

World Federation for Chess Composition 60th Ordinary Meeting (World Congress) Dresden, Germany, 5th - 12th August 2017

#### **MINUTES**

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Slovenia

Sweden

Ukraine

Spain

The following countries were not represented: Azerbaijan, Belarus, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Estonia, Hungary, Kazakhstan, Moldova, Mongolia, and United States.

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Persons who contributed actively included: Torsten Linß, Silvio Baier, Dirk Jordan, Sven Trommler, Frank, Katrin, Romy and Sophie Reinhold, Dagmar Steinbrink, Rainer Kuhn, Bogdan Stawarz

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# 1 Opening Address

The president Harry Fougiaxis opened the meeting and welcomed delegates and observers. He thanked the German Chess Problem Society *Die Schwalbe* and in particular Torsten Linß and his helpers for organizing the congress.

#### 2 Tributes

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

Louis Azemard Friedhelm Schwieger Viktor Abrosimov	France Germany Russia	(20.07.1935 - 08.03.2016) (05.08.1947 - 21.07.2016) (30.05.1941 - 24.08.2016)
Irma Speckmann Farhad Mirzayev	Germany Azerbaijan	(07.01.1921 - 05.09.2016) (29.05.1952 - 04.10.2016)
Roland Lecomte	France	(12.09.1925 - 09.10.2016)
Albert Ivanov	Moldova	(05.10.1937 - 07.11.2016)
Viktor Aberman	Ukraine/USA	(03.10.1953 - 08.11.2016)
Brian W.M. Young	Great Britain	(23.08.1922 - 11.11.2016)
Mihajlo Milanović	Serbia	(21.09.1951 - 25.11.2016)
Rudolf Glenk	Germany	(12.12.1937 - 03.01.2017)
Yury Gusev	Russia	(10.03.1937 - 09.01.2017)
Raymond Smullyan	USA	(25.05.1919 - 06.02.2017)
Robert Fontana	Switzerland	(13.12.1928 - 20.02.2017)
Yury Zemlyansky	Russia	(01.01.1938 - 07.03.2017)
Lars Larsen	Denmark	(09.03.1919 - 27.03.2017)
Jan Roosendaal	Netherlands	(23.11.1921 - 16.05.2017)
Svetislav Janićijević	Serbia	(25.01.1932 - 20.05.2017)
Hillel Aloni	Israel	(30.09.1937 - 26.05.2017)
Eliezer Peer	Israel	(14.09.1915 - 03.06.2017)
Josef Kupper	Switzerland	(10.03.1932 - 05.06.2017)

### 3 Verification of Attendance and Voting Rights

26 countries were represented at the beginning of the opening session, and the meeting was declared legal. After the late arrival of further delegates, 30 countries in total attended the meeting.

# 4 Approval of the Belgrade Minutes 2016

The Minutes of the 2016 meeting were approved with one amendment: In the list of the official participants, Evgen Reitsen should have been indicated as "Honorary Member" instead of "Individual Member".

# 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: D. Turevsky, spokesman
- D. Gurgenidze, [Z. Hernitz], [D. Kostadinov], [M. Prcic], A. Selivanov, K. Widlert
- 5.3. Solving: R. Ott, spokesman
- M. Kolčák, [M. Mladenović], A. Mukoseev, L. Palmans, Vid. Satkus, A. Selivanov, A. Steinbrink, [R. Stelling]
- 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
- J. de Boer, B. Enemark, H. Fougiaxis, D.-I. Nicula
- 5.6. Computer Matters: T. Maeder, spokesman
- B. Enemark, [I. Ketris], M. Križovenský, M. Schlosser, [R. Stelling], [B. Stephenson], D. Turevsky, J. Vysotska, K. Widlert
- 5.7. Studies: Y. Afek, spokesman
- [I. Aliev], G. Costeff, D. Gurgenidze, S. Hornecker, 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 Notification of Proposals and Business carried forward

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

Results of the 10<sup>th</sup> WCCT
 Scoring in WCCT (P. Einat)
 FIDE Album protest in studies section
 Unofficial congress tournaments
 Various suggestions regarding solving
 WCCT committee
 Album committee
 Plenum
 Solving committee

WFCC budget (A. Selivanov)

- WFCC website (J. Vysotska)

- Honorary Master applications

- Int. Day of Composition (B. Formánek)

- Open letter by O. Efrosinin

Presidium

Computer matters committee

**Qualifications** committee

Plenum

Plenum

# 7 Brief Reports on activities during 2016-17

7.1 John Rice informed the assembly that the BCPS gathering in April was again a great success. Next year a centenary celebration will be organized in Derby and he invited problemists to attend the anniversary meeting.

7.2 Marjan Kovačević mentioned that after last year's congress in Belgrade, the Serbian activities are now back to normal. The society organized a chess festival in May as usual, and the 2<sup>nd</sup> Youth Chess Composition Challenge for composers up to 20 years old. There were not many participants (only 12) but the results were encouraging. He suggested organizing such tournaments every year.

#### 8 Reports and Discussion

# 8.1 Solving Committee

#### 8.1.1 International Solving Contest (ISC)

Axel Steinbrink reported that the 13<sup>th</sup> ISC took place on 29.01.2017 and was conducted flawlessly in 29 countries with 38 tournaments. It attracted a total of 482 solvers (223 in category 1, 116 in category 2 and 143 in category 3). Two further tournaments (in Azerbaijan and Turkey) were scheduled but were eventually cancelled due to different circumstances. The results were published on 25.02.2017 and no appeals were filed. Full results and statistics are on the WFCC website. The winners are:

Category 1: 1. John Nunn (GBR), 2. Georgy Evseev (RUS), 3. Oto Mihalčo (SVK)

Category 2: 1. Laura Rogule (LAT), 2. Aleksandr Buintsev (RUS), 3. Nejc Amon (SLO)

Category 3: 1. Dimitris Kollias (GRE), 2. Ilija Serafimović (SRB), 3. Chinguun Sumiya (MGL)

In the Category 1 contest there were also sections for seniors, juniors and women with the following top results: Seniors: 1. John Nunn (GBR), 2. Oto Mihalčo (SVK), 3. Michael Pfannkuche (GER); Juniors: 1. Mikhail Ganzhin (RUS), 2. Anna Bylinkina (RUS), 3. Marina Skorobogatova (RUS); Women: 1. Anna Bylinkina (RUS), 2. Marina Skorobogatova (RUS), 3. Elvina Esenzharova (RUS).

