

**PERMANENT COMMISSION OF THE FIDE FOR CHESS COMPOSITION (PCCC)
(provisional new name: International Chess Composition Union (ICCU))**

52nd Meeting, in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, 10th - 17th October 2009

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
Roberto Osorio	Argentina	Delegate
Marcel van Herck	Belgium	Delegate
Roberto Stelling	Brazil	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
Marco Bonavoglia	Italy	Delegate
Tadashi Wakashima	Japan	Delegate
Ilja Ketris	Latvia	Delegate
Peter Bakker	Netherlands	Delegate
Bogusz Piliczewski	Poland	Delegate
Dinu-Ioan Nicula	Romania	Delegate
Georgy Evseev	Russia	Delegate
Marjan Kovačević	Serbia	Delegate
Peter Gvozdják	Slovakia	Delegate
Thomas Maeder	Switzerland	Delegate
Yevgen Reytsen	Ukraine	Delegate
Mike Prcic	USA	Delegate
Bedrich Formánek	Slovakia	Honorary President
Jakov Vladimirov	Russia	Honorary Member

New delegates are Georgy Evseev (replacing Andrey Selivanov), Marcel van Herck (deputy for Luc Palmans) and Roberto Osorio (new member Argentina). The following countries were not represented: Austria, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Hungary, Kazakhstan, Lithuania, Macedonia, Moldova, Mongolia, Spain.

Other people who contributed actively included: Leonardo Mano, Georgeane Fukumura, Carolina Guedes Ferreira Dias, Cintia Marcate Queiroz (organisation), Vita Zubkova (interpreter), Axel Steinbrink, Marco Bonavoglia, Ward Stoffelen, Peter Bakker (Open Solving and WCSC), Vlaicu Crisan, Jorge Kapros, Jorge Lois (composing tourneys), Marek Kolčák, Piotr Murdzia, 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 Roberto Stelling and the Brazilian 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:

Mejnun Vahidov	Azerbaijan	(27.07.1946-30.04.2009)
László Zoltán	Hungary	(22.05.1942-Dec. 2008)
Denis Saunders	Australia	(22.10.1939-June 2009)
Viktor Melnichenko	Ukraine	(05.08.1939-11.02.2009)
Pyotr Solovyov	Ukraine	(18.10.1923-20.10.2008)
Uwe Auerswald	Germany	(26.05.1965-18.09.2008)
Carl Johannes Böttcher	Netherlands	(17.10.1915-23.11.2008)
Josef Voda	Czechia	(13.12.1918-26.08.2008)
Klaus-Dieter Wagner	Germany	(28.08.1949-21.06.2008)
Alfred Gschwend	Austria	(22.02.1922-08.03.2009)
Charles Wermelinger	France	(12.11.1922-March 2008)
Maurits Jacobson	Netherlands	(1919-15.04.2009)
Wilfried Alliet	Belgium	(01.09.1919-21.01.2009)
Žarko Pešikan	Serbia	(19.04.1926-21.08.2009)

3. Verification of Attendance and Voting Rights

At the beginning of the sessions, 25 member countries out of 39 were represented. The meeting was declared legal.

4. Approval of the Jurmala Minutes 2008

The Minutes of the 2008 meeting were approved without amendment.

5. Membership of the Standing Subcommittees

1. *WCCT* U.Avner Spokesman
B.Formánek, b.ellinghoven, [Ž.Janevski], Y.Reytsen, [J.Rice], [F.Simoni],
Georgy Evseev, Harry Fougiaxis (new)
2. *WCCI* M. Kovačević (new) 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, [J.Rice], [P. Einat], A. Selivanov, H. Fougiaxis
5. *Qualifications* H.Harkola Spokesman

B.Enemark, [L.Palmans], [A.Mikholap], D.-I.Nicula, [C. Sydenham],
[K.Wenda], M. Bonavoglia (new), M. Van Herck (new)

- 6. Computer Matters** T.Maeder Spokesman
B.Enemark, [Ž.Janevski], I.Ketris, [Z.Laborczi], [H. le Grand],
[B.Stephenson], R. Stelling, K. Widlert (new)
- 7. Studies** J. Roycroft Spokesman
[G.Costeff], D.Gurgenidze, [N.Kralin], [O.Pervakov], [H.van der Heijden],
M. van Herck (new)
- 8. Codex** K.Widlert Spokesman
B.Formánek, [C.Sydenham], J. Vladimirov, J. Roycroft, M. Caillaud (new)
- 9. Judging** [J.Rice] Spokesman
U.Avner, J.Roycroft
- 10. Terminology** B.Formánek Spokesman
[J.Brabec], [M.Dragoun], I.Ketris
This subcommittee declared itself “dormant” for this year because there has
been practically no response to the work done so far.

