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**MINUTES**

**OFFICIAL PARTICIPANTS**

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Mohammad Alhallak	United Arab Emirates	Secretary
Tigran Gasparian	Armenia	Delegate
Klaus Wenda	Austria (via Zoom)	Delegate and Honorary President
Ilham Aliev	Azerbaijan	Delegate
Andy Ooms	Belgium	Deputy
Marcos Roland	Brazil (via Zoom)	Delegate
Bjørn Enemark	Denmark	Delegate
Neal Turner	Finland	Delegate
Axel Gilbert	France	Delegate
David Gurgenidze	Georgia	Delegate
Torsten Linß	Germany	Delegate
Brian Cook	Great Britain	Delegate
Harry Fougiaxis	Greece	Delegate and Honorary President
N. Shankar Ram	India	Delegate
Yochanan Afek	Israel	Delegate
Marco Guida	Italy	Delegate
Tadashi Wakashima	Japan	Delegate
Julia Vysotska	Latvia	Delegate
Zoran Gavrilovski	North Macedonia (via Zoom)	Deputy
Mihail Croitor	Moldova	Delegate
Hans Uitenbroek	Netherlands	Deputy
Piotr Górski	Poland	Delegate
Georgy Evseev	Russia	Delegate
Juraj Lörinc	Slovakia	Deputy
Marko Klasinc	Slovenia	Delegate
Kjell Widlert	Sweden	Delegate
Thomas Maeder	Switzerland	Delegate
Valery Kopyl	Ukraine	Delegate
Hannu Harkola	Finland (via Zoom)	Honorary member

New delegates were: Neal Turner, Marco Guida, Mihail Croitor, Zoran Gavrilovski (deputy), and Georgy Evseev. The following 13 countries were not represented: Argentina, Belarus, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Kazakhstan, Mongolia, Morocco, Spain, United States.

Persons who contributed actively included: Akaki Iashvili, David Gurgeniđze, Mohammad Alhallak (organization), Axel Steinbrink, Marko Klasinc, Neal Turner, Vidmantas Satkus (solving events), Givi Mosiashvili, Ferhat Karmil (composing tourneys).

## 1.1 Opening Address

The president Marjan Kovačević opened the meeting and welcomed delegates and observers. He thanked Grandmaster of chess composition David Gurgeniđze, and President of Georgian Chess Federation Akaki Iashvili for organizing the congress.

## 1.2 Tributes

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

Jens Künzelmann	Germany	(01.11.1965 – 21.06.2022)
Marco Bonavoglia	Italy	(14.05.1953 – 05.12.2022)
Gijsbert Janvan Breukelen	Netherlands	(27.02.1946 – 21.12.2022)
Ilkka Sarén	Finland	(16.05.1940 – 24.12.2022)
Anna O'Donovan	Great Britain	(17.09.1956 – 26.12.2022)
Paul Kenneth Bissicks	Great Britain	(25.05.1952 – 12.01.2023)
Werner Issler	Switzerland	(20.09.1933 – 02.01.2023)
John Francis Ling	Great Britain	(16.06.1927 – 13.02.2023)
František Korostenski	Czech Republic	(26.03.1949 – 17.02.2023)
Wilhelm Bleeck	Germany	(03.01.1948 – 06.03.2023)
Jordi Breu	Spain	(25.10.1927 – 23.03.2023)
Thomas Ristoja	Finland	(19.09.1949 – 29.03.2023)
Michael Lipton	Great Britain	(13.02.1937 – 01.04.2023)
Evgeny Fomichyov	Russia	(13.04.1964 – 09.05.2023)
Horacio Amy Meylan	Argentina	(01.06.1923 – 12.06.2023)
Vasil Krizhanivsky	Ukraine	(06.07.1972 – 25.06.2023)
Beat Züger	Switzerland	(03.06.1961 – 04.07.2023)
Kauko Virtanen	Finland	(25.12.1931 – 24.07.2023)
Ivan Měchura	Czech Republic	(03.05.1946 – 2023)
Neculai Chivu	Romania	(11.07.1938 – 28.07.2023)
Jorge M. Kapros	Argentina	(06.11.1955 – 27.08.2023)
Peter van den Heuvel	Netherlands	(28.09.1968 – 29.08.2023)

## 1.3 Verification of Attendance and Voting Rights

28 countries were represented at the beginning of the opening session, and the meeting was declared legal.

## **1.4 Approval of the Fujairah Minutes 2022**

The Minutes of the 2022 meeting were approved without amendment.

## **1.5 President's review of the year**

The president expressed his concerns about some general issues, starting from the lack of human resources and insufficient budget to compensate for the decrease of number of volunteers. At the same time he mentioned the contrasting tendency to increase the number of official activities. He suggested a more active popularization of chess composition should be the highest priority in the future, and announced two projects in that direction for 2024: the solving championships in the context of the FIDE youth events, and a more inviting Youth Chess Composing Challenge project, supported by the Fujairah Government.

President informed delegates about the new posts: the Vice-President Abdulla Ali Aal Barket was appointed the new WFCC Treasurer and Mohammad Alhallak took over the role of Secretary, after Neal Turner stepped down. Mr. Turner was a devoted Secretary since 2018.

The WCCI Committee gladly accepted Marco Guida as the spokesman (the post was vacant), and Shankar Ram as a member and the WCCI 2022-24 Director. President stressed their great enthusiasm.

The list of the composing title points was enriched with country names, dates of birth/death, titles, year the title was granted and names in native form. The huge effort of migration/integration was done by Bjørn Enemark and checked by Harry Fougiaxis.

Thanks to Roland Ott and Julia Vysostka, the WCCT Archive was completed, and final booklets of all 11 WCCTs were posted in PDF on the WFCC WCCT Section.

President next talked about the well developing cooperation with the FIDE, thanks to the support received from the high FIDE officers: the Deputy Chair Dana Reizniece-Ozola, the Executive Director Victor Bologan and the Special Tasks Director Akaki Iashvili. Continuation of the yearly budget of 3.000 EUR was promised, in spite of the temporary issues with the WFCC bank account. Thanks to the long lasting efforts of David Gurgenidze and Akaki Iashvili, FIDE gave an official recommendation to all future organizers of the OTB World Youth Championships to include solving competitions during the free day. With rich experience in judging chess and solving competitions, Vice-President Dinu-Ioan Nicula took the task of defining rules and logistics.

In 2023 the FIDE rewarded three chess composers among 24 deserving chess veterans: Igor Yarmonov (Ukraine), Yochanan Afek (Israel) and Živko Janevski (North Macedonia) with the total amount of 7.500 EUR. The FIDE website gladly published 11 extensive WFCC reports in the first half of 2023. Other promotional posts were published in the WFCC social media and the ChessBase website, with enthusiastic involvement of Mohammad Alhallak and the young Indian problemist Anirudh Daga.