The president thanked Axel Steinbrink and Luc Palmans for the successful organization. Axel and Luc will be again the central controllers of ISC 2018, which will take place on 28.01.2018.

#### 8.1.2 World Solving Cup 2016-2017

Roland Ott reported that the second solving cup was a success. 96 solvers from 19 countries scored at least one point and 20 tournaments were included. The 2016-17 WSC was won by Piotr Murdzia (POL) ahead of Bojan Vučković (SRB) and Kacper Piorun (POL).

Marek Kolčák will be the director of the 2017-18 WSC with Vidmantas Satkus and Roland Ott as assistants.

### 8.1.3 European Chess Solving Championship (ECSC) 2017

Luc Palmans was the director of the 13<sup>th</sup> ECSC in Riga, Latvia, 12-14 May. 68 solvers and 15 teams participated in the championship. He mentioned that the full results are available on the WFCC website. The top results are as follows:

Teams: 1. Poland, 2. Serbia, 3. Russia

Individuals: 1. Piotr Murdzia (POL), 2. Kacper Piorun (POL), 3. Marjan Kovačević (SRB) Seniors: 1. Marjan Kovačević (SRB), 2. Jonathan Mestel (GBR), 3. Valery Kopyl (UKR)

Vidmantas Satkus conducted the open tournament, which for the first time included fairy problems. 63 solvers from 16 countries participated and the winners were 1. Bojan Vučković (SRB), 2. Kacper Piorun (POL), 3. Boris Tummes (GER).

Marko Klasinc pointed out that the inclusion of fairy problems in the open solving tournament (meant as optional) was a good idea and expressed the hope to have a similar initiative also in future events.

#### 8.1.4 World Chess Solving Championship (WCSC) 2017

The director Axel Steinbrink announced the results of the 41<sup>st</sup> WCSC in Dresden. 20 teams and 89 solvers participated in the championship. The top results are:

Teams		Individuals	
1. Poland	161.5	1. Kacper Piorun (POL)	77.0
2. Great Britain	151.0	2. Martynas Limontas (LTU)	76.5
3. Germany	142.0	3. Marko Filipović (CRO)	74.0
4. Serbia	140.0	4. John Nunn (GBR)	73.5
5. Lithuania	135.5	5. Boris Tummes (GER)	73.0
6. Russia	128.0	6. Piotr Murdzia (POL)	72.5 / 320′
7-8. Israel	127.5	7. Jonathan Mestel (GBR)	72.5 / 349'
7-8. Netherlands	127.5	8. Bojan Vučković (SRB)	69.5
9. Ukraine	125.5	9. Michel Caillaud (FRA)	69.0 / 356′
10. Switzerland	124.0	10-11. Silvio Baier (GER)	69.0 / 360′
		10-11. Aleksander Miśta (POL)	69.0 / 360′

The three top solvers in the category of seniors (26 participants): 1. John Nunn (GBR), 2. Jonathan Mestel (GBR), 3. Michel Caillaud (FRA). There were not enough solvers for official results in the categories of juniors (6) and women (2), but it was noted with pleasure that the best junior solvers [Danila Pavlov (RUS, 13<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> place) and Bilguun Sumiya (MGL, 17<sup>th</sup>) achieved excellent results.

There were 114 participants in the Open Solving Tournament, directed by Luc Palmans and assisted by Axel Steinbrink, and the winners are: 1. Piotr Murdzia (POL), 2. John Nunn (GBR), 3. Vladimir Podinić (SRB). Best seniors out of 31 participants were: 1. John Nunn (GBR), 2. Marjan Kovačević (SRB), 3. Ofer Comay (ISR). From the 6 juniors taking part, the top solvers were: 1. Bilguun Sumiya (MGL), 2. Danila Pavlov (RUS), 3. Aleksey Popov (RUS).

The president thanked Axel, Luc and their teams for the perfect organization of the events.

#### 8.1.5 Other Solving Matters

The report of the solving committee with suggestions for decision by the assembly is attached to these minutes as Annex 1. Reference is made below to the various sections of the report. The following decisions were taken by the assembly:

- a) The proposed Rules of the ISC (Annex 1, section 2) were accepted unanimously (26 in favour) and are outlined in Annex 2 of the minutes.
- b) For future World Solving Cups, the committee proposed changes in the rating system as indicated in Annex 3 of the minutes, for the reasons set out in Annex 1, section 3. The assembly accepted unanimously the new WSC rating system (28 in favour).
- c) Use of the Solving Tournament Manager software (Annex 1, sections 4 and 6) was accepted by the assembly (no formal voting).
- d) The amendments in the criteria for gaining norms (Annex 1, section 8) were accepted unanimously (25 in favour).
- e) The suggestions in Annex 1, sections 9 to 12 (calculation of rating, documentation, special categories of solvers, new solvers with high rating) were all generally accepted without formal voting.

#### 8.2 WCCT Committee

### 8.2.1 10<sup>th</sup> WCCT

The spokesman Georgy Evseev reported to the assembly that the results of the 10<sup>th</sup> WCCT were ready but still subject of a query addressed to the WCCT committee by Ukraine. The query was related to some remarks published during the phase of claims, which Ukraine considered as being against the rules and that they influenced the scores given by at least one judging country. Ukraine asked the director to disclose which country raised the remarks during the phase of the claims.

The majority of the committee members were of the opinion that the claims were in line with the WCCT rules. Therefore, the committee considered the Ukrainian query as not valid. The assembly accepted in general the view of the committee. The president regretted that the session of the WCCT committee turned into a quarrel between Ukraine and Russia and noticed that the rest of the members seemed quite frustrated and dissatisfied.

Then Georgy Evseev presented the results of the 10<sup>th</sup> WCCT. 38 countries participated with 684 compositions in eight sections. He considered the inclusion of the new section for retros a success and suggested that it should continue. The 0.2 points scale that was used for the first time was also considered successful and he recommended continuing its use.

The ten most successful countries of the 10<sup>th</sup> WCCT are:

1. Russia (125.0), 2. Ukraine (123.6), 3. Germany (114.5), 4. Israel (110.8), 5. Belarus (109.4), 6. Serbia (99.7), 7. United States (98.8), 8. Slovakia (94.2), 9. Finland (92.9), 10. Macedonia (92.6).

The section winners are: #2: Andreas Witt & Wieland Bruch (GER), #3: Aleksandr Kuzovkov (RUS), #n: Aleksandr Kuzovkov (RUS) and Mikhail Marandyuk (UKR), eg: Martin Minski (GER), h#: Ofer Comay (ISR), s#: Zoran Gavrilovski (MKD) and Andrey Selivanov, Aleksandr Azhusin & Igor Agapov (RUS), fairies: Ofer Comay (ISR), retros: Andrey Frolkin & Aleksandr Semenenko (UKR).

