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MINUTES

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Bjørn Enemark	Denmark	Delegate
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David Gurgenidze	Georgia	Delegate
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John Rice	Great Britain	Delegate and Honorary President
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Marco Bonavoglia	Italy	Delegate
Tadashi Wakashima	Japan	Delegate
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Johan de Boer	Netherlands	Delegate
Piotr Górski	Poland	Delegate
Dinu-Ioan Nicula	Romania	Delegate
Marjan Kovačević	Serbia	Delegate
Peter Gvozdják	Slovakia	Delegate
Marko Klasinc	Slovenia	Delegate
Kjell Widlert	Sweden	Delegate
Valery Kopyl	Ukraine	Delegate
Mike Prcic	USA	Delegate

The following countries were not represented: Argentina, Austria, Belarus, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Brazil, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Kazakhstan, Macedonia, Moldova, Mongolia, and Spain.

Persons who contributed actively included: Piotr Murdzia, Alexander Mišta, Grzegorz Mišta, Kacper Piorun, Feliks Stachowicz, Pawel Klimiuk, Barbara Mišta, Piotr Górski (organisation), Axel Steinbrink, Vasyl Dyachuk, Yoshii Masato, Ward Stoffelen, Neal Turner, Vidmantas Satkus (solving events), John Rice, Stefan Parzuch, Waldemar Tura (composing tourneys), Marek Kolčák, Marián Križovenský, Roland Ott, Hans Peter Rehm and Andrey Selivanov (committee or working group members and contributors).

1 Opening Address

The president Harry Fougiaxis opened the meeting and welcomed delegates and observers. He thanked the Polish Chess Federation (*Polski Związek Szachowy*) and in particular Piotr Murdzia, Alexander Mišta and their helpers for organizing the congress.

2 Tributes

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

Hans Selb	Germany	(20.09.1929 - 28.08.2014)
Mihailo Smoljanović	Croatia	(18.11.1923 - 15.10.2014)
Iuri Akobia	Georgia	(20.05.1937 - 04.11.2014)
Karl Pohlheim	Germany	(12.05.1922 - 11.11.2014)
Mikola Kuligin	Ukraine	(10.12.1937 - 18.11.2014)
Evgeny Migdal	Ukraine	(23.03.1954 - 31.12.2014)
Gligor Denkovski	Macedonia	(20.08.1946 - 15.01.2015)
Yury Roslov	Russia	(09.01.1963 - 28.02.2015)
Miljenko Prusac	Croatia	(10.10.1936 - 01.03.2015)
Maria Firescu-Nadejde	Romania	(04.12.1942 - 04.03.2015)
Josef Křivohlávek	Czech Republic	(13.09.1919 - 17.03.2015)
Georg Böller	Germany	(30.08.1929 - 19.03.2015)
Andrey Dikusarov	Russia	(05.12.1929 - 03.05.2015)
Ervin Jánosi	Romania/Hungary	(08.03.1936 - 07.05.2015)
Marco Crucoli	Italy	(26.01.1942 - 27.05.2015)
Anatoly Matsukevich	Russia	(07.09.1938 - 14.06.2015)
Aleksandr Manvelyan	Armenia	(04.06.1946 - 21.06.2015)
Herbert Ahues	Germany	(02.03.1922 - 11.07.2015)
Adam Sobey	Great Britain	(19.03.1925 - 13.07.2015)
Yury Kalugin	Russia	(12.08.1940 - 03.08.2015)
Jan van Reek	Netherlands	(10.07.1945 - 08.08.2015)

3 Verification of Attendance and Voting Rights

24 countries were represented at the beginning of the opening session, and the meeting was declared legal. After the late arrival of two further delegates, 26 countries in total attended the meeting.

4 Approval of the Berne Minutes 2014

The Minutes of the 2014 meeting were approved without any amendment.

