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The ICCF Praesidium Meeting was held in the Hotel Brioni in Fula from the 9th to the 16th September 1984, in conjunction with meetings of the Commissions. The meetings were organised by the Yugoslavian Federation.

A half-day excursion to Rovinj was made by bus and boat. The original idea of combining the Opening Banquet with a boat trip on the Adriatic Sea and with mood music into the bargain was received by all with great enthusiasm.

Taking part in the meetings were:

Hans-Werner von Massow (West Germany) as ICCF President.

H. Ahman (Sweden) as Auditor and as member of the ICCF Sponsorship Circle.

R. Berthelsen (Norway) as member of the Qualifications, Rules and Documentation Commission.

J. Bodin (France)

A.P. Borwell (Great Britain/Scotland) as ICCF Treasurer.

J. Bottlik (Hungary)

F. Brglez (Yugoslavia) as ICCF Vice-President and as member of the Documentation Commission.

Dr. T. Bullockus (USA) as ICCF Vice-President and as member of the Tele-chess Commission.

J.F. Cleeve (Canada) as member of the ICCF Sponsorship Circle.

Ing. P. Diaconescu (Rumania) as ICCF Vice-President and as member of the Qualifications and Rules Commission.

C.E. Erlandsson (Sweden)

R. Gillman (Great Britain) as member of the Qualifications and Tele-chess Commission.

H. Heemsoth (West Germany) as member of the Documentation Commission.

H.-J. Heitmann (West Germany) as member of the Working Party for Rating.

Dr. R. Incelli (Italy)

N. Jungreis (Israel)

St. Kania (Poland) as Liaison Officer to FIDE, as Chairman of the FIDE/ICCF Commission and as member of the Qualifications Commission.

E. Larsson (Sweden) as Honorary Member of the ICCF, as ICCF Vice-President, as ICCF Tournament Director, as Chairman of the Tournament Commission, as well as member of the Qualifications and Rules Commission.

R. Lindroca (Finland) as member of the Qualifications Commission, as well as the Working Party for Rating.

H.J. Mostert (Netherlands) as Honorary Member of the ICCF, as ICCF General Secretary as well as member of the Qualifications and Rules Committee.

J.A. Nielsen (Denmark) as member of the Working Party for Rating.

E. Nuutilainen (Finland) as member of the Documentation Commission.

St. Nyman (Sweden) as member of the ICCF Sponsorship Circle.

G. Radosztics (Austria)

M. Petronic (Yugoslavia)

Nol van't Riet (Netherlands) as Chairman of the Working Party for Rating, as member of the Qualifications and Rules Commission and as Deputy Chairman of the Tournament Commission.

H. Rittner (East Germany) as Honorary Member of the ICCF, as ICCF Vice-President, as Chairman of the Qualifications Commission, as well as member of the Rules Commission.

M. Savic (Yugoslavia) as member of the Qualifications Commission.

D. Smit (Netherlands) as Chairman of the Tele-chess Commission and as member of the ICCF Sponsorship Circle.

V. Vukovic (Yugoslavia)

P. Weber (Yugoslavia)

R. Wikman (Finland) as member of the Rules Commission and as Deputy Chairman of the Tournament Commission.

Prof. Dr. V. Zagorovsky (USSR) as ICCF Vice-President and as member of the Qualifications Commission.

ICCF President, Hans-Werner von Maasow, took the chair.

The President of the Yugoslavian Chess Federation, Tome Drakulevski, and the President of the Yugoslavian Correspondence Chess Commission, Miloje Savic, warmly welcomed those taking part in the meetings. President Drakulevski indicated that the game of chess is very popular in Yugoslavia.

In about a thousand chess clubs, there are 118,743 registered players, including 32 Grandmasters. Both he and President Savic expressed appreciation of the correspondence chess work undertaken in Yugoslavia which has been a member of ICCF in 1950. In 1930, the Slovak Chess Federation was founded and from this initiative a branch for correspondence chess in Yugoslavia was established in 1932. Both Presidents recalled how Prof. Dr. Milan Vidmar won the unofficial European CC Championship in 1936/38 and that CC Grandmaster F. Brglez won the European CC Championship title in 1970. Both Presidents gratefully appreciated the work of CC Grandmaster F. Brglez at national and international level.

ICCF President, Hans-Werner von Maasow, expressed his thanks for the hearty greetings and his appreciation of the Yugoslavian Federation's co-operation in ICCF. He expressed his pleasure that CC Grandmaster Brglez belonged to the ICCF Praesidium through his election as Vice-President by last year's Congress in Poznan. He recalled that a Congress had already been held in Yugoslavia, and that was in Dubrovnik.

