

# PERMANENT COMMISSION OF THE FIDE FOR CHESS COMPOSITIONS (PCCC)

**XLIV. Meeting in Wageningen, The Netherlands 28.7 - 4.8.2001**

## MINUTES

### Official Participants

Bedrich FORMÁNEK	Slovakia	President
Jakov VLADIMIROV	Russia	1st Vice-President
Kjell WIDLERT	Sweden	2nd Vice-President
Milan VELIMIROVIC	Yugoslavia	3rd Vice-President
Günter BÜSING	Germany	Secretary
Helmut ZAJIC	Austria	Delegate
Anatolij PERIVERDIYEV	Azerbaijan	Deputy for Agshin Masimov
Ignas VANDEMEULEBROUCKE	Belgium	Delegate
Fadil ABDURAHMANOVIĆ	Bosnia-Herzegovina	Delegate
Josip VARGA	Croatia	Delegate
Michal DRAGOUN	Czechia	Deputy for Jiri Jelinek
Kaare VISSING ANDERSEN	Denmark	Delegate
Hannu HARKOLA	Finland	Delegate
Michel CAILLAUD	France	Delegate
David GURGENIDZE	Georgia	Delegate
Bernd ELLINGHOVEN	Germany	Delegate
John RICE	Great Britain	Delegate
Byron ZAPPAS	Greece	Delegate
László LINDNER	Hungary	Deputy for Gábor Cseh
Uri AVNER	Israel	Delegate
Francesco SIMONI	Italy	Delegate
Tadashi WAKASHIMA	Japan	Delegate
Živko JANEVSKI	Macedonia	Delegate
Henk le GRAND	The Netherlands	Delegate
Wladislaw ROSOLAK	Poland	Delegate
Mircea MANOLESCU	Romania	Deputy for Virgil Nestorescu
Marko KLASINC	Slovenia	Delegate
Thomas MAEDER	Switzerland	Delegate
Evgeni REITSEN	Ukraine	Delegate
Mike PRCIC	USA	Deputy for Newman Guttman
Klaus WENDA	Austria	Honorary President
Barry BARNES	Great Britain	Honorary Member

Initially 25 of the 38 member countries were represented. After the late arrival of some delegates 29 of the 38 member countries were represented.

Alexandr Feoktistov participated in the opening session as deputy for Jakov Vladimirov. Paul Valois participated in the final session as deputy for John Rice.

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

Peter Bakker, Dirk Borst (The Netherlands), Andrey Selivanov, Nikolai Kralin (Russia), Zvonimir Hernitz (Croatia), Marjan Kovačević (Yugoslavia), Marek Kolčák (Slovakia), Hans Gruber (Germany), Marco Bonavoglia (Italy), Yochanan Afek (Israel), Alexander Hildebrand (Sweden), Harri Hurme (Finland) and John Roycroft (Great Britain). Also several Dutch assistants worked very effectively in the background.

## **§1 Opening address, remembrance for deceased problemists**

After words of welcome President Bedrich Formánek expressed his thanks for the organization of the meeting to Henk le Grand and to the Nederlandse Bond van Schaakprobleemvrienden, and then declared the meeting open.

Then the President announced with regret the death of several prominent problemists. The Commission paid tribute to the deceased composers Werner Speckmann (Germany, 21.8.1913-23.2.2001), Jaroslav Brada (Czechia, 26.5.1925-10.2.2001), Johan Hubert Vlengals (The Netherlands, 24.3.1921-10.10.2000), Cornelis de Toom (The Netherlands, 7.10.1917-23.3.2001), Vilmos Schneider (Hungary, 5.1.1933-26.3.2001), Thomas Russel (Great Britain, 27.9.1925-6.8.2000) and Colin Vaughan (Great Britain, 18.5.1917-6.7.2001).

## **§2 Verification of Attendance and Voting Rights**

Initially, 25 member countries out of 38 were represented. The meeting was declared legal.

## **§3 Approval of the Pula minutes 2000**

The minutes of the 43rd Meeting in Pula (2000) were approved with the following correction concerning §7.I:

The assistants to the 24<sup>th</sup> WCSC were Neal Turner and Christopher Jones.

## **§4 Checking of the Standing Subcommittees**

**1. WCCT:**

U. AVNER	Spokesman
M. VELIMIROVIC	
J. VLADIMIROV	
B. ZAPPAS	
Ž. JANEVSKI	
E. REITSEN	
J. RICE	
B. ELLINGHOVEN (new member)	

**2. WCCI:**

M. KLASINC	Spokesman
A. SELIVANOV	
D. GURGENIDZE	
K. WIDLERT	
Z. HERNITZ	
Last year's member V. Melnichenko was not present.	

