

PERMANENT COMMISSION OF THE FIDE FOR CHESS COMPOSITIONS (PCCC)

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MINUTES

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bernd ellinghoven	Germany	Delegate
Harry Fougiaxis	Greece	Delegate
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Dinu-Ioan Nicula	Romania	Delegate
Andrei Selivanov	Russia	Delegate
Marjan Kovačević	Serbia	Delegate
Bedrich Formánek	Slovakia	Delegate and Honorary President
Marko Klasinc	Slovenia	Delegate
Thomas Maeder	Switzerland	Delegate
Yevgen Reytsen	Ukraine	Delegate
Mike Prcic	USA	Delegate

New delegates were Harry Fougiaxis (replacing Byron Zappas), Tadeusz Lehmann (replacing the late Władysław Rosolak), Andrei Selivanov (replacing Jakov Vladimirov) and Dinu-Ioan Nicula (replacing Ion Murâraşu). Nikola Stolev was nominated as new delegate for Macedonia (replacing Živko Janevski), but did not attend. For two sessions, Ignaas Vandemeulebroucke deputised for Luc Palmans. Marjan Kovačević now represents Serbia only, Montenegro having become a separate country.

Other people who contributed actively included: Herma le Grand, Piet le Grand, Peter Bakker, Johan de Boer (organisation), Maria Kuzmicheva (interpreter), Ward Stoffelen, Christopher Jones and Axel Steinbrink (Open Solving and WCSC), Hans Uitenbroek, Peter van den Heuvel (Solving Show), Günter Büsing and Peter Gvozdják (Election), Dirk Borst (Bulletin) and Yochanan Afek, Gady Costeff, Hans Gruber, Marek Kolčák, Miodrag Mladenović, Piotr Murdzia, Bogusz Piliczewski, Chris Reeves, Hans Peter Rehm, John Roycroft, Michael Schlosser, Lubomir Širan, Margus Sööt, Rainer Staudte, Colin Sydenham, Anders Thulin, Harold van der Heijden and Jakov Vladimirov (Subcommittee members and contributors).

1. Opening Address

President John Rice opened the meeting and welcomed delegates and observers. He thanked the Dutch Chess Problem Society for organising the Congress and congratulated them on their 75th anniversary. They had previously staged the Congress in anniversary years 1971, 1981, 1991 and 2001.

2. Tributes

President John Rice announced with regret the death of many persons prominent in chess composition, in particular Władysław Rosolak (27.6.1936 - 9.2.2006), who had been the Polish Delegate since 1997. The Commission stood in memory of him and of the following persons:

Hrvoje Bartolović	Croatia	15.6.1932 - 3.11.2005
Stig Björklund	Sweden	23.11.1917 - 15.10.2005
Cornelis Groeneveld	Netherlands	25.6.1922 - 14.11.2005
Kazimieras Indila	Lithuania	21.5.1921 - 7.6.2005
Albert Koldijk	Netherlands	13.7.1917 - 6.10.2005
Örjan Lindberger	Sweden	31.12.1912 - 29.6.2005
Antanas Mickus	Lithuania	16.9.1933 - 15.6.2005
Krishnamurthy Muralidharan	India	1967 - 14.3.2006
Henk Muzerie	Netherlands	23.3.1929 - 29.9.2005
Wladimir Naef	Switzerland	3.9.1919 – 16.6.2006
Milivoj Nešić	Serbia	12.12.1940 - 30.6.2006
Enrico Paoli	Italy	13.1.1908 - 15.12.2005
Santi Pirrone	Italy	11.7.1920 - 12.6.2006
Igor Polovodin	Russia	23.3.1955 - 22.6.2005
Ladislav Salai sr	Slovakia	19.8.1934 - 15.3.2006
Anthony John Taffs	USA	15.1.1916 - 4.2.2005
Sergei Varov	Armenia	12.9.1951 - 5.7.2005
Vladimir Vinichenko	Russia	4.8.1947 - 1.2.2006