At this Congress, the European CC Team Championship and the Ladies World CC Championship were formulated. Furthermore, it was in 1963 at Dubrovnik that discussions were begun about a relationship with FIDE, both within the ICCF Praesidium and also with the national federations. These discussions were concluded in 1968 at the Praesidium Meeting in Lugano with an agreement for co-operation between FIDE and ICCF, which was ratified in the following year by both world organisations and a valuable working relationship established.

In this connection, the ICCF President expressed gratitude especially to the FIDE President, Prof. Dr. Huwe and Dr. Olafsson, the long-serving FIDE General Secretary, Frau Ineke Bakker, as well as the present ICCF Liaison Officer, St. Kanis, together with his predecessor Dip.jur. Armin Heintze.

The ICCF President indicated how very happy he was that for more than two score years, the work in ICCF had been conducted in sincere friendship and he considered it was desirable that this should also be reflected in the rules. At the appropriate point in the agenda, therefore, he would propose that the motto of the ICCF be: Amici Sumus.

The first awarding of the Bertl von Massow Medals

The ICCF President indicated that this first awarding of these medals moved him deeply. Once again from the heart, he thanked the ICCF for the unanimous agreement to the proposal from ICCF Vice-President Dr. Vándorffy at the 1983 Congress in Poznan for the striking of the Bertl von Massow Medals. "Through these medals", he said, "My dear wife will be present at meetings of the ICCF year by year for all the future".

The ICCF General secretary undertook the awarding of the medals in gold and silver for 15 years of service to ICCF, and in silver for 10 years.

The medals in gold and silver were awarded to the following CC friends:

F. Atabek (TR)
K.H. Boese (BRD)
J.F. Claeve (CDN)
P. Clement (B)
Ing. P. Diaconescu (R)
Prof. Dr. J. Eventov (USA)
A. Giraudet (F)
Dipl.jur. A. Heintze (DDR)
A. Henriksen (DK)
A. Kiprof (EG)
A. Iqbal (PK)
E. Larsson (S)
J. Leguen (MU)
R. Lindroos (SF)
A. Loeffler (RA)

Dr. B. Lukas (CS)
M. Mädlar (BRD)
H-W von Massow (BRD)
P. Mastichiadis (GR)
H.J. Mostert (NL)
W. Muir (USA)
Dr. G. Nagyesi (H)
J.L. Ormond (CH)
H. Rittner (DDR)
I. Romanov (SU)
W. Rosinov (SU)
D. Salt (NL)
E. Spitzenberger (A)
W. Stilling (CH)
Dr. J. Vándorffy (H)
Prof Dr. W. Zagorovaky (SU)

The medals in silver were awarded to the following CC friends:

L. Abramov (SU)	S. Kania (PL)
G. Balbe (F)	Ing. M. Kevicky (CS)
Dr. E. Jenner (USA)	J.M. Maderna Alvares (CL)
F. Brglez (YU)	Dr. A. Lejarza (MX)
R. Charpentier (HN)	E. Nuutilainen (SF)
J. Cornu (CH)	M. Pakhdaman (IR)
J. Daneyko (PL)	G. Foracca (I)
C.G. Dieta (RA)	H. Rabold (DDR)
M. Flandor (Z)	Dr. J.J. Ravero (UY)
H. Furrer (CH)	H.M. Souza (PE)
R. Gillman (GB)	Ubirajara de Oliveira Barosa (BR)
H. Heennoth (ERD)	M.Z. Villegas (CO)
V. Houdek (CS)	G. Weinitschke (DDR)
Dr. R. Incelli (I)	R. Wilmann (SF)
St. Jansson (S)	Z. Winkler (DDR)

In accordance with the decision of the 1983 Congress in Poznan, the medal in gold was awarded to Captains of the winning teams for Olympiad III and IV - USSR, Olympiad V - CSSR, and Olympiad VI, VII and VIII as well as the 1st European CC Team Championship - USSR.

In accordance with the decision of the 1983 Congress in Poznan, the medal in silver was awarded to the Captains of the second and third placed teams: to Hungary and Yugoslavia in Olympiad III, to East Germany and Sweden in Olympiad IV, to USSR and West Germany in Olympiad V, to Czechoslovakia and East Germany in Olympiad VI, to Bulgaria and Great Britain in Olympiad VII, to Hungary and Great Britain in Olympiad VIII and to West Germany and Austria in the 1st European CC Team Championship.

