

PERMANENT COMMISSION OF THE FIDE FOR CHESS COMPOSITION (PCCC)

51st Meeting in Jurmala, Latvia, 30th August – 6th September 2008

MINUTES

Official Participants

Uri Avner	Israel	President
Hannu Harkola	Finland	1st Vice-President
Marko Klasinc	Slovenia	2nd Vice-President
Kjell Widlert	Sweden	3rd Vice-President
Günter Büsing	Germany	Secretary
Aliaksandr Mikhalap	Belarus	Delegate
Luc Palmans	Belgium	Delegate
Roberto Stelling	Brazil	Delegate
Nikola Predrag	Croatia	Delegate
Bjørn Enemark	Denmark	Delegate
Indrek Aunver	Estonia	Delegate
Michel Caillaud	France	Delegate
David Gurgenzidze	Georgia	Delegate
bernd ellinghoven	Germany	Delegate
Paul Valois	Great Britain	Delegate
Harry Fougiaxis	Greece	Delegate
Zoltán Laborczi	Hungary	Delegate
Marco Bonavoglia	Italy	Delegate
Tadashi Wakashima	Japan	Delegate
Ilja Ketris	Latvia	Delegate
Vidmantas Satkus	Lithuania	Delegate
Henk le Grand	Netherlands	Delegate
Bogusz Piliczewski	Poland	Delegate
Dinu-Ioan Nicula	Romania	Delegate
Andrei Selivanov	Russia	Delegate
Marjan Kovačević	Serbia	Delegate
Peter Gvozdják	Slovakia	Delegate
Thomas Maeder	Switzerland	Delegate
Yevgen Reytsen	Ukraine	Delegate
John Rice	Great Britain	Honorary President
Jakov Vladimirov	Russia	Honorary Member

New delegates are Peter Gvozdják (replacing Bedrich Formànek), Bogusz Piliczewski (replacing Tadeusz Lehmann), Marco Bonavoglia (replacing Francesco Simoni) and Nikola Predrag (replacing Zvonimir Hertz for this year). The new Austrian delegate is Klaus Wenda (not present).

Other people who contributed actively included: Marija Golubeva (organisation), Olesya Aleynikova (interpreter), Milan Velimirovic, Alberts Cimiņš, Neal Turner and Igor Vereshchagin (Open Solving and WCSC), and Yochanan Afek, Gady Costeff, Paz Einat, Georgy Evseev, Hans Gruber, Marek Kolčák, Piotr Murdzia, Oleg Pervakov, John Roycroft and Jakov Vladimirov (Subcommittee members and contributors).

1. Opening Address

President Uri Avner opened the meeting and welcomed delegates and observers. He thanked Ilja Ketris and the Latvian Problem friends for organising the Congress.

2. Tributes

President Uri Avner announced with regret the death of many persons prominent in chess composition. The Commission stood in memory of the following persons:

Byron Zappas	Greece	(06.12.1927-05.01.2008)
Helmut Zajic	Austria	(28.05.1934-16.08.2008)
Klaus-Peter Zuncke	Germany	(09.03.1954-15.11.2007)
Ludwig Zagler	Germany	(26.09.1938-30.11.2007)
Manfred Seidel	Germany	(25.03.1938-28.02.2008)
Erwin Masanek	Germany	(22.04.1926-14.03.2008)
Hubert Bednorz	Germany	(04.02.1936-02.11.2007)
Alexey Ivanovich Kotov	Russia	(30.03.1928-18.11.2007)
Mikhail Pavlovich Kusnetsov	Russia	(12.04.1941-27.11.2007)
Rashid Khatjamov	Russia	(15.03.1943-06.12.2007)
Zavo Zlatić	Croatia	(12.07.1912-08.12.2007)
Martin Moskowitz	USA	(1917?-25.01.2008)
Masazumi Hanazawa	Japan	(1944-2007)
Sergey Komarov	Ukraine	(23.09.1945-01.02.2008)
Lennart Larsson	Sweden	(18.08.1921-2008)
Boris Sidorov	Russia	(1937-06.08.2008)

3. Verification of Attendance and Voting Rights

At the beginning of the sessions, 28 member countries out of 39 were represented. The meeting was declared legal. The following countries were not represented: Austria, Azerbaijan, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Kazakhstan, Macedonia, Moldova, Mongolia, Spain and USA.