The most successful composers are: 1. Zoran Gavrilovski (MKD, 87.7), 2. Mikhail Khramtsevich (BLR, 68.93), 3. Jorge Lois (ARG, 61.1).

The full results are available on the WFCC website.

The president thanked Georgy Evseev for his hard and efficient work.

#### 8.2.2 Other WCCT matters

The spokesman mentioned that the WCCT regulations should be updated to mention that the claims of the countries regarding forerunners, anticipations, etc. should be neutral to avoid influencing the judging countries; for example, instead of claiming an anticipation, the remark should merely point out to the earlier composition(s).

The WCCT committee did not support the proposal submitted by Paz Einat regarding the scoring of compositions belonging to the judging countries, as it would be difficult to implement. The assembly agreed (no formal voting).

For the next WCCT, the usual 4-year-cycle should be kept. Therefore, 2017 would be a year of rest and the announcement of the 11<sup>th</sup> WCCT should be ready in 2018. The name of a potential director was mentioned, but there was no confirmation. Marko Klasinc proposed to set a deadline for sending theme proposals, but the president considered sufficient that the spokesman writes to the delegates throughout the year.

## 8.3 WCCI Committee

The spokesman Dmitry Turevsky reported that the committee is suggesting as follows:

- a) D. Turevsky will be again the director of the next WCCI.
- b) The process of selection of the judges should start this year. As the top places in the WCCI are dominated by Russian and Ukrainian composers and in order to avoid complications that were experienced in the previous championship, the use of judges from these countries should be minimized. Delegates were asked to suggest candidates.
- c) A few minor enhancements to the rules are needed and such a list will be prepared for review and approval in the next congress. Topics include:
  - Definitions of unusual fairy forms
  - Formalization of the procedure when a large difference of several judges' scores occurs
  - Requirement for a written consent when submitting problems on behalf of an author

The ensuing discussion concentrated on the selection of judges. The president observed that according to the present rules, the most successful composers should act as judges in the next cycle. Marjan Kovačević, the former spokesman, mentioned that this system did not work as expected as many of the top composers refused to judge and he would eventually prefer to have less judges who also participate in the championship.

#### 8.4 FIDE Album Committee

#### 8.4.1 Appeal against the selection of studies

The spokesman Harry Fougiaxis reported that the main topic of the committee's discussion was the appeal of composers from Czech Republic, Slovakia and Serbia against the selection of studies in the 2013-15 FIDE Album. In the view of the protestors, very few studies were selected although many high-class compositions had been published in the period. The appeal was based on statistical data comparing to the two previous albums. For further analysis, the protestors asked the scores of the individual judges to be published and, if necessary, to repeat the judgment of the whole endgame section.

The spokesman pointed out that composers are allowed to know the total score of their entries; in the present case, the protestors had already obtained this information from the section director. The committee considers this information sufficient and discourages starting a discussion about low scores for entries which in the view of the judges clearly did not qualify for the album. Nevertheless, the spokesman presented a rough image of the studies which scored a total of 6.5 points (54 entries) and 7 points (53 entries) [the entries that scored 7.5 points were selected for the Album]: Assuming that a judge's score between 0.5 and 2 points is interpreted as a "no", a score of 2.5 points as a "maybe" and a score of 3 points and higher as a "yes", then in the group of studies with 6.5 points there were 14 with one "yes" and two "no", 29 with one "maybe" and two "no", 9 with two "maybe" and one "no" and 2 with one "yes", one "maybe" and one "no". The corresponding figures for the studies with 7 points were 16 (one yes, 2 no), 28 (two maybe and one no) and 9 (one yes, one maybe, one no). The spokesman confirmed that the director had asked the judges to reconsider the eleven entries with "one yes, one maybe, one no" during the evaluation phase and the changes made by the judges did not affect the selection or not of these entries. The committee stated that the rules were followed and therefore there was no reason to further reconsider the case.

In the ensuing discussion, Kjell Widlert observed that the results in the 2013-15 Album are not as extreme as presented by the protestors, if earlier albums are also considered. Yochanan Afek confirmed that the committee had in general made a good work. The problem he sees is that the album should include the best studies of a certain period, and this aim has not been reached in the present case because important studies have not been selected. He acknowledged that if one or even two judges are strict, then such incidents can happen even if the rules are followed. Marko Klasinc added that some judges have their own personal style, which may influence their scores, bernd ellinghoven, Peter Gvozdják and Roberto Osorio observed that in previous albums similar results had been obtained in other sections.

Then the president declared the topic closed.

#### 8.4.2 Other Album matters

The spokesman congratulated Peter Gvozdják and his editorial team on publishing the 2010-12 Album on time and making it available for sale in this year's congress. The editor praised the excellent collaboration with the indexers and proof-readers and thanked John Rice who checked the use of English.

For the 2013-2015 Album, several sections have been finished or are expected to be ready by the end of 2017. Indexers have been found for most sections, but some are still looked for.

Publication of the Album may be expected for 2019 under the condition that the last judgments will be ready by April 2018.

Suggestions for potential judges and directors in the next 2016-18 Album should be addressed to the spokesman by the end of 2017; selection and nomination should be finished within 2018. The announcement of the album is intended for the end of 2018 and the closing day in summer 2019.

The spokesman referred to Hartmut Laue's letter regarding late-discovered cooks of selected problems and his suggestion to remove such problems from the album. Peter Gvozdják explained that it is practically impossible to remove such problems after a certain point of the process, namely after the theme-indexers have started working on the album editorial site. Any change at that stage would require re-editing of all previously entered index data.

The spokesman then turned to the subject of the 30 entries-rule. Two well-known composers complained recently about the present system; Kjell Widlert is in contact with them and asked them to prepare a suggestion. The spokesman reminded that a poll was organized some years ago among directors and judges and the majority confirmed that the present system is in general sufficient. At the moment only the wild-card system has been discussed, other possibilities are not elaborated yet. The matter may be further considered in the future.

#### 8.5 Qualifications Committee

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

International Grandmaster of the FIDE for Chess Compositions to: Richard Becker (USA), Vyacheslav Pilchenko (RUS), Nikolay Ryabinin (RUS), Ladislav Salai Jr. (SVK).

