

WFCC Zoom meeting 02.06.21 18:00 CEST

The Zoom meeting was hosted by Andrey Selivanov with Harry Fougiaxis and Julia Vysotska as co-hosts.

Attendees were:

Harry Fougiaxis Greece President
Klaus Wenda Austria Honourary President
Thomas Maeder Switzerland 1st Vice-President
Vidmantas Satkus Lithuania 2nd Vice-President
Luc Palmans Belgium 3rd Vice-President
Neal Turner Finland Secretary
Bjørn Enemark Denmark Delegate
Hannu Harkola Finland Delegate
bernd ellinghoven Germany Delegate
Francesco Simoni Italy Delegate
Yochanan Afek Israel Delegate
Julia Vysotska Latvia Delegate
Johan de Boer Netherlands Delegate
Abdelaziz Onkoud Morocco Delegate
Dinu-Ioan Nicula Romania Delegate
Andrey Selivanov Russia Delegate
Marjan Kovačević Serbia Delegate
Peter Gvozdják Slovakia Delegate
Joaquim Crusats Spain Delegate
Kjell Widlert Sweden Delegate
Valery Kopyl Ukraine Delegate
Tadashi Wakashima Japan Delegate
Dr Abdulla Ali Aal Barakat United Arab Emirates Delegate

and also

Andrew Buchanan Singapore
Axel Steinbrink Germany
Miodrag Mladenovic Serbia
Shankar Ram India
Seetharaman Kalyan India
Eugene Rosner USA
Mario Parrinello Italy
Elmar Abdullayev Azerbaijan

Solving committee

Luc Palmans reported on the recent Zoom meeting of the Solving Committee. Among matters discussed were the World Solving Cup for 2021-2022, which is set start on the week after the WCCC.

Directors of rated solving competitions who strayed from the guidelines would be given coaching, and a proposal had been discussed to reduce the time for an inactive solver to remain on the rating list from the current 5 years to 3 years.

There was a plan to initiate an official World Championship for solving fairy problems at the WCCC.

The proposal that provoked the most discussion was the one to introduce solving titles for women, the norms for which would be 100 points lower than for men - see below.

WCCC

In accordance with the decision at the last meeting, the Secretary had conducted a vote of the Delegates on the bid of Rhodes to host the 2021 Congress.

The result was 34 for, 0 against.

Mr Fougiaxis said that, having been given the green light, preparations were going ahead. According to the current situation with the pandemic, there would be no problems visiting Greece for those who were fully vaccinated, neither for those who could show a negative PCR test.

United Arab Emirates

Dr Abdulla Ali Aal Barakat, representing the UAE, spoke of his pleasure in attending a WFCC meeting for the first time.

He related the desire to promote Chess in the Arab world and especially in the UAE.

He thanked all who had supported their membership, especially Marjan and Julia, and mentioned the possibility of preparing a bid to host the Congress in the near future.

Much was dependent on the situation with the pandemic, and the necessity of getting permission from the Ministry of Sport.

Mr Kovačević welcomed the UAE delegate and expressed thanks for Solving competitions that had been successfully organised earlier.

WFCC internet site

Thomas Maeder thanked Julia Vysotska for her work on updating the web site.

The redesign had been successful and the changover to a new host had gone smoothly, with little or no disruption.

Julia spoke of a proposal to introduce email addresses for members of the Commission for use in WFCC business.

FIDE Album

In the last meeting there was a call for anybody willing to take on the task of indexing the more-move section of the upcoming Album.

bernd ellinghoven had been canvassing his colleagues and came up with a proposal that a team of 3 or 4 German experts could do the job.

This was gratefully accepted by the members of the Album committee, Messrs Fougiaxis and Gvozdják.

It was suggested that the team should delegate a chairman who would be the one in contact with the Album editors.

Women's solving titles

As described above, the possibility had been discussed in the Solving Committee of introducing Solving titles for women where the norms would be 100 points less than those for men.

The idea being that this would encourage more women take up solving.

There was some enthusiasm for this, and it was proposed that a vote be taken immediately.

However it was pointed out that the rules for Titles and Norms were set out in the Statutes, which couldn't be amended in such an unofficial meeting.

But there was still pressure to get this proposal implemented before the Congress.

It was decided that this was a job for the Task-force whose members would consider the possibilities for amending the Statutes and report back at the next meeting.

Next meeting

The next meeting was set for Wednesday, 16th June **18:00** CEST.

Neal Turner Helsinki 3.6.2021