## **1.6 Legal and Financial Matters**

Vice-president Abdulla Ali Aal Barket reported about the long lasting process to register officially a WFCC bank account in UAE. It took more than 6 months to get allowances from the Sheikh Mohammed Bin Hamad Bin Mohammed Al Sharqi, and from different governmental institutions, to gather documentation from WFCC history, and to address different banks. While the process of opening the bank account was going on, the WFCC main office was registered in the Fujairah Chess & Culture Club in UAE, and the Fujairah Government offered to support the WFCC with a yearly income of 5.000 EUR. The larger part of it should be invested in more important projects for

the future, where the support from the Fujairah Government would be effective and visible with their logo included.

Torsten Linß commented that WFCC shouldn't run around to beg for money, but should depend on contributions from official members instead. He was feeling uneasy about use of the FG logo, or any governmental logo. Brian Cook said the British problemists have been paying subscription to English Chess Federation, and some delegates explained their organizations could hardly find this extra money. Some other proposals to assure WFCC financial stability were left for further discussions.

## 1.7 Membership of the Standing Committees

**WCCT:** G. Evseev, spokesman

O. Comay, [V. Dyachuk], H. Fougiaxis, [P.Gvozdják], V. Kopyl, J. Lörinc, T. Maeder, K. Widlert

**WCCI:** M. Guida, spokesman

D.Gurgenidze, V. Kopyl, [D. Kostadinov], [V. Paliulionis], N. Shankar Ram, A. Selivanov, K. Widlert

**Solving:** M.Kolčák, spokesman

R. Ott, Vid. Satkus, A. Selivanov, A. Steinbrink, [B. Stephenson], D. Wissmann

**FIDE Album:** H. Fougiaxis, spokesman

P. Einat, G. Evseev, [P. Gvozdják], J. Lörinc, A. Selivanov, K. Widlert

**Qualifications:** H. Fougiaxis, acting spokesman

[J. de Boer], B. Enemark, [D.-I. Nicula, spokesman], N. Turner

**Computer Matters:** T. Maeder, spokesman

B. Enemark, [M. Křižovenský], M. Schlosser, [D. Turevsky], J. Vysotska, K. Widlert

**Studies:** Y. Afek, acting spokesman

I. Aliev, A. Avni, G. Costeff, D. Gurgenidze, [H. van der Heijden], [M. Van Herck], [S. Hornecker], [M. Minski], [S. Slumstrup Nielsen, spokesman], [O. Pervakov], [J. Roycroft]

**Codex:** K. Widlert, spokesman

M. Caillaud, B.Enemark, [B. Stephenson]

**Youth:** M. Kovačević, spokesman

M. Caillaud, O. Comay, B. Cook, G. Costeff, V. Crişan, P. Einat, D. Gurgenidze, [M. McDowell], [D.-I.Nicula], [S. Slumstrup Nielsen], A. Selivanov, J.Vysotska, T.Wakashima, K. Widlert

Absent members of committees are indicated by [brackets].

## **1.8 Notification of Proposals and Business carried forward**

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

### **1.8.0 Application for membership by Armenia (plenum)**

Delegate Tigran Gasparian addressed the meeting, putting the case for Armenia's membership of the WFCC. He cited long tradition and the great importance of the Grandmaster of chess composition Genrikh Kasparyan (1910-1995), and current achievements in composing, solving, judging and editing (magazine Shahmatain Haystan). The team of Armenia has been participating in the WCCT since its 5<sup>th</sup> edition. At the last three editions Alexey Gasparyan was the team captain, and Armenia managed to enter Top 20 each time. In the end, the application (**Annex 1**) was accepted without the need for a vote and Armenia was warmly welcomed as the 44<sup>th</sup> member of the Federation.

### **1.8.1 FIDE Album Committee Agenda** FIDE Album committee

### **1.8.2 FIDE Album Errata: suggestion by Shankar Ram** FIDE Album committee

### **1.8.3 Missing sections in FIDE Album: suggestion by Andrey Frolkin** FIDE Album committee

### **1.8.4 WCCT score calculation change: group suggestion** WCCT committee

### **1.8.5 Codex changes: suggestions by Andrew Buchanan** Codex committee

### **1.8.6 Synthetics as a new YCCC section: suggestion by Vlaicu Crişan** Youth committee

### **1.8.7 Youth project 2024/25: suggestion by Presidium**

### **1.8.8 Youth Chess Solving Challenge: suggestion by Brian Cook** Youth and Solving committees

### **1.8.9 World Championship for Fairy Solving: suggestion by Vidmantas Satkus** Solving committee

### **1.8.10 World Solving Championship for Women: suggestion by Vladimir Afromeev** Solving committee

### **1.8.11 Ukrainian proposals including sanctions on Russia and Belarus member countries (plenum)**

### **1.8.12 Solving in the context of FIDE Youth events: information by Dinu-Ioan Nicula (plenum)**

## 1.9 Reports and Discussions

### 1.9.1 Ukrainian proposals including sanctions on Russia and Belarus member countries (plenum)

Out of the nine Ukrainian proposals in the same document (**Agenda, Annex 1.9.11**) Nos.1-5 were concerning sanctions on Russia and Belarus member countries in response to the hostilities in Ukraine. Harry Fougiaxis explained that Proposal No.1 (exclusion of Russia and Belarus from the WFCC) may come from the Presidium only. The same as in 2022, there was no such proposal from the Presidium in 2023 and the topic wasn't discussed further.

The overall feeling was that instead of separate voting Proposals Nos. 2-4, should be replaced with the following proposal:

*Do you agree to keep already accepted sanctions to Russians and Belarusian individuals and teams from 2024 until change?*

With 27 votes in favor and one abstention the sanctions accepted in 2022 remained in force.

The next to be discussed was proposal to replace Georgy Evseev as the WCCT spokesman (Proposal no.5). Harry Fougiaxis asked the Ukrainian delegate Valery Kopyl if he had any personal reason against the current WCCT spokesman. Mr. Kopyl replied that according to the statistics each Russian citizen has around 30 contacts who support the war, and no citizen of Russia could be an objective spokesman.

The following question was put on voting:

*Do you agree Georgy Evseev should be replaced as the WCCT committee spokesman?*

With 18 votes against, 6 for and 4 abstentions, the proposal was rejected.

After the voting, Harry expressed his hopes that Georgy Evseev wasn't offended by the whole situation and asked if he was feeling enough motivated to be engaged in the competition in which his country couldn't participate. Georgy replied he would like to keep working.

Ukrainian Proposal No.6 (WCCT to be held once in three years at most) was commented by several delegates a hard to achieve goal and was left to WCCT Committee to discuss. Proposal No.7 (cash prizes for winners of WCCT, WCCI and World Cup) wasn't supported for different reasons. The president commented that the one who makes proposal for money prizes should first find adequate funds for them, while Torsten Linß was generally against money prizes for composers. Proposal No.8 (to reduce norms for composers' titles in order to raise motivation for composing) didn't get general support. Finally, Proposal No.9 (all proposals received for consideration at a WCCC to be published on the WFCC website 5 days before the beginning of the congress) was accepted positively.