REPORTS

The Report of the General Secretary gave a summary of the work since he took over the secretaryship. As a result of the correspondence undertaken, a new ICCF address list has been produced in the form of a booklet with the names and addresses of all ICCF functionaries.

On a proposal by the General Secretary, the membership of Pakistan was newly confirmed. This had been asked for by that Federation. To widen the membership of ICCF, a circular letter had been sent to 18 non-member Federations. Unfortunately, this had not yet achieved the desired result and the endeavour will be continued in the following year.

In close co-operation with the Chairmen of the Commissions and the Federation Delegates, a proposal for awarding the Bertl von Massow Medals had been worked out. Proposals for the awarding of titles and for reprinting the ICCF Statutes were passed on to the Qualifications Commission.

The question of a privately organised Association with about 200 members organising CC tournaments on a world basis was referred for a decision to the item "External Matters".

Invitations from several Federations to hold ICCF meetings in following years were also dealt with.

Finally, the General Secretary expressed his pleasure that work with several ICCF contacts as well as with the National Federations continues to be carried out in the same warm friendly manner.

The Report of the Tournament Director showed that 4378 players started in 1982 and 5263 in 1983, from which a gratifying increase in the number of participants can be seen. A global survey of participants from 1968 to 1983 indicated that 78,397 players from 118 countries took part in ICCF tournaments. The report gave information about the current positions in the top international tournaments and especially that V. Palciauskas (USA) is the winner of the 10th World CC Championship Final and that Mrs. L. Kristol (Israel) is the winner of the 3rd Ladies World CC Championship Final. The ICCF President congratulated the new World CC Champion and the new Lady World CC Champion on their splendid success.

The Report of the World Tournament Office gave the information that in 1982, 1693 players started in the Ascension Tournaments, in 1983, 2417, and in 1984, 1758 players started. In the Thematic Tournaments, 115 players started in 1982, 120 in 1983, and so far in 1984, 179. The new system with Preliminary Groups and Final had proved popular.

The Report of the European Tournament Office gave the information that in 1982, 2438 players started in 282 groups, in 1983, 2681 players in 259 groups, and so far in 1984, 1902 players had started in 218 groups. It also gave the final position of the 1st European CC Team Championship:

1. USSR (58), 2. West Germany (54½), 3. Austria (53½), 4. Hungary (47½),
5. Netherlands (47), 6. Czechoslovakia (46), 7. Great Britain (43),
8. Sweden (41½), 9. Poland (41).

The report of the Tournament Office also gave information about the present positions in the 19th-23rd European CC Championships and announced that P.G. Jäschelin (SU) had emerged as the winner of the 22nd European CC Championship. The ICCF President congratulated European CC Champion Jäschelin on his splendid success.

The Report about English-American Tournaments gave the information that tournaments were being run successfully. Thanks to the foundation of the umbrella organisation, USPCF, co-operation between USA and Canada is still closer. The Office anticipates that the winning of the World Championship by Palciauskas (USA) will cause an increase in interest for correspondence chess and consequently an increase in entries for ICCF tournaments.

A Report about the Tournaments in Latin America was not available. The ICCF President informed the meeting that he was aware from several sources and from the communications of the ICCF Tournament Director that CADAP is continuing its good work as usual.

The Report of the Liaison Officer to FIDE informed about the 1983 FIDE Congress in Manila for which the minutes were available.

Although FIDE had to spend a lot of time on its own problems, it was again emphasised that ICCF was responsible for solving the problems connected with the development and furtherance of correspondence chess. The FIDE President and General Secretary noted with pleasure that ICCF would vote to adopt the motto: "Amici Sumus".

The Report of the Treasurer began with the information that since the 1983 meeting still more accounts had been obtained and therefore a corrected statement had to be made for 1982. With the corrected balance for 1982, the accounts for 1983 could be closed. It could be seen from the global balance and the separate accounts for the different countries which were presented, that the financial basis of ICCF is healthy. In order to make the ICCF tournaments self-supporting, the ICCF Treasurer proposed that the entry fees, most of which had been set in 1946, should be increased with effect from 1/1/86. The proposal is enclosed with the minutes as Appendix 1.

The ICCF President thanked the General Secretary, the Tournament Director, his helpers and the Controllers of the Continental Tournament Offices, the ICCF Liaison Officer to FIDE, as well as the Treasurer for the work undertaken.