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

6. Application for membership

Roberto Osorio presented an Argentinean application for membership of the Commission. He informed the Commission about the long composing tradition in Argentina and about present activities. He also expressed the intention to send an Argentinean delegate to future meetings. After a short discussion the Commission accepted the application by unanimous decision.

7. Notification of Proposals and Business carried forward

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

PCCC transition to an independent organisation	Presidium
Protest against the Jurmala decision re result of 8th WCCT	Internal discussion of the parties involved; WCCT
Electronic submission of FIDE Album entries	Album + Computer
A revised system for FIDE Album selection	Commission
Suggested changes in WCCT	WCCT
Completion of Article 16 of the codex	Codex

8. Brief Reports on activities during 2007/08

- 8.1 President Uri Avner reported to the Commission about the FIDE congress which took place in Dresden during the 2008 chess Olympiad. There he met several influential FIDE officials, including a short meeting with President Ilyumzhinov, and had fruitful talks in a very friendly atmosphere. In particular, the FIDE treasurer promised to increase the FIDE support for the Commission.

The President further informed the Commission about a Presidium meeting which took place on 29.03.-01.04.2009 in Bratislava at a moment when, after the decision of FIDE to reform its commission structure, a great deal of confusion existed about the fate of the PCCC. An important further item on the agenda was a meeting with the board of the Slovak chess composition organisation where the situation relating to the result of the 8th WCCT was discussed.

- 8.2 Thomas Maeder mentioned the 200-year jubilee of the Zürich Chess Society which was celebrated with great publicity and accompanied by the publication of a representative 570-page jubilee book by Richard Forster.
- 8.3 Peter Bakker indicated that the Dutch problemists have difficulties in producing *Probleemblad*, and that a future fully digital publication is presently under consideration.
- 8.4 Georgy Evseev reported to the Commission about a new solving tournament which was organised by Andrey Selivanov in Moscow on the occasion of an over-the-board tourney. It lasted 2 days, each with 12 problems, and had a prize fund of \$5000. The event will be repeated in February 2010.
- 8.5 Bedrich Formanek referred to a Slovak festival in summer 2008, organised by Peter Gvozdjak, in which 29 composers from 8 countries took part. A highlight of the event was 16 lectures by very competent composers. The results, and most of the lectures, are available on the internet. A repetition is intended in 2010.

Hannu Harkola regretted that the Slovak language is difficult to understand for many international readers and suggested the addition of at least English summaries to the full texts.

- 8.6 Bernd Ellinghoven mentioned several chess composition activities during the Dresden Chess Olympiad, e.g. a chess/mathematics symposium organised by the Technical University of Dresden. The Olympic composing tourney organised by *Die Schwalbe* was a very big success.
- 8.7 Yevgen Reytsen reported to the Commission that on January 4th the international day of chess composition was celebrated in Dnepropetrovsk. A new magazine, including a Marandyuk tourney and an article about John Roycroft, was published.
- 8.8 Indrek Aunver held the ISC, a very good problem chess activity for the development of chess problem activities in Estonia because it is attractive for new solvers.
- 8.9 Bjorn Enemark mentioned that the Danish magazine *Problem-Skak*, which replaced the former *Thema Danicum*, has so far published 7 issues and is going on. The Toft collection is now in the manuscript collection of the national library, which is presently considering its unpacking.
- 8.10 Mike Prcic announced that a meeting of the Good Companions would take place 2 weeks after this meeting. It would be the first national meeting of US problemists for many years.
- 8.11 Marjan Kovačević mentioned various activities of *MatPlus*, which includes both the magazine and an internet forum. He regretted that the PCCC part of the *MatPlus* website has not been used since 2007.

9. Reports and Discussion

9.1 *Report on the International Solving Contest 2009*

Axel Steinbrink reported to the Commission about the ISC which took place on 25.01.2009 under his direction and attracted a total of 375 solvers, i.e. 52 more than in 2008. 27 countries participated and 34 tournaments were run in parallel; the largest one took place in Serbia with 55 solvers. The contest was won by Piotr Murdzia (Poland), second Georgy Evseev (Russia) and third John Nunn (Great Britain). The event would be repeated in January 2010, to be directed by Peter Bakker (Netherlands). The President thanked Axel Steinbrink for his work during recent years and welcomed the new director.

