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MINUTES

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Marko Klasinc	Slovenia	Delegate
Joaquim Crusats	Spain	Delegate
Kjell Widlert	Sweden	Delegate
Valery Kopyl	Ukraine	Delegate
Mike Prcic	USA	Delegate
Uri Avner	Israel	Honorary President
John Rice	Great Britain	Honorary President
Yakov Vladimirov	Russia	Honorary Member

New delegates/deputies were Joaquim Crusats, Johan de Boer, Paz Einat, Alexander Kostka and Ward Stoffelen. The following countries were not represented: Argentina, Belarus, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Czech Republic, Hungary, Kazakhstan, Moldova and Mongolia.

Persons who contributed actively included: Enzo Minerva and Roberto Cassano (organisation), Milan Velimirović, Axel Steinbrink, Roberto Stelling, Neal Turner and Igor Vereshchagin (solving events), Marco Guida, Francesco Simoni and Antonio Garofalo (composing tourneys), Valerio Agostini (bulletin), Vasil Dyachuk, Andrei Selivanov, Marek Kolčák, Axel Steinbrink, Harold van der Heijden and Michael Schlosser (committee or working group members and contributors).

1 Opening Address

The President Harry Fougiaxis opened the meeting and welcomed delegates and observers. He thanked Marco Bonavoglia and the Italian chess problem friends for organising the congress.

2 Tributes

The Assembly stood in memory of the following problemists who passed away during the year:

Victor Cioana	Romania	(23.01.1939 - 07.01.2010)
Peter Jaeger	Switzerland	(06.06.1920 - 14.03.2010)
István Bilek	Hungary	(11.08.1932 - 20.03.2010)
Aleksandr Kislyak	Ukraine	(27.12.1938 - 05.05.2010)
Omri Admoni	Israel	(19.06.1980 - 28.06.2010)
Ruslan Surkov	Russia	(27.05.1968 - 05.09.2010)
Viktor Kalyagin	Russia	(17.02.1953 - 26.10.2010)
Evgeny Bogdanov	Ukraine	(27.02.1952 - 30.10.2010)
Jouwert Turkstra	Netherlands	(15.04.1934 - 21.11.2010)
Vladimir Arkhangelsky	Russia	(13.12.1938 - 01.12.2010)
Ion Murărașu	Romania	(12.11.1955 - 31.12.2010)
Mato Damjanović	Croatia	(23.03.1927 - 12.02.2011)
Kalman Sternik	Israel	(01.04.1934 - 14.02.2011)
Anton Preinfalk	Slovenia	(19.12.1911 - 15.02.2011)
Julien Vandiest	Belgium	(15.06.1919 - 02.03.2011)
Boris Maslov	Russia	(29.12.1938 - 13.03.2011)
Romolo Ravarini	Italy	(28.07.1917 - 21.03.2011)
Oleg Rabinovich	Russia	(04.05.1930 - 31.03.2011)
Bo Göransson	Sweden	(19.09.1931 - 12.04.2011)
Aleksandr Postnikov	Ukraine	(18.01.1937 - 28.04.2011)
Kalevi Ojanperä	Finland	(28.08.1929 - 06.05.2011)
Vladimir Zheltonozhko	Russia	(14.08.1942 - 20.05.2011)
Kimmo Sampakoski	Finland	(18.07.1947 - 22.05.2011)
Kurt Smulders	Belgium-Netherlands	(15.07.1921 - 01.06.2011)
Bo Lindgren	Sweden	(26.02.1927 - 04.06.2011)
Oscar Jorge Carlsson	Argentina	(23.04.1924 - 28.06.2011)
Wolf Böhringer	Germany	(16.01.1930 - 03.08.2011)
Vladimir Timonin	Russia	(22.12.1939 - 03.08.2011)

3 Verification of Attendance and Voting Rights

29 countries were represented at the opening session, and the meeting was declared legal. After the late arrival of three further delegates, 32 countries in total attended the meeting, which is a new record.

4 Approval of the Crete Minutes 2010

The Minutes of the 2010 meeting were approved without any amendment.

5 Membership of the Standing Committees

1. WCCT U. Avner Spokesman
V. Dyachuk, b. ellinghoven, G. Evseev, H. Fougiaxis, V. Kopyl, H. P. Rehm, K. Widlert
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, [L. Palmans], A. Steinbrink,
Y. Vladimirov, T. Wakashima, R. Stelling (new)
4. FIDE Album K. Widlert Spokesman
U. Avner, P. Einat, b. ellinghoven, H. Fougiaxis, H. Harkola, H.P. Rehm, A. Selivanov,
P. Gvozdják (new), H. van der Heijden (new)
The new Spokesman from 2012 onwards will be H. Fougiaxis
5. Qualifications H. Fougiaxis (acting) Spokesman
M. Bonavoglia, B. Enemark, D.-I. Nicula, [L. Palmans],
G. Evseev (new), P. Valois (new)
The new Spokesman from 2012 onwards will be G. Evseev
6. Computer Matters T. Maeder Spokesman
B. Enemark, I. Ketris, [H. le Grand], R. Stelling, [B. Stephenson], K. Widlert,
M. Schlosser (new), H. van der Heijden (new)
The new Spokesman from 2012 onwards will be R. Stelling
7. Studies H. van der Heijden (new) Spokesman
I. Aliev, D. Gurgenidze, O. Pervakov, M. Van Herck
8. Codex K. Widlert Spokesman
M. Caillaud, Y. Vladimirov
9. Judging [NN] Spokesman
U. Avner
10. Terminology [NN] Spokesman
[M. Dragoun], I. Ketris

