

World Federation for Chess Composition (WFCC)

(formerly PCCC/ICCU)

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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
Ilham Aliev	Azerbaijan	Delegate
Luc Palmans	Belgium	Delegate
Fadil Abdurahmanović	Bosnia-Herzegovina	Delegate
Roberto Stelling	Brazil	Delegate
Diyan Kostadinov	Bulgaria	Deputy
Zvonimir HERNITZ	Croatia	Delegate
František Sabol	Czech Republic	Delegate
Bjørn Enemark	Denmark	Delegate
Axel Gilbert	France	Delegate
David Gurgenidze	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
Vilimantas Satkus	Lithuania	Deputy
Nikola Stolev	Macedonia	Delegate
Henk le Grand	Netherlands	Delegate
Piotr Górski	Poland	Deputy
Dion-Ioan Nicula	Romania	Delegate
Georgy Evseev	Russia	Delegate
Marjan Kovačević	Serbia	Delegate
Juraj Lörinc	Slovakia	Deputy
Thomas Maeder	Switzerland	Delegate
Valery Kopyl	Ukraine	Delegate
Mike Prcic	USA	Delegate
Yakov Vladimirov	Russia	Honorary Member

New delegates/deputies are Ilham Aliev, Diyan Kostadinov, František Sabol, Axel Gilbert, Vilimantas Satkus, Nikola Stolev, Piotr Górski, Juraj Lörinc and Valery Kopyl. The following countries were not represented: Argentina, Austria, Belarus, Estonia, Hungary, Kazakhstan, Moldova, Mongolia, and Spain.

Other persons who contributed actively included: Nikos Kalesis, Spyros Kalesis (organisation), Axel Steinbrink, Marco Bonavoglia, Brian Stephenson, Ward Stoffelen, (Open Solving and WCSC), Ioannis Garoufalidis (other solving events), Andrey Frolkin (translation into Russian for fairy solving) Chris Feather, Živko Janevski, Christopher Reeves (composing tourneys), Kostas Prentos, Diane Barnard (bulletin) Michal Dragoun, Vasil Dyachuk, Paz Einat, Marcel van Herck, Marek Kolčák, Piotr Murdzia, Mario Parrinello, Oleg Pervakov, Hans Peter Rehm and Andrey Selivanov (committee or working group members and contributors).

1. Opening Address

President Uri Avner opened the meeting and welcomed delegates and observers. He thanked Harry Fougiaxis and the Greek Problem friends for organising the Congress.

2. Tributes

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

Attila Benedek (HUN)	4.3.1921 - 2.2.2010
Yuri Kapitonovič Blednov (RUS)	1925 - 2010
Sonomun Čhimedtseren (MGL)	2.7.1932 - 23.10.2009
Herbert Engel (GER)	26.12.1927 - 26.4.2010
Julien Guisle (FRA)	2.11.1910 - 9.6.2010
Albert Grigoryan Abramovich (ARM)	20.12.1925 - 2009
Isaak Kavratsky (UKR/USA)	31.1.1911 - 29.11.2009
Nikolai Kosolapov Jakovlevič (RUS)	27.2.1934 - 2009
Andrej Jakovlevič Lobusow (RUS)	17.6.1951 - 13.7.2010
Robin Matthews (GBR)	16.6.1927 - 19.6.2010
Ijja Lvovič Schulman (RUS)	10.1.1935 - 4.1.2010
Gennadi Zgerski (RUS)	1964 - 2010
Oleksandr Skrinnik Petrovič (UKR)	27.06.1956 - 14.11.2009
Vasili Vasilyevich Smyslow (RUS)	24.3.1921 - 27.3.2010
Carl-Erik Spåre (FIN)	5.10.1945 - 4.2.2010
Theodor Steudel (GER)	4.7.1928 - 10.11.2009
Heinrich Bernleitner (AUT)	30.4.1937 - 16.1.2010
Franzisko Benkö (GER-born, later ARG)	24.6.1910 - 11.1.2010
Franz Felber (AUT)	14.12.1925 - 15.5.2010
Denys Bonner (GBR)	29.9.1919 - 3.10.2009
Ruud Beugelsdijk (NED)	31.10.1957 - 1.11.2009
Dzhemal Makhatadze (GEO)	1935 – 22.12.2009
Radoslav Tatović (SRB)	19.12.1947 - 18.6.2009
Borislav-(Bota) Stojanović (SRB)	2.6.1933 - 5.1.2010
Boško Nikić (SRB)	15.6.1934 - 8.5.2010
Živa Tomić (SRB)	17.1.1912 - 21.5.2010
Manne Persson (SWE)	29.03.1918 - 17.9.2010

During the week, Paul Valois further informed the delegates that Luciano Citeroni (GBR) had died on 18.10.2010.

3. Verification of Attendance and Voting Rights

At the beginning of the sessions, 30 member countries out of 40 were represented. The meeting was declared legal. One further delegate arrived after the opening session.

4. Approval of the Rio Minutes 2009

The Minutes of the 2009 meeting were approved without amendment.

5. Membership of the Standing Committees

1. WCCT U. Avner Spokesman

b. ellinghoven, G. Evseev, H. Fougiaxis, K. Widlert (new), H. P. Rehm (new), V. Kopyl (new), M. Kovačević (new), V. Dyachuk (new)

2. WCCI M. Kovačević 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, L. Palmans, A. Steinbrink

4. FIDE Album K. Widlert Spokesman

U. Avner, b. ellinghoven, P. Einat, A. Selivanov, H. Fougiaxis, H. Harkola (new)

5. Qualifications H. Harkola Spokesman

B. Enemark, L. Palmans, D.-I. Nicula, M. Bonavoglia

6. Computer Matters T. Maeder Spokesman

B. Enemark, I. Ketris, H. le Grand, B. Stephenson, R. Stelling, K. Widlert

7. Studies [N.N.] Spokesman

D. Gurgenidze, O. Pervakov, M. van Herck, I. Aliev (new)

8. Codex K. Widlert Spokesman

J. Vladimirov, M. Caillaud

9. Judging [N.N.] Spokesman

U. Avner

10. Terminology [N.N.] Spokesman

M. Dragoun, I. Ketris

As there was no business during this meeting for the Codex, Judging and Terminology committees, absent members for these committees were not replaced.