4. Approval of the Rhodes Minutes 2007

The Minutes of the 2007 meeting were approved without amendment.

5. Membership of the Standing Subcommittees

1. WCCT U.Avner Spokesman
Peter Gvozdják (replacing B.Formánek), b.ellinghoven, H.Gruber,
[Ž.Janevski], Y.Reytsen, J.Rice, [F.Simoni,] Georgy Evseev (replacing
J.Vladimirov)

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, P. Einat, A. Selivanov (replacing J. Vladimirov), Harry Fougiaxis (new), Marjan Kovačević (new)
5. **Qualifications** H.Harkola Spokesman
B.Enemark, L.Palmans, A.Mikholap, D.-I.Nicula, [C. Sydenham], [K.Wenda]
6. **Computer Matters** T.Maeder Spokesman
B.Enemark, [Ž.Janevski], I.Ketris, Z.Laborczi, H. le Grand, B.Stephenson, R. Stelling (new)
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, J. Vladimirov (new), J. Roycroft (new)
9. **Judging** J.Rice Spokesman
U.Avner, J.Roycroft
10. **Terminology** [B.Formánek] Spokesman
[J.Brabec], M.Dragoun, I.Ketris

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

Additionally, and only for this year, an **Ad hoc Finance Committee** was established with J. Rice as Spokesman and members Z. Laborczi and H. le Grand. Its task was to define guidelines for the use of possible funding.

6. Notification of Proposals, and Business carried forward

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

A revised system for FIDE Album selection (Avner)	Album
Composers submitting large number of entries for FIDE Album (Avner)	Album
Inclusion of WCCI entries in the FIDE-Albums (Wenda, Zajic)	Album + WCCI
Harmonisation of WCSC and ECSC rules (Piliczewski)	Solving
Doping control in PCCC solving competitions (Satkus)	Solving
Objection to granting IM norm to a certain solver (Piliczewski)	Qualification + Solving
A new membership category: associate PCCC member-country (Rice)	Presidium

Modification and Clarification of Article 16 of the Codex (ellinghoven)	Codex
New formulation of chapter 8 of the WCCI rules (Harkola)	WCCI or Presidium
Removal of paragraph 1(2) in the Statutes (Avner)	Presidium
A multifocal proposal (Kovačević)	Album

7. Brief Reports by Delegates on activities during 2007/08

Owing to lack of time, this topic of the agenda was not dealt with.

8. Subcommittees: Reports and Discussion

8.1 Report on the International Solving Contests 2008/2009

Axel Steinbrink reported to the Commission about the ISC which took place on 27.01.2008 under his direction and attracted a total of 323 solvers. 27 countries participated and 33 tournaments were run in parallel. The contest was won by Boris Tummes (Germany) with a full score of 55 pts, with runner-ups Miodrag Mladenovic (Serbia) 54 and Michel Caillaud, also 54 but more time. The Category 2 section was won by Gilles Regniers (Belgium) 39 who was quicker than Staefan Zollinger (Switzerland), also 39. The President thanked Axel Steinbrink for his work and the results of the ISC 2008 were unanimously confirmed by the Commission.

David Gurgenedze suggested that solving events like the ISC should be further popularized, for example by creating further categories for women and youths and giving more diplomas for successful solvers as incentive for further participation.

The next ISC is scheduled for 25.01.2009 and will again be directed by Axel Steinbrink.