As there was no business for the Judging and Terminology committees during this meeting, 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:

Amendment of Statutes Annex III	Assembly
Changes in the WCCI judging system	WCCI committee
Inclusion of WCCI entries in the FIDE Albums	WCCI, Album committees
Inclusion of a section for retros in future WCCTs	WCCT committee
Amendment of the codex (tournament guidelines)	Codex committee

7 Brief Reports on activities during 2010-11

1. Ilham Aliev reported to the Assembly about a solving tournament for children in Azerbaijan, organised in the context of the Chess Olympiad. The event was split into two sections (younger than 12 and up to 16 years) and attracted 425 participants. In view of its success, it is intended to repeat the tourney in 2011 or 2012, with the assistance of official state authorities including the Ministry of Education.
2. Georgy Evseev had attended the International Chess Composition Festival organised by the Slovakian problemists in Marianka on July 27-31 of this year, and expressed his thanks for the organisation of this remarkable event.

8 Reports and Discussion

8.1 Solving Committee

a. International Solving Contest (ISC)

Marko Klasinc informed the Assembly about the 2011 ISC (cf. section 8.2 for the report) which was organised flawlessly and was concluded in a record time. He mentioned that an online application, prepared by Milan Velimirović, was used for entering the results on the Mat Plus website www.matplus.net and he urged the local controllers to continue using this system in the future. He reminded the Assembly that as an alternative local controllers may send results only by email and not by post.

The Committee proposed that in the second category of the ISC, only solvers whose rating does not exceed 1700 should be allowed. No formal voting took place, as the proposal seemed to enjoy the general approval of the Assembly.

b. Rules for WCSC/ECSC

As the junior and women's sections almost never reach the required number of participants for the event to be considered official, the Committee suggested reducing it in all special sections (juniors, women & seniors) from the present "10 solvers from 7 countries" to "8 solvers from 5 countries".

In the ensuing discussion, David Gurgenidze mentioned a solving tourney that he organised in the context of an OTB World Youth Championship, in which about 100 young solvers from about 25 countries participated. A similar tourney was planned for this year in Bulgaria. He considered it worth combining some of our solving championships with OTB World Youth Solving Championships rather than reducing the minimum number of participants required. Paz Einat asked whether a proposal could be formulated out of what David outlined. The President mentioned that further consideration is necessary and he suggested leaving the decision until next year.

c. Rating rules

The Committee proposed a change in the rating rules: in order for a tournament to be considered valid for rating, at least 10 rated solvers should compete (but not necessarily from at least 2 countries, as currently required). The change was deemed necessary by the Committee because in some countries, e.g. in Brazil, solving events cannot practically attract foreign solvers. The Committee clarified that the criteria for the acceptability of a tournament in which norms can be achieved remain as they are now. In a vote, the Assembly accepted the proposed change in the rating rules (25 in favour, 4 abstentions, no one against).

- d. The Spokesman further informed the Assembly about the progress in Luc Palmans's solving tournaments database (STD) which now includes data from all major solving competitions. More than 5000 problems are included at the moment, and 2-3 updates are planned per year. The database is available on the web page www.horizon.ebbs.be.

8.2 Report on the International Solving Contest (ISC) 2011

Axel Steinbrink reported to the Assembly about the 7th ISC which took place on 23.01.2011 under his direction. 27 countries participated and 31 tournaments ran in parallel, with a total of 288 solvers. The contest was won by John Nunn (Great Britain) ahead of Miodrag Mladenović (Serbia) and Eddy Van Beers (Belgium). Axel Steinbrink considered it a remarkable success that the preliminary results were available within one week after the event, with the final results announced within four weeks. He thanked Marjan Kovačević and Neal Turner for providing originals for the ISC, as well as Milan Velimirović for presenting the results on the Mat Plus website. He pointed out that the endgame study in the first round turned out to be very difficult: only 14 out of the 211 solvers managed to find the solution as far as the crucial third move, and of those 14, 7 were competing in the same tournament, which had only 8 participants, a result which at the very least arouses suspicion. He appealed to the local controllers, stressing that it is of utmost importance for the success of the tournament as a whole that the rules be strictly followed.

