



**World Federation for Chess Composition  
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**MINUTES**

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Roberto Stelling	Brazil	Delegate
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Bjørn Enemark	Denmark	Delegate
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Paz Einat	Israel	Delegate
Marco Bonavoglia	Italy	Delegate
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Hans Uitenbroek	Netherlands	Deputy
Piotr Murdzia	Poland	Deputy
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Marjan Kovačević	Serbia	Delegate
Peter Gvozdják	Slovakia	Delegate
Marko Klasinc	Slovenia	Delegate
Kjell Widlert	Sweden	Delegate
Valery Kopyl	Ukraine	Delegate
Mike Prcic	USA	Delegate

A new deputy was Hans Uitenbroek. The following countries were not represented: Argentina, Belarus, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Croatia, Estonia, Hungary, Kazakhstan, Latvia, Lithuania, Macedonia, Moldova, Mongolia and Spain.

Persons who contributed actively included: Yaeko Tomita, Takahiro Inoue, Setsoko Izekazi, Yoiko Ishii, Keiko Suwa, Tadashi Ito, Yoko Akada, Marie Makino, Tadashi Chikamoto, Ai Takahashi, Takuya Morita, Kanako Ezaki, Yoshinori Yamada, Mako Sakazawa, Izumi Chikamoto and Naoki Iwasa (organisation), Axel Steinbrink, Paul Valois, Masato Yoshi and Volker Gülke (solving events),

Marjan Kovačević, Touw Hian Bwee and Ricardo Vieira (composing tourneys), Masaya Nakamura and Masato Shinoda (chess puzzles), Andreï Selivanov and Marek Kolčák (committee or working group members and contributors).

## **1 Opening Address**

The President Harry Fougiaxis opened the meeting and welcomed delegates and observers. He thanked Tadashi Wakashima and the Japanese Chess Problem Society for organising the congress.

## **2 Tributes**

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

Erich Ernst	Germany	(06.02.1920 - 17.01.2011)
Toma Garai	USA	(27.05.1935 - 30.01.2011)
Yuly Avrutin	Azerbaijan/Germany	(10.02.1939 - 06.2011)
Samir Badalov	Azerbaijan	(13.02.1962 - 26.08.2011)
Anatoly Sarkits	Ukraine	(07.01.1926 - 31.08.2011)
Boujemâ Kariouch	Morocco	(02.11.1956 - 03.09.2011)
Emilio Battaglia	Italy	(30.06.1917 - 04.09.2011)
Vladimir Jovičević	Serbia	(28.04.1947 - 11.09.2011)
Tsedevin Ser-Od	Mongolia	(01.09.1926 - 20.09.2011)
Rainer Ehlers	Germany	(18.09.1963 - 07.10.2011)
Andreï Kornilov	Russia	(04.05.1944 - 14.11.2011)
Dušan Tadić	Croatia	(16.04.1955 - 18.11.2011)
Kazimierz Strzala	Poland	(30.01.1939 - 14.12.2011)
Václav Příbyl	Czech Republic	(11.03.1937 - 11.02.2012)
Zdeněk Meergans	Czech Republic	(13.02.1920 - 06.03.2012)
Árpád Molnár	Hungary	(18.03.1936 - 24.03.2012)
Robert Brieger	USA	(18.10.1925 - 26.04.2012)
Roelof van den Berg	Netherlands	(25.11.1929 - 13.05.2012)
Denis Blondel	France	(11.01.1956 - 21.06.2012)
Esko Kröger	Finland	(21.07.1921 - 25.06.2012)
Rui C. Nascimento	Portugal	(14.06.1914 - 03.09.2012)

## **3 Verification of Attendance and Voting Rights**

23 countries were represented at the beginning of the opening session, and the meeting was declared legal. After the late arrival of five further delegates, 28 countries in total attended the meeting.

## **4 Approval of the Jesi Minutes 2011**

A request for clarification was received during the year regarding point 8.2 of the Minutes, where reference is made to an incident of apparent irregularity in the scores for a difficult endgame study in the ISC. The director Axel Steinbrink confirmed that the controller in the relevant local tournament had acknowledged that a mistake occurred in the examination of the solutions. The

results have already been corrected accordingly, and there are no longer any grounds for the assumption expressed in the Jesi Minutes. The Minutes of the 2011 meeting were approved without any further amendment.