International Master of the FIDE for Chess Compositions to: Paz Einat (ISR), Viktor Kapusta (UKR), Uwe Karbowiak (GER), Valery Kirillov (RUS), Vasil Krizhanivsky (UKR), Martin Minski (GER), Grigory Popov (RUS).

FIDE Master for Chess Compositions to: Grigory Atayants (RUS), Andrzej Jasik (POL), Sergey Khachaturov (RUS), Mark Kirtley (USA), Peter Krug (AUT), Roberto Osorio (ARG), Olivier Schmitt (FRA).

International Solving Grandmaster of the FIDE to: Marko Filipović (CRO).

International Solving Master of the FIDE to: Marek Kolčák (SVK), Danila Pavlov (RUS).

FIDE Solving Master to: Terho Marlo (FIN), Danila Pavlov (RUS).

International Judge of the FIDE for Chess Compositions to: Aleksandr Kuzovkov (RUS, threemovers and moremovers), Ladislav Packa (SVK, helpmates and fairies), Štefan Sovík (SVK, threemovers, moremovers and selfmates), Vladislav Tarasyuk (UKR, studies), Ivo Tominić (CRO, twomovers).

FIDE Solving Judge to: Luc Palmans (BEL), Ward Stoffelen (BEL).

All these titles were accepted by the assembly by acclamation.

In a secret voting, the assembly accepted the proposal of Portugal to grant the title of *Honorary Master of the FIDE for Chess Compositions* to Gabriel Mariz (POR) and José Vinagre (POR).

Marco Bonavoglia announced that his work in the qualifications committee hereby ends as he will retire from the post of the Italian delegate. The committee members agreed that Dinu-Ioan Nicula will be the new spokesman.

#### 8.6 Computer Matters Committee

Thomas Maeder reported that the committee had discussed on two topics: Julia Vysotska's suggestions for the WFCC site and the inclusion of fairy chess symbols in the Unicode standard. Details can be found in the written report of the committee in Annex 4. The president said that we should start using email addresses with the WFCC domain and thereafter proceed to other possibilities.

#### 8.7 Studies Committee

The spokesman Yochanan Afek reported that the main issue discussed by the committee was the protest of Czech, Slovak and Serbian problemists against the selection of studies in the 2013-15 Album (cf. item 8.4.1). Further discussions dealt with guidelines about running composing tourneys.

#### 9 Election of Auditors

Bjørn Enemark and Roberto Osorio were proposed for election as auditor and reserve auditor, respectively, and they were accepted (no formal voting).

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

The auditor confirmed that he had reviewed the documents and found them in order.

The treasurer Thomas Maeder presented to the assembly the financial report 2016-17 (Annex 5) with the budgets of 2016-17 and 2017-18 and the balance sheet of 30.06.2017 (Annex 6). He mentioned that at the end of 2016, FIDE reduced the financial support from previously 10000€ to 5000€ and announced that for 2017 a further reduction to 3000€ has to be expected. The president added that FIDE decided to make similar cuttings also to other "projects"; i.e. it is not specifically directed against the chess composition.

In view of the reduced financial support from FIDE, a few possibilities to raise additional funds were briefly reviewed but no practical solution was found and the 2017-18 budget had to be reduced. After discussion, the assembly concluded to discontinue the money prizes to the ISC winners, to reduce the money prizes of WCSC 2017 to 500€ and to increase the budget of the 10<sup>th</sup> WCCT from 200 to 450€. In a vote, the financial report and the revised budget were accepted (24 in favour, 1 abstention, 1 against).

# 11 Future Meetings

For WCCC/WCSC 2018, invitations from Lithuania (Vilnius, 11-18 August), Macedonia (Ohrid, 1-8 September), Morocco (Chefchaouan, 1-8 September) and Russia (Ekaterinburg, 11-18 August) were presented. After three rounds of secret voting, the Assembly decided to accept the Macedonian invitation (14 votes for Ohrid, 13 for Vilnius, 2 abstentions).

For ECSC 2018, an invitation for Kaliningrad, 4-6 May was presented by Russia. In the absence of further invitations, the assembly decided to accept the invitation without a formal vote.

# 12 Any Other Business

The query of Bedrich Formánek related to the date of the International Chess Composition Day was discussed in the plenum. Andrey Selivanov said that the present date (4<sup>th</sup> of January) was proposed by the late grandmaster Valentin Rudenko, and he suggested not changing it. Marjan Kovačević supported this view and pointed out that some countries, in particular Ukraine and Russia, already "use" this date for celebration. In the absence of further opinions, the president observed that nobody intends to actually change the date, and he considered the topic closed.

The complaint of Menachem Witztum, joined by Abdelaziz Onkoud, for the handling of the informal composing tournaments by the 2017 congress organizers in terms of the closing date and display of the announcement on the congress site was discussed. John Rice observed that, due to the private nature of such tournaments, this was not a matter for voting by the assembly. The issue should be (and afterwards had been) resolved between the tournament organizers and the local team.

The open letter of Mr Oleg Efrosinin was discussed. It was clarified that WFCC is an affiliated organization to FIDE and is included in their directory. The assembly was of the opinion that lists of title-holders should not necessarily be repeated on the FIDE site, as all affiliated organizations seem to keep track of the titles by themselves. It was also clarified that eastern countries had asked in the past to include the name of 'FIDE' in the titles.

With regard to the World and European youth solving championships and their possible integration in the relevant OTB events held by FIDE and ECU, a working group comprised by David Gurgenidze and Marjan Kovačević was created that will suggest an action plan for the future.

#### 13 Conclusion

The president thanked the delegates and the spokesmen of committees for their work during the week. He congratulated the German organisers, headed by Torsten Linß, Frank Richter, Silvio Baier, Sven Trommler and Dirk Jordan, 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) June 2018

# Report with suggestions of the WFCC Solving Committee

The 12 chapters of this document have been approved by all members of the Solving Committee with exceptions concerning 2), 3), 8) and 12) highlighted in the Annex. Voting members were Marek Kolčák, Miodrag Mladenović, Anatoly Mukoseev, Luc Palmans, Satkus Vidmantas, Axel Steinbrink, Roberto Stelling and Roland Ott.

# 1. Membership of the Solving Committee

Piotr Murdzia and Wakashima Tadashi have resigned from the committee. The spokesman says thank you for their contributions to the committee which is now reduced to 8 members.

# 2. International Solving Contest (ISC)

**ISC 2018:** The Solving Committee proposes to conduct the next ISC on Sunday, **28.1.2018** and again to appoint **Axel Steinbrink** and **Luc Palmans** as central controllers of the next tournament.

