



International Correspondence Chess Federation

ICCF World Tournament Director

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ICCF CONGRESS ALBENA 2017 REPORT OF THE WORLD TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR

Dear Delegates, Officials, and Friends of ICCF,

I am pleased to submit the World Tournament Director's report.

1. Tournaments

In addition to the Reports presented by each of the Tournament Offices, which Congress will scrutinise with careful consideration, I should like to add the following:

1.1- ICCF Veterans World Cups 11 & 12

The English Federation offer to organise the ICCF Veterans World Cups 11 and 12.

A commitment was made and accepted for England to organise the last 3 versions and the last of those takes place this year (version 10)

Ian Pheby, the tournament organiser has done a fantastic job in promoting and arranging the last 2 versions prior to this, with the following record breaking entries;

VWC 8.: 605 entries

VWC 9.: 682 entries

It is hoped VWC 10 will exceed these numbers once again, given Ian's dedication and enthusiasm that he brings to this event.

1.2. Tournaments proposals

(See Appendix I)

2. Calendar of Events *(August 19th, 2017)*

(See Appendix II)

I wish to thank all of the people who have helped me in my WTD duties. I should like to list all of their names but to do so would result in a never-ending list and also risk missing out someone.

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Frank Geider

ICCF World Tournament Director

TOURNAMENTS PROPOSALS

Many acceptable proposals for invitational individual and team tournaments have been received by the World Tournaments Director and the following have been confirmed:

Zone 4 Africa / Asia

1st Africa Asia Team Tournament (AAZ)

ICCF webserver invitational team tournament

13 teams

6 players per team

Single round robin event (12 games) on each of 6 boards

No prizes

No entry fee

Start date: 1 May 2017

Anticipated categories per board:

Board 1: Category K+

Board 2: Category H+

Board 3: Category G+

Board 4: Category F+

Board 5: Category D+

Board 6: Category B+

Teams: Australia (3), India (2), South Africa (1), Indonesia (2), ASEAN (1), Asian Barbarians (1), Africa Barbarians (1), Cape Verde (1), Oceania (1).

TO: Brian Jones (AUS)

TD: IA Peter Maylott (AUS)

AUSTRALIA:

2017 Australian Masters (AUS)

Already approved event in Bremen Congress 2016 (change in blue)

ICCF Webserver,

Invitational tournament

Cat. 3 (2301-2325)

13 players

Start Date: 30 June 2017

No entry fee

No prizes monies

TO: Brian Jones (AUS)

TD: Shaun Press (AUS)

2017 Australian Candidate Masters (AUS)

Already approved event in Bremen Congress 2016 (change in blue)

ICCF Webserver

Invitational tournament

Cat. L (2226-2250)

13 players

Start Date: 30 June 2017

No entry fee

No prizes monies

TO: Brian Jones (AUS)

TD: Shaun Press (AUS)

2018 Australian Masters (AUS)

ICCF Webserver,
Invitational tournament
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TO: Brian Jones (AUS)
TD: Shaun Press (AUS)

BULGARIA

BG Corr. Chess Masters – 2017 (BUL)

ICCF Webserver
Invitational tournament
Cat. 10-12
15 players
Start date: March 2017
TO: Simeon Vinchev (BUL)

CZECH REPUBLIC

Czech Invitationals 2017 (CZE)

ICCF Webserver
Invitational tournament
4 sections - 15 players per section - max. 7 Czech players (invited on an individual base) and min. 8 foreign players.
Standard ICCF time control of 10 moves/50 days
Start date: 1st December 2017
No prize fund will be available.
The first 3 players in each section will receive a trophy and a certificate issued by the Czech CCA.
TO: Josef Mrkvička (CZE)

Czech Invitational 2017 – Section Radbuza 05

Category D
TD: Josef Mrkvička (CZE)

Czech Invitational 2017 – Section Úslava 06

Category J
TD: Josef Mrkvička (CZE)

Czech Invitational 2017 – Section Úhlava 07

Category 4

TD: Josef Mrkvička (CZE)

Czech Invitational 2017 – Section Berounka 08

Category 7

TD: IA Zdeněk Nývlt (CZE)

ENGLAND:

PETER CLARKE MEMORIAL (ENG)

ICCF Webserver

Invitational tournament

Cat. 6 - 7

13 players

10 moves in 50 days

Start date: 1st December 2017

Prize fund:

1st place £300

2nd place £200

3rd place £100

£25 per win will be awarded to players to encourage positive results.