5 Membership of the Standing Committees

5.1. WCCT: G. Evseev, spokesman

[O. Comay], V. Dyachuk, b. ellinghoven, H. Fougiaxis, V. Kopyl, K. Widlert

5.2. WCCI: M. Kovačević, spokesman
D. Gurgenzidze, [Z. Hertz], [D. Kostadinov], M. Prcic, A. Selivanov, K. Widlert

5.3. Solving: M. Klasinc, spokesman
M. Kolčák, P. Murdzia, R. Ott, [L. Palmans], Vid. Satkus, A. Steinbrink, [R. Stelling], T. Wakashima

5.4. FIDE Album: H. Fougiaxis, spokesman
G. Büsing, [P. Einat], b. ellinghoven, G. Evseev, P. Gvozdják, H. Harkola, H.P. Rehm, J. Rice,
A. Selivanov, K. Widlert

5.5. Qualifications: M. Bonavoglia, spokesman
B. Enemark, G. Evseev, H. Fougiaxis, D.-I. Nicula

5.6. Computer Matters: T. Maeder, acting spokesman
B. Enemark, I. Ketris, M. Križovenský, [H. le Grand], [M. Schlosser], [R. Stelling], [B. Stephenson],
[D. Turevsky], [H. van der Heijden], K. Widlert

5.7. Studies: Y. Afek, acting spokesman
I. Aliev, D. Gurgenzidze, M. Minski, O. Pervakov, J. Roycroft, [H. van der Heijden], [M. Van Herck]

5.8. Codex: K. Widlert, spokesman
M. Caillaud

Absent members of committees are [indicated by brackets].

6 Technical Amendments of the Statutes

The technical amendments of adding the new member country Morocco to Annex I and rephrasing the sections "Solving norms" and "Solving titles" of Annex III, as agreed in Berne 2014, were approved by the assembly (no formal vote).

7 Notification of Proposals and Business carried forward

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

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| - Announcement of the WCCI 2013-15 | WCCI committee |
| - Cheating in solving chess | Solving committee |
| - Progress of FIDE albums | Album committee |
| - Partitioning of the h# entries in FIDE albums | Album committee |
| - Introduction of a new section in FIDE album | Album committee |
| - 'Dead position' in endgame studies | Codex committee |

8 Brief Reports on activities during 2014-15

8.1 David Gurgenzidze mentioned that last year a solving cup was organized in Batumi with about 70 youngsters competing in three groups of U10, U12 and U14. He also said that a similar event took place during the European Individual and Team Youth Championship 2014 (rapid and blitz) in

Tallinn, Estonia with more than 100 participants, while Porec, Croatia also has plans for a solving contest during the European Youth U8-U18 championship in September 2015. David suggested that such solving competitions should become regular events in European and World Youth OTB Championships.

8.2 Johan de Boer mentioned that a solving tourney with miniatures was organized in Amsterdam, as a parallel activity of the Dutch OTB championship. It attracted 15 participants and the whole Dutch WCSC solving team was among them.

8.3 John Rice reported that Brian Stephenson, who has been organizing the final of the British solving championship (Winston Solving Championship) in the last 25 years, will step down from the post. The detailed results of the 2015 championship, which was won by Piotr Murdzia ahead of Jonathan Mestel, were published in the March issue of *The Problemist*. John further informed the assembly about the BCPS spring-time gathering of 2015 in Nottingham with about 40 participants. He invited all those interested to take part in the next meeting in April 2016.

8.4 Yochanan Afek mentioned that an open solving tourney was organized during the annual meeting of the Israeli problemists association. He stressed that the best propaganda for problem chess is in connection with OTB chess events. He further mentioned that a solving contest with original studies was organized during the Wijk aan Zee OTB tourney. Martin Minski composed a study during the week which was given for solving and was afterwards displayed and analysed in live stream.

9 Reports and Discussion

9.1 Solving Committee

The spokesman Marko Klasinc reported as follows:

9.1.1 International Solving Contest (ISC)

- The committee agrees with the suggestion made by Ivan Denkovski, the ISC 2015 central controller, that birth dates of participants must not be published for privacy reasons; this is already implemented.
- The committee has no objection against organizing ISC tournaments in several locations in a country provided that a local controller is assigned to each tournament.
- The committee confirms the ad-hoc decision from last year about the age of solvers in Category 3: "Juniors who have not reached the age of 13 on the date that the ISC is held are eligible to participate." For the ISC 2016 this means, "born after 24th January 2003".

9.1.2 World Solving Cup

The committee proposed introducing a World Solving Cup and presented the rules (cf. Annex 1). Marko Klasinc would be ready acting as director of the first WSC 2015-16 with Marek Kolčák and Vidmantas Satkus as assistants. The assembly accepted the proposal (22 in favour, 2 abstentions). A registration form was prepared by Marko and was circulated to the delegates.