David Gurgenzidze repeated his suggestion of last year to undertake special efforts for young solvers and women solvers and to award diplomas to successful solvers in these categories as an incentive for further participation. Axel Steinbrink replied that this could not be done this time because he had not received all the relevant data (years of birth) and he observed that the director depends on the information he receives from the local organisers.

9.2 *ECSC 2009 & 2010*

On behalf of the tournament director, Marko Klasinc informed the Commission about the European Solving Championship in Subotica, Serbia which took place from 06.-10.05.2009. 16 teams from 14 countries participated (80 solvers). The winning team was Poland, 2.Russia and 3.Serbia, the individual winner was Piotr Murdzia (Poland), with runners-up 2.Georgy Evseev (Russia) and 3.Michal Dragoun (Czech Republic). A junior competition with 14 solvers was also organised, and won by Kacper Piorun (Poland), 2.Evgeny Viktorov, 3.Andrey Petrov (both Russia), as well as an open solving competition which attracted 82 participants.

The President had also attended the meeting and confirmed that it was a very well organised event. He expressed his thanks to the ECSC director Pavel Kamenik and the Serbian organisers.

Paul Valois presented a proposal to organise the ECSC 2010 in Sunningdale, Great Britain, during the weekend of 09.-12.04.2010. The proposal was unanimously accepted by the Commission.

9.3 *8th WCCT*

Following the Slovak protest against last year's decision to confirm the preliminary results of the 8th WCCT, and in view of the arguments presented in its support, the President suggested that the opportunity be given for a mutual agreement between the parties involved, i.e. Russia and Slovakia. As no compromise between these parties could be reached, the matter had to be taken up by the Commission.

Bedrich Formánek explained the situation and emphasised that any possible rectification of the results would lead to the same result; therefore, anonymity of judging was not relevant in this particular case. He pointed out that the Slovak proposal did not insist on changing the name of the winner but that some kind of "gentlemen's agreement" should be found. He admired Russian achievements in composition and did not intend to attack Russian

successes, but he felt that an injustice had taken place against the Slovak composers on this particular occasion.

After a short discussion, Marko Klasinc raised the question whether the Commission was willing to reopen the case. Uri Avner accepted this point and asked if delegates believed that there were good new grounds for continuing the discussion. If not, then the decision of Jurmala would be maintained. In a vote, 5 members were in favour of continuing the discussion, 7 were against and 11 abstained. The President said that, although this decision had now been made, he understood Slovak feelings. Hannu Harkola observed that a similar situation had occurred in the 1st preliminary WCCT where a Finnish entry was erroneously rejected and the result was the same as now.

9.4 **WCCT** (Spokesman Uri Avner)

Uri Avner reported to the Commission that Harry Fougiaxis had agreed to act as the director of the 9th WCCT. However first the themes for the next WCCT must be selected. Presently, there were not enough proposed themes to start the WCCT at once. He invited everyone to send him theme proposals. It was agreed that editors of problem magazines should be asked to publish a request for submitting theme proposals by 15.04.2010. The selection of the themes could then be prepared via internet connection between the members of the subcommittee.

The spokesman indicated that some countries want a longer interval between successive tournaments, but others prefer shorter periods. It should therefore be decided by the Commission whether preparations for the 9th WCCT should start before the next meeting or whether it was better to wait. After a short discussion, the Commission decided by a vast majority to go on immediately, with only 2 members in favour of waiting.

9.5 **WCCI**

Spokesman Marjan Kovačević reported to the Commission that the subcommittee considered it important not to interrupt the WCCI series before a decision possibly to revise the system had been made. The WCCI 2007-09 should therefore be announced as soon as possible. Mike Prcic had agreed to be its director, the preliminary time schedule was as follows: 1.11.09 Announcement; 1.1.10 Final selection of judges; 1.7.10 Closing date for entries; Judges should receive the entries by 1.9.10; 1.3.11 Deadline for judges; 1.4.11 Reconsideration by judges and director; 1.6.11 Preliminary results available on the internet; 1.7.11 Final result. If that schedule were met, a booklet with the final results could be available at the 2011 meeting.

The President announced that the booklet with the final results of the previous WCCI would presumably, as promised by the director, Mr Hertz, be available by the end of 2009.