The 8th ISC will take place on January 29, 2012. In the absence of other persons willing to step in, Axel Steinbrink was appointed as the director again. The President thanked Axel Steinbrink for his hard work and devotion.

8.3 European Chess Solving Championship (ECSC)

Axel Steinbrink was the Director of the ECSC 2011 in Łowicz, Poland, on April 1-3. He reported that 75 solvers and 16 teams participated in the official tourney. The open tourney attracted 72 participants. The results are as follows:

Teams		Individual	
1. Ukraine	213.5 pts.	1. Piotr Murdzia (POL)	84 pts.
2. Serbia	205.5 pts.	2. Marjan Kovačević (SRB)	77.5 pts. / 285 min.
3. Poland	204.0 pts.	3. Georgy Evseev (RUS)	77.5 pts. / 322 min.

As there were once again not enough junior and women solvers for the results in the special groups to be considered official, Axel Steinbrink suggested that the Solving Committee should investigate the possibility of reducing the required number of solvers.

Ukraine presented an offer to host the ECSC 2012 in Kyiv, April 20-22, which was accepted by the Assembly. Valery Kopyl emphasised that nowadays an entrance visa for Ukraine is required for citizens of very few European countries.

8.4 World Chess Solving Championship (WCSC) 2011

The Director Milan Velimirović announced the results of the 35th WCSC, Jesi:

Teams (20 in total)		Individual (83 solvers)	
1. Poland	164 pts.	1. Kacper Piorun (POL)	83 pts.
2. Great Britain	154 pts.	2. John Nunn (GBR)	80 pts./288 min.
3. Serbia	152 pts.	3. Piotr Murdzia (POL)	80 pts./319 min.
4. Ukraine	151 pts./650 min.	4. Arno Zude (GER)	77 pts.
5. Russia	151 pts./656 min.	5. Eddy Van Beers (BEL)	76 pts./314 min.
6. Finland	148	6. Jorma Paavilainen (FIN)	76 pts./323 min.
		7. Vladimir Podinić (SRB)	75.5 pts.
		8. Georgy Evseev (RUS)	75 pts.
		9. Andrei Selivanov (RUS)	74 pts.
		10. Volodimir Pogorelov (UKR)	72 pts./320 min.

As only one woman and 7 junior solvers took part in the WCSC, there were no official results in these categories. But as 11 seniors from 10 countries participated, results for the seniors section could be announced: 1. Marcel Van Herck (Belgium), 2. Harri Hurme (Finland), 3. Marcos Roland (Brazil).

8.5 WCCT Committee

- a. On behalf of the Spokesman Uri Avner, who was unable to attend the session, Harry Fougiaxis reported to the Assembly that the Committee had discussed the French proposal to include a section for retros in future WCCTs and considered it reasonable in view of the popularity of proofgames, as confirmed by the recent FIDE Albums. However as some of the committee members wished to discuss the matter further with their countrymen before expressing an opinion, the Committee recommended that the decision be postponed until next year.
- b. The 9th WCCT is currently running as scheduled. 42 countries have registered for the tournament and two clarification documents have been issued so far.

8.6 WCCI Committee

- a. Mike Prcic, the director of the 2007-09 WCCI, reported to the Assembly that the championship had been finished in line with the tight schedule. Most of the entries were received by email, the judges were all on time in their work, and the full scores were displayed on the WFCC website. He mentioned that a protest has been submitted by Ukraine (cf. section 8.6b). The President thanked Mike Prcic for his prompt and efficient work.
- b. A protest by Ukraine was submitted against the points given by one judge to some compositions. A "tentative reply" to the protest was prepared by the Presidium and discussed in the Assembly. Marjan Kovačević remarked that he can see no way to accept the protest as there is no formal procedure provided for such cases. As there was general agreement with the proposed reply, the "tentative reply" was accepted with a few modifications as the official answer to the protest (cf. ANNEX 1). Valery Kopyl stated that he accepted the decision of the majority.
- c. Contrary to the Album Committee (cf. section 8.7d), the WCCI Committee supported the Austrian proposal that compositions with at least 8 points be automatically included in the FIDE Album.
- d. The Spokesman Marjan Kovačević reported to the Assembly that the 2010-12 WCCI will be directed again by Mike Prcic. The Committee had considered some modifications to the rules in order to make a further reduction in the overall time needed to finish the championship. These include the requirement to submit entries only by email and a modified system for judging. Consideration was also given to the question whether to allow, or even request, participants to submit a set of both published and original compositions.

In the ensuing discussion, various aspects of the proposed modifications were considered.

Concerning the possible inclusion of original compositions in the WCCI, the Assembly deemed it important for all details to be clarified during the meeting, so that composers might know the exact requirements well in advance. Several models were considered and pros and cons were examined in a fruitful discussion. Particular issues with regard to the overall concept of the WCCI, especially the handling of originals, were addressed; it was the common feeling of the Assembly that the proposal was not yet ready for a decision. Consequently the question of including original compositions in the WCCI was postponed until next year.