9.1.3 Cheating in solving tourneys

The proposal of Nikolaos Mendrinou about cheating in solving was reviewed carefully by the committee. It was agreed that this is a serious issue, and it becomes even more threatening with

the development of new and most sophisticated electronic devices. The committee is of the opinion that a lot of possible threats are already covered by the current WCSC Rules (items 7.2 and 10.1). It is true that the rules do not guide how the directors could and should act in cases of solvers' suspicious behaviour, therefore the committee decided to prepare a set of rules about solvers' behaviour and guidelines for the controllers. In general the committee feels in favour of certain suggestions made by Mr Mendrinov. The committee does not support drastic changes and prefers small steps of improvements, for example video surveillance which can help the controllers and is easy to implement nowadays. The committee strongly supports the idea of forbidding all electronic devices (not only mobile phones) during solving and will prepare a set of rules how to deal with the issue. It also supports the suggestion to increase the number of controllers who supervise the solvers; one controller per 20 solvers is a first idea. A specific problem relates to the use of toilets. The committee is of the opinion that this should not be forbidden even in rounds of less than one hour (maybe only during the twomovers round). On the other hand, the committee strongly recommends splitting the Open solving tournament to two rounds, thereby reducing the number of "toilet breaks".

The assembly took note of the various points brought up by the solving committee.

9.1.4 Report on the International Solving Contest (ISC) 2015 and 2016

On behalf of Ivan Denkovski, the ISC 2015 central controller, Marko Klasinc reported to the assembly. The contest was overshadowed by the death of Gligor Denkovski, the second central controller and Ivan's father, 10 days before the date of the ISC. Nevertheless, it was conducted flawlessly in 30 countries with a total of 503 solvers (239 in category 1, 100 in category 2 and 164 in category 3). The results were published on 15th of February and no appeals were filed.

Category 1: 1) Piotr Murdzia (POL), 2) Bojan Vučković (SRB), 3) Kacper Piorun (POL)

Category 2: 1) Zoran Ocokoljić (SRB), 2) Go Umayabara (JPN), 3) Arjen Kouwenhoven (NED)

Category 3: 1) Nikoloz Kacharava (GEO), 2) Danila Moiseev (RUS), 3) Ilija Serafimović (SRB)

In the Category 1 contest there were also sections for juniors, women and seniors with the following top results, juniors: 1. Mikhail Ganzhin (RUS), 2. Zaur Mammadov (AZE), 3. Tomáš Peitl (SVK); women: 1. Anna Bylinkina (RUS), 2. Marina Skorobogatova (RUS), 3. Ana Kuchava (GEO); seniors: 1. John Nunn (GBR), 2. Aleksandr Feoktistov (RUS), 3. Ian Watson (GBR).

The president thanked Ivan Denkovski for the successful organization under such difficult personal circumstances. As Ivan had already indicated that he cannot continue the work as ISC director, Axel Steinbrink and Luc Palmans volunteered to be the central controllers of ISC 2016, which will take place on 24.01.2016.

9.1.5 European Chess Solving Championship (ECSC) 2015

On behalf of the director Ryszard Królikowski, who was the director of the 11th ECSC 2015 in Iasi, Romania, 2-3 May, Dinu-Ioan Nicula reported that 65 solvers and 16 teams participated in the championship, while the open tournament attracted 67 solvers. The top results are as follows:

Teams		Individuals	
1. Poland	207.3	1. Georgy Evseev (RUS)	74.1
2. Russia	195.9	2. Anatoly Mukoseev (RUS)	70.5
3. Serbia	194.7	3. Kacper Piorun (POL)	66.5

The ECSC also included categories for juniors, women and seniors. The winners of the Open tournament were: 1. Piotr Murdzia (POL), 2. Bojan Vučković (SRB), 3. Anatoly Mukoseev (RUS).

9.1.6 World Chess Solving Championship (WCSC) 2015

The director Axel Steinbrink announced the results of the Open solving tournament and of the 39th WCSC in Ostróda. There were 89 participants in the Open and the winners are: 1. Anatoly Mukoseev (RUS), 2. Vidmantas Satkus (LTU), while Piotr Górski and Kacper Piorun (both POL) shared the 3rd place. There were 19 teams and 85 solvers in the WCSC. The top results are:

Teams		Individuals	
1. Poland	157.5	1. Kacper Piorun (POL)	80.5
2. Great Britain	151.0	2. John Nunn (GBR)	80.0
3. Serbia	135.5	3. Jorma Paavilainen (FIN)	73.0
4. Germany	134.0	4. Piotr Murdzia (POL)	71.0 / 338'
5. Azerbaijan	130.5	5. Misratdin Iskandarov (AZE)	71.0 / 350'
6. Russia	126.0	6. Jonathan Mestel (GBR)	69.0
7. Finland	120.5	7. Marjan Kovačević (SRB)	68.5
8. Slovakia	117.5	8. Eddy Van Beers (BEL)	66.5
9. France	111.0	9-10. Alexander Mišta (POL)	65.0 / 359'
10. Netherlands	106.5	9-10. Anatoly Mukoseev (RUS)	65.0 / 359'