## **5 Membership of the Standing Committees**

**1. WCCT:** H. Fougiaxis, Spokesman this year for [U. Avner]  
[V. Dyachuk], b. ellinghoven, G. Evseev, 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, R. Stelling, [Y. Vladimirov],  
T. Wakashima

**4. FIDE Album:** H. Fougiaxis, Spokesman  
[U. Avner], P. Einat, b. ellinghoven, P. Gvozdják, H. Harkola, [H.P. Rehm], A. Selivanov,  
K. Widlert

**5. Qualifications:** G. Evseev, Spokesman  
M. Bonavoglia, B. Enemark, H. Fougiaxis, D.-I. Nicula, [L. Palmans], P. Valois

**6. Computer Matters:** R. Stelling, Spokesman  
B. Enemark, [I. Ketris], [H. le Grand], T. Maeder, [M. Schlosser], [B. Stephenson], [H. van der  
Heijden], K. Widlert

**7. Studies:** D. Gurgenidze, Spokesman this year for [H. van der Heijden]  
I. Aliev, 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 Codex, Judging and Terminology committees during this meeting, absent members [generally indicated by brackets] 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:

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| - Announcement of the 2010-12 WCCI             | WCCI committee          |
| - Inclusion of WCCI entries in the FIDE Albums | WCCI & Album committees |
| - Report on progress in the WCCT-9             | WCCT committee          |
| - Inclusion of a retro section in future WCCTs | WCCT committee          |
| - Present status of and changes in the Albums  | Album committee         |

## 7 Brief Reports on activities during 2011-12

Hannu Harkola informed the Assembly that he had prepared the 1914-2003 FIDE Album index, which contains the combined registers of all twenty published FIDE albums. The PDF file is available on the WFCC website.

## 8 Reports and Discussion

### 8.1 Solving Committee

The spokesman Marko Klasinc reported to the Assembly that the members of the committee had already done a great deal of work during the year.

a. With regard to Georgy Evseev's proposals in Jesi for some *ad hoc* organisational changes in the WCSC/ECSC, the solving committee made the following suggestions:

- The proposal to exchange the order of the first two rounds (#2 and #3) was not supported, since this order has been used from the very first WCSC in 1977, with the idea that the world championship should create some tension. However the committee encouraged the directors of other tournaments to try it and report their experiences for future consideration.
- The committee agreed that solvers should be allowed to write their names on the back of the solving sheets before the start of each round.
- The committee agreed that explaining the way to write solutions before each round is not necessary, since all solvers are aware of it and the rules are to be displayed on the announcement board before the championship begins.

b. The protest by Finland regarding the marking of the s#2 in the 2011 WCSC was rejected. The committee agreed that the Director or the Jury could have accepted the solution as correct, but according to the rules they could also have rejected it (which is what happened). It was also noted that according to the rules §13.5, the decision of the Jury is final. The committee proposed including in the recommendations the sentence: "The Director should use common sense in cases where a solver has not indicated which of two pieces of the same kind moves to a specific square."

