



ICCF Congress 2017 **Albena, Bulgaria**

Report of the Finance Director

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Dear friends and delegates

1. ICCF Financial Accounts 2016

Delegates are requested to note the audited Financial Accounts for 2016 contained within the document "ICCF Accounts 2016" distributed separately. Delegates are also requested to note the deficit for the year of 27,886.13 EUR resulting in a reduction to the Capital Account to 219,880.79 EUR. Delegates are respectfully requested to approve these Accounts.

Delegates are also requested to note also that the deficit recorded during 2016 is higher by some 1,606 EUR than that anticipated in the Financial Plan for 2016, (26,280 EUR). Income received during 2016 fell by 625.15 EUR (0.7%) over the previous year and Expenditure over the same period fell by 160.70 EUR (0.1%).

Delegates should also note some important details arising from these Accounts:

1. According to the ICCF Tournament Schedule, World Cup and Webserver Open events should start alternate years. Event Webserver Open 7 was expected to start around August 2016 but did not start until January 2017. Consequently Income from this event (6,000 EUR estimated in Financial Plan) could not be included in the 2016 Financial Accounts (had the event started timeously the deficit for the year would have been reduced by similar amount). This situation was partly offset by Income of 4,052 EUR received in respect of event DE 10 A (with 891 entries) not included in the Financial Plan. Another consequence of this situation is the Financial Accounts for 2017 will include Income from World Cup **and** Webserver Open events (provision for this has now been made in the Financial Plan).

2. As in previous years, contributions were received from Zone 1 in respect of Server Development (5,000 EUR) and Support for ICCF Congress (2,000 EUR).

3. As stated, Expenditure was only 160.70 less than in the previous year and 203 EUR less than anticipated in the Financial Plan. Exceptional items included increases over the previous in respect of Congress Allowances (4,388 EUR) and Professional Services (3,101 EUR) and reductions in respect of Other Meetings (5,784 EUR) and Congress Banquet (4,027 EUR).

2. ICCF Tournament Fees

Delegates may recollect that in my Report to the 2016 Congress which followed selective reductions to Tournament Fees implemented from 1 January 2016 I considered it to be prudent that any intentions to further reduce fees should be deferred. Whilst ICCF's financial position remains to be very healthy delegates should note that according to the Financial Plan quite substantial deficits are anticipated in 2017 and the following 2 years. In view of this situation I recommend that any plans to implement further reductions to Tournament entry fees be postponed for the immediate future.

Delegates may note however the Proposal submitted by the Finnish Federation (Proposal 2017-023). Appendix D provides numbers of server games for National Federations during 2016. Delegates may wish to note that 29 of 56 Federations (the German Federation is not included as it uses its own server) equalled or exceeded the current allocation of 105 games free of charge whilst 27 failed to take up this quota (of these 10 federations had nil). Presently it is very difficult to estimate increased number of server games if any if the allocation of free server games were to be increased from 105 to 210 games. During 2016 a total of 18,014 games were played in NF events providing income to ICCF of 7,177.00 Euros after deduction of the current free allocation.

3. “Free Entries” at Discretion of Zone Directors

Zone Directors are each annually allocated 20 discretionary entries “free of charge” in order to seek to encourage increased activities within their Zones. I am pleased to report that this scheme remains popular despite a small fall in such entries during 2016. A total of 24 entries were submitted during 2016 (Zone 1 – 2, Zone 2 – 19, Zone 3 – 2 and Zone 4 – 0), 6 less than in the previous year.

Delegates may wish that this scheme be permitted to continue.

4. GDP Based Fee Structure for Developing Nations

Delegates may recall that approval was given to this new scheme at last year's Congress (Proposal 2016/11) whereby players from those nations listed as being in either the Low-Income or Lower-Middle categories by the World Bank should receive a 50% discount when entering ICCF events (whether by National Federation Entry or Direct Entry) and free entry to all

events organised by their respective Zones with the scheme to be implemented on 1 January 2017.

Thus far the scheme has shown a slow take up. Entries to ICCF events from the Member Federations eligible under the scheme in the 7 months to 31 July 2017 have been as follow: CPV – 0, NCA – 2, GUA – 2, IND – 0 and UKR – 6

5. ICCF Fees per Annual Statement of Accounts

As a condition of ICCF membership all Member Federations are obliged to arrange prompt payment of the membership fees and tournament charges imposed as per the Annual Statement of Accounts. I am pleased to report to Congress that, with 3 exceptions (including TUN), all fees due for 2016 have been paid timeously.