**Rules of the ISC:** As currently this is currently missing we have created rules for the ISC based on the last invitations of the contest and feedback by the central controllers Axel Steinbrink and Luc Palmans after the 2017 event. The main focus was to use the current setting of the ISC and to propose minor changes based on the recent experiences. The main changes include the following:

**Categories:** 1 open for all solvers, 2 not open also for non-active and half rating solvers with a rating of 1700 or more, 3 youngsters not older than 13 years in the year of the competition (instead of the date of the competition).

**Start:** specification of the time range in which the tournament has to start.

**Diagrams:** Coordinates with digits and letters for the diagrams at least for category 3 to make it easier for youngsters to write their solutions

**Norms:** no norms can be gained at the ISC tournament (see proposal for changes of the rules to gain solving norms at multi-locations tournaments below)

**Appeals:** instances for appeals by solvers have been added to the rules with a 3-man committee to be appointed for the final decision in case of disagreement with the decision of the central controllers.

The Solving Committee recommends approving the new rules for the ISC.

# 3. World Solving Cup (WSC)

**Marek Kolčák** has agreed to act as tournament director of the WSC for the period 2017/2018 with Vidmantas Satkus and Roland Ott as Assistant Directors.

**Rules of the WSC:** In the aftermath of the decision to change the WSC categories at the WCCC in Belgrade some solvers criticised that travelling to WSC tournaments to other countries is not rewarded enough that with the new categories a solver could possibly win the WSC by just winning the WCCC Open and a strong tournament in his own country. The Solving Committee is addressing these concerns by proposing a new distribution of points for categories which reduces the excessively increasing differences of points for winners of stronger tournaments.

In addition the Solving Committee proposes to raise the number of best tournaments that count for each solver from currently four to six tournaments. The reason for not covering all WSC tournaments is that those solvers who can't afford to travel to solving tournaments in other countries are not too much disadvantaged.

In addition the Open solving tournament of the ECSC should count as WSC tournament which enables the country organising the ECSC to announce an own WSC tournament. The proposed changes of the rules also include the case of multi-locations tournaments like the Israel Open Solving Tournament by specifying that only the tournament directed personally by the central controller counts for the WSC.

The Solving Committee recommends approving the new rules for the WSC.

# 4. WFCC Solving Tournament Manager

After the last WCCC **Miodrag Mladenović** has worked with enormous efforts to improve and enhance the Solving Tournament Manager with Axel Steinbrink helping intensively with testing and suggestions for future developments. The tool designed for the primarily usage by Solving Tournament Directors is now a very easy to use Windows based software which is available in different languages including Russian. It is a great help for all tournament directors using it as it significantly reduces work before, during and after the tournament of all involved parties.

Main features among many others are database of all rated solvers, a nice graphical user interface (GUI) to speed up entering points, automatic validation of user input to prevent some common errors, standardised reports for results including performance rating and norms for solving titles, automatic team rankings calculation (e.g. for WCSC and ECSC), and also reports for special tournaments like the WSC, support of multi-locations tournaments like the ISC, calculation of the quarterly new rating lists, statistics for solving tournaments, titles and solvers including an up-to-date list of solving norms.

The Solving Committee recommends the usage of the tool for all rated solving tournaments and recommends declaring the usage of the tool as mandatory for WCSC and ECSC as well as for their Open solving tournaments and the ISC.

# 5. Solving Tournament Problem Database

Luc Palmans has updated the database with problems of national and international chess solving tournaments since 1977 with many enhancements of past and new tournaments. The database can be accessed on the WFCC website.

# 6. Quarterly published Solvers' ratings

As reported in paragraph 4 concerning the WFCC Solving Tournament Manager this tool also calculates performance ratings of recorded tournaments. Misha enters every solving tournament into the tool for which the software has not been used. Therefore the tool is able to calculate also the quarterly Solvers' ratings which are published on the WFCC website. After intensive testing and comparing with the previous calculations by Marek Kolčák the small differences caused by different rounding could be eliminated and Marek has agreed that as of now new calculations should be done by the tool.

The Solving Committee recommends approving the usage of the WFCC Solving Tournament Manager for the calculation of the quarterly Solvers' ratings and the removal of the Excel tool for performance ratings calculations from the WFCC website.

# 7. Publication of all rated solving tournaments

As from the year 2016 new web pages on the WFCC website have been introduced covering all other rated solving tournaments for which so far no information has been published. The documentation includes date, name, country, place and type of the tournament, complete solving results produced by the WFCC Solving Tournament Manager as well as diagrams and problems with solutions.

# 8. Norms - Amendment of "Criteria for gaining norms"

As learned recently it was partly decided at the 2005 Congress in Eretria/Greece after the first ISC was finished that no norms are possible for the ISC. The topic was postponed for the next congress in Wageningen, but it was not discussed any more. However, it was handled this way since then without including it into the rules.

With the Israel Open Solving Tournament we have now a second solving tournament which takes place in multiple places. Therefore an amendment to the **Criteria for gaining norms** is necessary that covers all multi-locations solving tournaments.

Proposal by the Solving Committee: "Norms cannot be gained at tournaments which take place in multiple locations."

# 9. Rating Calculation - Annex "Tournament coefficient"

According current rules the Criteria for tournaments which are not held according to the WCSC rules provide the following Coefficients:

- 2 WCCC-Open
- 1.5 ISC, not WCSC-type tournaments for norms
- 1 Other tournaments

These criteria don't reflect strong tournaments like the ECSC Open and the Israel Open Solving Tournament which is run like the ISC and had 110 solvers for Category 1.

Proposal by the Solving Committee for a change of the Annex "Tournament coefficient" in the part "Frame for coefficients for tournaments organised according to other rules":

- 2 WCCC and ECSC Open
- 1.5 Participation of at least 15 rated solvers from at least three different countries and with at least 5 solvers with a rating of 2350 or higher
- 1 Other tournaments

**Note:** the proposal for coefficient 1.5 covers the criteria of tournaments for norms.

# 10. Documentation - Annex "Criteria for acceptability of..."

The Solving Committee believes that 30 days is too much time for the delivery of tournament documentation of tournaments at which ratings can be gained. In addition a complete delivery of detailed results per problem – not only per round – is necessary.

Proposal by the Solving Committee: All tournament documentation (name of tournament director, diagrams of problems, solutions, complete list with detailed results per problemand ratings, judge's statement on the competition acceptability and possible complaints, etc.) should be sent to the responsible WFCC representative (committeession) within 5 days (10 days for multiple-locations tournaments) after the end of the competition. In addition the solving sheets have to be kept by the tournament director for at least 4 weeks to enable probing possible issues.