The Report of the Qualifications Commission consisted of the results of the meeting conducted during the Praesidium meetings, as well as discussions about the Rules of Play carried out in correspondence. The full proposals for title awards were unanimously ratified by the Praesidium (set out in the section headed "Title Awards", 10 CC Grandmasters, 22 International CC Masters, 1 International Lady Master, 1 International Arbiter of the ICCF).

The Praesidium agreed to proposals from the Qualifications Commission for title norms in the team tournament "Danube - River of Friendship" and in three Grandmaster Tournaments (Section headed "Tournament Arrangements").

In the section headed "Tournament Arrangements" will also be found the draw taken by the Commission for the Final of the 12th World CC Championship and the Final of the 4th World Ladies CC Championship (to start this year). The list of reserve players for the 12th World CC Championship presented by the Tournament Secretary, K.H. Boese, was accepted and he was authorised to change the participants in accordance with this list in order to start with 15 players. J. Sloth (DK) was given until 30/9/1984 to exercise his right to enter, otherwise he loses his qualification for the World Championships (to start this year). The Praesidium noted that the 5th World Ladies CC Championship would be announced. After the closing date in March 1985, the Tournament Secretary, C. Winkler, in conjunction with the Chairman of the Qualifications Commission, will divide the entrants into Preliminary Groups.

The Axelsson Memorial begins on 1st October 1984 with 15 Grandmasters. In view of the extraordinary strength, on the recommendation of the Commission, the Praesidium will propose that next year's ICCF Congress give two free places in the final of the World CC Championship for the two first placed players in the Axelsson Memorial.

The Qualifications Commission decided with one vote against that national CC organisations should send to the Chairman of the Qualifications Commission at the latest four weeks before the commencement of a Congress or Praesidium Meeting, a proposal for the award of titles to their players. The Praesidium agreed unanimously to this proposal. Secretaries for title tournaments were reminded of the rule that each year at a suitable time before the ICCF meetings, tournament tables should be sent to the Chairman of the Qualifications Commission and to the Working Party for Rating.

Guidelines to Paragraph 30 of the Tournament Rules passed by the Commission and adopted by the Praesidium, are to be found in the section headed "Matters pertaining to the Tournament Rules". The Qualifications Commission undertook to discuss and report to the 1985 Congress on the following subjects:

- (1) the awarding of half-norms in the Final of the CC Olympiads
- (2) further tightening up of title norms
- (3) recognition or not of points gained without a fight for title norms in ICCF tournaments.

The Report of the Rules Commission gave information regarding a unanimous ruling that it is not possible to forbid the use of chess computers because no control is possible. The Rules Commission regard this as a question of morals and ethics.

A proposal regarding paragraph 42 of the Tournament Rules was unanimously adopted by the Rules Commission. Guidelines to paragraph 42, passed by the Commission and ratified by the Praesidium, are to be found in the section headed "Matters pertaining to the Tournament Rules". The Commission will consider a proposal that it should be obligatory to quote the total time of reflection and will present a recommendation to next year's Congress. The Commission will also deal with a proposal to amend item 2 of paragraph 2 in the Tournament Rules, so that by agreement between the players, moves may be sent at the same time in numeric and algebraic notation and when the two notations disagree, the move would be regarded as an impossible move.

The Report of the Tele-Chess Commission covered a multitude of tournaments and matches played either by Telex or on Television. This showed that there is a great interest in chess where the moves are not played with the opponent directly across the board. The Commission is of the opinion, however, that many more such matches are being played in the world which the Commission is unaware of. Therefore, the Commission asks all member federations, including obviously the members of the Commission, to send details of such events to the Commission's Chairman.

The report included the information that a chess tournament between "Twin Towns" from 8 European countries had started in 1984. The tournament is being organised on a K.O. system with consultation games, the moves being sent each day by telephone.

In the scope of the Tele-Chess Commission, the Chairman will circularise the member federations to find out how much interest there is for matches between towns with small teams (2-4 boards) played by Telex.

Under the agenda item, Report of the Documentation Commission, the ICCF President referred to three excellent correspondence chess books which had come out since the previous Congress: "Faszination Fernschach" by Ludwig Steinkohl; the "Europabuch" (1st European CC Team Championship) by Hermann Heemsoth and Hans-Joachim Heitmann; "How Purdy Won" by Purdy, Hutchings and Harrison. It was decided that member federations should be informed about the purchasing arrangements; for instance, discount possibilities (Appendix 2). Information regarding discount possibilities for Chess Informator shall also be included in the Appendix.