The three top solvers in the category of seniors (16 participants): 1. John Nunn (GBR), 2. Tadashi Wakashima (JPN), 3. Aleksander Feoktistov (RUS). There were not enough solvers for official results in the categories of women (1) and juniors (9), but it was noted with pleasure that the best junior solvers [Misratdin Iskandarov (AZE, 5th place), Tomáš Peitl (SVK, 12th), Rashad Zeynalli (AZE, 22nd) and Bilguun Sumiya (MGL, 24th)] achieved excellent results.

The president thanked Axel and his team for the perfect organization of the solving events.

9.2 WCCT Committee

The spokesman Georgy Evseev reported to the assembly that 39 countries registered in the 10th WCCT and everything is running smoothly. There is presently nothing to discuss.

9.3 WCCI Committee

The spokesman Marjan Kovačević reported to the assembly that Mike Prcic, who had been directing the last three WCCIs very efficiently, wishes to be replaced now. The director for the 2013-15 WCCI will be Dmitry Turevsky. The schedule of the championship was presented as follows: Announcement 1.9.2015; closing date 20.1.2016; judges receive the entries (by email) 1.2.2016; awards finished by 1.6.2016; the director sends the full results to the supervision panel by 15.6.2016; announcement of the final results 30.6.2016.

The spokesman reminded that, as agreed last year, participants should submit 4 to 6 entries per section and when four judges only are giving marks, then the lowest and highest are discarded and the third mark is the average of the other two. The following persons were nominated as members of the supervising panel: Zvonimir Hernitz (Croatia), Bojan Vučković (Serbia), Mikalai Sihnevich (Belarus).

The spokesman mentioned that most of the judges had been nominated, but 7 judges were still needed. As it has become apparent that the rule to avoid same judges in two consecutive cycles is very difficult to follow in some sections (e.g. in retros), the committee suggested abolishing the rule. The assembly accepted the suggestion in a vote (22 in favour, 3 abstentions).

9.4 FIDE Album Committee

9.4.1 Progress of Albums

The spokesman Harry Fougiaxis was pleased to announce that the 2007-09 Album had been published right now. He thanked Peter Gvozdjak for his work which was finished within the time limits set last year. For the 2010-12 Album, all results are known and all the selected material is now in the hands of the editor. Indexers will be contacted soon. If everything progresses smoothly, publication of the Album might be expected for the congress in 2017.

For the 2013-15 Album, the committee has selected directors and judges. A draft schedule has been sketched as follows: Announcement January 2016; closing date July 2016; entries sent to judges October 2016; reports by directors May 2018; selected compositions sent to the editor July 2018. *[Ed.: refer to the WFCC site for the announcement and the finally agreed schedule.]*

9.4.2 Helpmates section

The committee reviewed the two proposals to partition the helpmates section, one submitted by Switzerland (2 sections: $h \leq 3$ and $h \geq n$, $n > 3$) and the other by Ukraine (3 sections: $h = 2$, $h = 3$, $h \geq n$). The committee did not support the Swiss proposal as it would result in a new section ($h = 2-3$) that would be too large to handle. The committee combined elements from the two proposals and presented a new one suggesting that all helpmates should be considered as belonging to a single section (as it used to be before splitting into two sections for practical reasons) but treated in three groups ($h = 2$, $h = 2.5-3$, $h \geq 3$) by a single director and three sets of judges. As the helpmates form a single section, composers may send a maximum of problems (30 or three times the problems selected in the previous album) for the whole section. In deciding whether problems with 7.5 points qualify for the album, the 14% rule applies to the section as a whole.

After presentation of this proposal, Thomas Maeder withdrew his own and supported the committee's proposal. In a vote, the assembly accepted the committee's proposal (17 in favour, 1 against, 5 abstentions).

9.4.3 New album section

The proposal by Yochanan Afek and others to establish a new section for problems with a stipulation other than direct/help/self-mates with no fairy conditions and no fairy pieces was not supported by the committee. Even if some of the compositions belonging to this group are quite popular, this does not necessarily mean that they are of high quality as quality is not necessarily related to the number of published problems. If a composition is of high quality then it can be selected for the Album under the present system.