3. Verification of Attendance and Voting Rights

Shortly before the Congress opened, 3 faxes addressed to the President were received from the Chess Federations of Kazakhstan, Moldova and Azerbaijan. These claimed rights of proxy for, respectively, Jakov Vladimirov (Russia), Nikolai Griva (Ukraine) and Dzemal Makhatadze (Georgia). President John Rice stated that proxy arrangements were not mentioned in the PCCC Statutes. The only option available was to appoint deputies, but, as stated in Clause 2, Paragraph 5, these had to be nationals of, or resident in, the country in question. Andrei Selivanov argued that

proxies were frequently employed in big FIDE, and that the PCCC Statutes were at fault in not being in accordance with those of FIDE. John Rice upheld the PCCC Statutes and insisted that the proxies were not valid. The session was suspended to allow time for the three persons in question to withdraw. On resumption the meeting was declared legal.

31 member countries out of 39 were represented. The following countries were not represented: Azerbaijan, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Brazil, Kazakhstan, Macedonia, Moldova, Mongolia and Spain.

4. Approval of the Eretria Minutes 2005

The Minutes of the 2005 meeting were approved without alteration by 20 votes to 0, with 3 abstentions.

5. Membership of the Standing Subcommittees

- 1. WCCT** U.Avner Spokesman
B.Formánek, b.ellinghoven, H.Gruber, [Ž.Janevski], Y.Reytsen, J.Rice,
F.Simoni, J.Vladimirov, [B.Zappas]
- 2. WCCI** P.Petkov Spokesman
D.Gurgenidze, Z.Hernitz, M.Prcic, A.Selivanov, K.Widlert
- 3. Solving** M.Klasinc Spokesman
U.Avner, M.Kolčák, P.Murdzia, J.Vladimirov, T.Wakashima
- 4. FIDE Album** K.Widlert Spokesman
U.Avner, b.ellinghoven, H.Gruber, J.Rice, J.Vladimirov
- 5. Qualifications** H.Harkola Spokesman
B.Enemark, L.Palmans, A.Mikholap, D-I.Nicula, C.Sydenham, [K.Wenda]
- 6. Computer Matters** T.Maeder Spokesman
P.Einat, B.Enemark, [Ž.Janevski], I.Ketris, Z.Laborczy, H. le Grand,
B.Stephenson
- 7. Studies** Y.Afek Spokesman
G.Costeff, D.Gurgenidze, N.Kralin, [O.Pervakov], J.Roycroft,
H. van der Heijden
- 8. Codex** H.Gruber Spokesman
B.Formánek, C.Sydenham, K.Widlert
- 9. Judging** J.Rice Spokesman
U.Avner, J.Roycroft
- 10. Terminology** B.Formanek Spokesman
[J.Brabec], M.Dragoun, I.Ketris

[Members of Subcommittees who were not present at the Congress are indicated in brackets.]

6. Notification of Proposals, and Business carried forward

Discussion of the proposals was allocated to the Subcommittees as follows:

(i) Nominations for title of “Honorary Master of Chess Composition”	Qualifications
(ii) Introduction of title for directors of solving contests	Solving, Qualifications
(iii) Solving norms and other solving matters	Solving
(iv) Extension of opportunities for composers to gain titles	Qualifications
(v) Definition of “dual” in Codex	Codex
(vi) FIDE Album judging	FIDE Album, Judging