# 11. Special Solvers' Categories - 4.5 of rules for WCSC (ECSC)

It has turned out that the wording of this rule decided at the 2016 congress in Belgrade is somehow misleading as the intention has been the same as for solvers with a rating of 2400 or more:

Solvers with a rating of 2400 or more in the current or in the preceding rating list are also entitled to participate in the individual WCSC (ECSC). Women / juniors / seniors with a rating of 2100 / 2200 / 2300 or more in the current or in the preceding rating list are entitled to participate *in the respective special categories* in the individual WCSC (ECSC).

Proposal by the Solving Committee for a change of the last sentence as follows:

Women / juniors / seniors with a rating of 2100 / 2200 / 2300 or more in the current or in the preceding rating list are entitled to participate in the individual WCSC (ECSC) including its respective special categories.

# 12. New solvers with a very high rating

Last year the Solving Committee intended to introduce a rule to prevent new solvers to be included in the rating list with a rating of more than 2400 if the solver hasn't attended a solving tournament at a WCCC or ECSC event. The reason for this change was a solver who immediately gained place 2 in the rating list by attending two solving tournaments at the same place in his home country with the same solving judge.

In the meantime the Solving Committee has changed its opinion and believes that the rules shouldn't be change because of just one suspicious case. As long as such a solver doesn't gain a GM norm he will remain visible in the rating list as a solver with a very high rating which hasn't been confirmed at a strong tournament closely monitored by the WFCC.

Proposal by the Solving Committee not to change the rules for new solvers.

#### Annex

# ad 2) International Solving Contest (ISC)- Rules of the ISC

Anatoly Mukoseev doesn't agree to the rating limit of 1700 for the rating of attendants in category 2 and proposes 1800 as limit. Anatoly specified the following reason:

"Several times I saw when the not strong solvers did not want to participate in the first category. In the second category they had no right to participate."

The vast majority of the other voting members want to keep the limit at 1800 as before with the following reasons:

"I don't agree with increasing rating limit for the second category to 1800. Second category is without rating calculation and our interest is have as many solvers with rating as possible. (Marek)"

"I think the limit of cat-2 in ISC should not be raised to 1800. Now there are about 90 solvers in rating list in range 1700-1800. In last ISC cat1 there were 18 solvers in this range - three of them got very good results (performance > 2100). I think that cat-2 should be only for (nearly) new solvers. (Axel)"

# ad 3) World Solving Cup (WSC)

Three members don't agree to the increase of the tournaments from 4 to 6 counting for the final result with the following reasons:

"How many solvers participated in three tournaments? Considering Dresden. I think that first we need to increase the number of solvers that participated in four tournaments. (Anatoly)"

"there are only two tournaments in this season (Pardubice and WCSC). I know registered participants to Pardubice. If all will participate (and will take points) in Dresden there would be two solvers with 7 participations (Pletnev, Bulavka), two with 6 (Popov, Selivanov) and maximum five solvers with 5 (Limontas, Vidmantas Satkus, Wissmann, Kopyl and me). In the end it would be less, because not all will gain points in Dresden. I propose to be more conservative in changing the rules. I think it is enough to increase the number of tournaments taken into account to 5. it is not normal that only four or even less solvers use all allowed participations. (Marek)"

"as I told previously, no big reason to increase to 6, from my point of view. (Vidmantas)"

Four members agree to the proposal of 6 tournaments counted for the final result with the following reasons:

"I think that we should have 6 tournaments. Otherwise the ECSC-Open and the WCSC-open (with WSC-Cat 1 or 2) are too dominant for WSC. (Axel)"

"The original intention (and I still agree with this) of this competition was to stimulate international participation. The purpose of the WCS is not to have a ranking at the end of the year where "the best solver in the world" finishes 1st, "the second best solver in the world" finishes second, etc. It's just an extra competition to spice things up. (And it gives us extra power to receive solutions & results from the organizers). In principle I prefer to count all results of every solver, as I see no reason to have any limit. But because this was not the question, I stick to maximum 6. There is of course a side note: not everyone has the possibility to participate in many international solving tourneys. (Luc)"

"@Marek, although your statistics is telling us that there are only few solvers with 5 or more participations at WSC I do believe that if we increase a number of countable tournaments from 4 to 6 there will be more solvers with 6 participations. I bet that many solvers who are now participating at 4 tournaments will take participation in 6 or more tournaments if they have chances to improve their ranking significantly. (Miodrag)"

# ad 8) Norms – Amendment of "Criteria for gaining norms"

Roberto doesn't agree to the proposal (which the other members have agreed to) with the following reason:

"I have never heard a good convincing reason why the ISC (or "multiple location tournaments") could not give norms.

As a delegate from Brazil, a country where just one or two solvers can go to the congress, if any, I've have always seen the ISC as the best venue to bring more solvers to the chess composition world and still compete against the cream of the crop. Not being able to gain any norms from the ISC, though, just diminishes the importance and role of the competition.

If we trust the system there is no reason whatsoever to not give norms. I'm ok with the idea that the bar for norms on the ISC should be higher than regular competitions (or, alternatively, count as "half a norm") but not giving norms is probably too much.

But then again, this is a subject for a joint discussion during the congress, and do not belong to our particular poll."

# ad 12) New solvers with a very high rating

Marek doesn't agree to the proposal (which the other members have agreed) not change the rules for the rating of new solvers with the following reason:

"New solvers with very high rating: Yes it was only one case (but very obvious). I think it is better make rule to prevent another one and not to wait for it. I will send the proposal by 20.7.2017. We do not have to accept it, but we can discuss it."

# WCCC 2017 MINUTES OF MEETING ANNEX 2 Rules for the International Solving Contest (ISC)

- 1. Event: The ISC is a solving competition appointed by the WFCC for individual solvers taking place on multiple locations worldwide on a Sunday at the end of January concurrently in all participating countries.
- **2. Organisation:** at the WCCC of the preceding year central controller(s) are appointed by the WFCC delegates who will take the overall responsibility of the contest.
- **3. Admittance:** For the admittance of each participating place a reliable local controller with email address has to be appointed for the responsibility of organising the local tournament, preferably by the local controller of the respective country; otherwise the central controllers decide about the acceptance of local controllers.

There is no limit for the amount of local competitions and multiple places per country are possible. Solvers are admitted in any local competitions, also in other countries.