This will be paid at the end of the tournament by PayPal where possible.

TD: IA Ian M.Pheby (ENG)

TO: IA Andrew Dearnley (ENG)

KEN BOWYER MEMORIAL (ENG)

ICCF Webserver

Invitational tournament

Cat. 3 - 4

13 players

10 moves in 50 days

Start date: 1st December 2017

TD: LGM Toni Halliwell (ENG)

TO: IA Andrew Dearnley (ENG)

FINLAND:

FINJUB-55 Jubilee (FIN)

In celebration of its 55-year anniversary the Finnish Correspondence Chess Federation is organizing an International Open Tournament.

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Preliminaries, Semifinals and Final

Title norms possible in Semifinals and in Final

7 players groups in Preliminaries

Winner of each group qualifies to Semifinals

11-13 players in Semifinals.

No player is allowed to play more than two Semifinal groups.

Entry fee 12 euros

Players rated 2300 or above may join the semifinals directly paying 12 euros.

Preliminaries stage will start on 1st November 2017

Time control 40/10 in Preliminaries, 50/10 for Semifinals and Final

Prizes: 400 - 200 - 100 euros for best three of the Final, and medals.

TO: IA Olli Ylönen (FIN)

Esko Nuutilainen Memorial (FIN)

ICCF Webserver

Invitational tournament for personal friends of ICCF Honorary Member IA Esko Nuutilainen

Rated

7 players

Start date: 1st February 2017

TD: Ragnar Wikman (FIN)

TO: Olli Ylönen (FIN)

10th Baltic Sea Team Tournament (FIN)

ICCF Webserver

Invitational Tournament

13 teams at 8 boards

12 games per player

Start date 20th september 2017

Medals for best three teams.

TO: IA Olli Ylönen (FIN)

FRANCE

80e anniversaire de l'AJEC (FRA)

ICCF Webserver

Invitational tournament

10 moves/50 days with 45 days leave per year

TO: IA Eric Ruch (FRA)

Groupe A

Cat. 8-10

13 Players (6 French players)

Start Date: October, 2017

Tie breaker for prizes

First place: €800

Second place: €500

Third place: €300

TD:

Groupe B

Cat. 5-7

13 Players (6 French players)

Start date: October, 2017

Tie breaker for prizes

First place: €500

Second place: €300

Third place: €200

TD: IA Eric Ruch (FRA)

Open du 80e anniversaire de l'AJEC (FRA)

ICCF Webserver

Open tournament

Preliminary: rated only; Semi-final and Final: titled, if possible

Preliminary and Semi-final: 13 players / group - Final: 15 players

Rate of play:

Preliminary: 150 days for the full game

Semi-final: 150 days for the full game

Final: 200 days for the full game

Start date:

Preliminary stage: 1st.May 2017

Semi-final stage: 1st.May 2018

Final stage: 1st.May 2019

Promotion: winner of each section will qualify for the next stage and few runner-up (to fill vacancies) depending on number of entries.

Prizes:

Final (1500€ in total): 1st-700€, 2nd-500€, and 3rd--300€

TO: IA Laurent Tinture (FRA)

Memorial Jacqueline Roos (FRA)

ICCF Webserver

Invitational tournament (LGM – IM)

13 Players

Mixed tournament 6 - 7 invited lady players

Cat. 5-6

CCE/CCM/IM norms

Time control 10/50

No prizes

Start date June 2018.