### 1.9.2 Solving in the context of FIDE Youth events

Dinu-Ioan Nicula informed about the progress in implementing a regular system of solving competitions in the context of FIDE World Youth Championships, as the leader of the group working on that project. He thanked David Gurgeni for organizing many such events in the past with a great success and Akaki Iashvili for support and recommendation FIDE gave to future organizers of the youth chess events to include solving competitions. Mr. Nicula stressed that next great step should be to move from recommendation to obligation, under WFCC guidance and with fixed rules. With more than 20 years of experience in organizing solving competitions in the context of chess tourneys, he predicted some 70-75% of young players would use the free day to

take part in solving. These are potentially huge numbers having in mind that the last FIDE youth championship attracted around 750 cadets (8-12 years) and 620 juniors (14-18 years). Different sets were planned for each age category, with the time of 60 minutes for cadets and 90 minutes for juniors.

Juraj Lörinc thought the solving competition where primarily the players take part shouldn't be called "world championships" in solving. Dinu replied some youth solving competitions in the past used the name "world championship", in spite of being on lower level, with fewer participants and out of the WFCC control. He also added future events will be especially suitable to promote chess composition among girls, whose number will be by far greater than in any WFCC solving event. Piotr Górski stressed the positive effects these championships will have on rise of interest for chess composition inside national chess federations.

### **1.9.3 Studies committee**

Yochanan Afek, as the spokesman, informed the delegates about recently discovered method of composing endgame studies using fast database mining. He expressed a fear that the method he called "one-click-composing" isn't much different from cheating in OTB chess. Other delegates believed that judges will get used to the new situation in the future and learn to differentiate human touch from purely computer products, as it already happened in the past. Studies committee had no official meeting in 2023.

### **1.9.4 WCCI committee**

New spokesman Marco Guida reported the work done by him and Narayan Shankar Ram before the WCCC 2023 meeting. In several months they had completed a proposal for a panel of all 40 potential judges for the WCCI 2022-24, taking care about many different aspects, including broadening the base of judges from different WFCC Member Countries. Approximately 150 composers/judges from 47 countries have been screened, 67 of them from 37 countries have been invited and finally 40 from 27 countries have accepted (in writing). The complete panel was discussed within the WCCI Committee and preliminarily accepted, but it will remain unofficial and subject to changes until the official announcement.

The WCCI Committee suggested a new text of the General Rules for WCCI to be published on the WFCC website ([https://www.wfcc.ch/competitions/composing/wcci\\_rules/](https://www.wfcc.ch/competitions/composing/wcci_rules/)), in replacement of the obsolete text. The new text was essentially taken from the WCCI 2019-21 Announcement, with some minor formal amendments and a revision of the portion of text that sets some general criteria for the selection of judges to account for real world constraints and opportunities (e.g. removing the requirement that judges shall be ranked among the top-15 in the previous WCCI). An initial discussion concerning the future of WCCI (beyond 2024), that's becoming harder to organize with engagement of so many judges, will be continued in the future WCCI Committee Meetings. The extensive report from the WCCI Committee Meeting 2023 may be found in **Annex 2**. With compliments for intensive and passionate work of the Spokesman and the WCCI 2022-24 Director, Marjan Kovačević stressed the fact that their diplomacy helped engage some of the judges who never accepted this task before.

### **1.9.5 Codex committee**

The spokesman Kjell Wiidlert reported on number of proposals by Andrew Buchanan concerning the Codex. All of them were discussed, but no decisions were made this year, as some more proposals were announced for 2024. The full report from the Codex Committee Meeting may be seen in **Annex 3**.

### 1.9.6 FIDE Album committee

The spokesman Harry Fougiaxis organized the committee meeting. The members were joined by Marco Guida, N. Shankar Ram and Juraj Lörinc who replaced the FIDE Album editor Peter Gvozdják. The 2016-18 album was available in the congress as scheduled, and the work for the 2019-21 album started as planned. The suggestion of V. Crişan and N. Shankar Ram to introduce an individual section for help-selfmates was examined by the committee and it will be further discussed. Different opinions were expressed, with suggestion to put the proposal on the vote next year. The committee will also study the alternative suggestion made by the WCCT committee to introduce instead a section of "light" fairies (stalemates, series-play, reflexmates, help-selfmates, all without fairy pieces or conditions). Starting with the 2022-24 album, it was unanimously decided that together with the results of each section, the final spreadsheet will be also posted with the TOTAL score of each composition. Scores of the individual judges will NOT be shown. The committee did not support the suggestion by Igor Yarmonov regarding the change of the submission limit for the problemists who have a lot of joint compositions. Compositions with math content will have to be submitted to the fairies section. See the full report in **Annex 4**.

### 1.9.7 Solving Committee

No joint proposals by the Solving committee were suggested for the Agenda. Instead, the committee discussed proposals from its members, and Marek Kolčák, as the spokesman, presented them to the delegates.

It was decided to amend Rule 4.3 of the WCSC/ECSC Rules (changes in bold): "A country may nominate **three** more solvers from extra categories, **one of each** from (juniors, women, seniors) out of this quota. For the junior's / women's / senior's championship juniors / women / seniors from the regular national quota compete as well."

In the Point 8 new rules were added at the bottom of each paragraph, with intention to agree on better wording later:

a) **In a moremove with a threat, it may be that a Black defence leads to a variation with the same White next move(s) as in the threat, but a continuation (up to and including White's penultimate move) that diverges from that of the threat line - this variation must be written.**

b) **In a selfmate moremove with a threat, it may be that a Black defence leads to a variation with the same White next move(s) as in the threat, but a continuation (up to and including White's last move) that diverges from that of the threat line – this variation must be written.**

In the Solvers' rating Rules, Criteria for acceptability of tournaments at which ratings and norms can be gained, R4 was amended this way: At least 12 problems of different types **must be presented to the solvers**. This wording allows tournament to be rated even if some problems prove to be unsound at the end.

Proposal by Roland Ott not to allow different WSC competitions at the same weekend caused a longer discussion and wasn't supported by the assembly. One of the reasons was mentioned by Julia Vysotska, that is very hard to decide about the best dates two months in advance.

In the Guidelines for directors of rated solving tournaments, Point 6, the demands about previously used problems were slightly relaxed, according to the wording suggested by Roland Ott: "All the problems and studies must be **not used in previous solving tournaments in the last 10 years and not at all in any WCSC, ECSC, ISC or tournaments in the same country. A maximum**



**of two problems that have been used in past competitions may be used in one tournament.**  
Check the Solving Tournament Database of the STM.”