- **4. Categories:** The competition comprises three solver categories:
  - Category 1 for experienced solvers, but open for all solvers
  - Category 2 for inexperienced solvers with no rating or with an active, non-active or half-rating of less than 1700
  - Category 3 for youth not older than 13 years in the year of the competition Separate results are recorded for youth, females and seniors. For Category 1 only results of solvers will be rated. However, for all solvers no norms for titles are possible.
- **5. Begin:** The start of the contest should be at 11 a.m. CET (Central European Time) in all countries. Central controllers can allow a different begin of the contest for Asia and the Americas and an earlier or later begin of one hour at most for all other countries.
- **6. Rounds:** The rounds of the contest last two hours for all categories. There are two rounds for category 1 and 2 with a break of at least half an hour with a maximum of one and a half hour between the two rounds. For category 3 there is one round only.

#### 7. Modus:

- Category 1: for each round a 2#, 3#, n#, eg, h# and s#
- Category 2: for each round two 2# and one 3#, n# and eg and in one round a h# and in the other round a s#
- Category 3: four 2#, a 3# and an eg
- **8. Rules and Appeals:** General applicable solving rules of the WCSC/ECSC apply accordingly. Appeals by solvers have to be sent to the central controllers who will decide in the first instance. In case of disagreement a 3 man committee with members of the WFCC Solving Committee will be appointed for the final decision.
- 9. Tools: (technical tools used by central and local controllers)
  All communication between central and local controllers by email
  Entry of results by local controllers on MatPlus website: http://www.matplus.net/
  Usage of WFCC Solving Tournament Manager by all controllers highly recommended for reducing the efforts of all involved parties
- **10. Timeline:** (specification of latest deadlines in days ISC = date of contest)
  - registration of local controllers until the end of the previous year
  - distribution of complete documentation by central to local controllers: ISC-7
  - registration at MatPlus website by local controllers: ISC-7
  - mailing of results to central controllers: ISC+3
  - entry of preliminary results at MatPlus website by local controllers: ISC+5
  - mailing of scanned solving sheets to central controllers: ISC+10
  - publication of preliminary results by central controllers: ISC+21
  - possible appeals by solvers: ISC+28
  - publication of final results: ISC+35
  - prize giving and distribution of certificates at next WCCC

## Annex

### PDF Documents local controllers receive from central controllers by email

- One sheet with diagrams of the problems for each round
- One solving sheet for writing the solutions by solvers for each round
- One sheet with diagrams and solutions of the problems for each round
- A form for summarising the results

#### Tasks of the local controllers

- Organisation of the local contest including reservation of suitable tournament venue
- Announcement in local publications (magazines, Internet websites etc.)
- Invitation of local solvers by mail or email
- Reproduction of various sheets to be distributed to solvers during contest
- Checking of solutions and point giving on solving sheets
- Entry of preliminary results on special MatPlus website
- Email of results to central controllers
- Email of scanned solving sheets to central controllers
- Keeping of original solving sheet to ensure back-up
- Using of WFCC Solving Tournament Manager is highly recommended!

#### Tasks of the central controllers

- Selection of problems according to the rules for WCSC/ECSC and creation of the whole documentation necessary for the contest; especially diagrams at least for category 3 with coordinates (digits and letters) and rules for writing the solutions (like "twomovers: only the key-move" etc.)
- Creation of the invitation document, including distribution to WFCC delegates and previous local controllers
- Acceptance and registration of announced persons as local controllers on the MatPlus website
- Distribution of the complete documentation to local controllers
- Supervision of the overall contest
- Checking of the markings of local controllers
- Decision on possible appeals by solvers
- Distribution of final results to WFCC delegates, local controllers and the WFCC web publisher

#### WCCC 2017 MINUTES OF MEETING ANNEX 3

# Rules for the World Solving Cup (WSC)

- 1. The WSC is a competition for individual solvers who compete at solving tournaments appointed by the WFCC.
- 2. Tournaments have to meet the criteria for acceptability of tournaments at which ratings can be gained and must run at one place. In the case of tournaments with multiple locations only the tournament in the country and place of the central controller counts for the WSC.
- 3. Each member country of the FIDE may enter one tournament for the WSC which is open for all participants. Countries should register their tournaments to be included in the WSC before or during the WFCC congress, but not more than one month later to the WSC Director.
- 4. A list of registered tournaments is published on the WFCC website. The official announcement of each tournament is published on the WFCC website at least two months before it starts.
- 5. The Open solving tournament organized during the ECSC counts for the WSC and the one during the WFCC congress counts as the final WSC tournament of a season.
- 6. A season of the WSC is a period between the two WFCC congresses.
- 7. Tournaments are sorted into thirteen categories depending on the average rating of the ten participating solvers with the highest ratings. If this rating is lower than 2000 a tournament doesn't count for the WSC.
- 8. The best solvers from each tournament get WSC points. Depending on the category of a tournament a specific number of the best placed solvers get points. If two or more solvers share places they all get points for the highest place they share.
- 9. The sum of a solver's six best tournaments is taken into account for the WSC final result. In case of a tie of points the average of solver's performance ratings from those tournaments decides. All solvers getting points are included in the final table.
- 10. The director of each tournament sends the complete results, problems and solutions to the WSC Director at most three days after the tournament ends. They are published on the WFCC website.
- 11. The WSC Director decides should a tournament be included in the WSC in case of exceeding deadline for the registration and for the announcement of the tournaments (items 3 and 4). He decides the same in ten days after the tournament ends in a case of exceeding deadline for sending results of the tournament (item 10) or any other irregularity.