7. Brief Reports by Delegates on activities during 2005-2006

Great Britain (J.Rice) The British Chess Problem Society meets regularly in London, and also held a residential weekend in Derby in April. John Roycroft holds quarterly study meetings at his house, and John Beasley had also staged a “study day”. *Estonia* (I.Aunver) Margus Sööt is publishing old Estonian problems daily in a newspaper column. A regular column appears in a weekly published in Sweden, and also on the website of the Estonian Chess Federation. *Croatia* (Z.Hernitz) The Bartolović Memorial Tourney would soon be announced. *Romania* (D-I.Nicula) Two supplements to *Buletin Problemistic* have been published, with material from *Adeverul* and *Familia*. A junior solving championship has been organised. *Belgium* (I.Vandemeulebroucke) Several solving competitions are held, and also monthly training sessions for solvers. The work of Luc Palmans in preparing volume XI of *EG* was praised. *Denmark* (B.Enemark) Monthly meetings are held in Copenhagen. *Thema Danicum* will cease publication at the end of 2007. A new book about Jan Mortensen has been published by Leif Schmidt. The problem collection of J.P.Toft, which he developed over 40 years, is held by Mortensen’s widow. There are maybe 350,000 problems, and it is hoped that people will help to computerise it. *Switzerland* (T.Maeder) The chess library of Ken Whyld is now available for consultation at the Maison Suisse du Jeu. *Hungary* (Z.Laborczi) The website www.mikitovics.com gives details of 100 Hungarian problemists. *Italy* (F.Simoni) Oscar Bonivento is preparing a collection of Guido Cristoffanini’s problems. *Ukraine* (V.Melnichenko, for Y.Reytsen) Viktor Rudenko has been made an “Honoured Trainer of Ukraine for Chess”, and the title “Honoured Master of Sport” has been awarded to Yevgen Reytsen, Viktor Melnichenko, Mikhail Marandyuk and Sergei N.Tkachenko. A meeting of composers was held at Poltava, where Rudenko was present, a rare event. 2 more issues of *Problemist Ukrainy* have been published. *Slovenia* (M.Klasinc) Articles about chess problems are being prepared for Wikipedia by Andrej Jakobčič. *Poland* (T.Lehmann) A 2nd edition of H.Zuk’s *Selected problems* has been published. The traditional Wola Gułowska tourney has been joined by a new one, “Serock”. In addition to the Polish Solving Championship and the Warsaw Grand Prix, there are also junior solving tournaments. *Serbia* (M.Kovačević) *Mat Plus* will be revived in Spring 2007 by Milan Velimirović. Problemists are encouraged to contribute to the magazine. A booklet containing outstanding awards from 1994 to 1999 has recently been published.

8. Subcommittees: Reports and Discussion

1. WCCT (*World Chess Composition Tournament*) (Spokesman Uri Avner)

8th WCCT. Director Hans Gruber reported that 37 countries are participating, and that all team captains are on email. Hans would produce electronic files of the diagrams so that captains could proof-check them. Then the anonymous diagrams would be displayed on the internet, as well as in a booklet. This would not constitute publication. Uri Avner reported that queries about themes

were being handled as follows: (a) by himself, in simple cases where the reply was obvious enough; (b) by reference to the proposers of themes, in cases where the reply was not so obvious; and (c) by the whole WCCT subcommittee, in cases requiring more substantial consideration. Hans Gruber would test all the entries himself. If in due course there were significant discrepancies in judging, Hans would ask the country judge in question to justify the scores that had been given.

Anticipation checking in 8th WCCT. There was discussion about the possibility of countries co-operating in checking for anticipations. It was felt that this could not be prevented, but that the PCCC should supply as much information as possible about earlier examples of the set themes on its website. Harold van der Heijden had already agreed to do this for studies, and Thomas Maeder offered to put on helpmates that he had found in the PDB. Marjan Kovačević and Bernd Ellinghoven suggested that for the next WCCT such compositions should be made known at the earliest possible stage.

2. WCCI (World Championship in Composing for Individuals) (Spokesman Petko Petkov)

WCCI 2004-2006. This would take place under the same rules as for 2001-2003, and the championship would not be numbered. The 2004-2006 director would be Zvonimir HERNITZ (Croatia). Judges for the 8 sections had been provisionally selected. The tourney would be announced on the PCCC website in October 2006, with a proposed completion date of July 2008. There might be changes for the 2007-2009 competition.

3. Solving (Spokesman Marko Klasinc)

World Chess Solving Championship. Director Ward Stoffelen announced the results of the 30th WCSC, Wageningen:

Team: 1. Great Britain 148/180 pts. 2. Poland 146.25 pts. 3. Israel 139.25 pts. 4. Germany 139 pts. 5. Finland 134.75 pts. 6. Serbia 133 pts.