The proposed revision of the judging system basically comprises two aspects: selecting judges among the most successful composers of the previous WCCI according to a predefined scheme, and disregarding the highest and lowest score for each composition. After discussion, the Assembly accepted the changes (21 in favour, 10 abstentions, no one against) as indicated in ANNEX 2.

8.7 FIDE Album Committee

- a. The Spokesman Kjell Widlert gave an overview on the current status.

The 2001-03 Album was published in May 2011.

For the 2004-06 Album all judging has been finished; the indexing and translation work is going on and has already been completed in two sections. It is foreseen that indexing will be finished by the end of this year and it is planned that the manuscript will be ready for printing by mid 2012.

The closing date for submitting entries to the 2007-09 Album was 1.3.2011. By now, all judges have received the problems and are working.

Selection of directors and judges for the 2010-12 Album is intended to take place at next year's meeting. The announcement of the album is scheduled for the end of 2012, with a closing date around autumn or winter 2013.

- b. The Spokesman reported to the Assembly that the Album Committee is in favour of electronic submission of entries for the next album (2010-12), provided the test phase of the presently available interface (cf. Computer Matters Committee report, section 8.9) works well. Paz Einat was appointed by the Assembly as a supervisor for the test phase.
- c. Editing and printing of future albums: Kjell Widlert reported to the Assembly that the cooperation between the editor (Denis Blondel) and the printer (bernd ellinghoven) is currently not working well. As there is little communication between them, bernd ellinghoven had informed the Committee that he was not sure about the printing of the next album; he currently understands that he will presumably not be the printer.

In the ensuing discussion, Yakov Vladimirov proposed including a Russian-language index in the album. Ilja Ketris said that it would be nice to have such an index. The President observed that it would not be easy to introduce a new language, but the possibility will be considered for the future.

- d. The Album Committee was not in favour of the Austrian proposal suggesting that WCCI entries scoring at least 8 points should be automatically included in the album. One of the drawbacks of the proposal comes from the intended changes to the WCCI judging system, which may lead to a situation in which the same judges will repeatedly judge the WCCI (as they are the most successful composers in the respective sections). The Committee was also of the opinion that the number of problems which would not have to be (re-) considered by the album judges will not be dramatically high, whereas the much larger remainder of the problems may be sent in to the album anyway. The album judges would not get much motivation from studying many mediocre to average compositions without seeing the top-class ones.

In view of the different opinions of the FIDE Album and WCCI Committees, the Assembly in general agreed to postpone a decision and reconsider the Austrian proposal in 2012.

8.8 Qualifications Committee

The Committee proposed the award of composing, solving and judging titles as follows:

International Master of the FIDE for Chess Compositions to: Yuri Bazlov (Russia), Michael Herzberg (Germany), Leonid Makaronez (Israel), Daniel Papack (Germany) and Andrei Vysokosov (Russia).

FIDE Master for Chess Compositions to: Peter Hoffmann (Germany), Grigory Slepyan (Belarus), Dragan Stojnić (Serbia), Karen Sumbatyan (Russia), Sergiy Ivanovich Tkachenko (Ukraine), Viktor Volchek (Belarus) and Igor Yarmonov (Ukraine).

International Solving Grandmaster of the FIDE to: Kacper Piorun (Poland) and Ladislav Salai Jr (Slovakia).

International Solving Master of the FIDE to: Marko Filipović (Croatia).

FIDE Solving Master to: Araz Almammadov (Azerbaijan), Omer Friedland (Israel), Martynas Limontas (Lithuania), Alexander Mišta (Poland) and Andrei Petrov (Russia).

International Judge of the FIDE for Chess Compositions to: Oleg Efrosinin (Russia) for moremovers, Valery Kopyl (Ukraine) for twomovers, Dinu-Ioan Nicula (Romania) for fairies, Abdelaziz Onkoud (Morocco) for twomovers, threemovers and helpmates, Mike Prcic (USA) for selfmates, Kenneth Solja (Finland) for helpmates and Tadashi Wakashima (Japan) for fairies.

All these titles were accepted by the Assembly by acclamation.

The President informed the Assembly that the Bulgarian delegate Petko A. Petkov intends to retire for health reasons. On the occasion of his 70th birthday on 27.02.2012 and in view of his outstanding performance and life-long contribution to the development and popularisation of chess composition worldwide, the Presidium proposed nominating him as an Honorary Member of the WFCC. The proposal was accepted by acclamation.

One application for the title of Honorary Master could not be considered by the Committee because it was not submitted by the national chess federation or chess problem association of the problemist in question, and the delegate of the member country was not aware of it.

From 2012 onwards, Georgy Evseev will act as Spokesman of the Qualifications Committee.