9.6 **Solving** (Spokesman Marko Klasinc)

World Chess Solving Championship. Director Axel Steinbrink announced the results of the 33rd WCSC, Rio de Janeiro:

Team: 1. Poland 159,5 pts. 2. Germany 148 pts. 3. Russia 147 pts. 4. Serbia 141 pts. 5. France 134 pts. 6. Netherlands 132,5 pts. etc. (24 teams)

Individual: 1. Piotr Murdzia (Poland) 89 pts. 2. Georgy Evseev (Russia) 81 pts. 3. Arno Zude (Germany) 78 pts. 4. Vladimir Podinic (Serbia) 72 pts./346 min. 5. Dolf Wissmann (Netherlands) 72 pts./359 6. Michel Caillaud (France) 70,5 pts. etc. (52 solvers).

A change to the rating calculation rules suggested by the Solving Committee, to avoid inflation, was accepted: ratings less than 1.600 would not be rounded to 1.600 anymore.

Spokesman Marko Klasinc reported on a database including problems from solving tournaments since 1990, being prepared by Luc Palmans. The author expects the full version to be ready by the beginning of 2010. At the moment it includes around 3.000 problems, whereas the full version is expected to contain about 10.000. The Spokesman advised all directors of solving tournaments to consult Luc Palmans and send him the relevant material used by them (as well as help him filling gaps from earlier periods).

9.7 **FIDE Album** (Spokesman Kjell Widlert)

FIDE Album 1998-2000. Kjell Widlert informed the Commission about the recent publication of the Annex, which is not an official publication.

FIDE Album 2001-03. This Album should have been available by now. Unfortunately, because of private circumstances, the editor could not finish the work as planned. It was now assumed that the work would be finished by the end of the year and the album printed by the end of February 2010.

FIDE Album 2004-06. Two sections were finished and most of the remaining sections would presumably be ready by the end of 2009 or early 2010. The editing work would start in early 2010, i.e. directly after the completion of the previous album.

FIDE Album 2007-09. This album would be announced in early 2010. A provisional list of directors and judges had been prepared by the subcommittee. A preliminary time schedule had been set up: 1.1.10 Announcement; by 1.4.10 Publication of the announcement in magazines; 1.10.10 Closing date for entries; 1.2.11 Judges to have the entries; 1.11.11 Judges should finish their work.

Album selection proposals: The spokesman reminded the Commission that last year it recommended the acceptance of the Israeli proposal with the modification that 20% instead of 21% of the entries with at least 5 points should be selected for the album. In the ensuing discussion, advantages and disadvantages of the various proposals were considered. Finally, the proposal was rejected in a vote (8 in favour, 11 against, 6 abstentions). This means that the system applied for the album 2004-06 will also apply for the coming album.

9.8 **Qualifications** (Spokesman Hannu Harkola)

The subcommittee, on the basis of the preliminary results of the FIDE-Album 2004-06, proposed the award of the following chess composition titles.

The title of *Grandmaster for Chess Composition:* Uri Avner (Israel) and Andrey Selivanov (Russia).

The title of *International Master for Chess Composition:* Andrey Frolkin (Ukraine).

The title of *FIDE Master for Chess Composition:* Valeri Kirillov (Russia), Andrey Kornilov (Ukraine), Frank Richter (Germany), Michael Schreckenbach (Germany), Alexandr

Semenenko (Ukraine), Boris Shorokhov (Russia), Arno Tüngler (Germany) and Marko Ylijoki (Finland).

The following titles for solvers were proposed by the subcommittee:

The title of *International Grandmaster for Solving*: Eddy van Beers (Belgium) and Vladimir Podinic (Serbia).

The title of *FIDE Solving Master*: Piotr Gorski (Poland), Kacper Piorun (Poland) and Aleksey Solovchuk (Ukraine).

The title of *International Judge for Chess Composition* was awarded to Michal Hlinka (Slovakia) and Ilham Aliev (Azerbaijan), both for the studies section.

All these titles were unanimously awarded by the Commission.

9.9 **Computer Matters** (Spokesman Thomas Maeder)

The spokesman reported to the Commission about two items which were discussed in a joint meeting of the computer and the album subcommittees:

a) data warehouse;

b) online entries for the next FIDE album, i.e. the proposal by Ilja Ketris concerning the electronic submission of FIDE album entries.

a) The data warehouse in its present form (as outlined in the Annex) is not an actual proposal but rather intended as a basis for discussion. It suggests in essence that publishers of chess compositions should enter all new compositions into a database which would be available online. Any kind of selection of compositions from such a database, including the submission of entries to FIDE album, could be made by reference to the database. It should be explored in the problem world whether publishers would be willing to submit compositions to the warehouse.

b) For the next album (2007-09), the warehouse would not yet be in place for submitting problems. It was intended to provide a provisional possibility of electronic filing in due time, i.e. before the announcement of the Album 2007-09.