- 3. WCSC:** M. KLASINC Spokesman  
U. AVNER  
J. VLADIMIROV  
M. KOVAČEVIĆ  
M. KOLČÁK  
Last year's member V. Melnichenko was not present.
- 4. FIDE-album:** K. WIDLERT Spokesman  
U. AVNER  
B. ELLINGHOVEN  
J. RICE  
A. SELIVANOV  
H. GRUBER  
K. Solja also took part in the work.
- 5. Qualifications:** I. VANDEMEULEBROUCKE Spokesman  
H. HARKOLA  
M. BONA VOGLIA  
M. MANOLESCU  
K. WENDA  
The regular members J. Jelínek and V. Nestorescu were not present. They were replaced for this year by M. Bonavoglia and M. Manolescu.
- 6. Computer Matters:** T. MAEDER Spokesman  
H. le GRAND  
M. VELIMIROVIC  
Ž. JANEVSKI  
L. LINDNER
- 7. Studies:** J. ROYCROFT Spokesman  
D. GURGENIDZE  
Y. AFEK  
N. KRALIN  
A. HILDEBRAND  
Last year's member H. Aloni was not present.
- 8. Terminology (Dormant):** J. RICE Spokesman  
B. FORMÁNEK  
Z. JANEVSKI  
M. DRAGOUN  
Former member A. Slesarenko was not present.
- 9. Codex:** G. BÜSING Spokesman  
B. FORMÁNEK  
C. SYDENHAM  
I. VERESHCHAGIN  
K. WIDLERT

## **10. Presidium Election Procedure:**

K. WENDA  
J. RICE  
T. MAEDER

Spokesman

## **11. Judging**

J. RICE  
U. AVNER  
J. ROYCROFT

Spokesman

Last year's member A. Slesarenko was not present.

## **§5 Proposals by Members**

### **5.I Proposal by Denmark (Jan Mortensen)**

The proposal to nominate Jan Mortensen as an Honorary Member of the Commission was accepted by the Commission in a unanimous **vote** (all 27 present delegates in favour). Kaare Vissing Andersen expressed thanks for this honor on behalf of Jan Mortensen who, for health reasons, is no longer active as a problemist.

### **5.II Proposal by Israel (Titles for composing)**

Günter Büsing reported to the Commission that the Presidium had discussed the proposal submitted by Uri Avner. This proposal, in short, suggests modifying the present system for granting the title of Grandmaster for Chess Composition by awarding 1.4 points for each problem (not study) published in the album. The Presidium also considered alternative possibilities for modifying the present system; in particular:

- a) maintaining the present point system but reducing the number of points required for the title;
- b) introducing the new title of a Honorary Grandmaster.

Although there was some feeling in the Presidium that the step from the title of International Master to Grandmaster is very large (25 to 70 points), there was no clear opinion which modification, if any, to the present system would be best. It appeared that each of the possibilities that have been considered has some advantage but also may cause difficulties. A general difficulty related to each of the possibilities is the danger of title inflation, and the fact that Grandmasters who obtained the title under the present system might feel that the title is devalued.

Some particular problems of the possibilities were addressed:

- i) the proposal as submitted by Uri Avner seems to result in practical difficulties. Specifically, the retroactive part of the proposal requires a lot of recalculation;
- ii) the introduction of a title of Honorary Grandmaster would make it difficult for the Commission to refuse an application for this title because that might be considered as an offence against a deserved composer, whereas acceptance of such applications might result in title inflation.

As the Presidium had no clear opinion in favour of any one of the possibilities, the matter was discussed in the full Commission.

In the ensuing discussion, Uri Avner argued that if there are composers in the 50 to 70 album points range who are „really grandmasters“ but do not have the title, then something seems to be wrong with the system. He stressed that the gap between the norms for International Master and Grandmaster is too large and also observed an injustice between problems and studies. His proposal requires having 50 problems in the album for reaching the norm of 70

points. Compared to the 42 studies that are equivalent to 70 points under the present system, there would still be a difference between study and problem but not as large as before.

Several delegates expressed their concern about „changes with the winds“, others preferred to have more statistical information before taking a decision, and still others considered it important to keep the level high. The President finally summarized that obviously the general opinion of the Commission was not in favour of introducing the title of Honorary Grandmaster and postponed the discussion until the next meeting in Portorož. The President invited everyone to send his opinion to the Commission or write an article for the PCCC web site.

### **5.III Proposal by Israel (Presidential terms of office)**

The proposal as submitted by Uri Avner was to limit the number of times any one person can be elected as president to not more than two. Kjell Widlert reported to the Commission that the Presidium (without the President taking part in that discussion) did not support the proposal because it felt that it might be difficult in some instances to find good candidates for presidency out of a restricted number of eligible persons. It was not felt to be necessary to decide in advance on a restricted period of office.

Uri Avner stood by the proposal and assumed that enough candidates would always be available. Bernd Ellinghoven saw no need to change the system because it is always possible to elect another president if the Commission feels that there is a better candidate. John Rice observed that the situation in the Commission is not comparable to various other organizations where presidents have a wide spectrum of power, which may require more restrictive rules.

