

PERMANENT COMMISSION OF THE FIDE FOR CHESS COMPOSITIONS (PCCC)

45th Meeting in Portoroz, Slovenia 31.08. - 7.09.2002

MINUTES

Official Participants

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Jakov VLADIMIROV	Russia	1st Vice-President
Kjell WIDLERT	Sweden	2nd Vice-President
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Ignaaas VANDEMEULEBROUCKE	Belgium	Delegate
Fadil ABDURAHMANOVIC	Bosnia-Hercegovina	Delegate
Slavko PELEH	Croatia	Deputy for Josip VARGA
Michal DRAGOUN	Czechia	Delegate
Bjorn ENEMARK	Denmark	Delegate
Hannu HARKOLA	Finland	Delegate
Michel CAILLAUD	France	Delegate
David GURGENIDZE	Georgia	Delegate
John RICE	Great Britain	Delegate
Byron ZAPPAS	Greece	Delegate
Lászlo LINDNER	Hungary	Delegate and Honorary Member
Uri AVNER	Israel	Delegate
Francesco SIMONI	Italy	Delegate
Tadashi WAKASHIMA	Japan	Delegate
Zivko JANEVSKI	Macedonia	Delegate
Henk le GRAND	The Netherlands	Delegate
Wladyslav ROSOLAK	Poland	Delegate
Mircea MANOLESCU	Romania	Delegate
Marko KLASINC	Slovenia	Delegate
Thomas MAEDER	Switzerland	Delegate
Evgeny REITZEN	Ukraine	Delegate
Newman GUTTMAN	U.S.A.	Delegate
Attila BENEDEK	Hungary	Honorary Member
Giorgio MIRRI	Italy	Honorary Member

The list reflects the status of the members at the beginning of the meeting. During the meeting, a letter was received from the Russian Chess Federation wherein it was indicated that Andrey Selivanov replaced Jakov Vladimirov as Russian delegate.

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

No delegates were nominated by Brazil, Bulgaria, Estonia, Latvia, Moldova and Spain.

Active visitors fulfilling tasks as members of subcommittees, tourney directors, assistant directors, etc., were: Edward STOFFELEN (Belgium), Kenneth SOLJA (Finland), Hans GRUBER (Germany), John ROYCROFT, Colin SYDENHAM, Paul VALOIS (all Great Britain), Andrey SELIVANOV, Igor VERESHCHAGIN, Nikolai KRALIN (all Russia), Marek KOLCAK (Slovakia), Zvonimir HERNITZ (Croatia), Marco BONAVOGLIA (Italy) and Gady COSTEFF (Israel).

Also several participants from Slovenia, in particular Vika Klasinc, Boris and Jernej Ostruh, Mitja Ukmar, Ljubomir Ugren, Janko Furman, and Klemen Sivic, worked very effectively in the background.

§1 Opening address, tribute to deceased problemists

After words of welcome President Bedrich Formánek expressed his thanks for the organisation of the meeting to Marko Klasinc and his assistants, 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:

Henryk Zuk (Poland, 25.5.1915-8.10.2001)
Alexander Pituk (Slovakia, 26.10.1904-30.4.2002)
Irwin Stein (USA, 16.8.1911-3.8.2001)
Jean Zeller (France, 27.7.1909-3.1.2002)
Austris Desmitnieks (Latvia, 1940-2001)
Frits van Meyenfeld (Netherlands, 14.7.1922-)
Nikolai Kondratjuk (Ukraine, 4.6.1948-)
Gábor Cseh (HU) (21.11.1974-3.8.2001)
Viktor Kolpalov (Russia)
Pierre Monréal (France, 8.6.1916-)
Ryszard Kapica (Poland, 17.10.1941-)
J. Rudziewicz (Poland)
Milos Tomašević (Yugoslavia, 30.8.1928-)
Vukota Nikoletic (Yugoslavia, 18.8.1944-11.8.2001)

§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 Wageningen minutes 2001

The minutes of the 44th Meeting in Wageningen (2001) were approved with the following corrections:

1. Annex 7, line 6 of point 6: John Rice observed that the wording of the sentence "Afterwards there can be a discussion" as introduced during the last session of the 2001 meeting did not correctly state what was actually intended. In correct English, it should read "This may be followed by a discussion." As this modification implies a correction, i.e. an **amendment, of the Statutes**, the Commission **voted** on this amendment. The result was unanimous acceptance of the wording as now proposed (25 in favour).
2. Annex 4: Uri Avner pointed out that the list was not final and that some modifications had been made later. Therefore, the word "Provisional" should precede "Allocation".