8.2 Report on the ECSC 2008 Antalya

Milan Velimirovic informed the Commission about the European Solving Championship in Antalya, Turkey. The event was excellently organized by the Turkish Chess Federation and was run smoothly under his direction, without problems in the evaluation of the results and without any protests. Teams from 10 countries and 44 solvers took part. The winning team was Serbia, 2.Russia and 3.Poland, individual winner was Piotr Murdzia (Poland), with runners-up 2.Bojan Vucković and 3.Miodrag Mladenović (both Serbia). A junior competition with 8 solvers was won by Piotr Gorski (Poland), 2.Yevgeniy Viktorov (Russia), 3.Roman Evstigneev (Ukraine).

8.3 Report on the 8th WCCT (World Chess Composition Tournament)

The preliminary results of the 8th WCCT, directed by Hans Gruber, were available. The director reported to the Commission that the 8th WCCT was a big overall success. The highest level of composition was reached in the tournament in almost each section. The multiphase procedure was also an overall success. He considered the discussion and cooperative exchange during the whole procedure as very fruitful. No complaints about the

scoring system were raised and he observed that the additional + and – marks which judges could add to their scores also helped to determine the final ranking. The director felt himself unable to decide on a protest received after publication of the preliminary results because there was a conflicting situation between two rules (carry out a possible correction if that should objectively be necessary, and judging the entries in anonymous form, which was no longer possible).

The president thanked Hans Gruber for his work.

8.4. WCCT (Spokesman Uri Avner)

Subcommittee spokesman Uri Avner informed the Commission about the appeals against the preliminary results referred to above (section 8.3) which were raised by Ukraine and Slovakia because one judging country (Belarus) gave several zero-point scores which the protesters considered as not complying with the rules. An Israeli appeal of a similar nature was submitted to the director as well, but it was conditional on the fate of the previously mentioned protests. The subcommittee had no proposal how to decide in this matter, which was partly due to the fact that, accidentally, most members of the subcommittee represented just those countries which would be affected by a modification of the results.

Uri Avner further indicated in his function as President that the issue had also been discussed in the Presidium and that the Presidium recommends to confirm the preliminary result as it stands. The Presidium held that once the preliminary results were made public the situation had become irreversible as any modification or adjustment of scores, even in case mistakes might have been made by the judges and/or director would mean a violation of the fundamental principle of judgment with anonymity.

During the ensuing long discussion the protesters requested the zero point scores to be disregarded, basically for the reason that judges were not entitled to give zero point scores without indicating reasons for doing so. The delegate of Belarus defended its award, declared that it was not willing to change it and contested the Commission's authority to change an award.

Finally, the Commission decided by secret vote to confirm the preliminary results of the 8th WCCT (17 in favour, 10 against, 1 abstention).

8.5. WCCI (World Championship in Composing for Individuals)

In the absence of Zvonimir HERNITZ who was director of the WCCI 2004-06, Kjell Widlert reported to the Commission that this competition had been completed. After confirmation of the results, a booklet will be published. The Commission decided in a vote to confirm the results (22 in favour, 2 abstentions). The President thanked Zvonimir HERNITZ for his work.

The Finnish proposal to change the Rule 8 of the WCCI was of a purely technical nature and should avoid unintended differentiation in marking due to rounding effects. The proposal was accepted unanimously (25 in favour).

There were various ideas about the future of the WCCI: continue as before; Austrian proposal to include WCCI entries which get at least 8 points in the FIDE Album; one set of judges for both events, with information only to the director which entries should compete in the WCCI; switch to a modus with original compositions or a mixture of original and published problems; and finally even to stop the WCCI.

The Presidium had no clear opinion on the future of the WCCI. It felt, however, that in case of its continuation in its present form, the next period would be 2007-09, and a decision should be taken next year. After a short discussion, the question was postponed to 2009.