TO: IA Eric Ruch (FRA)

TD: IA Alain Rogemont (FRA)

Memorial Maurice Muneret (FRA)

ICCF Webserver

Invitational tournament

13 Players

6 - 7 French players

Cat. 9-10

SIM / GM norms

Time control 10/50

No prizes

Start date: June 2018

TO: IA Eric Ruch (FRA)

TD: IA Alain Rogemont (FRA)

Mare Nostrum VI A (FRA)

ICCF Webserver

Not an invitational tournament (The Federations nominated the teams)

Invited teams: CRO, ESP, ITA, ISR, SLO, TUR

4 players per team

Time control 10/50

No prizes

Start date: October 2018

TO: IA Eric Ruch (FRA)

TD: IA Alain Rogemont (FRA)

Mare Nostrum VI B (FRA)

ICCF Webserver

Not an invitational tournament (The Federations nominated the teams)

Invited teams: CRO, ESP, ITA, ISR, SLO, TUR

4 players per team

Players ELO < 2100 at the latest published rating list

Time control 10/50

No prizes

Start date: October 2018

TO: IA Eric Ruch (FRA)

TD: IA Alain Rogemont (FRA)

GERMANY

ACHIM SOLTAU MEMORIAL (GER)

Already approved event in Bremen Congress 2016 (change in blue)

ICCF Webserver

Invitational tournament,

Category 15

11 players,

Start date: 01/12/2016,

TO: Uwe Staroske (GER)

TD: IA Danilo Korze (SLO)

Germany Advanced Masters 03-A (GER)

Already approved event in Bremen Congress 2016 (change in blue)

ICCF Webserver

Invitational tournament

Cat. 12

11-17 players

Start date: Spring 2017

Germany Masters 06 -A (GER)

Already approved event in Bremen Congress 2016 (change in blue)

ICCF Webserver

Invitational tournament

Cat. 9

11 -17 players

Start date: Spring 2017

Germany Candidate Masters 04 -A (GER)

Already approved event in Bremen Congress 2016 (change in blue)

ICCF Webserver

Invitational tournament

Cat. 6

11 -17 players

Start date: Spring 2017

Germany CCM/CCE 01 A (GER)

Already approved event in Bremen Congress 2016 (change in blue)

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Invitational tournament

Cat. 2

11 -17 players
Start date: Spring 2017

Germany CCM/CCE 01 B (GER)

Already approved event in Bremen Congress 2016 (change in blue)

ICCF Webserver
Invitational tournament
Cat. L

11 -17 players
Start date: Spring 2017

Germany Grandmasters 07-A (GER)

ICCF Webserver
Invitational tournament
Cat. 12 - 15
11 - 17 players
Start date: Spring 2018

Germany Grandmasters 07-B (GER)

ICCF Webserver
Invitational tournament
Cat. 12 - 14
11 - 17 players
Start date: Spring 2018

Germany Advanced Masters 04-A (GER)

ICCF Webserver
Invitational tournament
Cat. 9 - 12
11 - 17 players
Start date: Spring 2018

Germany Advanced Masters 04-B (GER)

ICCF Webserver
Invitational tournament
Cat. 9 - 12
11 - 17 players
Start date: Spring 2018

Germany Advanced Masters 04-C (GER)

ICCF Webserver
Invitational tournament
Cat. 9 - 12
11 - 17 players
Start date: Spring 2018

Germany Masters 07-A (GER)

ICCF Webserver
Invitational tournament
Cat. 8 - 10
11 - 17 players
Start date: Spring 2018

Germany Masters 07-B (GER)

ICCF Webserver
Invitational tournament
Cat. 8 - 10
11 - 17 players
Start date: Spring 2018

Germany Masters 07-C (GER)

ICCF Webserver
Invitational tournament
Cat. 6 - 9
11 - 17 players
Start date: Spring 2018

Germany Masters 07-D (GER)

ICCF Webserver
Invitational tournament
Cat. 6 - 8
11 - 17 players
Start date: Spring 2018

Germany Masters 07-E (GER)

ICCF Webserver
Invitational tournament
Cat. 6 - 8
11 - 17 players
Start date: Spring 2018

Germany Candidate Masters 05-A (GER)

ICCF Webserver
Invitational tournament
Cat. 4 - 7
11 - 17 players
Start date: Spring 2018

Germany Candidate Masters 05-B (GER)

ICCF Webserver
Invitational tournament
Cat. 4 - 7
11 - 17 players
Start date: Spring 2018

Germany Candidate Masters 05-C (GER)