Report of the Working Party for Rating informed that great strides had been taken since the rating list presented in 1982 at Paris. After several stimulating adjustments had been brought into the system by E. Arnind (S), U. Bade (DDR) and H. Rittner (DDR), the computer programme is now ready to process current calculations and the CC ratings are quite comparable with over the board rating systems. To start off the rating system, 23,676 games by 2,453 players were used up to 1970 and now up to 1976; 39,946 games by 3,473 players have been worked upon in order to put together a list of the top players for the years 1970-1974. To do this, the system was programmed so that players who do not complete a tournament for six years are dropped from the list, but their rating can be immediately calculated when they begin to play again.

The Working Party for Rating expect to be able to offer the 1985 Congress a current list up to 1983.

Co-opted to the Commissions - to the Qualifications Commission, J.F. Cleeve (CDN); to the Rules Commission, K. MacDonald (CDN) and G. Radoszics (A); to the Documentation Commission, I. Bottlik (H) in place of I. Ruttkey (H) who had died. These were co-opted by a unanimous decision of the Praesidium.

The ICCF President thanked the Commissions and the Working Parties as well as their Chairmen for the work undertaken.

TITLE AWARDS

The title of CC Grandmaster was awarded to: Dr. J. Fränzen (CS), D. Codes (SU), J. Hebert (CDN), P. Heilemann (BRD), B. Kiviahio (CDN), H. Krawer (NL), P. Markland (GB), G. Stertenbrink (BRD), R. Tomasevic (YU), G.K. Zanakoev (SU).

The title of International Master was awarded to: K.H. Folgmann (DDR), F. Jaschelin (SU), I. Kanko (SF), A. Kotelow (SU), B. Krisjansson (IS), L.D. Kristol (IL), D. Lubomirov (SU), H.J. Merilo (SU), Dr. M. Milovanovic (YU), W.F. Moltachanov (SU), D. Orseth (N), A. Pereira (P), R.D. Persitz (SU), Z. Pionch (PL), B. Rumjantsev (SU), W. Sauermann (BRD), G. Shephard (GB), Dr. S. Tennant (USA), R.G. Thimann (GB), E. Vitolinsch (SU), J. Voormans (NL), A. Zmorkly (PL).

The title of International CC Lady Master was awarded to: E. Radovici (R).

The title of International Arbitrator of the ICCF was awarded to: H. Prokopp (DDR)

The ICCF President warmly congratulated the new titleholders of the ICCF.

Matters pertaining to the Statutes

The ICCF President proposed an addition to paragraph 1 of the Statutes:

"The motto of the ICCF is AMICI SUHUS".

He said that this motto is not a wish for the future but a demonstrable reality marking two decades of ICCF work. The Praesidium unanimously decided to place this proposal to Congress as a proposal of the Praesidium.

Matters pertaining to the Tournament Rules

Clarification of paragraph 30 - as a guideline - silent withdrawal and unaccepted withdrawal should result in the loss of the unfinished games. Health or business reasons can be grounds for an accepted withdrawal (or death). In the case of an accepted withdrawal, the player shall be deleted (games annulled) if less than 50% of the games are unfinished. Should 50% of the games be finished, then the unfinished games shall be adjudicated, provided they are all possible to adjudicate.

Clarification of paragraph 42 - as a guideline - it is possible to include in the announcement for tournaments in the lower classes and in preliminary rounds or Intermediate rounds of Cup Tournaments, an instruction that at the end of a game it is sufficient to send the last card or a photocopy of this card, so that the result of the game can be acceptable from the report.

Tournament Arrangements

The draw for the Final of the 12th World CC Championship was as follows:

(1) K. Richardson (GB), (2) T. Gm (SU), (3) E. Goatea (R), (4) G. Nesis (SU), (5) S. Zokolov (SU), (6) J. Neistadt (SU), (7) J. Krzyszton (PL), (8) V. Palciauskas (US), (9) G. Zanakoev (SU), (10) R. Kauranen (SF), (11) Dr. J.F. Franzen (CS), (12) E. Sterud (N), (13) Dr. E. Stransky (DDR), (14) K.H. Maeder (BRD) and (15) M. Yudevich (SU).

The Final of the 4th World Ladies-CC Championship was drawn as follows:

(1) R. Reicher (R), (2) L. Belavenetz (SU), (3) L. Jakovleva (SU), (4) M. Clarke (GB), (5) J. Cunningham (GB), (6) M. Rytova (SU), (7) J. Manthey (BRD), (8) S. Ignatchenko (SU), (9) S. Bazaž (YU), (10) O. Ruzova (SU), (11) R. Heigl (BRD), (12) G. Kesò (H), (13) L. Kristol (IL), (14) N. Orlova (SU), (15) K. Honfi (H) and (16) Z. Praznik (YU).