§4 Checking of the Standing Subcommittees

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| 1. WCCT: | U. AVNER
M. VELIMIROVIC
J. VLADIMIROV
B. ZAPPAS
Z. JANEVSKI
E. REITSEN
J. RICE
B. ELLINGHOVEN | Spokesman |
| 2. WCCI | M. KLASINC
A. SELIVANOV
D. GURGENIDZE
K. WIDLERT
Z. HERNITZ | Spokesman |
| 3. WCSC: | M. KLASINC
U. AVNER
J. VLADIMIROV
M. KOVACEVIC
M. KOLCAK | Spokesman |
| 4. FIDE-Album: | K. WIDLERT
U. AVNER
B. ELLINGHOVEN
J. RICE
A. SELIVANOV
H. GRUBER | Spokesman |
| 5. Qualifications: | I. VANDEMEULEBROUCKE
H. HARKOLA
M. BONAVOGLIA | Spokesman |

M. MANOLESCU
N. KRALIN (temporary member)
Regular member K. Wenda was not present.

6. Computer Matters: T. MAEDER Spokesman
H. LE GRAND
M. VELIMIROVIC
Z. JANEVSKI
L. LINDNER

7. Studies: J. ROYCROFT Spokesman
D. GURGENIDZE
N. KRALIN
G. COSTEFF
Last year's members Y. Afek and A. Hildebrand were not present and were replaced G. Costeff.

8. Terminology: J. RICE Spokesman
(Dormant) B. FORMÁNEK
Z. JANEVSKI
M. DRAGOUN

9. Codex: G. BÜSING Spokesman
B. FORMÁNEK
C. SYDENHAM
I. VERESHCHAGIN
K. WIDLERT

10. Presidium Election Procedure:
K. WENDA Spokesman
J. RICE
T. MAEDER
The Spokesman was not present this year. Although no work had to be done this year, the subcommittee was maintained for future review of the amended election procedure.

11. Judging J. RICE Spokesman
U. AVNER
J. ROYCROFT

§5 Notification of Proposals

Discussion of the proposals submitted to the Commission were allocated to the subcommittees as follows:

- 4a) Vandemeulebroucke (International Titles for Solvers): Qualifications
- 4b) Avner (6th WCCT and the 1998-2000 Album): WCCT and Album
- 4c) i) Klasinc (Compositions allowed for WCCI): WCCI
- 4c) ii) Klasinc (Internet publications): Codex and computer matters
- 4e) Lörinc (Comments in 7th WCCT award): WCCT

4f) Feather (Joint Compositions in WCCI): WCCI

§6 Competitions

6.1 26th World Chess Solving Championship

Marko Klasinc selected the problems for the 26th WCSC. Edward Stoffelen, Kenneth Solja and Jernej Ostruh helped in the organisation of the competition.

The final results of the 26th WCSC were as follows:

a) Teams:

1.	Germany	160 points	653 min.
2.	Finland	156,5	686
3.	Israel	148,2	662
4.	Russia	147,2	665
5.	Yugoslavia	143	662
6.	Great Britain	138,5	643
7.	Poland	136,2	665
8.	The Netherlands	131,5	708
9.	Romania	116,5	708
10.	Switzerland	112	720
11.	Ukraine	110	707
12.	Croatia	108,5	720
13.	Greece	107	620
14.	Japan	105,2	650
15.	Slovakia	105	713
16.	Belgium	100	717
17.	France	99,5	717
18.	Georgia	93	689
19.	Slovenia	81,5	702
20.	Macedonia	76,7	709

b) Individuals:

1.	Piotr Murdzia	POL	85 points	305 min.
2.	Arno Zude	GER	83	313
3.	Jonathan Mestel	GBR	75,5	329
4.	Ram Soffer	ISR	73,5	339
5.	Dolf Wissmann	NED	72,5	349
6.	Marjan Kovačević	YUG	72	339
7.	Aleksandr Azhusin	RUS	72	349
8.	Sergey Rumjantsev	RUS	71,5	338
9.	Jorma Paavilainen	FIN	69	351
10.	Ofer Comay	ISR	68,2	323
11.	Boris Tummes	GER	67	347
12.	Milan Velimirović	YUG	65	323
13.	Michael Pfannkuche	GER	64,5	353
14.	Kari Karhunen	FIN	64,5	360
15.	Harry Hurme	FIN	63	335
16.	Michel Caillaud	FRA	62	357

and 60 further participants.

6.II 7th WCCT

Uri Avner reported to the Commission about progress in the current 7th WCCT and presented a timetable according to which the tournament may be finished by mid 2004 if everyone follows the rather narrow time-limits set therein. He asked the judging countries to indicate as soon as possible to tournament director Zivko Janevski the name of the contact person to whom information (circular letters etc) should be sent in the respective countries. Uri Avner encouraged the judging countries to write comments on the problems and he announced that such comments would be included in the final award.

Thomas Maeder mentioned that an error concerning single box problems was recently discovered in the Popeye solving program. The program will be corrected as soon as possible.

6.III WCCI

Marko Klasinc informed the Commission that the first WCCI organised according to the new rules had just been finished, and he presented a booklet with the results of that competition. He considered the event in which 206 composers from 32 countries took part a great success. In particular he expressed his thanks to the judges who all worked very fast so that it was possible to finish this competition within one year. The President thanked Marko Klasinc for his extremely good and rapid work. John Rice underlined how much the Commission owes Marko for his achievement. Although he himself was still not convinced about the need for World Champions he was very much impressed by the perfect organisation of the event.

Following a proposal of the subcommittee, the Commission generally agreed to declare the results official.

Marko Klasinc announced that diplomas and medals would be given to the most successful participants during the final banquet. Andrey Selivanov, who finished in second place in the selfmate section and who had to leave the meeting before the banquet, immediately received a medal and diploma.

6.IV Future WCCIs

The subcommittee discussed some points related to the organisation of the WCCI:

a) If a composition which is in the award but is cooked after the results have become official, the subcommittee's opinion was that this cannot affect the result of the WCCI. This situation is similar to the granting of album points which are also not withdrawn for compositions in the album which at a later stage turn out to be incorrect.

b) The eligibility of compositions which were sent to a formal tournament with a closing date within the WCCI period but with publication of the award afterwards and prior to the closing date of the WCCI was discussed. The subcommittee proposed that such compositions should be admitted to the WCCI.

c) The proposal to accept joint compositions in future WCCIs as submitted by Chris Feather was discussed in the subcommittee but not supported because the concept of an "individual" consisting of two or even more persons was deemed too artificial.

Michal Dragoun agreed with these proposals in general but observed that this would only solve the problem within WCCI. As an acceptance would have consequences for the album or other competitions he suggested a harmonisation of the rules of the various competitions before a decision was taken.

As there was no need for a decision this year, this suggestion was followed and the matter postponed until the next meeting.

The next WCCI covers the period 2001-2003. The subcommittee suggested the nomination of a director during this year and confirmation of the appointment during next year's meeting. However, as no candidate was found during the meeting, the subcommittee indicated that it would look for candidates for director and judges during the year, who shall then be nominated during the next meeting.

Finally, Marko Klasinc reported to the Commission that the question arose whether some titles or fulfilment of norm for titles could be obtained for the winners of WCCI. There was no proposal by the subcommittee as it had no uniform opinion on this point.

§7 FIDE-Album, Report by the Subcommittee

7.I Album 1998-2000:

Kjell Widlert informed the Commission about the situation in the current album 1998-2000. The entries are still coming in to the directors. Judges should have 8 months for finishing their work. If after a period of 12 months no result is obtained, the question of replacement arises. One judge had to withdraw and was replaced by a new judge. The Commission generally approved that Gady Costeff should take over endgame judging from Virgil Nestorescu.