Committee made no decision about the proposal by Vidmantas Satkus to establish the World Championship for Solving Fairy Chess Problems (**Agenda, Annex 1.9.9.A**).

Harry Fougiaxis asked if the delegates felt like discussing again the decision to apply the sanctions on counting solvers’ rating. After discussion, the question was posted for voting:

*Should we remove the sanctions not to count results of the solving tournaments in Russia and Belarus for ratings?*

With 6 votes for removing sanctions, 15 votes against and 5 abstentions, the proposal wasn’t accepted.

### **1.9.8 Youth Committee**

The spokesman Marjan Kovačević reported about the meeting held with the committee members Michel Caillaud, Ofer Comay, Brian Cook, Gady Costeff, Paz Einat, and Julia Vysotska. He praised the new youth project of Online Solving Challenge for Youth (OSCY), suggested, passionately prepared and led by Brian Cook, with the help of Ian Watson, and Vlaicu Crişan. The same way, the committee welcomed the initiative and preparatory work Mr. Crişan has done for his proposal to establish Synthetics competition for youth, as a preparatory step to composing.

The main interest of the committee remained to be the Youth Chess Composing Challenge. The 7th YCCC attracted 42 participants from 16 countries with 64 entries, and included 7 out of the 10 best young solvers in the world according to the July 2023 rating list. Youth Committee expressed satisfaction with the rise in quality and suggested a few novelties for the 8th YCCC 2024.

One of them is to introduce prizes for the five best representatives from five different countries, the vouchers of 500 Euro each for taking part in the WCCC and WCSC 2025. Another novelty is the free-theme section for endgames, aimed to attract young chess players with less experience in composing.

### **1.9.9 Qualifications Committee**

Neal Turner joined the committee. As the acting spokesman, Harry Fougiaxis announced the new holders of the WFCC titles. Two of them were granted to deceased composers, upon request of the Polish society:

- International Grandmaster of the FIDE for Chess Compositions: Mikola Kolesnik (UKR), Václav Kotěšovec (CZE), Gennady Kozyura (UKR), Pavel Murashev (RUS), Abdelaziz Onkoud (FRA), Manfred Rittirsch (GER)
- International Master of the FIDE for Chess Compositions: Eric Huber (ROU), Anatoly Skripnik (RUS), Mihailo Stojnić (SRB), Dmitry Turevsky (RUS), Igor Yarmonov (UKR)
- FIDE Master for Chess Compositions: Marcin Banaszek (GER), Sergey Bilyk (RUS), Oleg Efrosinin (RUS), Volker Gülke (GER), Kenan Velikhanov (AZE), Viktor Zaitsev (BLR), Saturnin Limbach (POL)(†), upon request by the country, Dawid Przepiórka (POL)(†), upon request by the country
- International Solving Grandmaster of the FIDE: Ural Khasanov (RUS)
- International Solving Master of the FIDE: Kevinas Kuznecovas (LTU), Ulrich Voigt (GER)
- FIDE Solving Master: Mihnea Costachi (ROU), Jakub Marcinişzyn (POL), Nikita Ushakov (RUS)

- International Judge of the FIDE for Chess Compositions: Vlaicu Crișan (ROU) – fairies, retros and helpmates, Gérard Doukhan (FRA) – twomovers and threemovers, Paul Răican (ROU) – retros and fairies, Manfred Rittirsch (GER) – extension to helpmates

### 1.9.10 Computer committee

The spokesman Thomas Maeder reported there was no committee meeting.

## 1.10 Reports from solving competitions 2023

### 1.10.1 International Solving Contest (ISC) 2023

Axel Steinbrink, the Central controller of the 19th International Solving Contest (ISC), presented results and statistics of the ISC held on 29<sup>th</sup> January 2023. The ISC included 38 tournaments in 26 countries and 601 solvers (+15 unofficial solvers in cat-3): 181 solvers in cat-1, 172 solvers in cat-2 and 248 solvers in cat-3. The results were published on 13<sup>th</sup> February.

**Category 1:** 1. Ofer Comay (ISR), 2. Eddy Van Beers (BEL), 3. Kacper Piorun (POL)

**Category 2:** 1. Daniel Dumitrescu (ROU), 2. Emīls Tabors (LAT), 3. Radu-Cristian Fluerariu (ROU)

**Category 3:** 1. Grigory Filin (FID), 2. Taras Rudenko (UKR), 3. Viktoriya Merkulova (FID)

In the Category 1 contest there were also sections for juniors, women and seniors with the following top results:

**Women:** 1. Laura Rogule (LAT), 2. Denisa-Andreea Bucur (ROU), 3. Ana Kuchava (GEO)

**Juniors:** 1. Ilija Serafimović (SRB), 2. Nikolozi Kacharava (GEO), 3. Kevinas Kuznecovas (LTU)

**Seniors:** 1. Ofer Comay (ISR), 2. Michael Pfannkuche (GER), 3. Jorma Paavilainen (FIN)

### 1.10.2 European Chess Solving Championship (ECSC) 2023

16<sup>th</sup> ECSC was held in Bratislava from 2<sup>nd</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> June. Marek Kolčák was leading the organizing team, ECSC was directed by Marko Klasinc with his assistant Axel Steinbrink, and Bohumil Moravčík joined them in selection of problems.

There were 14 teams and 75 individuals (two unofficial) from 18 countries.

**Teams:** 1. Poland 260, 2. Lithuania 237, 3. Slovakia 227.75

**Individuals:** 1. Kacper Piorun (POL) 87.5, Piotr Murdzia (POL) 86, 3. Eddy Van Beers (BEL) 85

The three top solvers in the category of seniors (24 participants): 1. Jonathan Mestel (GBR), 2. Jorma Paavilainen (FIN), 3. Marjan Kovačević (SRB). 9 juniors competed, the top places going to 1. Kevinas Kuznecovas (LTU), 2. Ilija Serafimović (SRB), 3. Mihnea Costachi (ROU). Among 5 ladies the medals were won by 1. Kamila Hryshchenko (GBR), 2. Denisa-Andreea Bucur (ROU) and Daria Dvoeglazova (ISR).

There were 71 participants in the Open Solving Tournament, directed by Marián Križovenský and assisted by Axel Steinbrink, with problems selected by Bohumil Moravčík. The winners were: 1. Piotr Murdzia (POL), 2. Jonathan Mestel (GBR), 3. Eddy Van Beers (BEL). Best seniors out of 25 participants were: 1. Jonathan Mestel (GBR), 2. Jorma Paavilainen (FIN), 3. Mark Erenburg (ISR).

From the 9 juniors taking part, the top solvers were: 1. Ilija Serafimović (SRB), 2. Mihnea Costachi (ROU), 3. Kevinas Kuznecovas (LTU).