Individual: 1. Piotr Murdzia (Poland) 78.75/90 pts. 2. Jorma Paavilainen (Finland) 76.75 pts. 3. John Nunn (Great Britain) 73 pts. 4. Arno Zude (Germany) 73 pts, but more time. 5. Vladimir Podinić (Serbia) 66.75 pts. 6. Jacek Stopa (Poland) 65 pts.

Ward Stoffelen mentioned an incident when Mark Erenburg (Israel) was excluded during the study round because his mobile phone rang. He thanked those composers who supplied originals for the competition, especially Petko Petkov. President John Rice thanked Ward and his team of Peter Bakker, Christopher Jones and Axel Steinbrink for their work.

International Solving Contest. Director Ward Stoffelen reported on the 2nd ISC, which took place on 22nd January 2006. There were 253 competitors, 210 of them (from 25 countries) in the section for experienced solvers, and 43 (from 16 countries) in the section for young and less experienced solvers. The winner was Aleksei Lebedev (Russia, solving at Tver) a new name whom Andrei Selivanov confirmed as a very strong solver. Mr Stoffelen was thanked for his work. The next ISC will be held on Sunday 21st January 2007, and the director will be Axel Steinbrink (Germany). Marjan Kovačević commented that the ISC should be organised only for purposes of enjoyment. ISC Working Party chairman Uri Avner replied that the ISC was valid for ratings but not for norms, and that we still needed more experience with it.

European Chess Solving Championship. The Subcommittee proposed that the offer of Poland to stage the 2nd ECSC in Warsaw on 11th-12th November 2006 be accepted. This was approved unanimously, and the Polish organisers, led by Piotr Murdzia, were thanked for their initiative. An offer from Michal Dragoun to stage the 3rd ECSC at Pardubice, Czech Republic, on 14th-15th July 2007 was also accepted unanimously.

Database. Marko Klasinc was in favour of a database of solving tournaments containing all the compositions which had already been used in solving competitions. Andrei Selivanov suggested that all rated solving contests be listed on the PCCC website; President John Rice thought that a link to the solving website of Lubomir Širan would be the best solution.

Solving Competitions at Chess Olympiads. Marko Klasinc recommended that there should be a solving contest at the 2008 Chess Olympiad in Dresden, and asked Bernd Ellinghoven to approach the Olympiad organisers. Andrei Selivanov reported that composing and solving tournaments were already planned for the 2010 Olympiad in Khanty-Mansiisk (Russia).

Introduction of title for directors of solving contests – Proposal 6 (ii). The Subcommittee proposed a title “FIDE Solving Judge”, but had found it difficult to establish exact conditions for gaining the title. It was thought that candidates for the title should complete 5 successful competitions, and demonstrate quick production of results, good handling of protests, computer expertise and the like. Although no decision regarding the title was reached, delegates were asked to encourage applications from potential recipients in time for the next PCCC Congress. Andrei Selivanov suggested a title “International Organiser of PCCC” (to cover both solving and composing events), similar to FIDE’s title “Chess Organiser”. In reply to a question about raising standards of solving tournament direction, Marko Klasinc replied that for some years he, Marek Kolčák and Harri Hurme had been receiving details of solving tournaments for rating purposes, and were able to monitor the quality of work done.

Solving norms and other solving matters - Proposal 6 (iii). Marko Klasinc said that solvers clearly wanted a new system. The idea was to replace the existing “percentage of winner’s score” arrangement by the use of performance ratings. Marek Kolčák had been calculating performance ratings for all rated tournaments in the last 5 years, and had found it to be a more accurate system.

The proposal was that “A solver should achieve a performance rating of 2650/2550/2450 at a tournament for the GM/IM/FM norm (with all necessary conditions about the tournament type and strength fulfilled)”. Furthermore, a new criterion for gaining titles was added: “The obligatory rating 2600/2500/2400 for GM/IM/FM titles. A solver should therefore gain all the necessary norms and also achieve a specific rating”. This proposal was approved, 25 for, 1 against, 2 abstentions. The relevant paragraphs 1(e), 1(f) and 1(g) in Annex III of the Statutes would be appropriately updated. Marko commented that if the required ratings proved too high with experience, they could be lowered later, since they can be achieved at any time. The system was not as complicated as it seemed. Miodrag Mladenović would soon have a new program ready for tournament directors to use in connection with Excel spreadsheets. Another regulation had been changed, meaning that it was no longer necessary to achieve at least one norm at the WCSC, Open, or ECSC to gain the IM solving title. But this requirement was still necessary for the GM title.