6. Notification of Proposals, and Business carried forward

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

Finalizing PCCC transition to an independent organization	Plenum
9 th WCCT (rules, themes)	WCCT
Applying for titles	Qualifications
New composition title	Qualifications
Feoktistov's letter related to album 2004-06	Album

7. Brief Reports on activities during 2009-10

Due to lack of time, this topic was not dealt with, except for a short remark by Georgy Evseev who mentioned that the FIDE World Cup for composing and solving had been organized in Russia. He suggested that the Assembly should consider the organisation of similar events in future.

8. Reports and Discussion

8.1 Solving Committee

Marko Klasinc reported to the Assembly that the committee proposed some changes in the definition of solver's ratings (cf. 8.1a, below), in the harmonization of the WCSC/ECSC Rules (cf. 8.1.b, below) and in the organization of the International Solving Contest (ISC).

8.1.a Solver's rating:

The Assembly accepted the following changes in the definition of solver's ratings:

- Numerical value of solver's rating is specifically defined as an integer value;
- If a tournament starts in one period of rating list and is finished in another period, the starting ratings of solvers are taken from the rating list valid at the start of the tournament, but the tournament is included in the period when it is finished;
- If different tables are produced for the same tournament (e.g. an extra table for juniors) ratings are calculated only for the main tournament.

8.1.b Harmonization of the WCSC/ECSC Rules

The spokesman said that these changes were in preparation for some years already. Solvers and directors were also included in the preparation of changes. The members of the committee agreed with all changes, the most important of which were indicated by the Spokesman who further informed the Assembly that the Rules will also be linguistically corrected.

- The most important change is the number of participants who are entitled to compete officially. No unofficial solvers will be allowed to compete in the future.
- One team from each country (max 3 solvers at WCSC, 4 at ECSC) + 1 extra solver + 2 solvers from the special categories (juniors up to 23, women, seniors from 60). In this connection Senior's Championship is added to Junior's/Women's with the same requirement (at least 10 solvers from at least 7 countries).
- The organizing country may compete with one additional team.
- For the ECSC it should be allowed that a country which is represented with only two solvers may also compete as a team; for the team result the result of the third member is zero points and full time in all rounds.
- The Director may not be a member of the jury for which three neutral persons are nominated.

- Some details are also updated to improve the clarity of the Rules and to help directors at their work.

The proposal (8.1.b) was accepted by the Assembly.

A further proposal by the committee regarding the admission of the three (not otherwise qualified/nominated) best solvers from the Open Solving competition as participants in the WCSC was not included into the Rules and not finally discussed in the Assembly.

- 8.1.c** Following a suggestion of Marjan Kovačević the committee proposed that the results of the ISC should be published as *unofficial* immediately after the central controller receives the results from the local controllers, and before re-checking the solutions. The proposal was generally accepted (no vote) by the Assembly.
- 8.1.d** The Spokesman further informed the Assembly about progress in Luc Palman's database with problems and results of all solving tournaments. Till now he included about 4000 problems. He will propose some possible solutions for publishing the database and how to make it public including the possibility of updating it directly by directors of solving tournaments.
- 8.1.e** Finally, the Spokesman said that the committee supports the suggestion that the prize giving ceremony for the WCSC should be organized earlier than at the Friday closing banquet. It happens now that some solvers who come only for solving are forced to stay one or two additional days or cannot receive their prizes/medals. Paul Valois suggested to give prizes/medals individually to people just before their early departure. No formal decision was taken because the spokesman indicated that these are only recommendations for future organizers.

8.2 Report on the International Solving Contest 2010

Axel Steinbrink reported to the Assembly about the 6th ISC which took place on 24.01.2010 under the direction of Peter Bakker who, for personal reasons, could not finish the work and was later replaced as central controller by Axel Steinbrink. The 6th ISC attracted a total of 281 solvers. 28 countries participated and 31 tournaments were run in parallel. The contest was won by Eddy van Beers (Belgium), ahead of Miodrag Mladenović (Serbia) and Aleksandr Azhusin (Russia). The 7th ISC will take place on January 23, 2011, again directed by Axel Steinbrink. The President thanked Axel Steinbrink for his work.

8.3 European Chess Solving Championship (ECSC)

Paul Valois reported to the Assembly about the ECSC 2010 in Sunningdale, Great Britain, which took place during the weekend from 9.-12.04.2010. He apologized for the impossibility of the Russian team to participate, due to visa problems. 13 teams took part in the championship which was won by Great Britain (204.5 points) ahead of Poland (202) and Serbia (192). The individual contest was won by John Nunn (Great Britain, 80.5 points), ahead of Piotr Murdzia (Poland, 77) and Eddy van Beers (Belgium, 76.25). 5 juniors took part, the most successful were Kacper Piorun (72.5 points) and Piotr Górski (52.75), both from Poland.

For the next ECSC (2011), invitations were presented by Israel and Poland. In a vote, the Assembly decided to accept the Polish offer (15 votes for Poland, 7 for Israel, 8 abstentions).

8.4 World Chess Solving Championship (WCSC) 2010

Director Axel Steinbrink announced the results of the 34th WCSC, Hersonissos:

Team: 1. Poland 159.5 pts. 2. Russia 147 pts. 3. Germany 148 pts. 4. Serbia 141 pts. 5. France 134 pts. 6. Netherlands 132.5 pts. etc. (20 teams)

Individual: 1. John Nunn (Great Britain), 71 pts., 2. Piotr Murdzia (Poland) 69.5pts. 3. Michael Pfankuche (Germany) 64 pts. 4. Georgy Evseev (Russia) 63.5 pts., 5. Eddy van Beers (Belgium) 61.5pts./349 min, 6. Andrey Selivanov (Russia) 61.5 pts./353 min, 7. Bojan Vučković (Serbia) 61.5 pts./354 min, 8. Valery Kopyl (Ukraine) 61 pts. etc. (71 solvers).