### 1.10.3 World Solving Cup (WSC) 2022-23

As in the previous editions, the WSC 2022-23 was directed smoothly and efficiently by Roland Ott. Axel Steinbrink was once again reporting to the assembly, as he did for all the solving events in 2023. There were 17 WSC tournaments in 16 countries, and 69 solvers managed to earn WSC points. The WSC 2022-23 was won by Eddy Van Beers (BEL) ahead of Kevinas Kuznecovas and Piotr Murdzia.

### 1.10.4 World Chess Solving Championship (WCSC) 2023

The Director Axel Steinbrink, assisted by Marko Klasinc, announced results of the 46<sup>th</sup> WCSC in Batumi. 16 teams and 78 solvers participated in the championship. The top results are:

Teams		Individuals	
1. Poland	159	1. Danila Pavlov (FID)	85
2. Lithuania	135	2. Kacper Piorun (POL)	82
3. Great Britain	125.5	3. Piotr Murdzia (POL)	71
4. Georgia	124.25	4. Ural Khasanov (FID)	70
5. Germany	122	5. Aleksey Popov (FID)	67
6. Romania	119.75	6. Anna Shukhman (FID)	66.75
7. Serbia	118.25	7. Kevinas Kuznecovas (LTU)	66.75
8. Israel	117.25	8. Danila Moiseev (FID)	66.25
9. Finland	110.5	9. Nikos Sidiropoulos (GRE)	65.85
10. Azerbaijan	108.25	10. Nikita Ushakov (FID)	65

The three top solvers in the category of juniors (20 participants): 1. Danila Pavlov (FID), 2. Ural Khasanov (FID), Anna Shukhman (FID). 16 seniors took part and the medals went to 1. Jorma Paavilainen (FIN), 2. Jonathan Mestel (GBR), 3. Ofer Comay (ISR). The best ones among 8 ladies were 1. Anna Shukhman (FID), 2. Viktoriya Kharitonova (FID), 3. Kamila Hryshchenko (GBR).

The same judging team was responsible for the Batumi Open solving tournament with 77 participants. The winners were 1. Ural Khasanov (FID), 2. Eddy Van Beers (BEL), 3. Danila Pavlov (FID). The field was dominated by juniors this time, and the best out of 20 were: 1. Ural Khasanov (FID), 2. Danila Pavlov (FID), 3. Nikita Ushakov (FID). Best seniors among 17 participants were: 1. Jorma Paavilainen (FIN), 2. Ofer Comay (ISR), 3. Michel Caillaud (FRA). There were 8 ladies, and the best results were achieved by: 1. Kamila Hryshchenko (GBR), 2. Anna Shukhman (FID), 3. Ekaterina Shestakova (FID).

The president thanked Axel Steinbrink, Marko Klasinc and other judges for the wonderful realization of Batumi competitions and other solving events in 2023.

## 2 Proposals by the Presidium

### 2.1 Appointing Treasurer

After elections in 2022, the Statutes (page 8, Point 9.1) obliged Presidium to “decide on which Vice-President assumes the office of Treasurer”. This creates a potential problem when no Vice-President is ready to accept the duty. Presidium suggested to replace the sentence “The Presidium decides on which Vice-President assumes the office of Treasurer” with the following sentence:

*“The Presidium appoints the Treasurer”.*

With 20 votes for suggested change, no votes against it and 3 abstentions, the proposal was accepted.

Thomas Maeder, a devoted WFCC Treasurer during the previous 12 years, stressed that even after such a change the Presidium will be responsible for finances.

### 2.2 Admission of Member Countries

Presidium suggested to adjust the rules for admission of Member Countries to current reality and to change the following sentence in Annex II of the Statutes, on page 12: 1. “Visible activity in the composing and solving of chess problems or studies must exist in a country applying for admission to the WFCC.” Having in mind that nowadays solving activities in many countries dominate composing, the new formulation was suggested, changing only “composing and solving” to “composing or solving” (the changed word in bold):

*“Visible activity in the composing **or** solving of chess problems or studies must exist in a country applying for admission to the WFCC.”*

With 22 delegates supporting the proposal and 1 vote against it, the new formulation was accepted.

### 2.3 Support from the Fujairah Government

After the introductory discussions about the financial support from the Fujairah Government to WFCC, this proposal by the Presidium was put on voting. With 21 delegates supporting it, 2 delegates against it and two abstentions, the proposal was accepted. The president thanked Dr Abdulla Ali Aal Barket for the generous act in an unstable financial situation of WFCC.

### 2.4 Honorary Members

Presidium suggested to name Bernd Ellinghoven a Honorary Member. Bernd was a distinguished delegate of Germany for 35 years, the editor of the FIDE Album and much else. He has been one of the greatest promoters of chess composition. The proposal was unanimously accepted.

## 3 Financial Report, Balance Sheet, Auditor's Report, Budget

The vice-president Abdulla Ali Aal Barket accepted the duty of Treasurer. In the year of transition of duties Julia Vysotska, being herself a financial officer, made the financial report (**Annex 5**). She started it with the fact that at that moment WFCC had no money, being still in a long process of

opening a new bank account. For that reason neither funds from the previous account, nor the yearly support from FIDE could be transferred and used. The FIDE support for 2023 was under question, and the money used for regular expenses during Batumi WCCC was in fact borrowed from the Fujairah Government support.

This was one of the reasons why the planned support of 500 Euros to ECSC 2023 wasn't realized. Another reason was that the ECSC 2023 organizers managed to cover all their expenses. The conclusion was that these 500 Euros could stay in the WFCC list of debts and still be paid, depending on the future financial situation and the decision of the assembly.

Thomas Maeder, as the former Treasurer, explained the difficulties he had been having. He had for several years been paying bills from his own account because WFCC did not have a bankcard attached to the account. It had been well documented in the accounting for the previous years and the auditor Bjørn Enemark had acknowledged the transfer. So, the financial report was accepted.

As for the budget (**Annex 6**), Bjørn said that the bills not paid should occur in the budget for the next year as outstanding, so that they were documented for next year and not forgotten, and that he was supported via mail by his co-auditor Johan de Boer.

Julia argued that they had already been on the Profit and Loss accounts for the previous year and she saw no reason to include them once more in the Profit & Loss of the new Budget. She also emphasized that such costs incurred in the previous year, but not yet paid, are properly reflected in the Cash and Debt position as reported in the accounts. She was supported by Marco Guida, Bjørn disagreed, but the budget for the next one year period was accepted.

## **4 Election of Auditors**

Bjørn Enemark was elected to be Auditor again, and Johan de Boer to be Reserve Auditor for the following year. However, after the meeting Bjørn approached Marco Guida and asked him if he was willing to take over the auditor's job, since he seemed to be familiar with accounting matters. Marco agreed and the change was noted.

## **5 Future Meetings**

No official bids for the ECSC 2024 and WCCC & WCSC 2024 have been sent before the Batumi WCCC. Torsten Linß offered to organize the 17<sup>th</sup> European Chess Solving Championship (ECSC) in Hagen, Germany, in April or May 2024. An online voting will be organized as soon as the bid(s) for ECSC will be ready.