The Commission decided to adopt the proposal of Israel to admit the problems awarded in the 6th WCCT to participate as candidates for the 1998-2000 Album . All problems published in the award will be submitted to the album judges, without need of any action by the composers unless they do not wish to participate in the Album; in such case, they should inform the respective section director(s).

A question arose with regard to problems which have a retro-content which, however, is not dominant. The subcommittee's proposal that such compositions should be sent to the section relevant to the problem's non-retro content was accepted.

7.II Album 1995-1997:

The Spokesman informed the delegates that three sections are completed (judging and layout by the editors), that two more sections are judged, that one judgement is missing in each of two other sections and that the situation is unclear in the remaining section. It is not clear whether the album will be ready by next year's meeting, but possibly by the end of 2003. He also mentioned that the album editors have agreed on a new system of presentation which results in fewer pages in the book, although three languages are retained.

§8 Granting of titles, proposals and report by the Qualifications Subcommittee:

8.I Proposals

The spokesman Ignaas Vandemeulebroucke informed the Commission that the subcommittee recommended acceptance of the proposal by Belgium to adapt the rules for gaining titles by deleting the passages defining a specific period of time in which the norms have to be fulfilled (i.e. the 10-year and 5-year periods in §X.5, e) and f) in Annex III of the Statutes. The Commission in a **vote** (25 in favour, 1 against, 2 abstentions) agreed to follow the practice of FIDE to cancel the time-limits.

Ignaa Vandemeulebroucke further remarked that the subcommittee could this year not deal with the question of the requirements that must be fulfilled for an award on which a request for obtaining the title of international judge is based. The question arose in connection with judging a FIDE-Album. The matter is to be considered during next year's meeting (also by the sub-committee for judging).

The spokesman further informed the Commission that an updated list of active international judges and an improved version of the forms for application for the award of the title of international judge had been prepared.

8.II Titles

Ignaa Vandemeulebroucke announced that the qualification subcommittee recommends the granting of the following titles:

- a) The title "***International Judge of the FIDE for Chess Compositions***" to:
- Zoran Gavrilovski (Macedonia) for helpmates

- b) The extension of the title "***International Judge of the FIDE for Chess Compositions***" to:
 Zvonimir HERNITZ (Croatia) extension for moremovers
 Juraj LÖRINC (Slovakia) extension for helpmates

Taking into account the time limit removal in the requirements for obtaining titles, and in consideration of results obtained in previous years:

- c) the title "***International Solving Grandmaster of the FIDE***" to
 Michel Caillaud (France)
 Graham Lee (Great Britain)

- d) the title "***International Solving Master of the FIDE***" to
 Herbert Lang (Germany)
 Markus Ott (Switzerland)
 Ladislav Salai jr. (Slovakia)
 Henry Tanner (Finland)
 Eddy van Beers (Belgium)
 Peter van den Heuvel (The Netherlands)

- e) In view of the results of the tournaments organised during this meeting (Open and 26th WCSC), granting of the following new titles was proposed:

- f) the title "***International Solving Grandmaster of the FIDE***" to
 Piotr Murdzia (Poland)
- g) the title "***Solving Master of the FIDE***" to
 Bogusz Piliczewski (Poland)
 Zbigniew Szczep (Poland)
 Emil Klemanic (Slovakia)
 Thomas Maeder (Switzerland)

The Spokesman indicated that one of the necessary norms fulfilled by B. Piliczewski, Z. Szczep and E. Klemanic was obtained in a national championship and he pointed out that this

was the first occurrence of an event other than those being held during a PCCC meeting resulting in the award of titles.

Subject to confirmation by FIDE, all these proposed titles were granted by the unanimous decision of the 28 delegates who were present, with one abstention in those cases where the title was granted to a delegate (Caillaud, Maeder).

§9 Codex, Report by the Subcommittee

The spokesman Günter Büsing reported to the Commission that the subcommittee in a joint meeting with the subcommittee for computer matters had discussed the question raised by Marko Klasinc concerning the publication date of compositions which are published on the internet, either as originals or as part of an award of a formal tourney. There was agreement that the principles as already laid down in the codex are also applicable for such publications. In particular, the definitions in Article 20 (*Publication of a chess composition consists of communicating it to the public, whether in permanent [...] or transient form (e.g. [...]) through an electronic medium; "communicating to the public" means enabling an unrestricted number of people to have the opportunity of access to a chess composition by [...] showing it in transient form through a generally accessible medium (e.g. an electronic network).*). As this definition of the term "publication" covers publication on the internet, there is no need to modify the definition. The publication date is determined as usual, and as defined in Article 19 in connection with Article 22. Consequently, the publication date is the date on which the composition is actually available to the public.