8.5 WCCT Committee

8.5a Spokesman Uri Avner reported to the Assembly about the preparatory work for the 9th WCCT. Many theme proposals were received, and the themes for all but one of the sections have been selected. However, some additional work in the last section needs some more time. The intention is to publish the announcement on the internet and send it by email to the delegates. The committee considers that it is not necessary to have a printed announcement.

The judging countries for the WCCT were also selected.

8.5b The various proposals for changing the WCCT Rules (by Israel, Russia and Serbia) were discussed. During this discussion, Kjell Widlert took the chair because the President was personally involved in one of the proposals.

Kjell Widlert reported to the Assembly that the committee was of the opinion that the Serbian proposal was not worked out in detail so that it could not form the basis of the next WCCT. The majority of the committee (7 in favour, 1 abstention) was of the opinion to apply the Russian proposal for the next WCCT. This proposal was modified by replacing the word “published” in point 18 by “mentioned”. Uri Avner indicated that he was the one who abstained because he disagreed with the elimination of the highest and lowest scores. He said that it would be a mistake to disregard the decision of judges who spent a lot of effort in the preparation of their awards; he particularly objected to the removal of the highest score. He said that no serious justification was given for this elimination and drew attention to the undesirable consequences this elimination might have on the judging process and the actual scores given by judges. In the ensuing discussion, Juraj Lörinc remarked that only single scores of an individual judge are disregarded, not the whole judgement. He also suggested to count points for the two highest placed problems in any case (not just one if that country has no top 20 score). Finally, the chairman asked whether the Assembly generally agrees to accept the Russian proposal and, if so, afterwards discuss possible amendments thereof. A raising of hands showed a clear majority in favour of the Russian proposal.

With regard to amendments, Georgy Evseev said that the Russian proposal must be seen as a whole which is either accepted or refused. However, he agreed to accept two problems per country considered for the team result (as proposed by Juraj Lörinc) and also to state that the minimum score for an entry should be 0.5 points except for very specific reasons.

Taking into account these modifications, the Russian proposal was accepted by the Assembly (23 in favour, 2 against, 3 abstentions).

A further proposal by Hannu Harkola to change the scoring system from 0.5 to 0.1 point intervals was not accepted by the Assembly (8 in favour, 11 against, 7 abstentions).

The chairman indicated that the proposal of Israel contained several points which are independent from the system generally applied. Among these is the obligation for the judges to give comments on the individual problems to be judged. The committee strongly recommends such a procedure. After discussion, the Assembly accepted in a vote (15 in favour, 2 against and 10 abstentions) to request comments of the judges in all cases where they give 0 points and to strongly recommend comments for the other scores.

A further question was whether the comments of the judging countries should be sent to the other judging countries before the final judgement is made. The committee recommended not to support this proposal and the Assembly accepted this recommendation (23 in favour, 1 against, 3 abstentions).

Finally, a question remained whether the points given by the judging countries should be given to the other judging countries. The committee was divided in this question (4:4) and gave no recommendation. After a short discussion, this part of Israel's proposal was withdrawn by Uri Avner.

8.6 WCCI Committee

The director of the current WCCI 2007-09, Mike Prcic, reported to the Assembly that the tourney is right on schedule. Two previously nominated judges had to be replaced, the entries are presently with the judges and it is expected to receive the judgements by March 1, 2011. Results should then be available on internet by June 2011.

Spokesman Marjan Kovačević, who was involved in the selection of the judges, indicated that some judges refuse to do so much work. We should concentrate on fewer tourneys to avoid overload, in particular because the actual number of available judges is not very large.

Zvonimir HERNITZ, the director of the previous WCCI, distributed the booklet with the final results of the WCCI 2004-06.

8.7 FIDE Album Committee

Spokesman Kjell Widlert reported to the Assembly that the electronic submission of entries might still be possible for the running album 2007-09. If possible, a modified announcement will be made by the end of 2010. The idea is to fill in a form on a website from which entries go directly into a database kept by Ilja Ketris. The section directors will then get access to the entries of their section at the closing date. It is also under consideration whether entries by email would be acceptable.

FIDE Album 2001-03. This Album was expected to be published during this congress. Bernd ellinghoven said that the album was ready to print but he needed a few more weeks to finish the work. The album will contain about 700 pages and the price is 50 EUR.

FIDE Album 2004-06. Judging for this album is almost finished; only some finalising work has to be done in the moremovers and studies sections. The editor Denis Blondel is already working on the finalized sections.

The Assembly discussed an issue in the moremovers section where two entries from the 7th WCCT had been received which were not sent to the previous album (cf. letter by Feoktistov). In a vote (18 in favour, 2 against, 9 abstentions), it was decided to accept these entries for the album 2004-06. It was further decided (6 in favour, 11 against, 12 abstentions) that the other section directors should not be contacted and asked whether similar situations also occurred in other sections.

FIDE Album 2007-09. This album was announced in 2010 with a delay of about 5 months behind the original planning. Entries can be submitted to the directors until March 1, 2011.