8.6. Solving (Spokesman Marko Klasinc)

World Chess Solving Championship. Director Milan Velimirovic announced the results of the 32nd WCSC, Jurmala:

Team: 1. Russia 178 pts. 2. Germany 178 pts. 3. Poland 171 pts. 4. Serbia 168 pts. 5. Great Britain 168 pts. 6. France 166 pts. 7. Finland 162.5 pts. 8. Netherlands 161.5 pts. 9. Ukraine 160 pts. 10. Slovakia 158 pts. etc. (24 teams)

Individual: 1. Piotr Murdzia (Poland) 90 pts. 2. Georgy Evseev (Russia) 90 pts. 3. Michael Pfannkuche (Germany) 89.5 pts. 4. Aleksandr Azhusin (Russia) 85 pts. 5. Marjan Kovačević (Serbia) 85 pts. 6. Ladislav Salai jr. (Slovakia) 84 pts. 7. Jonathan Mestel (Great Britain) 84 pts. 8. () pts. 9. Vladimir Podinic (Serbia) 83 pts. 10. (88 solvers + 4 unofficial participants). Milan Velimirovic thanked his helpers Neal Turner, Alberts Cimins and Igor Vereshchagin for their work.

A protest by Bogus Piliczewski against a decision of the WCSC Jury was brought before the Commission because he was of the opinion that the rules of the WCSC were not correctly followed. After discussion in the Commission and hearing of the Jury, the Commission decided by voting to confirm the results of the WCSC (25 in favour, 2 against, 1 abstention).

European Chess Solving Championship 2009: There were offers by Lithuania (Vilnius) and Serbia (Belgrade) to organize this event. After discussion of the proposals, the Commission in a vote decided by a majority to accept the Serbian proposal (12 votes for Belgrade, 5 for Vilnius, 10 abstentions).

Doping: Andrey Selivanov informed the Commission that doping tests have occasionally been carried out in over-the-board events, but only in very rare cases. He warned about the high costs involved in such tests. The solving subcommittee saw at present no need to become active because it was not even clear whether there exists a list of performance-enhancing drugs relevant for mind sports.

8.7. FIDE Album (Spokesman Kjell Widlert)

FIDE Album 2001-03. Judging of this Album is now almost finished. The difficulties in the retro section, due to an exceptionally high number of selected problems, had been discussed during the year. The results as they now stand have to be accepted. With regard to the publication date of the album, Bernd Ellinghoven said that there is a good chance to have it

by summer 2009, but that depends on the retro-section where no results have so far been reported to the editors.

FIDE Album 2004-06. The closing date for sending entries to this Album tourney was 31st December 2007. The judges are working and first results have already been received. In the moreover section, Bo Lindgren is unable to act as judge, due to health problems, and must be replaced by the reserve judge.

FIDE Album 2007-09. A list of candidate judges for this album should be prepared during the year. The album should be announced after next year's meeting.

Album selection proposals: Various proposals relating to the selection method for future FIDE-Albums were discussed by the Subcommittee. The spokesman reported to the Commission that a majority of the subcommittee recommends to change the system, starting from the album 2007-09, as follows: The 0 – 4 point system should be maintained; then, the procedure of the proposal of Israel should be applied, subject to the amendment that 20% (instead of 21% in the proposal) should be taken. Basically, this proposal implies disregarding the number of problems which score a total of less than 5 points from the three judges. Only problems of a sufficiently high quality will then serve as a basis for determining how many problems (20% of the 5+-scorers) will go into the album.

In the ensuing discussion, advantages and disadvantages of the various proposals were considered. Harry Fougiaxis was against the proposal of the subcommittee because he expected a drastic reduction of selected problems in most of the sections. Kjell Widlert replied that the restriction to 20% instead of the originally proposed 21% was intended to decelerate the trend to ever increasing albums. He noted that an increase from the formerly 800 problems to now about 1400 has occurred. Luc Palmans observed that the album serves as a basis for the granting of titles, and a steadily increasing number of problems in the album would result in an inflation of titles.