The subcommittee is aware that it may in practice be more difficult to determine the date when a composition has been put on the internet than is normally the case with publications in printed form. But the subcommittee sees no need to deviate from this general rule. It can recommend that composers should add the publication date directly to the publication but that cannot be enforced - and it will not always happen because principally each individual composer may publish a composition on his own personal website without following such recommendations or even without knowing them.

In the discussion, John Roycroft suggested that someone should collect in printed form compositions which are originally published on the internet. The spokesman was doubtful whether this would be possible in practice.

The subcommittee discussed two further points. The first concerned a question on Article 18 and is related to draws on the basis of repetition of moves. The question was recently received from a Dutch composer and arose in connection with a specific proof game composition. In short, it was asked whether the Article 18 draw situation arises automatically as soon as an identical position occurs for the third time or whether it is necessary to "claim" the draw, or, to put it in other words, whether it is allowed to continue with the sequence of moves beyond the third occurrence of the position. In the subcommittee's understanding of Article 18 the draw is an automatic consequence which is immediately effective once the third repetition occurs. This was clearly the subcommittee's intention when Article 18 was drafted. It may be added that the situation is basically the same in Article 17 which relates to the 50 move-rule in retro compositions.

Concerning the specific composition to which the question was related, the subcommittee does not want to comment. The subcommittee is prepared to discuss questions concerning the interpretation of the codex but it does not intend to give opinions on specific compositions. The idea of the codex is to present a general framework which should then be applied by composers, judges, editors or whoever else is concerned - but the subcommittee is nothing like an appeal board in individual cases.

The last point discussed by the subcommittee related to an alleged inconsistency in the current wording of the codex. This point could not be clarified during the meeting because there was not enough information about the alleged inconsistency.

In the ensuing discussion, Jakov Vladimirov insisted on this point and he argued that the wording of the codex would declare compositions with a short threat to be incorrect. The subcommittee was unable to draw such a conclusion from the official English text of the codex. It could not be clarified during the session on which Articles this conclusion was based and whether it may have been caused by a possibly not quite correct translation into Russian of the official text. The matter was returned to the subcommittee for further clarification. To provide a better basis for discussion, Paul Valois offered to provide a copy of a translation of a Russian codex into English.

§10 Computer Matters, Report by the Subcommittee

Thomas Maeder reported to the Commission that in the second part of the meeting, the Subcommittee was informed about the current state of the project for defining an XML based standard format for the representation of chess problems on the computer.

Currently, a preliminary version of such a standard format exists. To test its validity, more than 50,000 helpmate problems have been converted into the standard format. To test the standard format's usefulness in integrating various kinds of chess problem software, programs have been written that convert to the input format and from the output format of Popeye and to the TeX text processing system.

§11 Studies subcommittee

The Spokesman John Roycroft informed the Commission that the award in the studies section of the 6th WCCT had been discussed. This award had been considered as unsatisfactory in several comments that have been published. The subcommittee decided not to consider the individual objections but to look for reasons why the award was not satisfactory. In the subcommittee's view, the main reason was the poor communication between the judge and the organiser. After it was realised that several letters were lost, the judge finally felt he was under extreme time pressure for finishing his award after eventually having received the necessary information.

Bernd Ellinghoven commented that the director had made every effort to contact the judge but never received his address. Therefore, complicated routing of information was inevitable. David Gurgenzidze observed the difficulties faced by the judge and reported that the latter had done everything possible in the short time until he finished the award.

Uri Avner expressed his opinion that the Commission should not be indifferent on such judgements and suggested that this one should be reconsidered by the judge (although the WCCT results are final). David Gurgenzidze replied that the judge will not amend his award but he would not object if someone else would wish to do so.

The Spokesman finished his report by expressing his confidence that a similar situation would not occur again under the new system of judging.