8.8 Qualifications Committee

8.8.a Award of titles

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

The title of *Grandmaster for Chess Compositions*: Reto Aschwanden (Switzerland; 85,91 Album points), Wieland Bruch (Germany; 73,67), Vasil Dyachuk (Ukraine, 92,86), Camillo Gamnitzer (Austria, 86,50), Matti Myllyniemi (Finland, deceased, 70,33), Marcel Tribowski (Germany, 70,00), Milan Velimirović (Serbia, 75,17) and Klaus Wenda (Austria, 71,75).
The title of *International Master for Chess Compositions*: Christer Jonsson (Sweden, 25,00), Marek Kwiatkowski (Poland, 25,66), Thierry le Gleuher (France, 27,50), Juraj Lörinc (Slovakia, 33,50), Jurij Marker (Russian Federation, 25,08), Alexandr Postnikov (Ukraine, 26,83), Francesco Simoni (Italy, 27,00) and Sven Trommler (Germany, 29,83).
The title of *FIDE Master for Chess Compositions*: Dmitri Baibikov (Israel, 14,00), Evgeni Bourd (Israel, 17,00), Evgeny Fomichev (Russia), 13,00, Arie Grinblat (Israel, 14,66), Lev Grolman (Russia, 13,17), Harri Hurme (Finland (12,83), Givi Mosiashvili (Georgia, 18,00), Vladislav Nefyodov (Russia, 17,50), Valery Semenenko (Ukraine, 12,33), Peter Sickinger (Germany, 12,00), Thomas Volet (USA, 12,83) and Menachem Witztum (Israel, 16,66)

The following titles for solvers were proposed by the committee:

The title of *International Solving Grandmaster*: Michal Dragoun (Czech Rep.)

The title of *International Solving Master*: Piotr Górski (Poland), Kacper Piorun (Poland), Evgeny Victorov (Russia)

The title of *FIDE Solving Master*: Evgeny Fomichev (Russian Fed.), Ramil Javadov (Azerbaijan), Evgeny Victorov (Russian Fed.)

The title of *International Judge for Chess Compositions* was proposed by the committee for Evgeny Fomichev (Russia, for 3#); Bernd Gräfrath (Germany, retro), Jiří Jelinek (Czech Rep., 3# and s#), Ľuboš Kekely (Slovakia, studies), Diyan Kostadinov (Bulgaria, s#), Václav Kotěšovec (Czech Rep., 2#, h#, fairies), Kostas Prentos (Greece, retro), Manfred Rittirsch (Germany, fairies), Alexandr Semenenko (Ukraine, h#), Valery Semenenko (Ukraine, h#), Sven Trommler (Germany, 2#, 3#, n#, h#) and Emil Vlasák (Czech Rep., studies).

All these titles were unanimously awarded by the Assembly.

- 8.8.b** The proposal of Israel to create a new composing title between Grandmaster and International Master was not supported by the committee and was rejected by the Assembly (vote: 1 in favour, 24 against, 2 abstentions).
The Finnish proposal to introduce an application procedure for the grant of composing titles was not recommended by the committee and was rejected by the Assembly (vote: 4 in favour, 17 against, 5 abstentions). After this vote, Hannu Harkola announced that he will not continue his work in the qualifications committee.

8.9 Computer Matters Committee

The spokesman Thomas Maeder reported to the Assembly about

- a) last year's proposal by Ilja Ketris concerning the electronic submission of FIDE album entries. Significant work has been done in the meantime but the system was not yet ready for announcing this possibility already for the album 2007-09. He indicated that it might be possible to install the system by the end of 2010.
- b) The data warehouse project was presented in the 2009 meeting, and delegates were invited to provide feedback. The Spokesman regretted that no reaction was received so far.

The President invited the delegates to participate in the project. He pointed out that Ilja Ketris had invested a lot of work in the project and that it was essential to have more feedback.

8.10 Studies Committee

David Gurgenzidze reported to the Assembly that the only matter discussed in the committee was the selection of the 9th WCCT theme. The selected theme, with some modifications, will be submitted to Uri Avner (Spokesman of the WCCT committee).

9. Transition of PCCC/ICCU into an independent organization

- 9.1** The special statutes committee had been established during the 2009 meeting with the task to present a proposal for new Statutes for decision during this year's congress. The President thanked the members of the working group for their work but regretted that their two proposals (working titles "Meeting", which is a complete proposal, and "Congress", which is a proposal yet to be elaborated) had been submitted only shortly before this meeting, such that the question arose whether the delegates needed more time to consider the matter or whether the draft "Meeting" could be discussed during this meeting. In a vote, the Assembly decided to treat the matter during this meeting (28 in favour, nobody against).
- 9.2** Thomas Maeder gave a detailed presentation of the draft "Meeting". In the ensuing discussion, some amendments were considered and, apart from some generally agreed minor editorial amendments, it was decided to have a Presidium of 4 members (16 in favour, 2 against, 10 abstentions) and to maintain a ranking of the Vice Presidents (1st, 2nd and 3rd Vice President; 17 in favour, 7 against, 4 abstentions). Clean copies of a correspondingly redrafted version of the draft was prepared for the next session.
- 9.3** Various proposals for the name of the new organization were discussed. A working group consisting of Axel Gilbert, Roberto Stelling and Paul Valois was established for making a proposal. During the following session, Roberto Stelling reported to the Assembly. He said

that the working group was aware that it would almost be impossible to make a selection which every delegate would be happy with. He emphasized that the name in itself was not of utmost importance but that it is essential to have one. He then said that the working group's proposal was to name the organization "World Federation for Chess Composition", abbreviated as "WFCC". In a vote, this proposal was accepted by the Assembly (22 in favour, 4 against, 2 abstentions).

9.4 Following this decision, the Assembly voted on the Statutes with the proviso to replace in the draft the provisional name by the new name WFCC. The new statutes (Annex 1 to these minutes) were accepted unanimously (29 in favour, nobody against, no abstentions).

9.5 The Assembly then voted on a "transition paper" proposed by the statutes working group which defines the transition of former PCCC / ICCU into WFCC. The paper (Annex 2) was accepted unanimously (29 in favour, nobody against, nobody abstained).