The 5th World Cup Tournament started with over 4,500 participants in 205 preliminary groups. The middle round groups were over-filled with 19 x 25 participants. Such an overflow must be avoided in the future. Each participant plays 10 games. The winner of each group (points evaluation when necessary) has earned the right to take part in the Final. The Central Tournament Secretary in conjunction with the ICCF Tournament Director and the Secretary of the World Tournament Office, has the right to allow players with equal points (equal with 10 points) into the Final, even those with a lower points evaluation.

Because the Final must be played as an all play all tournament, there is necessarily a limit to the number of players who can be included. If there should be too many players qualified to take part, it would be unavoidable to have two final groups of equal status. In such a case, there would be two winners of the 5th World Cup. A paper on the theme of dividing the players for World Cup Tournaments by CC-friend Heitmann is included at Appendix 3.

The announcement for the 6th World Cup Tournament will be made in the Spring of 1985. The East German Federation will be asked to run it.

On the proposal of the Qualifications Commission, norms have been set for the following invitation tournaments already authorised by the ICCF:

O'Kelly - Memorial of France - Grandmaster Group (17 players including 6 Grandmasters and 6 International Masters) : 11.5 points for the title CC Grandmaster, 8.5 points for the title International CC Master. Master Group (17 players including 1 Grandmaster and 10 International Masters) : 10 points for the title International CC Master.

Jubilee Tournament - 100 Years Scottish Chess Association (15 players including 6 Grandmasters and 7 International Masters) : 9.5 points for the title CC Grandmaster, 7 points for the title International CC Master.

Jubilee Tournament, 40 years Norwegian CC Association (15 players including 6 Grandmasters and 6 International CC Masters): 9.5 points for the title CC Grandmaster, 7 points for the title International CC Master.

Team Tournament "Danube - River of Friendship" (8 countries, 10 boards): International Master on Board 1, 75% (5.5 from 7), half-norm International CC Master on Board 1, 60% (4.5 from 7), on Board 2 70% (5 from 7), on Board 3 75% (5.5 from 7), on Board 4 80% (6 from 7), on Board 5 85% (6 from 7) of the possible points.

The following invitation tournaments of national federations were authorised:

Dr. J. Bannet Memorial of Poland, to commence 1985/1986. The number of players and whether it is to be a Grandmaster Tournament is not yet decided. Dr. Bannet was a valued pioneer of Polish correspondence chess.

Arturo G. Loeffler 75 Years, organised by LADAC. 15-17 players possibly a Grandmaster Tournament, to commence 1983.

O. Nadeljkovic Memorial, Yugoslavia, for the founder and first President of the Yugoslavian CC Commission, who died in 1984. 15 players including 8 Grandmasters and 4 International Masters, to commence 1986.

25 Years Chess Magazine (Riga) of the USSR. 15 players, to commence 1984.

Simagin Memorial of the USSR. 15 players, to commence 1985.

4th Latin Cup to be organised by ASICC and commence 1986.

3rd Towns Team Tournament of Poland. 11 teams each with 4 players. 3 teams from Poland and 8 from other European towns. To begin 1986.

2nd North Atlantic Team Tournament, to be organised by the federation of Great Britain (Scotland) with teams from Canada, England, France, Ireland, Iceland, Portugal, Scotland, Spain, USA and Wales. To commence 1985.

5th Baltic - Sea of Friendship, organised by the federation of Lithuania SSR. To commence 1985.

Mediterranean Sea Team Tournament, organised by AJEC with 8 to 10 players in each team and to commence 1987. The French federation advised that the detailed announcement had not yet been prepared but it was the intention to send invitations only to those countries who were members of ICCF. The unanimous opinion of the Praesidium was that all countries with a Mediterranean coastline must be invited and deferred authorising the tournament to next year's Congress.

Zamenhof Memorial Tournament (Towns Team Tournament), organised by the World Esperanto Association under the auspices of the Hungarian Federation. As the organisers are not members of ICCF and Dr. Zamenhof was neither a CC player nor a CC organiser, ICCF could not give authority for the tournament. ICCF expressed its pleasure that the World Esperanto Association organised correspondence chess and wished every success for the tournament.

INTERNAL MATTERS

The General Secretary reported that during his holiday in USA he took the opportunity to negotiate with CC friend Karch regarding the creation of an Anglo-Pacific Tournament Office. He presented an inaugural document to the meeting, signed by CC friend Karch with full authority of the USPCF. The document was signed by the General Secretary dependent upon a decision of the Praesidium. The Praesidium unanimously ratified this inaugural document in accordance with authority vested in it by a decision at Poznan 1983. The General Secretary signed the inaugural document in the name of the ICCF. It is included as Appendix 4.