- c. In February 2012 the IM solver Alexander Leontyev published an open letter with the title 'Interesting videos from the Moscow Solving Cup 2012', in which he drew attention to the strange behaviour of two solvers during the competition. The committee was of the opinion that such cases are a matter for the director. The committee recommended directors to be careful and consistently to follow rule §7.2, "The use of all electronic or technological aids which can help in solving is forbidden as well as any other kind of unfair behaviour. The director's rights and duties are to prevent any irregularities and to penalise them if necessary." The committee proposed including in the recommendations the sentence: "The director may use yellow and red cards and put them on the solver's table to indicate any irregularities."
- d. In April 2012 the IM solver Alexander Leontyev published an open letter, in which he proposed that strong solvers should have the right to compete in the WCSC/ECSC even if they are not selected by their countries for the national team or as individuals. He explained that in countries with many strong solvers, the process of selecting the team members may sometimes not be fair or be influenced by irrelevant criteria. Some years ago the committee itself had discussed a similar proposal to allow the participation of additional solvers in the individual WCSC/ECSC, but no official proposal was prepared. The committee agreed in general with the idea; one good reason is the requirement that at least one GM norm must be achieved in a WCSC/ECSC. The committee proposed to change the Rules: In §4.5 "The three best solvers of a WCSC (ECSC) are entitled to participate in the following individual WCSC (ECSC) if they are not among the solvers as defined above", a new sentence follows: "Solvers with a rating of 2400 or more in the current or preceding rating list are also entitled to participate in the individual WCSC (ECSC)." Point §5.1 should also be amended, as follows: "A country and individuals mentioned in point 4.5 (...)". In a vote, the Assembly accepted this amendment of the Rules (21 in favour, 1 abstention).
- e. The committee supported the first applications for the title of "FIDE Solving Judge" and recommended the Qualifications Committee to approve them.
- f. The committee discussed the general idea of establishing a sort of Solving World Cup, which would include the most important international solving competitions. This is a project for the future.

## **8.2 Report on the International Solving Contest (ISC) 2012**

Axel Steinbrink reported to the Assembly on the 8<sup>th</sup> ISC, which took place on 29.01.2012 under his direction. 27 countries participated and 32 tournaments ran in parallel, with a total of 328 solvers, 220 in category 1 and 108 in category 2. The contest was won by Eddy Van Beers (BEL) ahead of Volodimir Pogorelov (UKR) and Piotr Murdzia (POL). There were also Youth and Women's sections, with the following top results: Youth: 1. Kacper Piorun (POL), 2. Andreï Petrov (RUS), 3. Piotr Górski (POL) and Women: 1. Anna Bylinkina (RUS), 2. Ana Kuchava (GEO), 3. Narmina Ruzijang (AZE). Israel Tzur (ISR) was the winner in category 2 and Katarina Ostojić (SRB) in the female juniors. The director was quite satisfied that the final results were announced within two weeks after the event. He also noted that two blind solvers took part in the competition.

The 9<sup>th</sup> ISC will take place on January 27, 2013. 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 dedication.

### 8.3 European Chess Solving Championship (ECSC)

Pavel Kameník was the director of the 8<sup>th</sup> ECSC 2012 in Kyiv, Ukraine, on April 20-22. Valery Kopyl reported to the Assembly that 67 solvers and 14 teams participated in the championship. The open tourney attracted 72 participants. The top results are as follows:

#### Teams

1. Serbia 190.25 pts.
2. Poland 189.25 pts.
3. Russia 177.5 pts.

#### Individuals

1. Piotr Murdzia (POL) 70.75 pts.
2. Vladimir Podinić (SRB) 70.5 pts.
3. Bojan Vučković (SRB) 65 pts.

Lithuania presented an offer to host the 2013 ECSC in Vilnius, April 26-28, which was accepted by the Assembly.

### 8.4 World Chess Solving Championship (WCSC) 2012

The director Axel Steinbrink announced the results of the 36<sup>th</sup> WCSC, Kobe:

#### Teams (15 in total)

1. Poland 155 pts.
2. Germany 144.5 pts.
3. Russia 136.5 pts.
4. Serbia 131 pts.
5. France 117 pts.
6. Azerbaijan 115.5 pts.
7. Great Britain 104.5 pts.
8. Slovakia 103.5 pts.
9. Lithuania 100.5 pts.
10. Israel 99.5 pts.

#### Individuals (52 solvers)

1. Piotr Murdzia (POL) 77 pts.
2. Arno Zude (GER) 76 pts.
3. Kacper Piorun (POL) 75 pts.
4. Anatoly Mukoseev (RUS) 74 pts.
5. Vladimir Podinić (SRB) 73.5 pts.
6. Ofer Comay (ISR) 70.5 pts.
7. Michel Caillaud (FRA) 67.5 pts.
8. Misratdin Iskandarov (AZE) 64 pts.
9. Boris Tummes (GER) 62 pts.
10. Andrei Selivanov (RUS) 58.5 pts.