As a number of delegates asked for more time to consider the proposal in detail, it was agreed that the decision be postponed for next year. Paz Einat who carried out the statistical analysis related to the proposal will reconfirm his calculations. The data shall also be submitted to Thomas Maeder for double checking. The President suggested that any queries during the year about the calculations should be addressed to Paz Einat.

8.8. *Qualifications* (Spokesman Hannu Harkola)

The title of *International Judge for Chess Composition* was awarded unanimously to Michal Dragoun (Czech Rep.) for helpmates and fairies and Alexander Nazarov (Russia) for retros.

The subcommittee, based on the results of the FIDE-Album 2001-03, proposed the award of the following chess composition titles. All these titles were unanimously awarded by the Commission.

The title of *International Master for Chess Composition*: Gady Costeff (Israel), Michal Dragoun (Czech Rep.), Zoran Gavrilovski (Macedonia) and Arpád Molnár (Hungary).

The title of *FIDE Master for Chess Composition*: Aleksandr Manveljan (Armenia), Sergei Osintsev (Russia), Nikolai Rezvov (Ukraine), Andrey Vysokosov (Russia).

The following titles for solvers were proposed by the subcommittee and unanimously awarded by the Commission.

The title of *International Grandmaster for Solving*: Miodrag Mladenovic (Serbia), Andrey Selivanov (Russia) and Bojan Vuckovic (Serbia).

The title of *International Solving Master of the FIDE*: Aleksander Bulavka (Belarus) and Aleksander Leontiev (Russia).

The title of *FIDE Solving Master*: Nikola Predrag (Croatia), Klemen Sivic (Slovenia) and Alain Villeneuve (France).

The qualification subcommittee did not support Poland's proposal to penalize a solver for continuing writing solutions after elapse of the allowed solving time. Different thereto, the solving subcommittee was of the opinion that some kind of sanction should be expressed. After discussion, the Commission decided by vote that no form of penalization should be taken (18 against, 3 in favour, 5 abstentions).

8.9. Computer Matters (Spokesman Thomas Maeder)

The spokesman reported to the Commission about two items which were discussed in the subcommittee: a) Differences in solving behaviour of different programs and b) The possibility of submitting entries for the FIDE Album 2007-09 in electronic form.

a) In recent discussions on different media, participants have expressed their confusion about differences between the solving behaviour of different solving programs. E.g.: when does a black move defend against a threat; Republican chess; or Madrasi and Anticirce. Some participants have even called for a „central authority“ that should define the exact meaning of all terms, fairy elements and combination thereof etc. so that problemists won't have to resort to different kinds of documentation (with different quality levels) to find out whether a problem is correct or not.

The subcommittee agreed that the situation is not optimal; in many cases, it's the programmers of solving programs who – very often implicitly and without peer review – have to define the meaning of terms and term combinations also in cases which have not originally been considered by those who originally created the term(s).

Taking into consideration the amount of work that would be necessary, the subcommittee is convinced that no “central authority” (let alone the PCCC) will ever be able to play such a role.

The only practical way is to live with the situation as it is. A collection of documented cases where solving programmes differ would be a useful tool for dealing with the situation, though. It would serve the programmers in showing them how things could be done differently (and maybe better or more logically), and in the case of fundamental differences (such as with threats), it could support the work of the PCCC (eg. the Codex subcommittee).

b) It has long been a wish of many collaborators of FIDE Albums that entries be submitted in electronic form, to avoid problems such as sending heavy paper packages around the world, unnecessary re-typing of problems, bad legibility of entries submitted etc.

The sub-committee agreed that it will not be possible in the near future for all entries to be submitted in electronic form, because some problemists don't have access to computers or the internet, and because some of the entries in fields such as fairies and retros are very hard to represent in some defined format. But if an understandable and working user interface is provided, we can hope for the majority of #2, #3, #n, h# and s# entries to be submitted through it.