10. Elections

10.1 Presidium Elections

On the first day of the congress, a working group for organizing the presidium elections was formed and consisted of Michal Dragoun, Mario Parrinello and Günter Büsing. In a special election session chaired by Michal Dragoun on Thursday, October 21, the following new presidium was elected:

- a) President: Harry Fougiaxis (Greece)
- b) 1st Vice President: Hannu Harkola (Finland)
- c) 2nd Vice President: Georgy Evseev (Russia)
- d) 3rd Vice President: Thomas Maeder (Switzerland)

Newly elected President Harry Fougiaxis proposed that the Assembly should grant the title of Honorary President to Uri Avner in recognition of his long-lasting activities as delegate, Vice President and President. The proposal was accepted by acclamation.

10.2 Election of Auditors

Marco Bonavoglia was proposed as a candidate for auditor and was elected (26 in favour, 3 abstentions, nobody against). As a reserve auditor, Bjørn Enemark was elected (24 in favour, 4 abstentions, nobody against).

11. Financial report

Marco Bonavoglia presented a paper to the Assembly which indicated the use of the funds awarded by FIDE. He explained that the money was sent to the president, he himself only took the records.

Georgy Evseev criticized the form of the financial report, and he was not satisfied how the money was spent. He also opposed to the use of the funds for expenses of a presidium meeting.

Marjan Kovačević asked if the money from FIDE was for the President/Presidium or for the Assembly. He also asked why most of the money (6000 Euro) for 2010 was spent for the PCCC-50 tourney. Mike Prcic observed that if the money was given for the needs of the

President then he was not obliged to report to the Assembly about its use, but if it was given to the Assembly then this body should decide on it. The President described the development of the financial support from FIDE during the last years: During the previous presidencies, no support at all was obtained, only after the Dresden chess olympiad 2008 he received personal support which he, however, did not want to spend exclusively for his expenses. He also said that for the year 2010 a substantial amount of the support was specifically allocated to the PCCC-50 tourney.

Roberto Stelling reminded the Assembly to concentrate on the future. It was not so important to look back into the past but the Assembly should care how things are handled in future. Georgy Evseev suggested to set up a budget when requesting support from FIDE. Then, the use of the funds would be more transparent. The discussion ended without a decision being taken.

12. Future meetings

2011: There were invitations from Italy and Japan to organize the congress 2011 in Jesi (Italy) or Kobe (Japan), respectively. In a vote, the Assembly decided to accept the Italian offer (17 in favour of Italy, 11 for Japan, 1 abstention).

After the vote, Tadashi Wakashima indicated that he would present a new invitation to organize the 2012 meeting in Japan.

13. Any other business

Uri Avner reported to the delegates about the results of the PCCC 50th anniversary composing festival which was organized in 9 sections on a short-term basis and attracted 134 participants from 25 countries with a total of 277 compositions. The results were available and the prize-giving took place during the congress week.

Marjan Kovačević said that no composers from Serbia took part in this tourney because they considered it a strange event in view of the high prize fund and the short terms. The President regretted Serbia's reaction and said that he had received many positive reactions from others.

14. Conclusions

President Uri Avner thanked the delegates and the members and spokesmen of committees for their work during the week. He thanked the Greek organizers, headed by Harry Fougiaxis, for providing excellent facilities and surroundings which contributed to a successful congress, and then declared the meeting closed.

Uri Avner (President)

Günter Büsing (Secretary)

January 2011

Statutes

of the

World Federation for Chess Composition

Accepted in Hersonissos, Crete, Greece on October 19th 2010

1 Name and Legal Status

World Federation for Chess Composition

hereafter called “WFCC” is an association in accordance with art. 60 ff of the Swiss Civil Code.

2 Goal

The goal of the WFCC's existence and work is the dissemination and encouragement of chess composition throughout the world.

The WFCC is a non-profit organisation.

3 Principal Activities

The principal activities of the WFCC are derived from its goal; they include

- the formulation of rules and guidelines in all domains of chess composition
- the arrangement of official international composing and solving competitions
- the initiation of the publication of collections of chess compositions of general interest
- the awarding of titles to particularly deserving persons active in chess composition, including solvers and judges

4. Relations to other bodies

The WFCC aspires to establish and maintain friendly relations with other bodies that have an interest in the same goal.

In particular, the WFCC strives for a defined and friendly relationship with the World Chess Federation (FIDE). It considers itself FIDE's natural partner for all matters related to chess composition.¹

5 Domicile

The domicile of the WFCC is Berne, Switzerland.

6 Membership

6.1 Country members

6.1.1 Eligible organisations

An organisation deemed by the WFCC to represent the residents of a country interested in chess composition (or a majority thereof) can be a country member of the WFCC.²

There can be at most one country member per country.

¹ The WFCC is the successor in interest of the Permanent Commission for Chess Composition (PCCC).

² Normally, this is either (one of) the country's chess federation(s) or (one of) the country's chess composition organisation(s).

6.1.2 Admission and expulsion

The WFCC Meeting decides with a two-thirds majority on applications for admission submitted by an eligible organisation. It may also decide, by the same majority, that a country member shall be expelled.

Annex I contains the list of current WFCC country members.

The more detailed conditions of admission and expulsion are laid down in Annex II.

6.2 Individual members

The WFCC Meeting can appoint deserved delegates to honorary membership for life, and deserved presidents to honorary presidency for life, upon their retirement.

6.3 Representatives

WFCC members are represented in the WFCC Meeting as follows:

- Country members are represented by a delegate appointed by the country member; should the delegate be unable to attend a WFCC Meeting, he or the country member that appointed him is entitled to nominate a temporary deputy.³ Both delegates and deputies must be citizens of or habitually resident in the country that they represent. No one person may simultaneously represent more than one country member.
- Individual members represent themselves⁴

7 Organisation

The WFCC's organs are:

- WFCC Meeting (meeting of the representatives)⁵
- Presidium
- Auditor
- Committees

8 WFCC Meeting

8.1 Ordinary Meeting

The WFCC representatives ordinarily meet once a year. If no organizer for the Ordinary Meeting can be found among the member countries, the Presidium shall organize it as they see fit.