No official results could be given in the categories of women, juniors and seniors, as the number of solvers in these categories was low.

### 8.5 WCCT Committee

The committee had no session this year. Harry Fougiaxis reported that entries to the 9<sup>th</sup> WCCT were received from 37 countries and the booklet was made available as a PDF file in July. Claims may be sent until October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2012, and the judging countries should have already started their work. The French proposal (retro-section in future WCCTs) was not discussed; a decision will be taken before the announcement of the next WCCT.

### 8.6 WCCI Committee

The spokesman Marjan Kovačević distributed the draft announcement of the 2010-12 WCCI, including the rules, names of judges and the time schedule. He indicated that automatic nomination of the judges, according to the scheme accepted last year, generally worked well. However in some sections, and particularly in the retros, difficulties arose because the

participants felt themselves not competent to judge compositions of various kinds (for example, proof games, classical retros and retractors). He also pointed out that the very tight time schedule provides that the results shall be available before the next congress. After a few minor adjustments (assignment of pending judges, nominations for the Supervising Panel), the announcement was generally accepted by the Assembly (cf. the relevant page on the WFCC website).

With regard to the Austrian proposal for automatic qualification for the album of WCCI compositions which get at least 8 points in the world championship, the spokesman reported that most of the committee members were in favour. He particularly indicated the gain in time for granting titles, as the 2010-12 WCCI results will tentatively be available as early as September 2013, i.e. much sooner than the album results. The committee proposed that compositions which received at least 8 points in the WCCI should in any case be judged again by the album judges, even if they have automatically qualified for the album. A discussion arose about this topic. Some delegates argued that the judging systems of the WCCI and the album are different and not strictly comparable; others considered the additional work of a second judgement as an unnecessary burden for the judges.

As the album committee had not yet discussed the proposal, voting was postponed so as to wait for the opinion of the album committee.

## **8.7 FIDE Album Committee**

The spokesman Harry Fougiaxis reported to the Assembly that it had become clear last year that Denis Blondel and Bernd Ellinghoven could not continue as the editorial team. Therefore, during the year the committee searched for new possibilities. After evaluating several proposals, Peter Gvozdják's offer to print the 2004-06 album in Slovakia was the most promising and Peter started working with the editor Denis Blondel.

After the sudden death of Denis in June 2012, a new situation arose. Most of the editorial work for the 2004-06 album had already been done by Denis, and it was possible for someone to continue his work, since Denis's widow could provide the electronic files. Peter Gvozdják agreed in August to wrap up the missing work and he informed the Assembly that some editorial work still has to be done, but he expects that the album will be ready for printing by the end of the year.

For the 2007-09 album, offers were presented by Peter Gvozdják on behalf of Slovakia and by Andreï Selivanov on behalf of Russia. The committee was pleased to note that a choice of possibilities was offered. It suggested continuing with the Slovakian proposal. The spokesman indicated that starting with the 2007-09 album there will be some editorial changes; in particular the text will be only in English and the indexes will be redesigned.

Concerning the progress of work on the 2007-09 Album, the spokesman indicated that all sections except for the fairies have been finished; the missing section is expected to be ready soon, as all judges' scores have been received by now. It was noted with pleasure that the phase of judging is going to finish within the anticipated time schedule.

The selection of directors and judges for the 2010-12 album had been initiated over the year and was finished during the meeting, subject to agreement by some directors/judges in view of the

new procedure of electronic submission (cf. below). The announcement of the album is scheduled for early 2013, with a closing date around the middle of 2013.

The committee proposed that submission of entries for the 2010-12 album should be electronic. The spokesman indicated two possibilities, either by e-mail or by using the web server, i.e. the system developed by Ilja Ketris. The committee suggested that the entries should be sent only by e-mail, as PDF files; each author should send one PDF file with his problems per section, one problem per page. Free tools for creating PDF files are available and they will be indicated in the announcement. The judges and the directors will receive further tools for processing the entries, as well as detailed guidelines.