The deadline for bids for the 66<sup>th</sup> World Congress of Chess Composition (WCCC) & 47<sup>th</sup> World Chess Solving Championship (WCSC) were extended till 10<sup>th</sup> October. The voting should be organized in an online WFCC Meeting on 15<sup>th</sup> November 2023.

## **6 Any other Business**

### **6.1 ISC Team for 2024**

After 14 years of being a proud symbol of the International Solving Contest, Axel Steinbrink decided to step down from the office of ISC Central Controller. He announced his decision at the beginning of the year, but the Solving committee couldn't find a substitute up to the end of WCCC 2023 and the decision was postponed. Marek Kolčák reported that Bohumil Morvačik would be ready to select problems, and the other members of ISC 2024 Team were to be found.

## 6.2 About the Chess Composition Day

Jiří Jelinek made a research (**Agenda, Annex 2.10**) to discover the exact date of publication of the article in magazine Svetozor that has been used to mark the Chess Composition Day. It turned out that instead of 4th January 1869, as stated in the initial proposal by the late Valentin Rudenko, the only article of that type seemed to be published on 19th February 1869. Johan de Boer tried to get the documented proof from the KB Nationale Biblioteek in Haag, but hasn't succeeded so far. The delegates haven't shown much interest in the topic and no discussion followed the presented information.

## 7 Conclusion

The president thanked the delegates and the spokesmen of committees for their work during the week. He congratulated Georgian organizers headed by David Gurgenidze and Akaki Iashvili for organizing the congress and the world solving championship, and he emphasized the role of the secretary Mohammad Alhallak in technical support during the congress. Then he declared the meeting closed.

Marjan Kovačević (President)  
Mohammad Alhallak (Secretary)  
July 2024

## ANNEX 1

### Application for membership by Armenia

Armenian Chess Composition Society, Chess Composition Commission of Armenia (Chairman – Suren Poghosyan)

08/31/2023 To: Marjan Kovacevic, WFCC President

Subject: Application of Armenia for admission as a member of the World Federation for Chess Composition (WFCC)

Mr. President!

We, composers, solvers and enthusiasts of chess composition in Armenia, hereby formally apply for membership of the WFCC. We have a long standing tradition in chess composition and are also currently an active and contributing presence in

A) composing ; B) Solving ;

C) Holding competitions, including international ones ; D) Judging

E) Magazine editorship (the weekly Shahmatain Hayastan is published)

We intend to continue and extend our participation and contribute in these activities, especially with the emergence of a young and enthusiastic new generation. Our representative in Batumi will be the chess FIDE Master Tigran Gasparian, FIDE ID: 13300903.

Requesting your and the WFCC Presidium's approval of our application.

Sincerely: Suren Poghosyan, Alexey Gasparyan, Ashot Yeghiazaryan, Eduard Kuloyan, Ashot Uzunyan, Grigory Atayanc

Some facts about chess composition in our country

I will not cite any achievements of this man, but will only mention his name: Henrikh Kasparyan is an outstanding chess study composer of the 20th century. In essence, the development of chess composition in Armenia began with him – a small country where practical chess has long been very popular, and composition was in its infancy. But nevertheless, the heirs of Kasparyan in the 70s of the 20th century managed to create a more or less team. For the first time this team took part in the 8th USSR Team Championship (1972-1973) and took the 15th place (among 17 teams). However, having missed 3 more Championships, the team of Armenia (more precisely, the Armenian SSR) participated in the 12th USSR Championship (1984-1985, 9th place), the 13th USSR Championship (1987-1988, 12th place) and, finally, in the 14th USSR Championship (1990-1992, 6th place). Here it is necessary to mention the merits of Sergey Varovand Sergey Kasparyan (son of Henrikh Kasparyan).

Armenia regularly participates in the World Team Championships (WCCT), starting from the 5th World Chess Composition Tournament. At the last three Championships (9,10 and 11 WCCT), Alexey Gasparyan was the team captain, and Armenia managed to enter the top twenty three times.

Since 2010, the Solving Championships of Armenia have been held regularly. The judge of several such championships was Alexandr Manvelyan. By the way, in the 1st Individual World Championship (WCCI) in the studies section, Manvelyan managed to take 5th place.

Several international composing tournaments were held in Armenia: Memorial Tournaments G.Kasparyan - 90 (2000), G.Kasparyan - 100 (2010), Byuzandyan-Varov-Grigoryan MT (2011), G.Amiryan-80 MT (2014), A. Manvelyan-70 MT (2016), and others. The judges of these competitions were Sergey Kasparyan, Hamlet Amiryan and Alexey Gasparyan.

In addition to those mentioned, in different years the Armenian team also included the late Shamir Chobanyan, Sergey Chidemyan, Serge Saghatelian, Albert Grigoryan, Hamlet Amiryan. And also now alive Ashot Uzunyan, the most experienced solver Eduard Kuloyan, experienced composer Grigory Atayanc who joined us before the 11th World Championship, and Ashot Yeghiazaryan, who dreams of creating a young team of solvers and composers in Armenia.

## ANNEX 2

### Summary Report from the WCCI Committee Meeting, September 4<sup>th</sup> 3:00 pm.

#### Participants:

- Marco Guida (Spokesman)
- Shankar Ram (WCCI 2022-24 Director, WCCI Committee member)
- Valery Kopyl (WCCI Committee member)
- Andrej Selivanov (WCCI Committee member)
- Kjell Widlert (WCCI Committee member)
- Harry Fougiaxis (Honorary WFCC President, FIDE Album Spokesman)

#### Main topics:

1. Proposal for a panel of 40 judges for WCCI 2022-24
2. Proposal for a review of the text of the General Rules as currently published on WFCC Web Site
3. Initial Discussion concerning the future of WCCI (beyond 2024)
4. Other topics

#### 1. Proposal for a panel of 40 judges for WCCI 2022-24

During the past 3-4 months WCCI Spokesman and Director worked together to build a proposal for a complete panel of judges for WCCI 2022-24. Beside the (obvious!) requirement of having on board judges having appropriate competence, experience and fairness, among the criteria set in searching for judges were:

- To broaden the base of WFCC Member Countries providing judges for WCCI.
- To avoid composers striving for top-3 places in WCCI, to minimise risks of biased judgement
- To cover as much as possible different active composing styles
- To involve newer and younger judges
- To involve composers of widely recognized experience, even if not generally competing in WCCI.