Women and Juniors. It was proposed that if there were 10 women solvers from 7 different countries in the WCSC, then there could be an official World Championship for Women. This was approved by 23 for, 3 against, 1 abstention. An identical proposal regarding Juniors (under 23) was approved by 26 for, 1 against. In this case women and juniors would still compete in the main WCSC as well.

Marko Klasinc reported that some minor revisions to the rules of the WCSC had been made, as well as to the corresponding ECSC rules.

4. FIDE Album (Spokesman Kjell Widlert)

FIDE Album 1998-2000. Publication of this Album has been delayed because 3 indexes are still awaited. It should be ready in the next few months.

FIDE Album 2001-2003. Judging of this Album is in process. Study Director Harold van der Heijden reported that one judge had given 0 points to all studies with 5 units or 6 units without pawns on the grounds that the positions were already in the database. The Subcommittee disagreed

with this view and would write to the judge in question. Marjan Kovačević commented that his proposed system would prevent extremes of judgment from affecting the selection. President John Rice replied that it would be considered next year.

FIDE Album 2004-2006. A list of directors and judges has been drawn up. It was hoped that the Album tourney would be announced late in 2006. Kjell Widlert said that composers would be encouraged to supply comments with their submissions; this would also help the Album indexers in due course.

FIDE Album judging – Proposal 6 (vi). Uri Avner proposed that composers should put their Album submissions into ranked order. This would ease the burden on Album judges, and also help them to differentiate groups of thematically related problems. The proposal that “Composers should be urgently recommended to submit their entries with a rank order of preference” was approved by 21 for, 3 against, with 4 abstentions. This would take effect with the 2004-2006 Album. A further proposal by Uri Avner that “A FIDE Album judge should be entitled to stop judging an individual composer’s submission when he has found 5 problems in sequence to which fewer than 2 points have been given” was rejected: 4 votes for, 13 against, 7 abstentions. The Judging Subcommittee had reached a similar conclusion.

5. Qualifications (Spokesman Hannu Harkola)

The title of *Honorary Master of Chess Composition* was awarded unanimously to Sir Jeremy Morse (Great Britain). A second candidate was not approved.

The title of *FIDE Master for Chess Composition* was awarded unanimously to Andrei Zhuravlev (Russia). This had been overlooked last year.

The title of *International Solving Master of the FIDE* was awarded to:

Vladimir Podinić (Serbia) 2nd norm - WCSC

The title of *FIDE Solving Master* was awarded to:

Johan de Boer (Netherlands) 2nd norm - Open

Aleksei Lebedev (Russia) 2nd norm - Russian Championship

Vladimir Lipovsky (Russia) 2nd norm - Russian Championship

Joose Norri (Finland) 2nd norm - Open

Jacek Stopa (Poland) 2 norms - Open, WCSC

Bojan Vučković (Serbia) 2 norms - Serbian Open Championship, Open

In addition, the following 1st norms have been achieved: **GM**: Anatoly Mukoseev (Russia - Open). **IM**: Anatoly Mukoseev (Russia - Open); Jacek Stopa (Poland - WCSC); Zbigniew Szczep (Poland - WCSC). **FM**: Aleksandr Kozyrev (Russia - Kubok Urala); Stefan Parzuch (Poland - Polish Championship); Valery Semenenko (Open); Zoran Sibinović (Serbia – Serbian Open Championship).

Extension of opportunities for composers to gain titles - Proposal 6 (iv). The Subcommittee had considered the summary document on this topic but felt that no changes to the present arrangements were necessary or desirable. The FIDE Album should remain the sole source of points, and there should be no retroactive element.