ICCF Webserver
Invitational tournament
Cat. 4 - 7
11 - 17 players
Start date: Spring 2018

Germany Candidate Masters 05-D (GER)

ICCF Webserver
Invitational tournament
Cat. 4 - 7

11 - 17 players
Start date: Spring 2018

Germany Candidate Masters 05-E (GER)

ICCF Webserver
Invitational tournament
Cat. 4 - 7
11 - 17 players
Start date: Spring 2018

BdF Diamant 9 (GER)

ICCF Webserver
Invitational tournament for Men and Ladies
Cat. 3
11 - 17 players
Start date: Spring 2018

BdF Smaragd 9 (GER)

ICCF Webserver
Invitational tournament for Men and Ladies
Rated
11 - 17 players
Start date: Spring 2018

Germany CCM/CCE 02 A (GER)

ICCF Webserver
Invitational tournament
Cat. A - 3
11 - 17 players
Start date: Spring 2018

Germany CCM/CCE 02 B (GER)

ICCF Webserver
Invitational tournament
Cat. A - 3
11 - 17 players
Start date: Spring 2018

Germany CCM/CCE 02 C (GER)

ICCF Webserver
Invitational tournament
Cat. A - L
11 - 17 players
Start date: Spring 2018

Germany CCM/CCE 02 D (GER)

ICCF Webserver
Invitational tournament
Cat. A - L
11 - 17 players
Start date: Spring 2018

Germany CCM/CCE 02 E (GER)

ICCF Webserver
Invitational tournament
Cat. A - L
11 - 17 players
Start date: Spring 2018

Germany CCM/CCE 02 F (GER)

ICCF Webserver
Invitational tournament
Cat. A - L
11 - 17 players
Start date: Spring 2018

Germany CCM/CCE 02 G (GER)

ICCF Webserver
Invitational tournament
Cat. A - L
11 - 17 players
Start date: Spring 2018

960 Germany Grandmasters 01 (GER)

ICCF Webserver
Invitational tournament
Cat. 9 - 12
11 - 17 players
Start date: Spring 2018

960 Germany Masters 01 (GER)

ICCF Webserver
Invitational tournament
Cat. 8 – 10
11 - 17 players
Start date: Spring 2018

ITALY

Renato Incelli Memorial A (ITA)

ICCF Webserver
Invitational tournament
Cat. 12 – 13 (Possibly higher, dependent on the players entered)
13 - 15 players
I.C.C.F standard rules for server play - 50 days / 10 moves
Start date: December 2017
Prize money: 1st Place € 1.250;
 2nd Place € 750;
 3rd Place € 500.
Medals for all the participants.
Criterion: The highest I.C.C.F rating at October 15, 2017.
The minimum Elo for entries to this tournament is: 2520
T.O.: IA Gianni Mastrojeni (ITA)
T.D.: To be decided

Renato Incelli Memorial B (ITA)

ICCF Webserver

Invitational tournament

Cat.8 – 9 (Possibly higher, dependent on the players entered)

13 - 15 players

I.C.C.F standard rules for server play - 50 days / 10 moves

Start date: December 2017

Medals for all the participants.

Criterion: The highest I.C.C.F rating at October 15, 2017

The minimum Elo for entries to this tournament is: 2420

T.O.: To be decided

T.D.: To be decided

LITHUANIA:

Romanas Arlauskas 100 Memorial (LTU)

ICCF Webserver

Invitational tournament in memory of GM Romanas Arlauskas (1917-2009)

15 players

Cat. 10-12

Start date: May 15, 2017

Prize: Will be determined later

Romanas Arlauskas (11 June 1917, Kaunas-Lithuania – 22 September 2009 Adelaide-Australia) was a Lithuanian-born Australian chess master, Correspondence Chess Grandmaster. He finished 3rd in the 4th World CC Championship (1962–1965).

Wikipedia article about him: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Romanas_Arlauskas

Lithuanian Independence 100 WFM (LTU)

ICCF Webserver

Invitational tournament

11 players

Cat. 9-10

Start date: August 15, 2017

Prizes: Will be determined later

NETHERLANDS

Joop van Oosterom Memorial (NED).

