WENDA who had declared not to stand for president for a new period and who had served in the commission as the Austrian delegate for 19 years and as President of the PCCC for 8 years.

P.Valois and G.Büsing were asked to prepare and carry out the presidium elections.

Before the election (which was held in a separate, not public session with voting by secret ballot) the following candidates for the new Presidium were presented:

Candidates for President:

Uri AVNER (Israel)
 Dr. Bedrich FORMANEK (Slovakia)

Candidates for 1st Vice-President:

Uri AVNER (Israel)
 Dr. Bedrich FORMANEK (Slovakia)
 Hannu HARKOLA (Finland)
 Marko KLASINC (Slovenia)
 Jacques ROTENBERG (France)

Candidates for 2nd Vice-President:

Ing. Fadil ABDURAHMANOVIC (Bosnia and Hercegovina)
 Bernd ELLINGHOVEN (Germany)
 Dr. Bedrich FORMANEK (Slovakia)
 Hannu HARKOLA (Finland)
 Marko KLASINC (Slovenia)
 Jacques ROTENBERG (France)
 Jakov VLADIMIROV (Russian Federation)
 Kjell WIDLERT (Sweden)

Candidates for 3rd Vice-President:

Ing. Fadil ABDURAHMANOVIC (Bosnia and Hercegovina)
 Bernd ELLINGHOVEN (Germany)
 Dr. Newman GUTTMAN (USA)
 Marko KLASINC (Slovenia)
 Virgil NESTORESCU (Romania)
 Jacques ROTENBERG (France)
 Jakov VLADIMIROV (Russian Federation)
 Kjell WIDLERT (Sweden)

At the election of the President all 23 members were present.
 At the election of the three Vice-Presidents the delegates of
 Estonia and Yugoslavia were absent.
 The ballots revealed the following results:

President:

Dr. Bedrich FORMANEK (Slovakia) 18 votes / 5 votes Avner

1st Vice-President:

Hannu HARKOLA (Finland) 13 votes / 8 votes Avner

2nd Vice-President:

Kjell WIDLERT (Sweden) 13 votes / 8 votes Rotenberg

3rd Vice-President:

Bernd ELLINGHOVEN (Germany) 11 votes / 10 votes Vladimirov

§ 16 Any other business

J.Jelinek reported that he has sent at least 150 letters to all chess federations containing questions about names and addresses of chess composers and about newspapers with problem chess columns. Concerning answers Dr.K.Wenda will be asked.

K.Widlert, asked by J.Roycroft, informed the Commission that there had been the intention to publish the award of the Study Composition Match *USSR : rest of the world* for this meeting. This could not be realized but the publication will appear quite soon this year.

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

Bratislava, September 1994

Vienna, September 1994



Dr.B.Formanek
President



H.Zajic
Secretary