The spokesman reported that testing of the web server has so far shown that it works well for entering the problems, but it has not been fully tested for bugs in the phase of judging. He regretted having to point out that very little feedback has been received so far from the problemists' community. The committee suggested testing the web server in the h#2 section, as an alternative beside the possibility of submission by e-mail. The h#2 section was chosen because the director envisaged for this section is already familiar with the system.

The committee also proposed to restrict the number of entries which a composer may submit to a section. The maximum number per section should be 30, except for composers who previously were very successful; they can submit up to 3 times as many entries as the number of points they had in that section the last time they participated. Some delegates mentioned that attention should be paid to newcomers, who may have no or only a few album points but who are very prolific and whose works are of a high standard, as well as to composers who were very fruitful in the album some years ago and who return after a pause. The committee confirmed that such cases will be re-examined when the statistical analysis of the 2007-09 album is finalised, and any necessary adjustments will be included in the announcement.

No formal voting took place, as the proposals seemed to enjoy the general approval of the Assembly.

With regard to the automatic qualification for the album of WCCI compositions with at least 8 points, the opinions of the committee members were divided; the spokesman mentioned that if the proposal were accepted the successful WCCI compositions should in any case be submitted to the album, but that they should not be judged again.

In a vote, the Assembly decided in favour of the proposal that compositions with at least 8 points in the WCCI qualify automatically for the album (11 in favour, 9 against, 4 abstentions).

## **8.8 Qualifications Committee**

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

*Honorary Master of Chess Composition* to: Hermann Weissauer (GER).

*Grandmaster of the FIDE for Chess Compositions* to: Evgeny Bogdanov (deceased, UKR), Michal Dragoun (CZE), Valery Gurov (RUS), Peter Gvozdják (SVK), Christopher Jones (GBR), Mario



Parrinello (ITA), Ivan Soroka (UKR), Miroslav Havel (Košťál) and Artur Mandler (both CZE, based on earlier results).

*International Master of the FIDE for Chess Compositions* to: Igor Agapov (RUS), Pavel Arestov (RUS), Richard Becker (USA), Wolfgang Dittmann (GER), Evgeny Fomichev (RUS), Michal Hlinka (SVK), Martin Hoffmann (SUI), Vladislav Nefyodov (RUS), Sergei Osintsev (RUS), Yakov Rossomakho (RUS), Ladislav Salai Jr. (SVK), Aleksandr Semenenko (UKR), Dragan Stojnić (SRB), Anatoly Vasilenko (UKR), Dieter Werner (SUI), Menachem Witztum (ISR), Sergei Zakharov (RUS), Roman Zalokotsky (UKR), Volker Zipf (GER).

*FIDE Master for Chess Compositions* to: Iuri Akobia (GEO), Mirko Degenkolbe (GER), Eduard Eilazyan (UKR), Mark Erenburg (ISR), Borislav Gadjanski (SRB), Valery Kopyl (UKR), Gennady Kozyura (UKR), Piet le Grand (NED), Vitaly Medintsev (RUS), Martin Minski (GER), Emanuel Navon (ISR), Abdelaziz Onkoud (MAR), Viktor Razumenko (RUS), Aleksandr Sygurov (RUS), Harold van der Heijden (NED), Vadim Vinokurov (RUS).

*International Solving Master of the FIDE* to: Martynas Limontas (LTU).

*International Judge of the FIDE for Chess Compositions* to: Thomas Brand (GER, retro, h#), José Antonio Coello Alonso (ESP, #2, #3), Diyan Kostadinov (BUL, extension to fairies), Zoran Gavrilovski (MKD, extension to #2, #3, #n, s#), Hans Gruber (GER, extension to #n), Vladislav Nefyodov (RUS, h#), Jaroslav Polášek (CZE, studies), Christopher Reeves (GBR, #2), Darko Saljić (SRB, #2).

*FIDE Solving Judge*: Pavel Kameník (CZE), Marko Klasinc (SLO), Axel Steinbrink (GER), Brian Stephenson (GBR).

All these titles were accepted by the Assembly by acclamation.

## **8.9 Computer Matters Committee**

The spokesman Roberto Stelling reported to the Assembly on progress on the project of the web server for the submission of album entries. It was tested during the year by a group of users, but the group was too small to provide sufficient feedback. In order to test it on a larger scale, the committee proposed to apply it in one section of the 2010-12 album.