ICCF Webserver

Invitational tournament

9 players

Cat. 15 or 16

Time control: 60 days/10. No time-doubling after 20 moves

Start date: September 30, 2017

Guaranteed prize fund:

- Every participant receives 100€

- Every win an extra 300€

- Extra for 1st place 1200€

- 2nd place 600€

- 3rd place 300€.

TD: IA Joop Jansen (NED)

TO: Austin Lockwood

PEROU

COPA PERU IV (PER)

(In Memory of Alfredo Cilloniz)

ICCF Webserver

Open tournament

3 stages

Start date Preliminaries: February 2018

Time control: Triple Block System, with duration of 24 months

If this time control is not available then 10/50 with duplication after 20 days

Entry fee 7 euros

7-9 player groups

Players rated 2200 or above may join the semifinals directly paying 15 euros

TD and TO Gino Figlio (PER) and IA Juan Martello (PER)

Cash prize in Final stage 1,000 euros, winner takes all

Registration: with TO via Paypal or Credit/Debit card, NF entries available

POLAND

4th International Clergy Polish Correspondence Chess Championship (POL)

Already approved event in Bremen Congress 2016 (change in blue)

ICCF Webserver Invitational tournament, eligible players: clergymen from Poland and abroad

Rated; Title tournament, if possible - average rating about 2200 depending on entries

11-17 players

Time control: 10 days for a game plus 3 days per every 1 move

Start date: 2017 September; duration: about 12-14 months

Entry fee: none

Prize money: none

TO: IA Mariusz Wojnar (POL)

TD: IA Mariusz Wojnar (POL)

5th International Clergy Polish Correspondence Chess Championship (POL)

ICCF Webserver Invitational tournament, eligible players: clergymen from Poland and abroad

Rated; Title tournament, if possible - average rating about 2200 depending on entries

11-17 players

Time control: 10 days for a game plus 3 days per every 1 move

Start date: 2018 September; duration: about 12-14 months

Entry fee: none

Prize money: none

TO: IA Mariusz Wojnar (POL)

TD: IA Mariusz Wojnar (POL)

International School Friendly Event 2017/2018 (POL)

ICCF Webserver

Invitational tournament

Eligible players: school teams

Unrated

6 players/team

Start date: 2017 September/October

End date: 2018 May

Entry fee: none

TO: IA Mariusz Wojnar (POL)

TD: IA Mariusz Wojnar (POL)

International School Friendly Event 2018/2019 (POL)

ICCF Webserver

Invitational tournament

Eligible players: school teams

Unrated

6 players/team

Start date: 2018 September/October; End date: 2019 May

Entry fee: none

TO: IA Mariusz Wojnar (POL)

TD: IA Mariusz Wojnar (POL)

RUSSIA

Russian winter 2017 (RUS)

ICCF Webserver

Invitational tournament

Cat. 12+

11 players

Start date: 10th February 2017

ICCF standard time control of 150 days, followed by 10 moves in 10 days with duplication after 20 days is used

TO: Sergey Grodzenskiy (RUS)

TD: Nikolay Andriuschenko (RUS)

Slav Cup V (RUS)

ICCF Webserver

Invitational team tournament

Cat. 1+

11 teams of 6 players

Rules : ICCF standard time control of 10 moves in 50 days with duplication after 20 days is used.

Start date: 15th May 2017

TO: Andrey Pavlikov (RUS)

SLOVENIA

Anton Preinfalk Memorial (SLO)

ICCF Webserver

Invitational tournament

Cat. 10-11

13 – 15 players (4 - 5 Slovenian players)

Start date : Expected September 2017

T.O.: To be decided

T.D.: To be decided

IM Anton Preinfalk (1911-2011) has a large historical role in the development of correspondence chess in Slovenia. He was also a great chess player, chess organizer, master in OTB chess, international arbiter and very known composer of chess problems. He died in 2011 at almost 100 years old.