Apart from the FIDE Albums, the collection of problems created through such a user interface could very well be used for other purposes, such as a source for importing problems into collections, or for the submission for other (e.g. national) albums. In effect, a multi-purpose collection would result, of which submission to albums and other competitions would be just one type of usage.

One of the subcommittee members stated that he would be willing to implement such a user interface provided that he got the necessary support from others. A task force of 4 members was therefore formed that would establish the requirements in the period after the WCCC. The time plan is to have something that can be demonstrated in next year's WCCC, and a working solution at the time when it is needed for submitting entries to the Album 2007-09 (i.e. mid-2010).

8.10. Studies (Spokesman Jochanan Afek)

Spokesman Yochanan Afek indicated that the studies subcommittee had reviewed the activities of the past years. A main object of its activities is to find the bridge to the over-the-board chess. The next edition of the Corus Tournament in the Netherlands (previously known as Hoogovenstoernooi) could be a new start for combining solving and over-the-board playing as a special solving competition will be organised (date: 30.01.2009).

He mentioned three outstanding study composing tourneys which took place during the year: The Mark Dvoretzky-60-JT, the Olympic Tourney 2008 organised by Schwalbe, and the Corus-70 Tournament in the Netherlands.

The spokesman addressed two further points: In the studies section of the 8th WCCT, the subcommittee believes that the results are not in accordance with the rules. He observed (as it was mentioned earlier by the President) that a similar problem arose in the 7th WCCT but was then treated differently. In the studies section of the WCCI, one of the judges awarded all studies of his countrymen 4 points, and the title was decided thereby. In the view of the subcommittee, this looks, at least, a bit suspicious.

The Subcommittee had selected the *Study of the Year* for 2007. It went to Mario Matous, 1st Prize Polasek and Vlasek--60--JT 2007. Delegates were encouraged to publicize this study as widely as possible.

8.11 Codex (Spokesman Hans Gruber)

H. Gruber reported to the Commission that the subcommittee had discussed the proposal submitted by Germany concerning a modification and clarification of Article 16. The subcommittee proposed unanimously to accept the proposal, with some minor changes in the wording as given below:

Article 16 – Castling and En-passant capture

(1) Castling convention. Castling is permitted unless it can be proved that it is not permissible.

(2) En-passant convention. An en-passant capture on the first move is permitted only if it can be proved that the last move was the double step of the pawn which is to be captured.

(3) *Partial Retrograde Analysis (PRA) convention.* Where the rights to castle and/or to capture en-passant are mutually dependent, the solution consists of several mutually exclusive parts. All possible combinations of move rights, taking into account the castling convention and the en-passant convention, form these mutually dependent parts. In the special case where White's right to castle excludes Black's right to castle (and vice versa), an alternative is possible: the party exercising this right first is entitled to castle

(4) *Other conventions should be expressly stimulated, for example if in the course of the solution an en-passant capture has to be legalised by subsequent castling (a posterior (AP) convention).*

In a vote, the Commission accepted this amendment of Article 16 (23 in favour, 1 abstention, 0 against).

The spokesman referred to two additional matters addressed in the subcommittee:

1. J. Vladimirov had argued that the codex could be improved concerning the issues "anticipation" and "dual". As the Russian codex seems to offer possibilities for such improvement, he will provide a translation of the relevant parts to the other members of the subcommittee in due course. In the revision of the respective parts, issues discussed in former years will be considered.
2. Hans Gruber suggested that he will provide by next year a bibliography of published documents concerning the codex, including all other former official versions.

8.12. Judging (Spokesman John Rice)

The spokesman reported to the Commission that no proposals for decision were made. The Subcommittee had discussed two points:

1. With regard to judging the entries to the album, the subcommittee's opinion is that the 4-point scale should be retained.
2. The judging according to the 0-4 point scale is not necessarily applied in the same manner in WCCI and in the album. The subcommittee therefore believes that it would certainly not be appropriate to automatically transfer the point score obtained in a WCCI to the album (according to the Austrian proposal).