9.10 **Studies** (Spokesman John Roycroft)

The Subcommittee selected the *Study of the Year* for 2008. It went to Kalandadze, 1st Special Prize Nona-JT 2008. Delegates were encouraged to publicise this study as widely as possible.

9.11 **Codex** (Spokesman Kjell Widlert)

K. Widlert reported to the Commission that the subcommittee had discussed the joint proposal submitted by Germany, Sweden and France concerning a clarification of Article 16(3), last sentence, which filled a gap overseen in last year's amendment and discovered by V. Liskovets.

The Commission voted in favour of the subcommittee's proposal to accept this amendment of Article 16 (21 in favour, 1 abstention, 0 against). Article 16 now reads as follows:

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. If in the case of mutual dependency of castling rights a solution is not possible according to the PRA convention, then the Retro-Strategy (RS) convention should be applied: whichever castling is executed first is deemed to be permissible.*

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

10. Transition of the PCCC into an independent organisation

10.1 The President gave a summary of the events of February and March 2009:

FIDE had decided to change their Commission structure which, *inter alia*, resulted in the finding of FIDE that the PCCC was an independent organisation. This was also explicitly expressed by the FIDE General Secretary in a communication to the PCCC Presidium. Within FIDE, chess composition was now treated as a “Special Project” headed by an “Advisor”, responsible for the liaison between FIDE and the PCCC. The FIDE President had nominated Andrey Selivanov as Advisor.

The new situation was discussed during the Bratislava Presidium meeting; thereafter the delegates were informed via email. In particular, the members were asked whether they wished to continue with membership in the (formally new) independent organisation. The President reported to the Commission that a large majority of members expressed their wish to continue, and not a single member objected to further membership.

10.2 As the present name of the organisation “Permanent Commission of the FIDE for Chess Composition” is contradictory to the changed situation, the Presidium proposed “International Chess Composition Union (ICCU)” as a new name. A draft for amended Statutes was also prepared, and it was stressed that the new organisation should seek close relations with FIDE, preferably as an affiliated organisation, similar to the International Correspondence Chess Federation (ICCF).

10.3 In the ensuing discussion, Georgy Evseev observed that the reorganisation of the Commissions within FIDE was a project which had been in preparation for more than two years and he said that the Presidium should have known about the development at an earlier stage instead of being surprised about the unexpected development. The President replied that the intention to reorganise the Commissions was generally known but as no details were available the FIDE decision was in fact unexpected.

In various contributions from delegates, the view was generally expressed that close relations with FIDE should be maintained and that a suitable form for such relations should be found.

- 10.4 Andrey Selivanov said that the Commission itself was responsible for the FIDE decision. He considered the Statutes of the PCCC as the main reason for the present situation. Whereas all other Commissions within FIDE have a chairman nominated by the FIDE President, the PCCC structure with an elected Presidium did not fit into FIDE.
- 10.5 After a break, the discussion concentrated on whether a decision should be taken at once or next year after further preparatory work. Hannu Harkola reminded the Commission that a decision must be taken at once because otherwise there would be no legal basis at all for further activities. He agreed that many details and even principles in the Statutes might be changed in future, but argued that the proposed amended Statutes, which merely reflect a technical transfer related to the changed situation, should be accepted at once.
- 10.6 In a first vote, the Commission decided on the name of the organisation. The proposed name “International Chess Composition Union (ICCU)” received 17 votes in favour, 5 against and 4 abstentions. As the decision required a two-thirds majority, the proposal was rejected. After the decision, Mike Prcic declared that he had voted against the proposal because he considered the semantics to be incorrect.
- 10.7 Subsequently, the President proposed the name “International Chess Composition Association (ICCA)”. This was also rejected in a second vote (17 in favour, 3 against, 6 abstentions).
- 10.8 Statutes: Thomas Maeder proposed a vote on the new Statutes even without the new name, which could be inserted once it was decided upon. Georgy Evseev said that Russia could accept the new Statutes only if a working group to redraft them were immediately established. Bjorn Enemark suggested the introduction of a time limit to the provisional Statutes. This was generally agreed and the Commission voted on the proposed Statutes, which should be valid until the end of 2010 – with the proviso of the undecided name. The provisional Statutes were accepted (19 in favour, 1 against, 6 abstentions).
- 10.9 It was then discussed how and in which form a working group for a revision of the Statutes should be established. In a vote, the Commission decided with 25 votes in favour to establish a Special Statutes Committee.