Approximately 150 composers/judges from 47 Countries have been screened, 67 of them from 37 Countries have been invited and finally 40 from 27 Countries have kindly accepted (in writing). The complete panel of judges have been widely discussed within the WCCI Committee and preliminarily accepted. Main highlights are:

- 27 Countries represented: GER with 4 judges; FRA, SVK and ISR with 3 Judges each; RUS, UKR, SRB and USA with 2 judges each; all other 19 Countries with 1 judge each
- A good mix of younger, yet experienced, and more seasoned judges: 4 judges aged 38 to 50; 10 judges aged 50 to 60; 13 judges aged 60 to 70; 13 judges aged 70+
- 19 “new” judges, i.e. never judged WCCI or FIDE Album in the same Section before
- Only 6 judges having already judged in the same Section in WCCI 2019-21

The WCCI Committee thinks that at this stage there is no need to publish this list of judges, with the understanding that some names might still possibly change by the time the next WCCI will be officially announced, and that the final full list will be made public only at the time of the official announcement, as per past practices.

As the reserve judges and the WCCI Supervising Panel are concerned, Spokesman and Director will work in due course to secure a proper set of names, anticipating that Harry Fougiaxis and Marek Kolčák have already kindly accepted to continue being an active member of the Supervising Panel as they had done to the benefit of WCCI 2019-21.



## 2. Proposal for a review of the text of the General Rules as currently published on WFCC Web Site

Current General Rules for WCCI as they are published on WFCC Web Site

([https://www.wfcc.ch/competitions/composing/wcci\\_rules/](https://www.wfcc.ch/competitions/composing/wcci_rules/)) are obviously obsolete: e.g. they state that there are 3 judges (instead of 5!), that judges cannot compete in WCCI in the same Section (which is actually not the case!), etc. They need to be updated.

The WCCI Committee suggests a new text to be published on the WFCC Web Site in replacement of the obsolete text. The new text is essentially taken from the WCCI 2019-21 Announcement, with minor formal amendments to make it readable as “general” rules and a revision of the portion of text that sets some general criteria for the selection of judges (point 5 of Annex 2) to account for real world constraints and opportunities (e.g. removing the requirement that judges shall be ranked among the top-15 in the previous WCCI).

As in the past, further addition, specific topics or minor deviations concerning a specific WCCI cycle will be dealt with as part of the official Announcement that will be prepared and published in due time.

## 3. Initial Discussion concerning the future of WCCI (beyond 2024)

In the light of:

- The growing difficulty of recruiting 40 new judges every 3 years willing to undertake such a massive task as judging WCCI (and FIDE Album!);
- The main reasons for refusals by candidate judges: “no time”, “too challenging task for me”, “I do not believe in WCCI as a competition”, “No interest to score tons of low quality entries”, etc;
- Risks that personal (not only national) ambitions can potentially lead to conflict of interests;
- No borders in quality of entries (an issue shared by FIDE Album, by the way!), making the task of judges highly time consuming and poorly rewarding;
- Many commonalities across WCCI and FIDE Album evaluation processes;
- Last, but not least!, the increasing scarcity of human resources available within WFCC to run not only competitions and tourneys of various types, but also very much needed new initiatives in other strategically vital areas (e.g. to stimulate and create a next generation of composers)...

The Spokesman of WCCI has set to the WCCI Committee a rather fundamental question: does WCCI still make sense as a stand-alone competition? Could the WCCI title/ranking rather be in the future a “by product” of the FIDE Album evaluation process (with rules to be defined and fine tuned)?

Both Harry Fougiaxis and Kjell Widlert reminded that this has already happened in the past, stressing the importance, should such a route be taken, to carefully define rules taking into account objections and concerns expressed in past circumstance by composers and the then Delegates. Valery Kopyl expressed an overall positive view on the idea, emphasizing that this already happens with reference to Ukrainian Album and Ukrainian Champion titles. Andrey Selivanov suggested that this topic do not need any decision today, but agreed to have further discussion and consideration in the near future.

WCCI Committee proposal is therefore to postpone deeper discussions and decisions to future WCCI Committee Meetings.

## 4. Other matters

Harry Fougiaxis has brought to the attention of WCCI Committee a proposal he received by Mr. Igor Yarmonov suggesting to “*hold a separate World Championship among collective tasks*”, i.e. for joint compositions by “*duos*”, “*trios*” or “*quartets*” of authors.

The WCCI Committee discussed this proposal, but the decision has been to reject it as it appears hard to execute, most notably in the light of all the issues discussed earlier that already affects WCCI.

## ANNEX 3

### Report by the Codex committee

The committee had one meeting with Kjell Widlert (spokesman), Bjørn Enemark, and Michel Caillaud present. The only item on our agenda was a number of proposals from Andrew Buchanan.

#### **Footnote 12**

Proposal: Change the reference to the FIDE Laws from 1 Jan 2018 to 1 Jan 2023, which is the current edition of the laws.

The committee approves of this change.

#### **Footnote 13**

Proposal: Delete this footnote, which refers to the terms orthodox/heterodox/fairy/exo (which are not clearly defined).

The committee agrees that this footnote serves no clear purpose. (Note: the proposal was later withdrawn.)

#### **Article 23 and Footnote 29**

Proposal: revise the text concerning joint authorship.

The committee believes that the present staircase for labelling corrections and versions by other composers serves a useful purpose in order to reflect the contribution of the later composer(s), in order from minor contribution to very considerable contribution:

\* "by A, version/correction"

\* "by A, version/correction by B"

\* "by A & B"

\* "by B, after A".

The proposer notes that this can be clumsy when several composers are involved, and is not adequately supported by the various databases. The committee feels that the clumsiness is necessary when several composers have been involved, and that the database support is a problem of the databases, not of the Codex.

The proposer also notes that in the field of tasks & records in the retro space, the attribution is usually as joints with previous composers: "by A, B & C". The committee feels that this is a reasonable exception from the normal procedure, but it should not be applied to other fields.

In relation to this, the proposer raises the question of how to deal with the case when the original composer is deceased. The committee feels that all labelling methods except "by A & B" are equally applicable for problems by deceased composers. The question whether a later composer can publish a joint problem with a deceased composer was put to the Assembly. The general opinion was that this should not normally be possible (with the exceptions of cases where the composers worked together on the problem before one was deceased, and "trademarks" like Kohtz & Kockelkorn, and possible also other special cases).

#### **Consistency of occasionally changing rules & conventions**

Examples of this are the 50-move rule and conventions for partial retrograde analysis. When these rules or conventions are changed, it may happen that a problem that conformed to the rules/conventions when it was published, now becomes unsound.

Proposal: A problem if sound in any period cannot later be regarded as unsound or be forced to become fairy.

The committee feels that it was always the intention of the Codex not to change the status of already existing problems. It would also be possible to publish problems that follow older conventions now, preferably with a clear statement along the diagram as to which rules/conventions apply to it. This intention was not explicitly mentioned in the Codex, and the committee is ready to consider adding such a clarification. The Assembly was in favour of this.

#### **Administration**

Proposal:

(a) All agreed changes to the Codex should go into the Minutes of the Congress.