6. Computer Matters (Spokesman Thomas Maeder)

Participants who do not regularly attend WCCCs but who are active in computer work related to chess composition were asked what they expect from the PCCC to support their work, and two points were raised:

1. *Standardisation of the symbols used when dealing with chess compositions.* Unicode (<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Unicode>) currently standardises the symbols used in over-the-board chess and orthodox chess composition (http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Chess_symbols_in_Unicode). It was suggested that all symbols be standardised which are commonly used in texts related to chess composition. A working group was formed which will determine which symbols to submit for standardisation, contact the Unicode consortium and take the necessary steps.

2. *Standard interchange format for chess compositions.* Several participants expressed their willingness to support this project actively. The initial version of the Standard interchange format will be published during the year. The status of the project can be tracked here: <http://sourceforge.net/projects/problem-xml/>, and an overview here: <http://problem-xml.sourceforge.net/>.

Online collection of composers' names: this had been presented in a mini-lecture at the Eretria meeting. User feedback indicates that there are problems with the input of non-Latin (notably Cyrillic) characters, and that the current implementation is too slow to encourage active usage. A more thorough design will lead to a better implementation. The aim of the project remains: encouraging writers and editors to use a correct spelling of names by copying it from the online list.

Toft Collection: volunteers to assist with computerisation are invited to contact Bjørn Enemark at bjorn.enemark@get2net.dk.

7. *Studies* (Spokesman Yochanan Afek)

The Subcommittee had discussed database matters but had come to no conclusion.

Study of the Year. It was decided from now on only to nominate a study for the immediate past year, so as to give a more up-to-date impression. For 2005, the Study of the Year went to Yury Bazlov, 5th Prize, Nunn-50 Jubilee Tourney, 2005. Delegates were encouraged to publicize this study as widely as possible.

Spokesman Yochanan Afek mentioned that during the ARVES study evening on Tuesday, John Roycroft had been made the first recipient of honorary membership of ARVES.

8. *Codex* (Spokesman Hans Gruber)

Hans Gruber had been nominated as the new spokesman of the Subcommittee. The Subcommittee considered the following: (i) Proposal 6 (v) by b.ellinghoven and H.Laue (Germany): Clarification of the concept of dual. (ii) Suggestion by H.Hurme (Finland): Clarification of the concept of dual in studies. (iii) Matter forwarded by the FIDE Album Subcommittee: Databases and anticipations. (iv) Suggestion by J.Vladimirov (Russia): Clarification of the concept of short solutions.

After some discussion, the Subcommittee unanimously decided to propose the following amendments to the Codex text. The Subcommittee tried to preserve the nature of the current text. In particular, a clear separation is maintained between general principles which describe logical aspects of chess compositions, and prescriptive rules concerning artistic questions (what good compositions should look like). Statements concerning artistic elements usually are not part of the Codex text, but some examples are given in footnotes.

Article 2: Add to the Footnote 3: “Nor does the compilation or publication of a computer generated database constitute the publication of one or more chess compositions”.

Article 9: Paragraph (1): Delete “(1) Subject to Paragraph (2)”

Article 9: Delete whole of Paragraph (2).

Article 10: Paragraph (1): Delete “(1) Subject to Paragraph (2)”.

Article 10: Paragraph (1): After “(...) the stipulation” add new Footnote 14A: “In non-helpplay compositions alternative black moves are not normally considered duals but may be seen as artistic defects”.

Article 10: Delete whole of Paragraph (2).

Article 11: Delete: “, whether by means of a cook or a dual”.

Article 11: After “(...) than required” add new Footnote 14B: “A non-helpplay composition does not have a short solution if there is at least one line of play which needs the stipulated number of moves”.

Article 13: Paragraph (1): Replace “Paragraph (2)” by “Paragraphs (2) and (3)”.

Article 13: Add new Paragraph (3): “Studies are rendered unsound by duals in the main line, but other duals are normally tolerated”.

Article 13: After “normally tolerated” add new Footnote 15A: “The following are examples of duals which are normally tolerated: (a) achieving the aim of the author’s solution by a longer manoeuvre arriving at a different square, (b) artificial prolongation of the solution”.