8.9 Computer Matters Committee

The spokesman Thomas Maeder announced that Roberto Stelling will succeed him in the post from 2012 onwards. He reported to the Assembly about progress on the project for the electronic submission of FIDE album entries. The interface for entering problems into a database and for processing them as director or judge is ready and should now be tested by a group of users. The aim is to use the system for at least some sections of the next album. As it is not yet possible at the moment to enter all kinds of fairy pieces, it seems unlikely that it can be used for the fairies section. The web address is <http://dia-x.info/>

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

8.10 Studies Committee

The spokesman Harold van der Heijden reported to the Assembly that the Committee had selected the study of the year for 2010 (cf. <http://www.saunalahti.fi/~stniekat/pccc/study10.htm>).

He mentioned a project for the improvement of the presentation of endgame studies which he had exhibited to the Committee. The current practice is that the thematic lines (main line, thematic tries) are mixed up with analytical variations. The proposal is that endgame studies submitted to a tourney or magazine should have a section for the thematic solution and a section for the analysis. The latter will be used to convince the judge that the study is sound, while only the thematic part will be published in the award or the magazine. Of course the analysis could be made available otherwise (e.g. on the Internet) to those who are interested. Apart from the improved presentation, this could also help to avoid claims of unsoundness, e.g. duals in an analytical line. The thematic solution, of course, should be sound (e.g. a try is thematic only when there is a unique black refutation).

The Spokesman mentioned that the committee members generally liked the proposal. He will write an article about it in EG, giving some examples.

As there is no adequate handbook about endgame study themes, Harold van der Heijden proposed that the Committee try to coordinate a team of experts willing to cooperate on such a project, as this would be too much a work for a single person. He will also write about this topic in EG.

He further pointed out that David Gurgenzidze had proposed that EG should publish in each issue a page with a photo of a famous composer of the past and one of his classical masterpieces. He is enthusiastic about the idea and will take it into consideration.

8.11 Codex Committee

The Spokesman Kjell Widlert informed the Assembly that the Committee discussed the Italian proposal to add, in Annex II of the Codex, that awards of composing tournaments should be published within a pre-determined time. It seemed reasonable to the Committee that some guidelines could be provided in this respect. However the Committee felt that if such a guideline were introduced at all, it should belong to Part I, paragraph 3, where the Codex prescribes the functions of a judge and provides recommendations. Marco Bonavoglia replied that the reference to paragraph 1 was intentional, because the idea was to publish the prospective publication date of the award at the same time as the tournament announcement.

The Spokesman proposed delaying a possible amendment of the Codex until a need for further changes arises. Accordingly, the Assembly agreed to postpone a decision.

9 Statutes

The proposed amendment of the Statutes was merely a "technical" issue: The title of FIDE Solving Judge had been established in the Rhodes 2007 Meeting, but it was overlooked when preparing the new Statutes in 2010.

In a vote, the proposed amendment was accepted unanimously (26 in favour, no abstentions, no one against). The text of the updated Statutes is in ANNEX 3.

10 Financial report, balance sheet, Auditor's report, budget

Thomas Maeder presented to the Assembly the financial report and the balance sheet of 30.06.2011 (cf. ANNEX 4). He indicated that a WFCC account was established in April 2011 and the funds available in the account of the previous President Uri Avner had been transferred.

The auditor Marco Bonavoglia confirmed that he had reviewed the documents and found them in order. The financial report and the balance sheet were accepted by the Assembly (28 in favour, 1 abstention).

A budget for 2011-12 (cf. ANNEX 5) was presented by the Treasurer. The support received from FIDE was reduced in view of the very high costs which FIDE had to pay in the legal case of Karpov 2010 and in fact the budgets of all FIDE committees had taken a hit this year; it is assumed that more money will be available again in the near future. The Treasurer pointed out that FIDE have asked the WFCC to include the costs of the FIDE World Cup in our budget, although the tournament is organised by the FIDE Special Project. Refund of the costs is included in the support received from FIDE. The budget was approved by the Assembly.

11 Election of Auditors

Marco Bonavoglia and Bjørn Enemark were proposed for re-election as auditor and reserve auditor respectively and they were accepted unanimously.

12 Future meetings

For the meeting of 2012, there were invitations from Japan (Kobe in September) and from Poland (Wrocław in July). In a vote, the Assembly decided to accept the offer of Japan (17 in favour of Japan, 13 for Poland, 1 abstention).

David Gurgenzidze presented an invitation to Batumi, Georgia, for the meeting of 2013. He reminded the Assembly that the last congress held in Georgia was in 1975 and was a great success. He also pointed out that there is much experience in organising major chess events and that many suitable hotels are available. The President invited the Georgian delegate to provide further details during the next year's congress.