Before the Commission voted on the proposal, the President observed that the acceptance of the proposal would imply an amendment of the Statutes and therefore a two thirds majority was required. In the **vote**, the proposal was rejected (2 in favour, 15 against, 9 abstentions).

### **5.IV Proposal by Slovakia (Honorary Master for Chess Composition)**

The proposal submitted by Bedrich Formánek to rename the present title „Honorary Master of Problem Chess“ as the more general „Honorary Master of Chess Composition“, which implies a corresponding amendment of the Statutes, was accepted by the Commission with the necessary 2/3 majority in a **vote** (25 in favour, 2 abstentions).

### **5.V Proposal by John Rice and John Roycroft (Title of FIDE Judge)**

The proposal not to accept awards made during WCCC and similar meetings or festivals in support of applications for the title of FIDE judge when the closing date is during that congress, meeting or festival, was generally accepted by the Commission (no voting).

### **5.VI Proposal by Great Britain (solver norms)**

Following Great Britain's proposal to establish a system for gaining solving norms in tournaments other than the WCSC, as submitted in 1995 and discussed during the 43<sup>rd</sup> meeting in Pula 2000, the WCSC subcommittee was now satisfied with the opinion of the experts who considered the details of the rating methods. The system based on the documents annexed to these minutes (*ANNEXES I-3*) was accepted by the Commission in a **vote** (19 in favour, 4 abstentions, none against). Marko Klasinc, the spokesman of the subcommittee, expressed his thanks to Harri Hurme and Marek Kolčák as well as the persons standing behind them for establishing the rating system. Hannu Harkola especially mentioned Timo Kallio as someone who was very influential when one of the systems was created. Marko Klasinc further noted

that the new system will be valid for future events but that no retroactive application is foreseen in the accepted package.

Marko Klasinc observed that the Commission should now receive results from solving tournaments which fulfil the criteria for gaining norms and asked to whom these results should be given. The proposal to send the results to a working group consisting of himself, Marek Kolčák and Harri Hurme was generally accepted.

## 5.VII WCSC

The spokesman of the WCSC subcommittee, Marko Klasinc, informed the Commission that there are some proposals to change the rules for the WCSC. The material has been collected and will be considered during the year. Presumably, a proposal can be presented next year. Among the proposals, there are ideas to raise the number of twomovers to 5, each scoring 3 points, and to change the order of the rounds (e.g. not to start with the twomovers). The spokesman also reported that a solver from Romania with an other nationality but permanently living in Romania had been accepted as a member of the solving team. The Commission also discussed the proposal to let juniors and/or women take part in next year's WCSC *hors concours*. The result, without a vote, was that this is acceptable for the Commission provided the additional solvers participate unofficially. It depends on the organizers of the event whether they offer a separate section for juniors and/or women.

## 5.VIII Further proposals

Further proposals were discussed in various subcommittees and are referred to under other paragraphs of these minutes (§6 Competitions, FIDE-Album, §7 Qualifications).

## § 6 Competitions

### 6.I 25<sup>th</sup> World Chess Solving Championship

Peter Bakker, assisted by Dirk Borst, directed the 25<sup>th</sup> WCSC. The spokesman of the subcommittee especially thanked the organizers for a perfectly run tournament. The final results were as follows:

#### a) Teams:

1.	Israel	142.50 points	659 min.
2.	Finland	135.50	664
3.	Poland	134.50	706
4.	Great Britain	132.50	720
5.	Yugoslavia	129.50	658
6.	Germany	127.50	691
7.	Netherlands	127.50	693
8.	France	117.50	694
9.	Ukraine	115.50	710
10.	Russia	115.00	684
11.	Slovenia	114.00	719
12.	Japan	111.00	688
13.	Belgium	105.00	715
14.	Romania	103.00	712
15.	Slovakia	98.50	679
16.	Macedonia	85.00	719
17.	Croatia	83.00	720
18.	Greece	54.50	706
19.	Italy	37.00	716

b) Individuals:

1.	Jorma Paavilainen (Finland)	75.00 points	330 min.
2.	Piotr Murdzia (Poland)	72.00	346
3.	Boris Tummes (Germany)	71.50	343
4.	Noam Elkies (Israel)	70.00	337
5.	Vladimir Podinic (Yugoslavia)	66.00	327
6.	Michel Caillaud (France)	66.00	347
7.	Eddy van Beers (Belgium)	63.50	355
8.	Tadashi Wakashima (Japan)	63.00	339
9.	Ram Soffer (Israel)	61.50	336
10.	Jonathan Mestel (Great Britain)	61.50	360
10.	Alexandr Azhusin (Russia)	61.50	360
10.	Bogusz Piliczewski (Poland)	61.50	360

and 62 further participants.