The WFCC Meeting shall permit the discussion and consideration of the items of the Agenda, along with the passing of resolutions.

3 The verification of a delegate's or deputy's right to represent their member country is detailed in Annex V.

4 Individual members can at the same time be delegates or deputies. Individual members are not entitled to nominate a deputy for their individual membership.

5 The WFCC Meeting is the General Assembly of the WFCC.

The WFCC Meeting shall be chaired by a member of the Presidium, normally the President. Discussions where a particular Presidium member is involved personally⁶ or officially⁷ shall not be chaired by that Presidium member.

Discussions during WFCC Meetings shall be chaired to be short and focused to the matter. If the nature and scope of a matter demand it⁸, the WFCC Meeting shall appoint a Committee to deal with the matter outside the sessions.⁹

8.1.1 Duties and Responsibilities

The WFCC Meeting has the following non-transferable duties:

- Verification of delegates' and deputies' right to represent their country member¹⁰
- Verification of attendance and voting-rights
- Election of the President, the other Presidium members and the Auditors
- Admission and expulsion of members
- Acceptance of the minutes of previous Meetings
- Items listed in section 12 "Financial Regulations", in particular acceptance of the financial report for the previous business year
- Granting of titles
- Decisions about proposals by members
- Announcement of candidate venues for the subsequent Meeting
- Decisions regarding modifications to the Statutes
- Decisions regarding the dissolution of the WFCC
- Decisions regarding all matters that are not reserved to other organs
- Establishment of Committees and election of Committee members
- Decisions regarding the collection of membership fees and other fees

8.1.2 Invitation

The representatives shall be invited to an Ordinary Meeting in sufficient time to allow them to make the necessary arrangements for travel and accommodation.

8.1.3 Agenda

An Agenda shall be drawn up for every Ordinary Meeting and shall be communicated to all representatives at least three (3) weeks before the start of the meeting.

8.1.4 Quorum

A quorum at any meeting shall consist of at least one-third (1/3) of the member-countries.

6 e.g. as author of the respective proposal or as delegate of a country member directly concerned by the decision

7 e.g. as Spokesman of a Committee

8 i.e. if the facts to be gathered or the opinions to be listened to exceed the time frame of WFCC sessions.

9 cf. Section 11 "Committees".

10 detailed in Annex V

8.1.5 Voting Rights

Each represented country member has one vote in elections and voting.^{11 12}

Majorities are calculated based on the number of country members represented at the respective vote or election.

Unless otherwise specified, WFCC decisions require a straight majority.

The following decisions need a two-thirds (2/3) majority:

- admission and expulsion of members
- modifications to the Statutes¹³
- dissolution of the WFCC

8.1.6 Proposals

Member countries can make proposals to be dealt with at an Ordinary Meeting. These proposals shall reach the Presidium at least six (6) weeks before the meeting.

During a meeting, representatives can make proposals based on the discussions and decisions at the meeting. Before dealing with the proposed matter of such a proposal, the WFCC Meeting first decides whether to deal with the proposal at all.

8.1.7 Formal regulations

All spoken contributions at the WFCC Meeting are made in or simultaneously translated¹⁴ into English and Russian. As far as possible, other simultaneous translations shall be provided to enable all representatives to follow the discussion.

The Invitation, Agenda, Financial Report, Balance sheet, Budget, Proposals, Committee reports and other information of importance to the WFCC Meeting shall be delivered to the representatives in written English form¹⁵; as far as possible, translations shall be provided so that all representatives can understand them.

Documents for which there is no defined deadline shall be delivered at a time that allows the representatives to study them before they are dealt with in the sessions.

Unless otherwise specified, the WFCC Meeting is held in public. At the request of a delegate or deputy, the WFCC Meeting may decide to exclude the public from (the remainder of) a session; at such closed sessions, only the delegates, deputies, individual members and the Secretary may be present.

Unless otherwise specified, decisions at the WFCC Meeting are taken by a count of hands executed by the Secretary. However, a single delegate or deputy can demand a secret vote for a specific decision.

Unless otherwise specified, Committee sessions are open to the representatives.

8.2 Extraordinary Meeting

In case of an emergency, the Presidium may call an Extraordinary Meeting to secure the WFCC's ongoing activities until the next Ordinary Meeting.

Extraordinary Meetings shall be held according to the regulations for Ordinary Meetings, except for deadlines, which may be adjusted by the Presidium according to the urgency of the matter.

11 The President's vote counts equal to that of the other members.

12 Individual members have no voting right in votings and elections.

13 including the Annexes

14 by bilingual delegates or designated interpreters

15 A document is assumed to have been delivered in written form if it was sent to the recipient by E-Mail and the recipient has confirmed its reception by letter or E-Mail.

All decisions taken at an Extraordinary Meeting are subject to confirmation at the following Ordinary Meeting.

Decisions on the following items may only be taken at Ordinary Meetings:

- Presidium elections
- Agenda items listed in section 12 "Financial Regulations"
- the admission and expulsion of members
- the dissolution of the WFCC

9 Presidium

9.1 Presidium members

The members of the Presidium are:

- the President
- the first, second and third Vice-Presidents

The Presidium decides on which Vice-President assumes the office of Treasurer.

9.2 Election and Period of office

The Presidium is elected for a period of four (4) years.¹⁶

The procedure for the election of the Presidium is detailed in Annex IV.

The newly elected Presidium starts its work after the end of the WFCC Meeting during which the election took place.