The ICCF President gave the information that CC friend Radocztics would, in conjunction with the General Secretary and the Tournament Director, prepare a looseleaf compendium of all ICCF printed items which will also include guidelines for tournament secretaries. The ICCF President pointed out that this is an important aid for ICCF domestic work and warmly thanked CC friend Radocztics for undertaking this job.

ICCF Vice President Dr. Bullockus expressed his opinion that it was necessary to delete Puerto Rico from the list of ICCF affiliates on the grounds that Puerto Rico is not an independent state but belongs to USA. This was news to most of those taking part in the meeting and the General Secretary was asked to give a legal clarification to next year's Congress.

ICCF Vice President Rittner gave information that printing of the ICCF Rules in the Spanish language and the production of further ICCF pin badges had been undertaken in the German Democratic Republic. The draft of the List of ICCF Titleholders is under preparation. The Praesidium noted this information with many thanks. Both the Spanish edition and the pin badges can be ordered from the ICCF Tournament Director.

EXTERNAL MATTERS

With regard to joining UNESCO, CC friend Bodis reported on his negotiations. There are wide possibilities with many questions to sort out. These will be considered during the course of the meetings and the formality of the application will be accomplished as soon as possible. CC friend Bodis will make the arrangements in personal discussion with the UNESCO current representative for this. It was rightfully indicated how useful it was to take advantage of personal contacts already established.

The General Secretary had taken an opportunity to obtain information about a privately organised Association, CIF (Chess in Friendship). He reported about this and suggested that it would be useful for the national federations if a basic attitude was adopted for their information. This information is included in the Minutes at Appendix 5 and was unanimously accepted by the Praesidium.

NEXT MEETINGS

In accordance with the decision of the 1983 Congress, the 1985 Congress will be held in Great Britain (Scotland). ICCF Treasurer Borwell, in his position as President of the Scottish Federation, gave the information that the Congress will be organised from 1st to 8th September 1985 at the Hotel Hydro in Peebles (20 km south of Edinburgh).

An invitation from the Swiss Federation to hold the 1986 Praesidium meeting in Switzerland was accepted with hearty thanks.

At the request of our Australian friends, their invitation was deferred from 1986 to 1988.

With words of sincere thanks to all participants as well as to the host federation of Yugoslavia, and especially to their President M. Savic and to ICCF Vice President F. Brglez, the ICCF President closed the meeting.

Pula, 14th September 1984

Hans-Werner von Massow.
President.

H.J. Mostert
General Secretary.

VORSCHLAG DES SCHATZMEISTERS - PROPOSALS OF THE TREASURER

APPENDIX 1

	01	Jahresbeitrag (pro 100)	Annual Subscription (per 100)	Bisher 20,—	Ab 1/1/86 30,—	SFR per 100 mitglieder (members) minimum 20 SFR
	02	Olympiade, Herren, Finale	Olympiad Final	25,—	30,—	
	03	Olympiade, " Semifinale	Olympiad Preliminaries	50,—	60,—	
	04	Olympiade, Damen, Finale	Olympiad Final Ladies	7,50	10,—	
	05	Olympiade, " Semifinale	Olympiad Prelim Ladies	15,—	20,—	
	06	Weltmeisterschaft, Herren, Finale	World Championship Final	6,—	8,—	
	06a	Weltmeisterschaft, " & Finale	World Championship & Final	12,—	16,—	
	07	Weltmeisterschaft, " Semifinale	World Championship Semifinal	18,—	24,—	
	08	Weltmeisterschaft, Damen Finale	World Championship Final Ladies	3,—	5,—	
	09	Weltmeisterschaft, " Semifinale	World Championship Semifinal Ladies	6,—	10,—	
	10	Weltpokalturniere	World Cup	15,—	20,—	
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	17	Europaturniere, Gr. mit 7 Spielern	European Tournament 7 players	3,50	5,—	
	18	Europameisterschaft, Herren	European Championship, Final	6,—	8,—	
	19	Welt-Themeturniere	World Thematic Tournament	3,—	5,—	
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	23a	Europameisterschaft Finale	European Team Championship Final	—	30,—	

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Regarding 5th World Cup Tournament

At the ICCF Congress in Järvenpää, I was asked to design a system suitable for the organization of the World Cup Tournaments. This system should cover the following points:

1. Despite an anticipated high number of entries, the winner of the tournament must emerge from three rounds (Premier, Intermediate and Final Round).
2. The Final should be a single all-play-all group.
3. The places should be drawn so that as few pairings as possible should be between competitors of the same country.
4. The groups should be supervisable (i.e. can be seen to be properly structures).