## 6.II 6<sup>th</sup> WCCT

On behalf of the tournament director Hemmo Axt (not present), Günter Büsing informed the Commission that the tournament has been completed. The booklet with the results had been sent to the team captains in June. Cups and diplomas for the most successful teams and individual composers were presented during the final banquet of this meeting. A letter from the tournament director including suggestions for the organisation of future WCCTs was forwarded to the subcommittee.

Uri Avner, spokesman of the subcommittee, expressed his thanks to the tournament director and his helpers but also raised harsh criticism about the awards in some sections for not being at all satisfactory. He concluded that in future WCCTs it might be important for the director to play a more active role and look closer to the awards. Günter Büsing observed that the sections particularly referred to were those from which the awards were received at a very late stage. Additional contacts with the judges would therefore have resulted in further delay.

## 6.III 7<sup>th</sup> WCCT

The announcement of the 7<sup>th</sup> WCCT was prepared by selection of themes and judging countries. A table showing the judging countries for each section is annexed to these minutes (*ANNEX 4*). Macedonia will organize the tournament, with Živko Janevski acting as the tournament director. It was suggested (and actually happened) that the themes be published on the PCCC web site even before the official announcement was distributed.

Uri Avner raised a question about who should be responsible for answering questions from the team captains relating to the themes. Formerly this was done by the judges, but that is not applicable with the new system of judging. It was agreed that, in simple cases, the tournament director and the spokesman of the subcommittee, if possible in consultation with the person who proposed the theme, should reply. If necessary, the other members of the subcommittee should also be involved.

## 6.IV WCCI

Subcommittee spokesman Marko Klasinc informed the Commission that the announcement of the WCCI for the period 1998 - 2000 had been made in the meantime, and that first entries had already been received. The closing date is 31.10.2001. Marko Klasinc was optimistic that the tournament might be completed by time for next year's meeting, provided the judges finish their work as swiftly as expected. According to his time table, judges should receive the entries by 1.12.2001 and should finish their work within three to four months. The individual scores could then be calculated in April 2002 and the results (point scores, not the compositions on which the result is based) be published on the PCCC web site. The final

result, including the compositions, could then be published in summer 2002 in a booklet. It is intended to include into the booklet four the top rated entries of the three first placed composers in each section.

A discussion arose because Jakov Vladimirov objected to the nomination of judges in one section. He considered these judges did not have enough experience for judging a World Championship and should therefore be replaced by others. Marko Klasinc replied that the most difficult task in the preparation of the announcement of the WCCI was to find judges. He stressed that the three nominated judges have the title of international judge, although one of them in an other section, and he strongly objected to any changes in the list of judges. He also noted that the announcement had already been published on the PCCC web site and that publication in various magazines is under preparation and could no longer be stopped. After further discussion, it was decided not to change the judges (no vote).

## **6.V FIDE-Album, Report by the Subcommittee**

### **6.V.1 FIDE Album 1986-1988**

The spokesman Kjell Widlert informed the Commission that the reprint of the album 1986-1988, including some corrections to the first edition and now in three languages, is now available.

### **6.V.2 FIDE Album 1992-1994**

This album has just been published and the first copies were available during the congress. Kjell Widlert expressed his thanks to the editors for this marvellous book. Byron Zappas said that the albums were becoming increasingly large, owing to repetitions in theme indexes which he considered as sometimes superfluous. He also argued that there was too much statistical material in the album. Bernd Ellinghoven replied that the present album is the result of an agreement between the editors, i.e. Denis Blondel and himself. He further indicated that it is under discussion whether the present form of the album will be maintained or whether some modifications will be made in future.

Kjell Widlert addressed one specific problem which was also related to the qualification subcommittee: After publication of the album but before a decision by the Commission concerning the granting of titles on the basis of this album, four compositions therein were found to be incorrect (3 studies, one selfmate). The question now was whether the composers of the respective compositions should or should not get the respective album points. In the ensuing discussion, the general opinion was that upon publication the album is finalised and must be taken as it is. Klaus Wenda pointed to the Statutes which merely require that a composition must be „in the album“. There is no rule that the Commission has the power to confirm or refuse compositions once they are in the album. It was also noted that it always happened that some compositions were found to be incorrect after publication of an album and that the points were never withdrawn. As there was general agreement on this issue, the President concluded that the points would be counted.

### **6.V.3 FIDE Album 1995-1997**

The judging of the entries for this album is being done now. In two sections (retros and studies), the judges have already finished their work. In the helpmate section, a problem has arisen because a reserve judge has to be nominated. An optimistic time schedule foresees publication of the album in two years, provided the judging is ready within one year.



#### **6.V.4 FIDE-Album 1998-2000**

The announcement for this album has been delayed and will be made in the coming autumn or winter. The closing date will be fixed after the final nomination of all judges and directors.

