

## REPORT OF THE CHAIR OF THE TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR COMMITTEE

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This report summarizes the activities of the Tournament Director Committee between August 2016 and May 2017.

### **The Committee Membership**

During this year, I had the great privilege of working with a fine group of people from across the ICCF membership and leadership. The members of the Committee, besides myself, were (in alphabetical order):

TD Richard Akril; IA IM Valer-Eugen Demian; IA IM Frank Geider, World Tournament Director; ~~IA TD~~ Peter Maylott; IA GM Zdeněk Nývlt; IA SIM Ian Pheby, Direct Entry Commissioner; IA IM Ragnar Wikman, Chair of Appeals Committee (Playing Rules); and IA IM Mariusz Wojnar, Ratings Deputy Commissioner.

Yours truly also served as Rules Commission ~~{Deputy Commissioner}~~, Services Committee, (testing of new online systems), NAPZ Organizer, ICCF-US Deputy Director.

### **Updates on Existing Projects**

#### **I. Numbers of fully registered TDs**

The following enumeration describes the current numbers of TDs who have registered a specialization (server and/or postal) and have passed ~~or have yet to pass~~ the relevant TD Manual review test [through ~~May~~ April 2017]

##### **A. The Fully Registered, by Level:**

(1) Level 1s:	34 TDs (from 20 countries)
(2) Level 2s:	91 TDs (from 39 countries)
(3) IAs:	65 TDs (from 23 countries)

**Total # fully registered: 190 TDs (from 44 countries)**

##### **B. Conclusions from the above numbers**

(a) The number of TDs added to the list of "fully registered" compared to last year was ~~172~~ 18, representing 1 new country as well.

(b) ICCF's TD list has sufficient numbers for our current events, and seems to have sufficient countries represented. If there is any MF with ongoing need to develop more TDs/IAs, please contact ~~you~~ me.

## II. Translations from English of the TDM Review Tests

During Congress 2015, there was substantial discussion about the potential problem of requiring "national TDs" to take a TDM review test in English. It was decided that the ICCF would provide any required translation of the review tests from English for any such TDs. There was only one (1) formal request made prior to Congress 2016 (as described in last year's report). There were no such requests this year.

## III. Individualized ~~training~~ interventions for TDs

Requested Martin add pre-server games to ~~players~~ TD's count so it would make him level 2.

Requested bug fix for removing mentor once player promoted to IA.

~~Sent inquiries~~ to many TD's on incorrect procedures concerning withdrawals.

## IV. Status of the Tournament Organizer Manual

~~The~~ Tournament Organizer Manual (TOM) was approved by last year's Congress. It was put online effective 1/1/2017.

## V. Receiving and reviewing IA title applications

Applications for the title of International Arbiter (IA) were received from:

Peter Maylott, submitted by Brian Jones, was supported by TDC and forwarded to QC.

Gino Figlio, submitted by himself, was supported by TDC and forwarded to QC.

Olli Ylonen, submitted by Ragnar Wikman, was supported by TDC and forwarded to QC.

## VI. Training and disciplinary matters

Inquiry sent to ~~P~~postal IA ~~was written asking him~~ to explain why he was not following up on TC requests. He was given warning and later removed from active service.

A different Postal IA was ~~written~~asked to explain why he was not submitting moves with his game results. He was given instructions.

Various questions from TDs were answered, as those questions were received.

#### VII. **Rule clarifications submissions to the Executive Board**

Early this past year, the TDC Chair and the Rules Commissioner communicated about how the process of requesting rules clarifications from the Executive Board (EB) would be conducted, given that both officials have the right to make such submissions. Both to avoid duplication of efforts and because the TDC Chair is also the Deputy Rules Commissioner and serves on the Rules Commission, it made sense for requests of the EB for rule clarifications would only be submitted by the Rules Commissioner in consultation with the TDC Chair. Therefore, the TDC did not submit any such requests to the EB on his own.

#### **Tasks: Scheduled but not yet accomplished**

All tasks have been completed.

#### **FINAL COMMENT**

I wish to take this time to thank the Executive Board and especially Congress for giving me the opportunity to serve as the TDC Chair. It has been a true privilege.

Tom Biedermann, Chair, TDC