The Presidium suggested having 6 members on the Special Statutes Committee.

Mike Prcic presented a list of six persons as candidates: Klaus Wenda, Roberto Stelling, Thomas Maeder, Marjan Kovačević, Marko Klasinc and Georgy Evseev. After a discussion of possible alternatives and other candidates, Marko Klasinc was replaced by Hannu Harkola and the Special Statutes Committee was generally accepted without a vote.

11. Future meetings

2010: Because of unforeseen personal circumstances, Denis Blondel had to withdraw his last year’s proposal to organise the 2010 Congress in Rouen, France. There were new proposals by Greece to organise the meeting in October 2010 on the island of Crete (Hersonissos/Heraklio) and by Russia (St Petersburg). In a vote, the Commission decided to accept the Greek offer (17 in favour of Greece, 7 for Russia, 1 abstention).

A suggestion that the 2011 meeting be organised in Japan was presented by Tadashi Wakashima. Although there was no detailed proposal, the city of Kobe was considered as a suitable venue. Russia also indicated that it might propose the organisation of the meeting in 2011 in St Petersburg or in Ekaterinburg. The Commission took note of the proposals but no decision was taken.

12. Other business

- 12.1 Marco Bonavoglia presented to the Commission a PCCC account paper which indicated the use of the funds awarded by FIDE. Uri Avner explained that he had decided to make transparent the receipt and spending of the funds. A short discussion followed during which Peter Bakker said that it would be good to prepare a budget plan and to compare expenses with the plan. The President reminded the Commission that this would be possible only if we knew in advance that and how much money would be available.
- 12.2 The President informed the Commission about a meeting with FIDE Vice President Andrey Selivanov which took place in Rio de Janeiro on the evening of 12.10.2009 in the presence of Mark Erenburg as translator. During this meeting, Andrey Selivanov offered some kind of deal between FIDE and the Commission. According to this proposal, FIDE promised to accept the titles granted by the Commission, and a personal nomination of Uri Avner as president of the PCCC by the FIDE President was also envisaged.

The President rejected these proposals and insisted on the democratic structure of the Commission as defined by its Statutes.

Georgy Evseev said that he received absolutely different information from Andrey Selivanov after the meeting. The President insisted on his version and mentioned Mark Erenburg as a witness to this.

- 12.3 The President, assisted by David Gurgenzidze, presented a certificate to John Roycroft on the occasion of his 80th birthday, in recognition of his life-long engagement in the promotion and publicising of chess studies.

13. Conclusions

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

December 31st, 2009

Uri Avner (President)
Günter Büsing (Secretary)

Survey regarding a chess composition data warehouse
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In reaction to the proposal "Introduction of a Chess Composition Data Warehouse to facilitate FIDE Album procedures", the Subcommittee for Computer Matters is carrying out the following survey.

1. Principles of the data warehouse

A data warehouse (online collection for chess compositions) is planned with the following principles:

- Goal: to contain (virtually) all newly published compositions
- Data collection: publishers (magazine editors, tourney organisers, ...) enter the compositions which they publish in their magazines, tourneys, ...
- Selection of Album entries: Album entries are submitted from the data warehouse; only compositions published in publications (magazines, formal tourneys, ...) whose compositions have been entered into the data warehouse are eligible for inclusion in Albums

2. Primary benefits

The primary benefits of such a data warehouse are that it enables or simplifies:

- the search for anticipations
- research into problems for articles
- the Album entry submission process (as described above)

3. Additional benefits

Possible extensions to the actual data warehouse could provide additional benefits, such as:

- online testing for correctness (of problems in not too many moves)
- production quality reports (for direct inclusion in magazines)
- any other usage of a freely accessible online collection of chess compositions

4. Survey

In order for the Subcommittee for Computer Matters to be able to continue its discussions on this project, the general opinion of persons concerned is needed. The delegates of our commission are therefore invited to inform problemists from their countries about this project and to inform the Subcommittee of their general opinion about it.

In particular, answers to the following questions are of interest:

1. Are publishers prepared to enter the problems they publish into the data warehouse?

2. Is it acceptable to restrict Album submission to compositions entered into the warehouse?

Any other comments regarding the project are welcome as well.

Delegates are kindly asked to send their responses to the Subcommittee's spokesman (maeder@glue.ch), preferably before July 1st, 2010.

Berne, November 1st, 2009
Thomas Maeder