### **§7 Qualifications**

#### **Granting of titles, proposals and report by the Qualification Subcommittee:**

Spokesman Ignaas Vandemeulebroucke gave a report on the work of the subcommittee. He presented two forms that have been drafted by the subcommittee and which should in future be used for the application for the title of International Judge. One form relates to personal matters of the applicant, the other form is related to the awards submitted by the applicant. These forms are annexed to these minutes (*ANNEXES 5, 6*).

A list of international judges including 180 names, about 150 thereof with addresses, was distributed. The Spokesman stressed that this list is to be considered as containing restricted personal data; therefore it should not be put into the internet. To keep the list updated, any changes of addresses etc. should be forwarded to Ignaas Vandemeulebroucke.

After evaluation of the new FIDE-album, the solving tournaments and applications for titles, the subcommittee made the following proposals concerning grant of titles:

#### **7.I Grandmaster for Chess Composition**

The subcommittee proposed to grant the title of Grandmaster for Chess Composition to  
Virgil Nestorescu, Romania 72,17 album points.

#### **7.II International Master for Chess Composition**

The subcommittee proposed to grant the title of International Master for Chess Composition to

Peter Gvozdják, Slovakia	32,83 album points
Camillo Gamnitzer, Austria	30,00
Viacheslav Kopaev, Russia	29,75
Harry Fougiaxis, Greece	28,67
Colin Sydenham, Great Britain	26,50
Zdravko Maslar, Germany	26,50
Viktor Sizonenko, Ukraine	25,50
Hubert Gockel, Germany	25,00

#### **7.III FIDE Master for Chess Composition**

The subcommittee proposed to grant the title of FIDE Master for Chess Composition to

Wieland Bruch, Germany	19,83 album points
Marcel Tribowski, Germany	19,33
Aleksandr Postnikov, Ukraine	16,83
Jacques Rotenberg, France	16,25
Andrey Frolikin, Ukraine	16,00
Gerhard Maleika, Germany	15,50
Francesco Simoni, Italy	15,00
Jury Gorbatenko, Russia	14,00
Sergey Sacharov, Russia	14,00
Marek Kwiatkowski, Poland	13,83
Günther Jahn, Germany	13,67

Christian Poisson, France	13,58
Nikita Plaksin, Russia	13,50
Amatzia Avni, Israel	13,33
Pavel Arestov, Russia	13,22
Christer Jonsson, Sweden	13,17
Martin Hoffmann, Switzerland	13,00
Donald Smedley, Great Britain	12,67
Nikos Siotis, Greece	12,33
Vladimir Kos, Czechia	12,00
Manfred Rittirsch, Germany	12,00

#### **7.IV International Judges**

There were 4 applications for the title and one for extension of the title. The subcommittee recommended to award the title of international judge to:

Mario Parrinello, Italy	2#, h#
Valerio Petrovici, Romania	2#, s#
Harold van der Heijden, Netherlands	studies
Vladimir Petrovic Sytchev, Belarus	2#, 3#

The subcommittee further recommended to extend the title of Zvonimir Hertz to the sections 3# and s#.

#### **7.V Titles for solvers**

*Grandmaster in solving* for  
Noam Elkies, Israel

*FIDE Master in solving* for  
Eddy van Beers, Belgium;  
David Gurgidze, Georgia;  
Michael McDowell, Great Britain;  
Wilfried Neef, Germany.

All the above proposals by the qualification subcommittee were accepted unanimously (except for one case where a title candidate abstained from voting for himself) by the Commission in a series of **votes**.

#### **Norms for solvers**

Based on the results of the open solving tourney and WCSC, norms as follows were additionally fulfilled:

*Grandmaster norms for Solving* for  
Piotr Murdzia, Poland (2<sup>nd</sup> norm).

*International Master norms in solving* for  
Vladimir Podinic, Yugoslavia;  
Eddy van Beers, Belgium;  
Bogusz Piliczewski, Poland;  
Peter van den Heuvel, Netherlands;  
Mitja Ukmar, Slovenia;  
Michael McDowell, Great Britain

*FIDE Master norms in solving for*  
Bogusz Piliczewski, Poland;  
Vladimir Podinic, Yugoslavia.

## **§8 Computer Matters, Report by the Subcommittee**

Thomas Maeder gave a report on the activities of the subcommittee for computer matters which had concentrated on the following points:

1. The Macedonian database containing personal data of problemists (name, age, etc.) will soon be available, in some form which is not yet clear, on the internet.
2. With regard to collections (PDB and others), very little response has been received to the questionnaire of two years ago. Thomas Maeder considered this as a failure of the initiative to update collections on a broad basis.
3. The subcommittee suggested that the internet might be a suitable tool for supporting the authors of the FIDE album indexes.
4. As the condition required in the fairy section of the 7<sup>th</sup> WCCT was not supported by currently available solving programs, the subcommittee encouraged programmers of solving programs to add the condition to the respective programs, if possible. (In the meantime, this has been done for „Popeye“ and will presumably also soon be included into „Chloe“.)
5. The proposal of the subcommittee to consider Hannu Harkola's website as the official website of the Commission was generally accepted. The subcommittee further suggested to provide links to other important sites, e.g. sites which are run by magazines or national organisations.
6. The work on a standard format for exchange of chess problem data between different programs is progressing but not yet finished. Some input concerning studies is expected from Harold van der Heijden.