Delegates may recall that the membership of the Tunisian Federation was suspended at last year's Congress. I regret to advise that, despite receiving several more reminders, the Federation for Tunisia has yet to make any payment in respect of fees for 2014, 2015 and 2016. In accordance with Article 17 of the ICCF Statutes the ICCF General Secretary may now wish to recommend to Delegates that the Tunisian Federation now be expelled. (Tunisian players may continue to submit entries using the Direct Entry System.)

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Appendix A – Summary of Postal Entries

	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
	Postal Entries							
World Ch.Final		1						
World Ch. Cand.								
World Ch. SF.		13						
World Ch. Prelim.								
World - Master	57	45	29	30	38	25	24	15
World - Higher	28	13	18	20	27	29	16	11
World - Open	58	36	36	48	35	37	28	39
Olympiads			24					
World Cup			99					
Thematics	46	50	43	30	41	30	27	
MN Events	13	14						
	202	172	249	128	141	121	95	65

Appendix B – Summary of Server Entries

	2013			2014			2015			2016		
	NF	DE	Total	NF	DE	Total	NF	DE	Total	NF	DE	Total
World Ch. Final			0			0			0			0
World Ch. Cand.	49	3	52	37	7	44	34	11	45	31	8	39
World Ch. SF.	138	5	143	98	19	117	101	20	121	78	24	102
World Ch. Prelim.	175	12	187	165	30	195	113	43	156	134	35	169
Ladies Olympiad							12	0	12			0
Ladies WCh. SF.				30	0	30			0			0
World - Master	406	167	573	372	172	544	350	202	552	301	291	592
World - Higher	249	157	406	169	160	329	189	177	366	188	256	444
World - Open	347	458	805	231	314	545	228	343	571	255	376	631
World - Aspirers	11	24	35	129	46	175	36	138	174	44	145	189
Olympiads			0			0			0			0
World Cup	719	282	1001	0	0	0	620	308	928			0
Thematics	112	70	182	92	70	162	149	85	234	74	81	155
Master Norm	141	68	209	117	66	183	96	60	156	118	103	221
GM Norm	23	29	52	27	39	66	30	22	52	29	10	39
Ch. League			0			0	115	47	162	5	15	20
Vets. WC	446	96	542	331	84	415	456	149	605	454	228	682
Junior WC			0			0			0			0
WS Open			0	586	383	969			0	427	441	868
DE 10 A										0	891	891
Chess 960 WC				61	39	100	51	46	97	50	38	88
Chess 960	53	34	87	29	21	50	21	29	50	22	28	50
	2,869	1,405	4,274	2,474	1,450	3,924	2,601	1,680	4,281	2,210	2,970	5,180

Appendix C – Entries to Individual Events (Server & Postal)

Total Entries Received - ICCF & Zone Events						TOTAL
	ICCF	Zone 1	Zone 2	Zone 3	Zone 4	
2013	4,418	173	13	219	66	4,889
2014	4,045	347	0	299	70	4,761
2015	4,281	317	124	243	58	5,023
2016	5,245	446	228	179	119	6,217

Note: ICCF total of 5,245 includes 868 for WS Open 7 started January 2017

Appendix D – National Federation Members Server Games 2016

NF	<u>Server Games</u> 2016	NF	<u>Server Games</u> 2016	NF	<u>Server Games</u> 2016
ESP	2,645	NOR	171	BRA	0
ENG	2,229	POR	171	CHI	0
RUS	1,643	SUI	145	CPV	0
USA	1,413	CAN	135	ECU	0
ITA	1,255	BUL	126	GRE	0
NED	996	LAT	108	GUA	0
CZE	994	BLR	105	HKG	0
AUS	840	LTU	105	HUN	0
UKR	641	SLO	105	IND	0
FRA	595	JPN	89	IRL	0
WLS	470	ISL	78	LUX	0
POL	421	DEN	75	NCA	0
SCO	390	EST	72	RSA	0
ARG	347	BEL	71	SVK	0
FIN	310	CRO	50	SWE	0
VEN	253	NZL	42	TUN	0
PAN	243	PER	42	TUR	0
ROM	231	CUB	20		
AUT	207	ISR	10		
NOR	171				