Categories of tournaments and distribution of WSC points:

	Average															
	rating of ten															
Cat.	best solvers	1.pl	2.pl	3.pl	4.pl	5.pl	6.pl	7.pl	8.pl	9.pl	10.pl	11.pl	12.pl	13.pl	14.pl	15.pl
1	≥ 2600	46	41	36	31	27	23	19	16	13	10	8	6	4	2	1
2	≥ 2550	41	36	31	27	23	19	16	13	10	8	6	4	2	1	
3	≥ 2500	36	31	27	23	19	16	13	10	8	6	4	2	1		
4	≥ 2450	31	27	23	19	16	13	10	8	6	4	2	1			
5	≥ 2400	27	23	19	16	13	10	8	6	4	2	1				
6	≥ 2350	23	19	16	13	10	8	6	4	2	1					
7	≥ 2300	19	16	13	10	8	6	4	2	1						
8	≥ 2250	16	13	10	8	6	4	2	1							
9	≥ 2200	13	10	8	6	4	2	1								
10	≥ 2150	10	8	6	4	2	1									
11	≥ 2100	8	6	4	2	1										
12	≥ 2050	6	4	2	1											
13	≥ 2000	4	2	1												

#### WCCC 2017 MINUTES OF MEETING ANNEX 4

The Committee for Computer Matters had one meeting on Tue Aug 8 at 15:00. The following members and interested persons were present:

Thomas Maeder (Spokesman)

Julia Vysotska

Björn Enemark

**Dmitry Turevsky** 

**Thomas Brand** 

Hannu Harkola

Marián Križovenský

Michael Schlosser

The Committee dealt with two topics:

- \* Suggestions for the WFCC site by Julia Vysotska
- \* Inclusion of fairy chess symbols into Unicode

# Suggestions for the WFCC Site by Julia Vysotska

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The suggestions consist of two parts:

- \* Rules for sending information to the WFCC site
- \* Use of the resources paid for web hosting

Rules for sending information to the WFCC site

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Rules clarifying the following questions would be helpful:

- what kind of information should be published?
- who is entitled to submit information to be published?

Currently, it can be hard to decide whether to accept certain contributions. Among other things, this may delay the publication of information because the President of the relevant Committee Spokesperson has to be contacted first for his(her) approval.

The committee suggest the following points:

- \* lists of topics to be covered by the WFCC site are established
- current topics ("top events of the year") to be updated annually at or following the WCCC
  - permanent topics more stable updated when necessary
- \* for each topic, one or a few responsible persons are named
  - content from these persons is published immediately
- in addition, they can be contacted for their approval of the publication of content provided by different persons
- \* the united Committee spokespersons are responsible for establishing these lists

NB: it was mentioned that the following items might be useful content in the future:

- \* problem of the week / month / ... on the wfcc.ch entry page
  - an example from a recent WFCC event (WCSC, WCCT, ...) as teaser for visitors
- \* more information about the WFCC ("who are we?") which might be beneficial for finding financial support

Use of the resources paid for web hosting

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The committee agrees that the use of email addresses \*@wfcc.ch and domain names \*.wfcc.ch would make our work a little easier and give it a more organised (read professional) touch, which might benefit the search for financial support.

#### Email addresses:

The committee proposes the creation of the following addresses:

- \* personal addresses for delegates and other relevant persons: givenname.familyname@wfcc.ch (e.g. thomas.maeder@wfcc.ch)
- \* impersonal addresses: president@wfcc.ch, treasurer, secretary, webmaster, ...
- \* address lists: presidium@wfcc.ch, delegates, album-committee, ...

Email messages sent to these addresses will be forwarded to the persons' private email addresses.

For the official WFCC corresponence (e.g. WFCC <-> FIDE), these addresses should be used rather than private addresses.

Additional addresses can be easily established, e.g. temporary addresses for events (e.g. wccc2018@wfcc.ch, wcct11@wfcc.ch, ...)

#### Domain names:

The committee proposes the creation of subdomain names for WFCC events, e.g. wccc2018.wfcc.ch . Two modes of operation are possible:

- \* a browser directed at e.g. <a href="http://wccc2017.wfcc.ch/">http://wccc2017.wfcc.ch/</a> would be redirected to the web site of event's organiser (e.g. <a href="https://wccc2017.de/">https://wccc2017.de/</a>)
- \* the event organiser uses xyz.wfcc.ch as the primary name of the event's site (the domain name then resolves to an address outside the www.wfcc.ch server)

NB: It is also possible to run additional sites for a moderate monthly fee. Among other things, this would allow:

- \* use of a different content management system
- \* different group of editors

This might be interesting for member countries who currently don't run a web site, or for archiving web sites before they are shut down.

There was reluctance among the Committee members whether it is appropriate for country related web sites to be run under the WFCC "flag".

# Inclusion of fairy chess symbols into Unicode

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With the blessing of the WFCC, a group of interested persons was working very actively to submit a proposal to the Unicode Technical Committee (UTC).

The "Proposal to Encode Heterodox Chess Symbols" was eventually submitted in 2016 and dealt with by the UTC in October. The proposal was found to be well-researched, but the UTC made some suggestions for removing a number of the proposed symbol and invites the authors to submit a revised proposal.

The WFCC should be grateful to its delegates IJja Ketris and Bjørn Enemark for their active contributions.

Unfortunately, activity suddenly stopped at the end of 2016. During the committee's meeting, Bjørn Enemark volunteered to trying to reanimate the working group after the congress.

Dresden, 9.8.2017 Thomas Maeder Spokesman



# WORLD FEDERATION FOR CHESS COMPOSITION

# Financial Report 2016-17

Budget 2016-17		<b>Earnings 2016-17</b>			Budget 2017-18		
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	€ €		€	€		€	€
½ Contribution from FIDE 2016	5'000.00	FIDE	8'248.65		Contribution from FIDE 2017	3'000.00	
ISC 2016	500.00	ISC 2016		300.00	ISC 2017		0.00
WCSC 2016	1'800.00	WCSC 2016		1'600.00	WCSC 2017		500.00
WCCC 2016	1'300.00	WCCC 2016		1'000.00	WCCC 2017		1'000.00
FIDE Album project	1'200.00	WCCI 2013-15		150.00	World Solving Cup 2016-17		0.00
WFCC site	125.00	World Solving Cup 2015-16		150.00	10. WCCT 2015-17		450.00
Mat Plus Site	350.00						
Special project Special project	1'500.00	Special project		1'500.00	Special project		500.00
½ Contribution from FIDE 2017	5'000.00						
ISC 2017	500.00				Amortization		773.31
WCSC 2017	1'800.00						
Banking	100.00	Banking		81.16	Banking		
		Currency		150.57			
Other expenses	100.00				Other expenses		150.00
		Profit		2'757.12	Loss	373.31	
Total	9'275.00	Total	8'248.65	7'688.85	Total	3'373.31	3'373.31



# WORLD FEDERATION FOR CHESS COMPOSITION

#### **Balance Sheet** 30.06.2017

Assets	CHF	€	€	Rate CHF / €	Liabilities and Equity	€	€
Bank (UBS) BANK (Post)	-0.01		- <mark>0.0</mark> (5'474.4	_	Creditors		1'918.19
Debtors			773.3	1	Equity 01.07.2016 Win since 01.07.2016 Equity	1'572.40 2'757.12 4'329.52	<u>•</u>
Total			6'247.7	2			6'247.72