## **§9 Studies subcommittee**

John Roycroft reported to the Commission that the studies subcommittee had assisted the WCCT subcommittee and provided a theme for the 7<sup>th</sup> WCCT. The selection of the study of the year for the period 1995-1997 has been delayed until the album judges have made their decisions. He was optimistic that the results might be available within a short time, and the result will then be given to the PCCC internet site.

## **§10 Codex, Report by the Subcommittee**

The subcommittee had no meeting because there was no subject-matter to be discussed.

## **§11 Presidium Election Procedure, Report by the Subcommittee**

Klaus Wenda, spokesman of the subcommittee, presented to the Commission a draft for a new § IV of the Statutes. The draft was discussed and modified in some minor points, and a modification of §III.6 of the Statutes in consequence of the amendment to § IV was also discussed. The wording of amended §III.6 and of new §IV is annexed to these minutes

(ANNEX 7). In a **vote**, these amendments were accepted by the Commission (22 in favour, 1 abstention, none against).

## **§12 Judging, Report by the Subcommittee**

The subcommittee had no meeting, owing to other commitments.

## **§13 Future Meetings and future WCSC**

**Invitation 2002:** The invitation by the Slovenian Federation to have the meeting in Portorož, which had been accepted during the previous meeting, was confirmed and a date (August 31 to September 7, 2002) and location for the event was announced by Marko Klasinc.

**Invitation 2003:** The invitation by the Ukrainian Federation to have the meeting in Truskavets, which had been accepted during the previous meeting, was confirmed. A PCCC delegation, presumably the President and the First Vice-President, will visit Truskavets in May 2002. In reply to the question how Truskavets can be reached, Vladislav Rosolak said that it might perhaps be possible to arrange bus transport from Warsaw directly to Truskavets. Marko Klasinc asked whether a reserve venue would be available in the event of Truskavets being unable to organise the meeting. The President replied that in such a case Russia would be in a position to organise the meeting in Sochi.

**Further Invitations:** At present, there are no invitations for further meetings.

## **§14 Any other Business**

**14.I** On the occasion of the 25<sup>th</sup> WCSC, the Commission expressed its gratitude to Nicolai Dimitrov who initiated the international team solving championships.

**14.II** Marko Klasinc mentioned that there is a website run by Lubomir Siran which concentrates on solving competitions (<http://www.geocities.com/solvingchess/index.html>).

**14.III** Marko Klasinc reminded the Commission that it is now time to establish the title of international judge for solving tournaments. Lists should be prepared with names of good and experienced judges. The matter was postponed until next year.

**14.IV** Byron Zappas suggested putting on the agenda for the next meeting how chess composition can be represented in the Chess Olympics.

As there was no further other business, the President finally noted that the meeting took place in a friendly atmosphere and he expressed his thanks for the good work of the delegates, the Secretary, the subcommittees and the organizers of this meeting, and then declared the meeting closed.

Bratislava, September 2001

München, September 2001

Dr. B. Formánek  
President

G. Büsing  
Secretary

- Annexes:
- Rules for rating calculation
  - Solvers rating & Criteria for acceptability of the tournaments at which ratings can be gained
  - Criteria for gaining norms & Criteria for gaining titles
  - Table of judging countries for the 7<sup>th</sup> WCCT
  - Application form for international judge (personal)
  - Application form for international judge (awards)
  - Amendment of Statutes
  - List of addresses

## Rules for rating calculation

The basis for calculating ratings at a solving tournament is the average of ratings of all solvers with ratings (*AveRat*) and the average of achieved results of those solvers (*AveRes*).

*AveRat* = average rating of all solvers with ratings (subtracting by 1600)

*AveRes* = average result of all solvers with ratings

**New rating for a solver without rating** is calculated as a performance rating at a tournament upon the formula:

$$NewRat = AveRat \times Res / AveRes$$

*NewRat* = new rating

*Res* = result of a solver achieved at a tournament

Solver's first new rating is called **half-rating**. At his second tournament he gets his second half-rating. The average of his both half-ratings is calculated and put to the rating list.