Yochanan Afek disagreed as he is afraid that the "other non-fairy" problems are underestimated by fairy judges and he assumed that this may be the reason for the low number of selected problems from this group. Marko Klasinc observed that there are so many different types of problems in the fairies section that judges have sometimes difficulties to judge homogeneously over such a broad field. Ilja Ketris added that the compositions under consideration are not at all

fairy. Marjan Kovačević remarked that different types of compositions are also met in the retros section where proofgames and classical retros are hardly comparable. He asked whether we should think of forming subgroups with different judges in other sections too. In the ensuing discussion, various possible subgroups were mentioned. Then, Kjell Widlert asked where this would lead us to. As several separation systems were proposed, this might lead to confusion. In his opinion, in order to avoid this we should maintain a single group.

In a vote, the assembly decided to reject the proposal (9 in favour, 11 against, 3 abstentions).

9.5 Qualifications Committee

The spokesman Marco Bonavoglia proposed the award of composing, solving and judging titles as follows:

Honorary Master for Chess Compositions to: Hannu Harkola (FIN). The application of Finland was accepted by the assembly by acclamation.

International Grandmaster of the FIDE for Chess Compositions to: Yochanan Afek (ISR), Hubert Gockel (GER), John Rice (GBR), Aleksey Sochnev (RUS).

International Master of the FIDE for Chess Compositions to: Lev Grolman (RUS), Eugeniusz Iwanow (POL), Diyan Kostadinov (BUL), Gennady Kozyura (UKR), Gerhard Maleika (GER), Christopher Reeves (†) (GBR), Frank Richter (GER), Jacques Rotenberg (ISR), Marian Wróbel (†) (POL, posthumously upon request by the country).

FIDE Master for Chess Compositions to: Michael Barth (GER), Pavel Murashev (RUS), Rainer Paslack (GER), Guy Sobrecases (FRA), Lennart Werner (SWE).

International Solving Grandmaster of the FIDE to: Oleksy Solovchuk (UKR).

International Solving Master of the FIDE to: Misratdin Iskandarov (AZE), Tomáš Peitl (SVK).

FIDE Solving Master to: Branislav Djurašević (SRB), Zaur Mammadov (AZE), Abdelaziz Onkoud (MAR), Bilguun Sumiya (MGL).

International Judge of the FIDE for Chess Compositions to: Henrik Juel (DEN, retros), Dragan Stojnić (SRB, twomovers and fairies), Sven Trommler (GER, extension to selfmates and fairies).

All these titles were accepted by the assembly by acclamation.

With regard to the titles of deceased composers, the committee has prepared a list with the names of deceased composers who have obtained at least 25 points in the FIDE albums but have not received the IM title. The assembly agreed in principle that composing titles should not be automatically awarded to these persons posthumously. However the assembly is now ready to provide such certificates to the member associations if requested. The spokesman will contact the relevant delegates in due course.

9.6 Computer Matters Committee

As the spokesman Dmitry Turevsky was not present, Thomas Maeder reported to the assembly as follows: The Ankona project was the main topic of discussion. In the meeting of last year, a project was drafted to merge Ankona with YACPBD in order to eventually have a collection of chess compositions endorsed by WFCC. However it was reported that no work has been done in this regard since the Berne meeting.

The Ankona project is still a very useful tool and submission of the Album entries to some sections could be done with it. Therefore the committee suggested including a contribution by WFCC in the budget and encouraged Iija Ketris to actually claim the budgeted amount.

Several software developments were also reported:

- A new graphical user interface for Popeye in Windows, with the codename Teddy, is being developed by Bjørn Enemark.
- Marián Križovenský has done some interesting work in integrating Popeye with Microsoft Office products (e.g. Word).
- The Popeye project is about to move from SourceForge to a new repository; testing is being done right now and an announcement will appear on the WFCC site and the MatPlus forum.

The president observed with pleasure that a lot of associations and individuals are currently involved in scanning of magazines and uploading them on the web. As examples, he mentioned *Schweizerische Schachzeitung* and the *SASB* magazines by Roland Ott, Martin Hoffmann and Volker Felber, *Revista Română de Şah* and *Buletin Problemistic* by Marian Stere, *Thema Danicum* by Bjørn Enemark and Steffen Slumstrup Nielsen, *The Problemist* stretching from its beginning in 1926 to 2013 (available in the members area) as well as the complete archive of the *Supplement* and, last but not least, the Russian *Shakhmatnaya Kompozitsiya* whose the first 100 issues can be found at the [RU_Chess_Art](#) blog.