9.3 Duties and responsibilities

The Presidium's duties and responsibilities are:

- preparing the Meetings
 - setting up and distributing the Agenda
 - inviting the members
- chairing the WFCC Meetings
- putting into effect the decisions of the WFCC Meeting
- overseeing the WFCC's activities throughout the year
- duties listed in section 12 "Financial Regulations"
- maintaining contact with organisations that the WFCC is in relation with
- appointing persons authorised to sign on behalf of the WFCC
- other business according to WFCC decisions

Presidium Meetings are closed to the public. The Presidium may invite the Secretary and Honorary Presidents to attend its meetings.

9.4 President

The President organizes the work of the Presidium in order for it to fulfil its duties.

¹⁶ There is no rule against re-election of Presidium members for another period.

9.5 Vice-Presidents

The first Vice-President assumes the duties of the President should the President be unable to fulfil them. The second and third Vice-Presidents assume these duties should the first/second Vice-President be unable as well.

9.6 Treasurer

The Treasurer handles the Presidium's duties listed in section 12 "Financial Regulations".

10 Other officers

10.1 Secretary

The Secretary is appointed by the Presidium. He must not be a delegate, deputy or individual member.

He attends the WFCC Meetings and prepares and distributes the minutes. He may be assigned other administrative duties by the Presidium.

10.2 Auditor and Reserve Auditor

10.2.1 Duties

The Auditor's duties are listed in section 12 "Financial Regulations".

The Reserve Auditor fulfils the Auditor's responsibilities should the Auditor be unable to fulfil them.

10.2.2 Election and Period of Office

The Auditor and Reserve Auditor are delegates, but not members of the Presidium.

The Auditor and Reserve Auditor are elected by the WFCC Meeting for a period of one (1) business year in a regular session.¹⁷

11 Committees

A Committee normally consists of two to five (2-5) persons.

A Committee reports to the WFCC Meeting to give it a basis for decisions. The report includes:

- the important facts relevant for the clarification of the decisions
- the possible options
- the arguments in favour and against each option
- the Committee's opinion

Each Committee shall appoint a Spokesman from among its members. The Spokesman delivers an oral report to the WFCC Meeting.

¹⁷ There is no rule against re-election of the Auditor and Reserve Auditor for another period.

11.1 Standing Committees

For fields of work that require lengthy preparation and activity above and beyond WFCC Meetings, the WFCC is empowered to appoint Standing Committees. In addition to giving the WFCC a basis for decisions within its field of work, Standing Committees regularly inform the WFCC about the work accomplished in the field throughout the year and the current status of the work.

12 Financial Regulations

12.1 Principles

The WFCC Meeting defines a business year.¹⁸

The WFCC's financial means are collected and allocated by the Presidium according to the Budget for the business year accepted by the WFCC Meeting.

At each Ordinary Meeting, the Presidium informs the WFCC Meeting about the financial situation as follows:

- Financial Report: actual financial movements in the previous business year
- Balance Sheet: financial situation (assets and liabilities) as per the end of the previous business year

Before their discussion and acceptance by the WFCC Meeting, the Financial Report and Balance Sheet are reviewed by the Auditor. In his report to the WFCC Meeting, he states:

- whether he deems the two documents to be correct and complete
- whether he proposes to the WFCC to discharge the Presidium from financial liabilities resulting from the activities in the previous business year

Based on the Auditor's report, the WFCC Meeting decides whether to discharge the Presidium from financial liabilities.

The Presidium then presents a Draft Budget for the following business year to be discussed and accepted by the WFCC Meeting.

12.2 Documents

The Presidium shall provide the representatives with the following documents along with the Agenda for Ordinary Meetings:

- Financial Report for the previous business year
- Budget for the previous business year¹⁹
- Balance Sheet as per the end of the previous business year
- Draft Budget for the following business year

12.3 Agenda Items

The following items are mandatory in the agenda of each Ordinary Meeting:

- Presentation of the Financial Report
- Balance Sheet
- Auditor's Report
- Acceptance of the Financial Report and the Balance Sheet

¹⁸ e.g. July 1st to June 30th

¹⁹ for comparison with the Financial Report

- Discharge of the Presidium from financial liabilities
- Budget

12.4 Liabilities

The liabilities of the WFCC are limited to its assets.

12.5 Dissolution

In case of the dissolution of the WFCC the assets have to go to a foundation or association with a similar goal, domiciled in Switzerland and exempt from taxes.

13 Concluding clauses

These Statutes came into force on October 19th 2010 in Hersonissos, Crete, Greece.
They are published in German and have in this form sole validity in cases of dispute.

Annex I: List of current country members

Argentina, Austria, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Belgium, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Brazil, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Germany, Finland, France, Great Britain, Georgia, Greece, Hungary, Israel, Italy, Japan, Kazakhstan, Latvia, Lithuania, Macedonia, Moldova, Mongolia, Netherlands, Poland, Romania, Russian Federation, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Ukraine, USA (40 country members).

Annex II: Detailed rules for the admission and expulsion of Member Countries

1. Visible activity in the composing and solving of chess problems or studies must exist in a country applying for admission to the WCCF.
2. The application must be addressed in writing by the organisation applying for admission to the President of the WFCC. It must be accompanied by the undertaking that the country in question will actively participate in the goal and principal activities of the WFCC.
3. The delegate nominated by the organisation must orally present the application at an Ordinary Meeting of the WFCC. Only then may a decision on the application be reached.
4. If a Country Member is entirely absent from three successive Ordinary Meetings of the WFCC, the latter is entitled to decide, in an Ordinary Session, to expel the Country Member. The Country Member in question must first have the opportunity to make written representations on the matter. Provided that the due conditions are fulfilled, a resumption of representation at a later Ordinary Meeting is permissible.
5. Country Members committing acts which run counter to the Statutes of the WFCC or its resolutions and decisions or not fulfilling other duties according to WFCC decisions may be temporarily or definitely excluded from the WFCC by a decision at an Ordinary Meeting of the WFCC, on the proposal of the Presidium.
6. When a Country Member is admitted or expelled, the list in Annex I must be amended by decision of the WFCC.