### Change of rating for a solver with rating:

**The expected result (*ExpRes*)** is calculated for all solvers with ratings upon the formula:

$$ExpRes = AveRes \times OldRat / AveRat$$

*OldRat* = rating of a solver before tournament

The expected result cannot exceed 100% of the winner's result. In such a case the **correction (*CorrExpRes*)** is made upon the formula:

$$CorrExpRes = AveRes + (ExpRes - AveRes) \times (MaxRes - AveRes) / (MaxExpRes - AveRes)$$

*CorrExpRes* = corrected expected result (cannot exceed 100% of the winner's result)

*MaxRes* = result of the winner

*MaxExpRes* = the highest expected result before correction (higher than the winner's result)

**Change of rating (*ChOfRat*)** is calculated from the difference between the expected result and the achieved result upon the formula:

$$ChOfRat = KT \times (Res - ExpRes)$$

*KT* = tournament coefficient (from 1 to 4)

If the problems at the tournament are not given 5 points each the *KT* is corrected upon the formula:

$$CorrKT = KT \times 5 \times N / AbsMaxRes$$

*CorrKT* = corrected tournament coefficient

*N* = number of problems at the tournament

*AbsMaxRes* = theoretical MaxRes at the tournament

**New rating** is calculated upon the formula:

$$NewRat = OldRat + ChOfRat$$

If *NewRat* is negative it is corrected to zero. All calculations are made to the second decimal place. Ratings are published as integers. For publishing use the ratings are increased by 1600.

After five years of non-participating at the rated tournaments a solver is expelled from the rating list. For the further participation his original rating (half-rating) is accepted.

## **Solvers' rating**

A rating is a numerical value which a solver gains by solving in two approved tournaments.

A rating can be gained at the WCSC, WCCC-Open, or other tournaments which fulfil definite criteria.

The rating list is published twice a year. It is calculated on the basis of the results of solving tournaments completed (including the report) by the end of June and the end of December.

The PCCC gives authority to a person(s) or a commission responsible for calculating the ratings according to the approved formula.

### **Criteria for acceptability of the tournaments at which ratings can be gained**

At the tournament at least 10 solvers with ratings from at least 2 countries (15 from at least 3 countries for gaining norms) should compete.

The selected problems should be originals or alternatively unknown published problems. The selected problems should show a clear theme and a good level of quality and difficulty and should represent different styles.

For tournaments organised according to WCSC rules, the full coefficient may be used to calculate ratings.

For other tournaments at most one half of the normal coefficient is used to calculate ratings. In those tournaments there should be at least 12 problems of different types to solve. Problems for solving can be chosen from seven groups: twomovers, threemovers, moremovers, endgames, helpmates, selfmates and fairy problems. At the tournament at least 5 groups with at least 2 problems must be represented. No group can be represented with more than 3 problems. The tournament could be divided into several rounds and/or days. If the problems are not given the 5 points each the tournament coefficient is corrected for calculating ratings.

All tournament documentation (problems with solutions, complete list with the results and ratings, judge's statement on the competition acceptability and possible complaints, etc) should be sent to the responsible PCCC representative (commission) within 30 days after the end of the competition. The representative (commission) has the right to confirm or not the acceptability of the tournament and may determine the tournament coefficient. The final decision is approved by the PCCC.

### **Criteria for gaining norms**

At least 5 solvers with the obligatory qualifying rating (2400 for FM, 2500 for IM, 2600 for GM) should compete at the tournament.

A norm for the title of International Solving Grandmaster of the FIDE: To obtain a norm a solver must score at least 90% of the winner's points. With the exception of the WCSC he must be placed within the number of solvers with the rating of at least 2600 (not counting his own rating), but not lower than in tenth place (i.e. at least sixth place when there are six solvers with rating 2600 or higher). At the official WCSC a solver must take one of the first ten places regardless of the ratings.

A norm for the title of International Solving Master of the FIDE: To obtain a norm a solver must score at least 80% of the winner's points. With the exception of the WCSC he must be placed within the number of solvers with the rating of at least 2500 (not counting his own rating), but not lower than 15th place. At the official WCSC a solver must take one of the first 15 places regardless of the ratings.

A norm for the title of FIDE Solving Master: To obtain a norm a solver must score at least 75% of the winner's points. With the exception of the WCSC and WCCC-Open he must be placed within the number of solvers with the rating of at least 2400 (not counting his own rating), but not lower than within the top 40% of the solvers. At the official WCSC and WCCC-Open a solver must take one of the top 40% places regardless of the ratings.

### **Criteria for gaining titles**

International Solving Grandmaster of the FIDE: A solver must gain a norm 3 times (at least once at the WCSC) within a period of ten years.

International Solving Master of the FIDE: A solver must gain a norm twice (at least once at the WCSC or WCCC-Open) within a period of five years; or score once 100% of the winner's points and qualify within the first 15 places at the WCSC.

FIDE Solving Master: A solver must gain a norm twice; or score once 100% of the winner's points and qualify within the top 40% places at the WCCC-Open (or at the WCSC if not within the first 15 places).