(b) The new Codex should be published on the WFCC site promptly.

(c) The folder name for the Codex on the WFCC site should not include the irrelevant part “1999-2012”.

(d) The Handbook should include the latest version of the Codex.

The committee naturally agrees fully with (a), (b), and (c). These should be carried out by the President or the web master.

(d): The Handbook is a private initiative of Hannu Harkola, and it is unclear whether there will be another edition now that everything is available on the web site. But if there is another edition including the Codex, the current version should of course be used.

**Future work**

No concrete changes to the Codex will be made this year, but the committee intends to propose changes to the Codex at one of the next few congresses. These may also include some retro-related modifications, which are expected to be proposed by the same proposer by next congress.

Batumi, September 2023

Kjell Widlert

spokesman

## **ANNEX 4**

### **FIDE Album Committee Report**

All sections of the current FIDE Album 2019-21, except for the endgame studies, have been finalized. In section D, the judge Branislav Djurasevic is late (he has scored 2/3 of the studies up to the end of September). The director and the spokesman have established a tight schedule for the judge's remaining work and the judge promised that he will respect it. In the event of any further delay by the judge, the director and the spokesman will try to find a solution.

After reviewing the proposal by Vlaicu Crisan and Narayan Shankar Ram of 2022, the committee suggested to the assembly the fairies section of the next album 2022-24 to include a new group (sub-section) G3 for help-self problems only. Several delegates expressed doubt or concern for it, or suggested some alternative split of the judges' workload in section G. The spokesman stated that the committee will revisit the issue in the next congress with the intention to ask the delegates to vote.

Selection of directors and judges for the 2022-24 album has started. Invitations have been sent to several problemists and the response so far is encouraging. The final list will be put on vote in the next congress.

Starting with the 2022-24 album, it was unanimously decided that together with the results of each section, the final spreadsheet will be also posted with the TOTAL score of each composition. Scores of the individual judges will NOT be shown.

The committee agreed with Narayan Shankar Ram's suggestion that an updated errata list of all albums should be made available. This is a major project and requires time; the spokesman will draft a schedule when he gets the so far information available from earlier lists developed by individuals in the past.

The committee did not support the suggestion made by Igor Yarmonov regarding the change of the submission limit for the problemists who have a lot of joint compositions with other composers.

Compositions with math content will have to be submitted to the fairies section.

The suggestion by Bedrich Formánek and Juraj Brabec regarding the use of Z-System in the albums will be discussed in the next congress, when the editor is present.

# ANNEX 5

## Financial Report

### WORLD FEDERATION FOR CHESS COMPOSITION

Income Statement: Budget to ACTUAL 2022-2023

Budget WCCC 2022	2022-23		Earnings 2022-23	2022 Jul-Nov		2022 Nov - 2023 Jun		Total 2022-23	
	Income	Expense		Income	Expense	Income	Expense	Income	Expense
FIDE	€ 3,000.00			€ 0.00		€ 0.00		€ 0.00	
ISC 2022		€ 150.00	ISC 2022		€ 150.00				€ 150.00
WCSC 2022		€ 500.00	WCSC 2022		€ 500.00				€ 500.00
WCCI 2019-2021		€ 500.00							€ 0.00
WCCT 2020-2023		€ 100.00	WCCT 2020-2023		€ 100.00				€ 100.00
YCCC 2022		€ 100.00							€ 0.00
IT		€ 600.00	IT (websites)		€ 389.52				€ 389.52
ECSC 2023		€ 500.00							€ 0.00
Banking		€ 100.00	Banking		€ 25.55		€ 35.00		€ 60.55
Other expenses		€ 150.00							€ 0.00
WSC 2021-22		€ 300.00	WSC 2021-22		€ 300.00				€ 300.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>€ 3,000.00</b>	<b>€ 3,000.00</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>€ 0.00</b>	<b>€ 1,465.07</b>	<b>€ 0.00</b>	<b>€ 35.00</b>	<b>€ 0.00</b>	<b>€ 1,500.07</b>
<b>Income (+) / Loss (-)</b>	<b>€ 0.00</b>		<b>Income (+) / Loss (-)</b>	<b>-€ 1,465.07</b>		<b>-€ 35.00</b>		<b>-€ 1,500.07</b>	

## ANNEX 6

### The Budget

#### WORLD FEDERATION FOR CHESS COMPOSITION

Income Statement: The BUDGET 2023-2026

Budget WCCC 2023-26	2023-24		2024-25		2025-26	
	Income	Expense	Income	Expense	Income	Expense
FIDE	€ 3,000.00		€ 3,000.00		€ 3,000.00	
Fujairah Government (conditional*)	€ 5,000.00		€ 5,000.00		€ 5,000.00	
ISC 2023 / 2024 / 2025		€ 150.00		€ 150.00		€ 150.00
WCSC 2023 / 2024 / 2025(*)		€ 500.00		€ 500.00		€ 500.00
WCCI 2022-2024						€ 500.00
WCCC 2024 / 2025(*)				€ 1,000.00		€ 1,000.00
YCCC 2023 / 2024 / 2025		€ 100.00		€ 100.00		€ 2,500.00
IT (websites)		€ 500.00		€ 500.00		€ 500.00
ECSC 2024 / 2025 / 2026(*)		€ 500.00		€ 500.00		€ 500.00
Banking		€ 100.00		€ 100.00		€ 100.00
Other expenses		€ 100.00		€ 100.00		€ 100.00
WSC 2022-23 / 2023-24 / 2024-25		€ 300.00		€ 300.00		€ 300.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>€ 8,000.00</b>	<b>€ 2,250.00</b>	<b>€ 8,000.00</b>	<b>€ 3,250.00</b>	<b>€ 8,000.00</b>	<b>€ 6,150.00</b>
<b>Income (+) / Loss (-)</b>	<b>€ 5,750.00</b>		<b>€ 4,750.00</b>		<b>€ 1,850.00</b>	

(\*) Conditional yearly support by Fujairah government means the support of concrete WFCC projects. The projects of each year should be agreed in the budget, with the obligation of WFCC to have Fujairah Government logo for each supported project (banner, website, booklet etc.)

#### WORLD FEDERATION FOR CHESS COMPOSITION

Balance Sheet 30.06.2023

Assets	30.11.2022	30.06.2023	Liabilities and Equity	30.11.2022	30.06.2023
Bank	€ 3,014.48	€ 2,979.48	Retained earnings 01.07.2022	€ 4,479.55	€ 4,479.55
			Profit (+) / Loss (-) 2022-2023	-€ 1,465.07	-€ 1,500.07
			Total Equity	€ 3,014.48	€ 2,979.48
Debtors	€ 0.00	€ 0.00	Creditors	€ 0.00	€ 0.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>€ 3,014.48</b>	<b>€ 2,979.48</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>€ 3,014.48</b>	<b>€ 2,979.48</b>