13 Any other business

1. At the request of several delegates, the President informed the Assembly that international registration of the WFCC is currently not considered a top priority, as the WFCC is presently listed on the FIDE website as an affiliated organisation.
2. The President presented a draft logo, which is intended to be used in official WFCC documents (cf. ANNEX 6).
3. The President thanked Uri Avner for preparing the booklet with the results of the PCCC-50 composing tourney. Uri Avner briefly mentioned that all information relevant to the tourney is in the booklet. As not all composers' addresses are known to him, he proposed sending copies to the delegates, who could then distribute the booklet to their countrymen. The procedure was generally accepted by the delegates.
4. A booklet with the results of the 2nd FIDE World Cup in Composing was distributed by Yakov Vladimirov who co-organised the event with Andreï Selivanov. He said that the tourney was very successful and he thanked the director, Petko A. Petkov, who prepared the booklet in a very short time. 300 copies have been printed and are presently being distributed to the participants.
5. The President congratulated the Nederlandse Bond van Schaakprobleemvrienden (NBvS) on its 80th anniversary.
6. One delegate pointed out that many composing tourneys during the congress relate to specific types of fairy chess, whereas very few choices are offered for orthodox directmates. The President agreed with the remark, but he mentioned that no restrictions may be imposed on the tournaments organised by participants. However he suggested that the organisers should include in the programme at least one long composing tourney for #2 or #3.

14 Conclusion

The President thanked the delegates, the individual members and the spokesmen of committees for their work during the week. He congratulated the organisers from the Associazione Problemistica Italiana, headed by Marco Banovoglia, for providing excellent facilities and wonderful conditions which contributed to a very successful congress. Then he declared the meeting closed.

Harry Fougiaxis (President)
Günter Büsing (Secretary)
October 2011

ANNEX 1

To the WFCC President
Mr. **Harry Fougiaxis**

Protest

The judging of the studies section in the WCCI 2007-2009 of the Russian judge Vitaly Kovalenko provokes perplexity and questions even after cursory acquaintance with the final protocol.

1.As is clear from the protocol, Kovalenko didn't use half-points in his evaluations of studies (it is quite obvious that the judge hadn't read the WCCI General Rules). This influenced a lot the final ranking of the evaluated compositions.

2.Low points of judge Kovalenko (comparing to the points of the other two judges) given to the compositions of the Ukrainian studies composer Sergiy Didukh betray the prejudiced and incompetent judging.

Please, compare the judges' points to three studies by the Ukrainian author: Iuri Akobia (3,5; 4; 4), Martin Minski (2,5; 3,5; 3,5) and Vitaly Kovalenko (1; 2; 2).

We think that in this situation when the title of the World Champion was in question, the WCCI Director should have paid attention to such a wide disparity of points and he should have found out the reasons of this.

The Ukrainian Commission in Chess Composition asks You, Mr. President, not to approve the final protocol of the studies section in the WCCI 2007-2009 and to make an examination of the judge's report of Vitaly Kovalenko.

According to the results of examination decide the fate of the studies section.

The President of the Ukrainian Commission in Chess Composition **Valery Kopyl**.

May 27, 2011

To Harry Fougiaxis,
the WFCC President

To Mike Prcic,
the WCCI 2007-2009 Tourney Director

Dear Mr. Fougiaxis and Mr. Prcic,

I am writing this letter to protest the scores of the Russian judge Vitaly Kovalenko in the WCCI 2007-2009.

The complete results of this competition with points for every chess composition were published on 18.05.2011 on the WFCC website. It is not necessary to be a studies expert so as to see that the judging of Mr. Kovalenko was very unusual.

Firstly, he didn't use half-points in his evaluations. The 4-points system has been employed for long in all the major competitions organized by WFCC, in particular, WCCT and FIDE Album. I don't know of any other cases where a judge refused to use half-points in these tourneys. This surely leads to very approximate evaluation of quality of entries and significant distortion of results.

Secondly, this was rather stern judging which must have humiliated many competitors. 169 studies participated in the WCCI. 2 studies received 4 points from Mr. Kovalenko and 20 studies received 3 points. The rest 147 studies received 1 or 2 points. Such scores are usually given to very ordinary pieces of work worth a commendation or a weak honourable mention. It's hard for me to explain why three of my best studies (no.4, 5 and 6), all prize-winners in strong tourneys, received 1 and 2 from Mr. Kovalenko. The sum of points for these studies impresses by the wide disparity:

Study no.	4	5	6	Sum
Iuri Akobia	3.5	4	4	11.5
Vitaly Kovalenko	1	2	2	5 (!!!)
Martin Minski	2.5	3.5	3.5	9.5

These facts indicate that the judging of Mr. Kovalenko was incompetent, prejudiced and decisive for the final ranking. Apparently, his professional skills of a judge are not good enough for judging such major events as WCCI 2007-2009 and FIDE Album 2007-2009. His name is not in the list of International judges on the WFCC website. That's why I am asking you to consider on a WFCC meeting the question of Vitaly Kovalenko's judging in WCCI 2007-2009 and replace him by a qualified judge for a new evaluation of studies in the WCCI 2007-2009.