9.7 Studies Committee

The spokesman Yochanan Afek informed the assembly that, after Iuri Akobia's death, the selection of the Study of the Year 2014 will be organized by ARVES and hosted by Mario Guido García. The committee had agreed that the judges' individual marks should remain undisclosed and only totals will be published.

The committee dealt also with Sergey Didukh's continuous criticism in his blog, often using unacceptable terms for judges and composers. The spokesman wondered if Mr Didukh, although the current world champion and an acknowledged expert, would be a sound choice for a WCCI judge as he may turn out to be biased. He also asked if any measures can be taken to protect the problemists. Marjan Kovačević confirmed that Mr Didukh assured that he will act professionally in the WCCI and he suggested that the judge is not replaced. The president regretted that this is not the first time the assembly has to deal with the offensive behaviour of Mr Didukh. The issue is considered serious by many study composers and could possibly discourage them from judging in the future. The president informed the assembly that he discussed the matter with the Ukrainian delegate and they agreed that Mr Didukh's behaviour is not appropriate. However WFCC cannot take any disciplinary measures as there are no applicable rules.

The assembly decided that a working group should be established in order to elaborate a set of rules for similar cases. Harry Fougiaxis, Mike Prcic and John Roycroft were nominated as members of the task force team. It is planned to agree on the wording of rules and establish a committee on ethics in the next congress.

9.8 Codex Committee

The spokesman Kjell Widlert reported that the committee agrees with the suggestion made by the studies committee last year that the practical OTB rule of 'dead position' (dead reckoning) can apply to a non-retro chess composition only if explicitly declared so by the author of the composition. The following amendment should be made in Article 17 of the Codex:

Article 17a - Dead position

Unless expressly stipulated, the 'dead position' rule does not apply to the solution of chess compositions except for retro problems.

10 Election of Auditors

Marco Bonavoglia and Bjørn Enemark were proposed for re-election as auditor and reserve auditor respectively and they were accepted (no formal voting).

11 Financial Report, Balance Sheet, Auditor's Report, Budget

The treasurer Thomas Maeder presented to the assembly the financial report 2014-15 and the balance sheet of 30.06.2015, as well as the budgets of 2014-15 and 2015-16. Following the president's suggestion, 350€ were added as a support to the Serbian Problem Chess Society for the expenses of the Mat Plus site. It was further decided to add 200€ for the Ankona project and 1200€ for buying 10 copies of each of the last six FIDE albums from Bernd Ellinghoven, who cannot keep the stock any longer. With these amendments, the budget 2015-16 amounts to a total of 9075€ (cf. Annex 2). The assembly accepted unanimously the expanded budget.

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.

12 Future Meetings

For WCCC/WCSC 2016, invitations from Serbia (Belgrade, 30 July - 6 August), Romania (Bucharest, 3-10 September) and Greece (Katerini, 15-22 October) were presented. After withdrawal of the Romanian offer, the assembly accepted the Serbian offer in a secret vote (19 votes for Belgrade, 5 for Katerini, 1 abstention and 1 invalid).

For WCCC/WCSC 2017, Germany presented an invitation for Dresden. The prospective organizer Torsten Linß and the German delegate informed the assembly that in view of the request by the envisaged hotel for a contract, a decision was needed this year. The Romanian delegate objected thereto because Romania would also consider presenting a new invitation to Bucharest for 2017. After discussion, the assembly decided in a vote that no decision about the German invitation should be taken during this year's meeting (16 against, 6 in favour, 4 abstentions).

For ECSC 2016, four invitations were presented by Russia (Kaliningrad), Greece (Athens), Ukraine (Sumy) and Lithuania (Trakai). First there were two rounds of secret voting which resulted in the elimination of the Ukrainian and Lithuanian invitations. In the final round the assembly decided to accept the Greek invitation (14 votes for Athens in 15-17 April, 8 for Kaliningrad, 4 abstentions).

13 Any Other Business

The president thanked Andrey Selivanov and Alexey Oganessian for preparing the Chess Composition Yearbook 2015, which includes the awards of the 4th FIDE World Cup in 8 sections.

14 Conclusion

The president thanked the delegates and the spokesmen of committees for their work during the week. He congratulated the Polish organisers, headed by Piotr Murdzia and Alexander Mišta, 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)
February 2016