## **8.10 Studies Committee**

David Gurgénidze reported to the Assembly that the committee could not select the Study of the Year 2011 because no list of candidates had been prepared. To decide as soon as possible about the Study of the Year 2011, the Committee suggested that each composer may send one popular study published in 2011 to David Gurgénidze ([gurgénidze53@mail.ru](mailto:gurgénidze53@mail.ru)) by December 1<sup>st</sup>. The entries will be published on Iuri Akobia's website ([www.akobia.geoweb.ge](http://www.akobia.geoweb.ge)). Four members of the committee and Harold van der Heijden will judge them and announce the Study of the Year 2011 by December 20<sup>th</sup>.

David Gurgénidze also expressed the idea of continuing with a new selection procedure, in which the composers should send one study by May and then the IM and GM title holders may vote.

With regard to the electronic submission of studies to the album, the committee considers the PGN format as the most suitable to use, although it is aware that currently not all composers can create correct PGN files. The committee suggested that composers may send their entries in the format they are comfortable with (PDF or PGN).

## **9 Financial report, balance sheet, Auditor's report, budget**

The treasurer Thomas Maeder presented to the Assembly the financial report and the balance sheet of 30.06.2012, as well as the budgets of 2011-12 and 2012-13 (cf. **Annex 1**).

The auditor Marco Bonavoglia confirmed that he had reviewed the documents and found them in order. The financial report, the balance sheet and the budget were accepted by the Assembly.

## **10 Election of Auditors**

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

## **11 Future meetings**

For the meeting of 2013, an invitation from Georgia (Batumi in September or October) was presented by David Gurgeniidze. He pointed out that in Georgia there is a lot of experience in organising major chess events and that good relations exist between chess organisations and the national administration, which presumably will support the event. He also mentioned a possible cooperation with Azerbaijan. After a short discussion about possible dates for the meeting, the Assembly had a preference for the week of 21<sup>st</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> September. David Gurgeniidze would have to check whether this is possible; he indicated that the exact date will be announced soon. The Assembly accepted the invitation. [Ed: *The week of 21<sup>st</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> September is confirmed now in the 2013 official calendar of FIDE.*]

Georgy Evseev presented an invitation to Sochi, Russia, for the meeting of 2014. Sochi is on the Black Sea coast near the Georgian and Russian border and will host the Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games in 2014. The President thanked the Russian delegate and invited him to provide further details during the next year's congress.

## **12 Any other business**

1. The President thanked Andreï Selivanov for the preparation and distribution among the delegates of the 'FIDE Chess Composition Yearbook 2012', which includes the problems and the results of the 4<sup>th</sup> FIDE Solving Cup, the awards of the Composing Olympic Tourney on the occasion of the Chess Olympiad in Istanbul, as well as birthday wishes to GM composers and information about chess composition magazines.
2. The President reported that the Presidium had to resolve an unpleasant issue that was brought up by Jiří Jelínek, the Chairman of the Association of Czech Problemists. Mr Jelínek mentioned in his letter that soon after the publication of the award in a formal composing tournament held in the Czech Republic, a composer expressed to the director of the

tournament his disagreement with the ranking of one of his compositions, using inappropriate and insulting terms for the judge.

The Presidium discussed the issue and was of the opinion that it is very sad that the composer further decided to present his arguments in public on the Internet, following more or less the same behaviour. The Presidium felt that no disciplinary measures could be taken.

The President personally regretted that a very talented composer, who is acknowledged as one of the top performers in his field of expertise, is perhaps carried away by the passion of his age and seems to be so reluctant to accept different viewpoints and opinions. He went on to point out that chess problemists are a relatively small community and our relations should be friendly and respectful. He ended by mentioning that he does hope that this is the last time such an uneasy incident will be brought to the attention of the Presidium.

### **13 Conclusion**

The President thanked the delegates and the spokesmen of committees for their work during the week. He congratulated the organisers from the Japanese Chess Problem Society, headed by Satoshi Hashimoto, and the delegate Tadashi Wakashima 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)

September 2012