8.13. Terminology (Spokesman Bedrich Formánek)

There was no meeting of this subcommittee.

9. Future meetings of the PCCC

2009: The written invitation by the Turkish Chess Federation to hold the Congress in November 2009 in Antalya was presented to the Commission by Uri Avner and discussed. A further proposal to organize the Congress in August 2009 in Brazil was submitted by the Brazilian delegate. After an extended discussion, the Commission decided by vote to accept the Brazilian proposal (23 for Brazil, 1 for Turkey, 4 abstentions). Details of the proposal will be presented by end of October.

2010: Denis Blondel has proposed to organize the Congress 2010 in Rouen, France. Before starting to elaborate a detailed proposal, he asked the Commission to provisionally approve

its intention to hold the Congress 2010 in France. In a vote, the Commission accepted the proposal (23 in favour, 5 abstentions)
Future meetings: Italy and Estonia indicated that they might organize a future meeting.

10. Statutes

The President proposed to delete §1.2 from the Statutes. An appointment of experts has not occurred for many years and, if experts should be needed in future, he sees no reason to give them voting rights in the Commission. After a short discussion, the Commission voted in favour of the proposal (24 in favour, 1 abstention, none against).

11. Other business

Funding

The President informed the Commission that at the end of 2007 he submitted a request to the FIDE asking for 5000 EURO for executive expenses. No official reply was provided by the FIDE but rumours that have come to his knowledge speak about 5000 EURO confirmed by FIDE. The President suggested the setting-up of an ad-hoc-subcommittee which should establish guidelines for the use of such prospective money. As members for this ad-hoc-subcommittee he proposed John Rice as spokesman and Henk le Grand and Zoltan Laborzci as members. This was generally accepted by the Commission after a short discussion during which Bjorn Enemark raised the question whether FIDE, by granting money, might intend to get more control over the Commission than it had before. Andrey Selivanov supported the idea that the PCCC should have some budget and he informed the Commission that he himself took part in a FIDE session wherein it was decided to offer 5000 EURO of support for the Commission's work. According to him, the money has to be spent within 2008 if more support should be granted in 2009. He made some suggestions for the possible use of the money, including the purchase of cups and medals for competitions, special recognition for honoured members or payment for PCCC officials.

J. Rice as spokesman of the ad hoc finance committee presented a proposal to the Commission which the ad hoc committee had agreed on. It includes the appointment of a treasurer and guidelines on the use of funds. (Full text see annex.)

Associate membership

The proposal of an associate membership for countries who are at present not represented on the PCCC was briefly discussed in the Commission. No decision was taken and the matter was postponed to next year.

12. Conclusions

President Uri Avner thanked the delegates and the members and spokesmen of sub-committees for their work during the week. He thanked the Latvian organisers, headed by Ilja Ketris, for providing excellent facilities and surroundings which contributed to a successful congress, and then declared the meeting closed.

Uri Avner (President)
Günter Büsing (Secretary)
31st October 2008

ANNEX

Ad hoc Finance Subcommittee

Recommendations

1. Appointment of Treasurer
 - should ideally have some accounting experience, to avoid the need for a separate accountant.
 - would supervise expenditure and collect receipts for transmission to FIDE.
 - would report frequently to the President and annually to the Commission, in person or in writing.

2. Use of funds
 - 2.1 to support current activities, e.g.
 - coverage of postage and other costs incurred by Album directors and directors of WCCT and WCCI, and others working for the PCCC;
 - provision of certificates etc.;
 - Website

 - 2.2 to facilitate liaison with FIDE by contributing to the travel costs of the President of the PCCC, or of anyone acting on his behalf, in attendance of FIDE meetings.

 - 2.3 to promote wider interest in chess composition through e.g.
 - use of the internet;
 - sponsorship of solving contests (which might include lectures by specialists);
 - organization of composition-related events at international over-the-board tournaments.