**7<sup>th</sup> WCCT Judgement**  
**Allocation of countries to sections**

Country/Section	#2	#3	#n	EG	S#	H#	f
Austria			√				
Belarus				R			
Belgium				√			
Bosnia-Herzegovina						√	
Bulgaria					R		
Czechia		√					
France	√				√		R
Georgia				√			
Germany		√	√		√		
Great Britain	√					R	√
Greece						√	
Israel				√	√	√	
Italy		R				√	
Netherlands	√	√	√				
Romania		√	R	√			
Russia			√	√	√		
Slovakia	√						√
Slovenia							√
Sweden			√			√	
Switzerland							√
U.S.A.					√		
Ukraine	R	√					√
Yugoslavia	√						

√ = appointed as judge in the specified section

R = appointed as reserve judge in the specified section

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# A

## Application for the Award of the Title of International Judge on Composition

The Federation of .....  
herewith applies for granting the title of International judge on Composition to:

1	<b>Name</b>	
2	<b>First name(s)</b>	
3	<b>Place and date of birth</b>	
4	<b>Address</b> <b>(street a.o.)</b>	
5	<b>Place, region</b>	
6	<b>Country</b>	
7	<b>Telephone, and/or Fax</b>	
8	<b>E-mail or other(s)</b>	
9	<b>Section(s) applied for</b>	
10	<b>Knowledge of languages</b>	
11	<b>List of tournaments and awards</b>  detailed information on tournaments and awards (each on separate B-form)	

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**B****Application for the Award of the Title of International Judge on Composition**

Candidate	Country

**Information on Tournaments and Awards**

1	Name of the Tournament	
2	Organised by	
3	Country	
4	Period	
5	Section(s)	
6	Obliged theme (if so, which)	
7	Closed Ty/Open Ty	
8	Formal Ty/Informal Ty	
9	Publication of Compositions	
10	Original or published compositions	
11	Judge(s)	
12	Number of entries	
13	Number of participating composers	
14	Number of participating countries	
15	Number of compositions allowed in the award	
16	Number of awarded compositions	
17	Award published in	

This form should be filled in as complete as possible and is to be sent, together with the A-form and all B-forms (one form for each tournament judged) to:

## Amendment of the Statutes

### New wording of §III.6:

6. To support and assist the president and to represent him in the event of a temporary impediment or at his special request, three (3) Vice-Presidents shall be elected.

### New wording of §IV:

#### § IV. Election of Officers

1. Elections to the Praesidium shall be held at every fourth meeting of the Commission. Voting shall take place for all four posts in the same year. However, if a Praesidium post falls permanently vacant during the term of office, a special election may be held for the relevant post, if the commission deems this appropriate, but the candidate elected shall serve only for the remainder of the original four-year period.
2. In an election year a special meeting of the Commission shall be arranged for the purpose of voting, not later than the penultimate day of the Congress, and at no later than 21.00 on that day.
3. At the opening session of the Commission in an election year, the President shall nominate a working party of three persons from different countries to supervise the elections. One of the three should normally be the Secretary. No current delegate or deputy may be a member of this working party.
4. A delegate wishing to stand for election to the Praesidium shall give his name on paper to the working party by 22.00 on the day before the elections are to be held. The paper must show clearly the post or posts for which the delegate wishes to stand.
5. The working party shall display a list of the candidates for each post by 9.00 on the day of the elections. No additions shall then be made to this list, except as provided for in para. 7 below. Withdrawals, however, will be permitted.
6. The election shall be held in a closed session of the Commission. One member of the working party (not the Secretary) shall take the chair. Each post shall be dealt with separately, starting with the President and continuing through the Vice-Presidents in order. The chairman shall read out the names of the candidates for the Presidency. At this point each of these candidates may, if he so wishes, address the Commission for a maximum of 10 minutes. Afterwards there can be a discussion. The chairman shall then invite delegates to record in secret their vote for one of these candidates, on paper provided for the purpose. Any candidate obtaining a majority of the votes cast shall be declared elected. Otherwise delegates will vote again between the two candidates gaining the most votes in the first round. In the event of a tie in the second round, the chairman shall call a recess of not more than 10 minutes, after which the vote shall be taken again.

If the result is again a tie, the chairman shall determine the outcome by selecting one of two folded slips of paper each bearing the name of one candidate.

7. Any candidate defeated in the vote for the Presidency may now declare his candidature for any or all of the posts of Vice-President, if he has not already done so. The chairman shall read out the names of candidates for the post of 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President. Any candidate may address the Commission for not more than 10 minutes, provided he has not already spoken.
8. In the event of a tie, the same procedure shall be adopted as for the Presidency.
9. The posts of 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice-President shall be dealt with in exactly the same way, with previously defeated candidates being entitled to stand, and candidates having the same right to address the Commission for a maximum of 10 minutes.
10. All the voting shall take place within the same session.
11. The duties of the working party shall cease as soon as the new Praesidium has been elected in its entirety.