SPAIN:

II Magistral AEAC (ESP)

ICCF Webserver

Invitational tournament

Rate of play: 10 moves in 50 days

Start date: October 2017

Section A

Cat. 10-11

15 players

Prize money: 300€

Section B

Cat. 8-9

15 players

Prize money: 200€

Section C

Cat. 5-6

15 players

Prize money:

Section D

Cat. 2-3

15 players

Prize money:

Section E

Cat. L-1

15 players

Prize money:

U.S.A.:

2017 USA Invitational (ICCF-US)

ICCF Webserver

Invitational tournament

Section A

Cat. 12+

15 Players

Start Date: March 31, 2017

Tie breaker for prizes

First place: \$950

Second place: \$500

Third place: \$100

Sponsor: ICCF-US

Section B

Cat. 7+

15 players

Start Date: Aug 31, 2017

First place: \$300

Sponsor: ICCF-US

Section C

Cat 4+

15 players

Start Date: Aug 31, 2017

Sponsor: ICCF-US

Section D

Cat 1

15 players

Start Date: March 31, 2017

Sponsor: ICCF-US

VENEZUELA

1st.Venezuelan Chess Tournament "IM CELSO SÁNCHEZ POUSO" 2016 (VEN)

ICCF Webserver

Invitational tournament to Zone 2 ICCF players and some players from other areas as special guests of FEDAP-VEN

4 sections of 7-15 players

Valid for ICCF rating

Not valid for ICCF Title norms

Rate of play: 10 moves/30 days

Start date: 31th August 2016

Closing date: 30th August 2017

TO: IA Juan Martello (ARG)

WALES:

WCCF Invitational #5 (WLS)

ICCF Webserver

Invitational tournament

Cat. M

13 Players

Start Date: Oct 2017

TO: IA Russell Sherwood (WLS)

WCCF Invitational #6 (WLS)

ICCF Webserver

Invitational tournament

Cat. M

13 Players

Start Date: March/April 2018

TO: IA Russell Sherwood (WLS)

WCCF Invitational #7 (WLS)

ICCF Webserver

Invitational tournament

Cat. 6

13 Players

Start Date: March/April 2018

TO: IA Russell Sherwood (WLS)

British Championship (ENG - SCO - WLS)

Closed British Championship open to players registered for England, Scotland and Wales.
Entry is on the behalf of the English Federation for Correspondence Chess, Scottish
Correspondence Chess Association and Welsh Correspondence Chess Federation
ICCF Webserver

Cost: £10 per player

Start Date: Sept/Oct 2017

Championship

Cat. 5 (Expected)

15 Players

Start Date: Sept/Oct 2017

TO: IA Phil Beckett

TD: IA Phil Beckett

Championship Candidates

Cat. 1-2 (Expected)

13 Players

TO: IA Phil Beckett

TD: IA Phil Beckett

Championship Reserves

Cat. To be determined by Entries

Varies but typically 9-11 per group

TO: IA Phil Beckett

TD: IA Phil Beckett

BCCA William Mason Championship (ENG - SCO - WLS)

ICCF Webserver

Comment: Closed BCCA Championship open BCCA Members

Entry is on the behalf of the BCCA

Cost : £10 per player

Start Date: Sept/Oct 2017

Championship

Cat. 4 (Expected)

11 Players

Start Date: Sept/Oct 2017

TO: IA Neil Limbert

TD: TBA

Candidates

Cat. To be determined by Entries

6 Players (DRR Format)

TO: IA Neil Limbert

TD: TBA

Reserves

Cat. To be determined by Entries

6 Players (DRR Format)

TO: IA Neil Limbert

TD: TBA

British Ladies Correspondence Chess Championship (ENG - SCO - WLS)

Closed British Championship open to female players registered for England, Scotland and Wales.

ICCF Webserver

Cat: Minor

13 Player maximum in Championship Division

Cost: Free to invited Players

Start Date: Sept/Oct 2017

TO: IA Russell Sherwood

TD: IA Phil Beckett

States and Regions Team Championship

Teams of eight players representing national subdivisions (states, counties, territories, etc.) from any country or countries of the world. Isolated players are welcome.

Format will be Hutton pairings, only two games per player

Title norms not available

Time control Triple Block (50/75/3)

One or more divisions will be created depending on the number of entries

Assignment to division will be strictly by rating

TO: IA Austin Lockwood

TD: Marc Wakeham

Start Date: TBC