§12 Judging

John Rice as Spokesman of the subcommittee for judging reported to the Commission that the work was combined with the activities of the WCCT subcommittee. Guidelines for judging in the WCCT in accordance with the new system were established. (See ANNEX 1)

§13 Future Meetings and future WCSC

Invitation 2003: The President announced that the invitation by the Ukrainian chess federation to organize the meeting had recently been withdrawn. Russia presented an invitation to organise the meeting in Moscow. Jakov Vladimirov mentioned that the hotel foreseen for the event is the same in which the meeting in 1961 took place. Andrey Selivanov promised that the organisers of the meeting would take care that visa problems, as occurred to several participants in the 1998 meeting in St. Petersburg, will be avoided this time. More detailed information, including prices for accommodation and meals, will be submitted as soon as possible, possibly by end of September 2002.

There were no further invitations for 2003. In the ensuing vote, the 28 delegates who were present unanimously accepted the Russian invitation.

Further Invitations: For the time being, no official invitations were submitted for the meeting in 2004. The new President invited the delegates to consider whether they could organise a meeting and encouraged them to submit proposals by next year.

§14 Presidium Elections

The election of the new presidium had the following results:

President: John Rice (Great Britain),

1st Vice-President: Hannu Harkola (Finland),

2nd Vice-President: Uri Avner (Israel),

3rd Vice-President: Kjell Widlert (Sweden).

The Commission's final session was chaired by the newly elected President. He expressed his thanks to all members of the past presidium for the work they had undertaken to the benefit of the Commission, and he expressly thanked Bedrich Formanek who was in charge as President for 8 years. John Rice then proposed that his predecessor should be honoured for his commitment to the Commission by granting him the title of Honorary President. The Commission agreed to this by acclamation. John Rice also thanked the Secretary Günter Büsing for his work and then informed the delegates that Paul Valois would act as his Secretary.

§15 Any other Business

15.I John Rice reminded the Commission that the liaison between FIDE and the PCCC is rather weak and could in future be intensified. In this connection, he suggested considering whether the post of a „liaison officer“ should be created. This was not intended as weakening the President’s responsibility in this respect but as something additional. The matter should be discussed during next year’s meeting.

15.II John Rice encouraged delegates to increase the publicity of the work of the Commission. He noted that the minutes of the meetings are published on the PCCC website and also in The Problemist, and he suggested that more information be spread in and by the national federations.

15.III Upon request by John Rice, Jakov Vladimirov agreed that an official interpreter would be provided during next year’s meeting in Moscow.

15.IV Igor Vereshchagin reminded the Commission that some years ago there had been a discussion about a PCCC logo. He suggested the preparation of badges showing the official FIDE logo which could be given to title holders, and offered to prepare such badges if the Commission would so wish. Similar badges exist in FIDE. Hannu Harkola objected that the Commission does not need the FIDE-logo but the idea as expressed earlier was to have a PCCC logo on its own. Further observations by Bernd Ellinghoven and by the President addressed the problem that it was considered as impracticable to take a decision without knowing in detail how the proposed badge would look.

15.V Finally, the outgoing President Bedrich Formánek addressed the Commission with a short review of important achievements and developments during the past eight years of his presidency. He noted in particular that the Commission had grown from 31 to 38 members, that the Statutes were amended several times, that the “Study of the Year“ award was established, that the long work on the new codex was finished and that guidelines for organising study tournaments were prepared. Three FIDE-Albums were published, a rating system for solvers and the WCCI established. He mentioned a few names, standing for many others, who had achieved a great deal during the last years: Kjell Widlert, John Roycroft, Uri Avner, Günter Büsing, Ignaas Vandemeulebroucke, Hannu Harkola, Marko Klasinc, Bernd Ellinghoven, Zivko Janevski and John Rice.

Finally, President John Rice expressed his thanks for the good work of the delegates, the subcommittees, the organizers of this meeting, the outgoing and the incoming presidium members and then declared the meeting closed.

Bratislava, October 2002

London, October 2002

München, October 2002

Dr. B. Formánek
(Outgoing) President

J. Rice
(Incoming) President

G. Büsing
Secretary