At the suggestion of Andrei Selivanov, a vote on these proposals was delayed until the 2007 Congress to allow time for discussion.

9. Judging (Spokesman John Rice)

See FIDE Album report above.

10. Terminology (Spokesman Bedrich Formánek)

The Subcommittee had dealt with the system of the terms connected with competitions containing two or more phases. About 35 basic terms had been prepared with definitions, but it seemed to be necessary to devote more time to work on the system as well as details in wording. The work would continue during the next few months by email, and delegates would get the result in due course.

9. Future meetings of the PCCC

Invitation 2007. The Bulgarian Chess Federation invited the PCCC to hold its congress at the Iberostar Hotel, Golden Sands, near Varna, in the first fortnight of September. Delegate Petko Petkov said that there were many flights to Varna and Sofia. A visa was not required for EU country nationals, and there were cheaper hotels nearby. Uri Avner proposed as a venue the Mercure Suites in Bat Yam, near Tel-Aviv, in September or October. This possibility had been provisionally accepted at the 2005 Congress. A secret vote went in favour of staging the 2007 Congress in Bulgaria (Bulgaria 23 votes, Israel 5, abstention 1).

Invitation 2008. Israel remains a possible venue. Andrei Selivanov made an offer to hold the 2008 Congress in Ekaterinburg, Russia. A decision would be made at the next Congress.

10. Other business

World Junior Chess Championship. Andrei Selivanov reported that at the World Junior Championship in Batumi, Georgia, October 2006, with 80 countries competing, there would be a

solving event called, probably “World Cup for Juniors”. The PCCC supported this event, although it was too early to give it any official status. It was hoped to organise solving events at future World Junior Championships. Marjan Kovačević said that this year the European Junior Chess Championship would be taking place in his area for the 5th time, containing a solving contest with the unofficial title of European Junior Solving Champion going to the winner.

2007 Congress. Uri Avner, now in the chair, mentioned that this would be the 50th PCCC Congress and invited Bulgaria to organise a jubilee composing tourney. A proposal from Bedrich Formánek that the 2007 Congress should last one day longer did not receive sufficient support.

Extension of opportunities for composers to gain titles – Proposal 6 (iv). Harry Fougiaxis asked if the proposals by Marjan Kovačević and Aschwanden/Loustau had been discussed at this congress. Uri Avner said that they would have to be discussed next year, but agreed that the proposals could not be ignored.

International Day of Chess Composition. Andrei Selivanov reminded the Commission that Valentin Rudenko had suggested that this should be observed on every 4th January.

11. Election of new Presidium

A new Presidium was elected as follows:

President	Uri Avner (Israel)
1st Vice-President	Hannu Harkola (Finland)
2nd Vice President	Marko Klasinc (Slovenia)
3rd Vice President	Kjell Widlert (Sweden)

Results of the voting were as follows: *President:* Uri Avner 19, Andrei Selivanov 10, abstention 1. *1st Vice-President:* Hannu Harkola 29, abstention 1. *2nd Vice-President:* Marko Klasinc 21, Kjell Widlert 8, abstention 1. *3rd Vice-President:* Kjell Widlert 28, abstentions 2. 30 delegates were present. Bernd Ellinghoven and Thomas Maeder announced their candidature for 2nd and 3rd Vice-President, but withdrew before voting started. The election was conducted by a team consisting of Paul Valois, Günter Büsing and Peter Gvozdják.

The new Presidium took over at the beginning of the final session on Friday, with President Uri Avner taking the chair. He thanked John Rice for his work over the previous 4 years, and nominated him for the title of Honorary President. This was approved by acclaim.

President Uri Avner’s proposal that the former delegate for Greece, Byron Zappas, should become an Honorary Member was also approved by acclaim.

12. Conclusion

President Uri Avner thanked the Dutch organisers and everyone who had contributed to a successful congress, and declared the meeting closed.

John Rice (outgoing President)

Uri Avner (incoming President)

Paul Valois (Secretary)

August 2006