Sincerely,
Sergiy Didukh

Participants of the WCCI 2007-2009 who support this protest:
Sochniev Aleksey, Kekely Lubos, Salai Jr. Ladislav, Vlasenko Valery, Gasparyan Aleksey, Afek Yochanan, Croitor Mihail, Hlinka Michal, Osintsev Sergey.

May 31, 2011



**WORLD FEDERATION
FOR CHESS COMPOSITION**

WCCI 2007-09 ENDGAME STUDIES SECTION

REPLY TO THE PROTEST BY UKRAINE AND Mr DIDUKH

Any attempt to challenge the scores by Mr Kovalenko is deemed inappropriate, as the rules of WCCI do not provide a mechanism for such an action.

Statistical analysis (details of the analysis can be given upon request) proves the scores by Mr Kovalenko were much stricter than those of the other two judges. This applies to most of the composers who participated in the Championship and not only to Mr Didukh.

Not using half-points is not against the rules (and, in fact, two judges in other sections did the same). With regard to the remark that Mr Kovalenko is not an International Judge, we point out that during the selection of the WCCI 2007-09 judges there had been 25 negative replies for different reasons. Under these circumstances, it was essentially necessary to also have judges who do not formally have the International Judge title; a practice that was followed also in previous Albums and WCCIs.

The WCCI committee concluded that some changes to the Championship in the future could be the only possible reaction to the protests and issues of this kind. The changes were accepted by the Assembly in the Jesi Meeting, and they include a new judging system and the establishment of a jury to deal with objections.

As for the FIDE Album 2007-09, Mr Kovalenko will be allowed to continue his work as a judge. All the section directors have instructed the judges to strictly follow the guidelines that are available on the WFCC website.

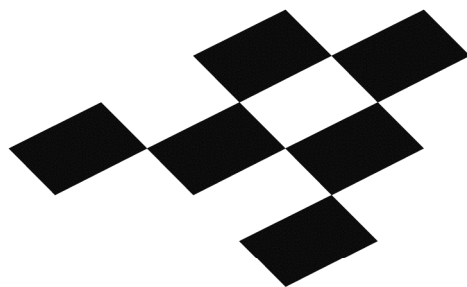
Co-signed by
The Presidium
Director of the WCCI 2007-09
Spokesman of the WCCI Committee
Jesi, August 2011

ANNEX 2

New system of judging in the WCCI 2010-2012

1. In each section, five judges (and their reserves) will be selected among the best 15 participants from the WCCI 2007-09. The selection will be automatic, starting from the winners to the next-placed composers with the restriction that in each section the judges should be from different countries. The composers will have to agree in writing that they are willing to act as judges. If the list cannot be completed from these composers, the spokesman and the director will have to find other persons to act as judges.
2. The total score of each problem will be calculated according to the new rules of the WCCT-9, by discarding the lowest and highest mark for each entry. If a judge also competes in the tournament, his entries get the average of the discarded scores plus the grades of the two other judges.
3. A jury of three persons, who are not participants, will be established to deal with objections.
4. Entries will be submitted by the composers only by email.

Statutes of the



WORLD FEDERATION FOR CHESS COMPOSITION

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

Amended in Jesi, Italy, on August 23rd 2011

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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.

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

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.

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

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

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.

8 WFCC Meeting

8.1 Ordinary Meeting

The WFCC representatives ordinarily meet once a year. If no organiser for the Ordinary Meeting can be found among the member countries, the Presidium shall organise 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.

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.

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. 11

10 detailed in Annex V

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.

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.

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.

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.

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

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

- 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 organises the work of the Presidium in order for it to fulfil its duties.

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

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

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.

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.

¹⁸ e.g. July 1st to June 30th

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
- 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.

¹⁹ for comparison with the Financial Report

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. FIDE Solving Judge
- f. International Solving Grandmaster of the FIDE
- g. International Solving Master of the FIDE
- h. FIDE Solving Master
- i. 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 titles

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.

e) "FIDE Solving Judge"

A candidate must have conducted at least 6 rated solving tournaments (among them at least 3 for norms) in a satisfactory way in terms of selection of the problems, efficient and

accurate marking, prompt announcement of the results, etc. In applying for the title, all relevant documents (problems with full solutions and attribution of points, table of results) should be submitted with the possible exception of very old tournaments. The applications should be submitted to the Spokesman of the Solving Committee or to the President only by delegates. The Solving Committee shall review the applications and forward their suggestions to the Qualifications Committee.

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

f) 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.

g) International Solving Master of the FIDE: A solver must gain a norm twice and achieve a rating of 2500.

h) FIDE Solving Master: A solver must gain a norm twice and achieve a rating of 2400.

Honorary title

i) 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.