Annex III: Attribution of titles

Attributed titles

The WFCC awards, in conjunction with the FIDE, for life the titles of:

- a. Grandmaster of the FIDE for Chess Compositions
- b. International Master of the FIDE for Chess Compositions
- c. FIDE Master for Chess Compositions
- d. International Judge of the FIDE for Chess Compositions
- e. International Solving Grandmaster of the FIDE
- f. International Solving Master of the FIDE
- g. FIDE Solving Master
- h. Honorary Master of Chess Composition

Rules for the attribution of titles

Composing titles

- a) "Grandmaster of the FIDE for Chess Compositions"

A problem composer must have at least 70 problems in the Albums. For a study composer the corresponding minimum number of studies required in Albums is 42.

b) "International Master of the FIDE for Chess Compositions"

A problem composer must have at least 25 problems in the Albums. For a study composer the corresponding minimum number of studies required in Albums is 15.

c) "FIDE Master for Chess Compositions"

A problem composer must have at least 12 problems in the Albums. For a study composer the corresponding minimum number of studies required in Albums is 8.

In counting the points for the mentioned master titles, the value of a joint composition will be divided by the number of composers collaborating. If a composer competes with problems as well as studies then one study = 1 and 2/3 problems.

Judging title

d) "International Judge of the FIDE for Chess Compositions"

Only national chess federations, national associations for chess compositions as well as the members of the WFCC have the right to propose a member of their chess federation as a candidate for the title "International Judge".

The standing Qualifications Committee examines the proposal in the WFCC. The candidate has to fulfil the following qualifications:

i) First application for the title International Judge in one section: 6 awards among them at least 4 awards in the section applied for and among them two published abroad are needed.

ii) First application for the title International Judge in more than one section: 4 awards (among them two published abroad) in one section which must be signified as first section and 3 awards in each other section are needed. (This means that a candidate for 2 sections must present at least 7 awards and for 3 sections at least 10 awards).

iii) Application for extension of the previously granted titles to other sections: 3 awards in each of those sections.

All awards mentioned above should be of international composing tourneys.

The sections to apply for are: #2, #3, #n, s#, h#, fairies, endgames, retros and mathematics.

All applications must be in written form. They should be addressed to the Spokesman of the Qualifications Committee or to the President and must be signed by the chess federation, the national association for chess compositions or the delegate of the applying country.

Solvers' rating and titles

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

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

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

The WFCC gives authority to a person(s) or a WFCC responsible for calculating the ratings according to the approved formula (an Excel macro has been developed for help).

Solving norms

Norms for the titles International Solving Grandmaster (GM), International Solving Master (IM), FIDE Solving Master (FM) can be gained if at least 5 title holders with ratings GM 2550 / IM 2450 / FM 2350 and other solvers with the obligatory qualifying rating - 2600 for GM / 2500 for IM / 2400 for FM altogether compete at the tournament.

To obtain a norm a solver must achieve a minimum performance rating 2650 / 2550 / 2450. He must be placed within the number of solvers with the qualifying rating 2600 / 2500 / 2400 (i.e. at least sixth place when there are six solvers with rating min. 2600 / 2500 / 2400).

Solving titles

- e) International Solving Grandmaster of the FIDE: A solver must gain a norm 3 times (at least once at the WCSC or ECSC) and achieve a rating of 2600.
- f) International Solving Master of the FIDE: A solver must gain a norm twice and achieve a rating of 2500.
- g) FIDE Solving Master: A solver must gain a norm twice and achieve a rating of 2400.

Honorary title

- h) Honorary Master of Chess Composition

This title can be granted to problemists aged more than 70 years, having great merits in problem chess, who did not succeed in getting one of the master titles mentioned above.

Annex IV: Procedure for Presidium elections

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

8. In the event of a tie, the same procedure shall be adopted as for the Presidency.
9. The posts of 2nd and 3rd Vice-President shall be dealt with in exactly the same way, with previously defeated candidates being entitled to stand, and candidates having the same right to address the WFCC for a maximum of 10 minutes.
10. All the voting shall take place within the same session.
11. The duties of the working party shall cease as soon as the new Presidium has been elected in its entirety.

Annex V: Verification of representatives' right to represent their country member

Upon his first appearance in the WFCC Meeting, a delegate must provide an official document issued by the country member that he represents.

Upon each appearance in the WFCC Meeting, a deputy must provide a written document from the delegate or country member that nominated him.

Editorial observation to Annex III of the Statutes: In Jurmala 2008 the following new title was accepted. This was not noticed when the new Statutes were prepared for Crete. To add this to the Statutes must be decided in 2011:

"FIDE Solving Judge" A candidate shall have conducted at least 6 rated tournaments (among them at least 3 for norms) in a good way (selection of problems, efficient and correct marking etc.). For application of the title, all relevant documents should be provided with the exception of very old tournaments. Only delegates may send proposals. The Solving Committee shall study the proposals and prepare opinions for the Qualification Committee.

Transition of the PCCC/ICCU into the WFCC

1 Introduction

This document defines the transition of the Permanent Commission for Chess Composition (PCCC) of the FIDE into the WFCC.

The abbreviation PCCC/ICCU refers to the organisation and status (members, presidium, projects, finances) as of the end of the meeting in Crete, Greece, held in October 2010.

2 Members of the WFCC

2.1 Country members

The member countries of the PCCC/ICCU are the initial country members of the WFCC.

2.2 Individual members

The Honorary Presidents and the Honorary Members of the PCCC/ICCU are the initial Honorary Presidents resp. Honorary Members of the WFCC.

3 Assets

The PCCC/ICCU transfers its assets to the WFCC.

4 Projects

The WFCC adopts the projects currently overseen by the PCCC/ICCU:

- Albums 2001-2003, 2004-2006 and 2007-2009
- 9th WCCT
- WCCI 2007-2009

5 Conditional clauses

These regulations were accepted in Crete, Greece, on October 22, 2010.