ANNEX 4

WFCC - 2010 Balance

Opening Balance	5507,00		
ECSC 2010		220,00	taxis (London, Paris, Tel Aviv)
		691,41	Flight Tel Aviv-London-Tel Aviv
		254,26	Hotel In Sunningdale
		690,00	Hotel In London
		216,00	Train London-Paris
		185,00	Food in Paris
Presidium Meeting in Vienna		476,17	flight Tel Aviv-Vienna-Tel Aviv
		897,00	Hotel (3 rooms)
Telephone Expenses		150,00	
WCCI 2007/2009 Mailing Expenses from FIDE (2010)	7000,00	230,00	300\$
WCSC 2010 prizes		500,00	see (1)
PCCC 50th TT		2290,00	Prizes PCCC 50th (see 2)
FIDE Album 2004/2006		990,00	FIDE Album reimbursements (see3)
Bank Expenses			Bank expenses Avner
		648,00	36 months at 18 euros
		204,00	12 transactions at 17 euros
		482,60	Bank charges for buying and selling euros (19,000 * 0.0127 twice)
Total	12507,00	9123,44	
Balance	3383,56		
(1) WCSC 2010 Crete			
Prizes not given in Crete	300,00		Team first prize (Poland)
	200,00		Individual first prize (J. Nunn)
	500,00		Total
(2) Prizes PCCC 50th Tournament			
Prizes not given in Crete	80,00		E. Fomichev (2nd #n)
	130,00		J. Mikitovics (1st eg)
	40,00		A. Skripnik (2nd eg - half prize)
	40,00		Y. Afek (3rd eg)
	40,00		J. Lois & J. Kapros (3rd hm)
	40,00		H. Gockel (3rd f)
	130,00		R. Osorio & J.Loia (1st spg)
	80,00		N. Ivanov Beluhov (2nd retro)
	560,00		Total
(3) FIDE Album reimbursements not given in Crete			
	110,00		A. Feotkistov
	110,00		Z. Janevski
	110,00		H. van der Heijden
	110,00		F. Mueller
	440,00		Total
Cash Situation	4903,56		Money left in the account
Debts		1520,00	WCSC + PCCC + FIDE Album
Balance	3383,56		

Marco Bonavoglia

Milano, Dec 30th 2010

Opening balance sheet

07.04.2011

Assets		€		Liabilities and Equity		€	
Bank (Avner)	4545.58			WCSC 2010	500.00		
				PCCC 50	580.00		
				Album	440.00		
				Total Creditors	<u>1'520.00</u>	1'520.00	
				Equity		3'025.56	
Total	4'545.56					4'545.56	

Earnings 07.04.2011 – 30.06.2011

	-	+
	€	€
Currency		333.13
WCSC 2010	0.00	
PCCC 50	0.00	
Album	-14.00	
Banking fees	18.91	
Bottom line	328.22	
Total	333.13	333.13

Balance Sheet

30.06.2011

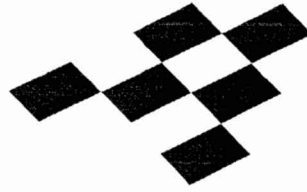
Assets				Rate		Liabilities and Equity			
	CHF	€		CHF / €		€		€	
Bank (Avner)		0.00			WCSC 2010	500.00			
Bank (UBS)	5'524.54	4'603.78	1.200000		PCCC 50	420.00			
					Album	330.00			
					Total Creditors	<u>1'250.00</u>	1'250.00		
					Equity 07.04.2011	3'025.56			
					Earnings since 07.04.2011	<u>328.22</u>			
					Equity	<u>3'353.78</u>	3'353.78		
Total		4'603.78					4'603.78		

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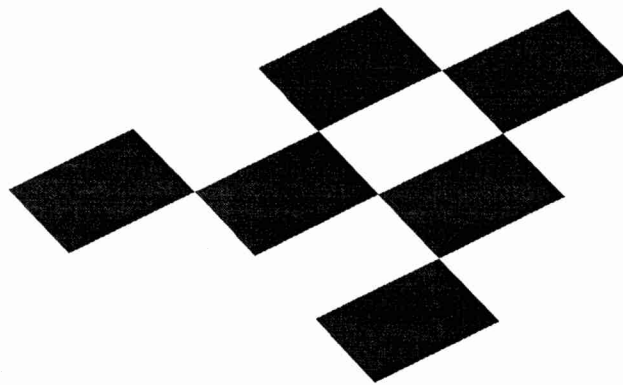
Budget for the Business Year 1.7.2011-30.6.2012

	+	-
	€	€
Contribution from FIDE	5'000.00	
ISC 2011 prizes+expenses		450.00
WCSC 2011 prizes		1'500.00
FIDE Album 2007-09 expenses		1'350.00
FIDE Album Server		300.00
WCCI 207-09 honorary plaques		460.00
PCCC 50 Tourney expenses		600.00
World Cup 2011		1'500.00
½ contribution from FIDE 2012	4'000.00	
ISC 2012		500.00
WCSC 2012 prizes		1'500.00
FIDE Album Server		180.00
Other expenses		500.00
Earnings		160.00
Total	9'000.00	9'000.00

Jesi, 22.8.2011



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