I undertook this task on condition that the Start Lists be made available to me if this system is used in order to make improvements to the system.

After the system which I had worked out was presented, it was adopted by the ICCF as applicable to the 5th World Cup. A comprehensive printed copy of this work was received not only by the Tournament Secretary but also by the Tournament Director and other ICCF Praesidium members.

Since then, it has come to my notice through various sources that this system has not been properly applied and I felt obliged to present a report clarifying the application of this system. Also, Herr von Massow asked me for such a report.

I am able to make this report by virtue of an unforeseen occurrence, by which I came into possession of certain documents. At the start of the Intermediate Round, I received from Dr. Bullockus a parcel with the tables and start lists for forwarding to the CC friends in West Germany. Despite the fact that the arrival of such a parcel was unexpected, in the interests of our CC friends, I did not send it back, but took on the forwarding. The cost of this forwarding has been paid by BdF but not approved. As part of the spadework for this, I photocopied the documents in order to check them.

My report should not be used to criticise anybody, but only to show how, by correct application, matters can be carried through, without objection, in an impartial, fair and sportsmanlike manner.

Uelzen, July 1984

Bund-deutscher Fernschachfreunde (BdF) Tournament Committee Chairman
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Preliminary Round - Commencement

The following entries were received for the 5th World Cup:

1. West Germany	1505	=	33.37%
2. East Germany	689	=	15.28%
3. USSR	340	=	7.54%
4. USA	319	=	7.07%
5. Italy	146	=	3.24%
6. Sweden	145	=	3.23%
7. Poland	141	=	3.13%
8. Netherlands	115	=	2.55%
9. Czechoslovakia	115	=	2.55%
10. Other countries	995	=	22.04%

Total 4510 = 100.00%

Allocations according to the system:

90 groups each with 22 players
110 groups each with 23 players

Thus tables 2210 and 2310 would be applied jointly.

The allocation of the players would be dealt with as follows:

West Germany 8 participants to each of 105 groups (Table 2310)
 7 participants to each of 95 groups

East Germany 4 participants to each of 89 groups (Table 2210)
 3 participants to each of 111 groups

USA 2 participants to each of 140 groups
 1 participant to each of 60 groups

USSR 2 participants to each of 119 groups
 1 participant to each of 81 groups

All other federations, always only 1 participant to each group.

The determination of the draw numbers for the strongly represented federations would be as follows:

It is to be noted that whereas half the players from one federation may be given a draw number between 1 and 11 and the other half between 12 and 23, the West German players with 33.37% participation must accept a number of pairings against each other (3 games per player in each group). For East Germany, with 15.28%, this distribution is 1-2 games. All other federations need have no internal pairings.

	<u>Draw number allocation</u>	
	<u>groups of 22 players</u>	<u>Groups of 23 players</u>
West Germany	2,6,10,13,16,19,21	2,4,10,13,16,19,21,23
East Germany	5,8,15,18	5,8,15,18
USSR	1,22	1,22
USA	3,20	3,20
Other federations	open numbers	open numbers

The distribution must be as above to comply with the system.

Distribution

In fact, there were 205 groups of 22 players each with 10 games according to Table 2210 of the system. The increase from the prescribed 200 groups in the Preliminary Round to 205 which was thought to be insignificant, had serious consequences later.

The distribution of the players from West Germany was as follows:

- 1 group with 10 players
- 1 group with 9 players
- 80 groups with 8 players
- 109 groups with 7 players
- 13 groups with 6 players
- 1 group with 5 players.

A most unfortunate distribution which ensures that in the extreme cases, highly disproportionate numbers of pairings occur within the country. This situation also applied to East Germany, though to a lesser extent.

Intermediate Round

Despite frequent expressions of doubt from me, the pairings were sent out with an indication that occasionally two players from any group may qualify for the Intermediate Round. This was accepted by the Tournament Director at the suggestion (demand) of Dr. Bullockus. Obviously some injustice arises from this because the greater number of Intermediate Round participants cannot be defeated (See section headed "Correct Distribution"). On this it may be said that simple 11-player groups could have been organized and then every group winner would qualify for the Intermediate Round.

The Intermediate Round was composed of 17 groups of 25 players and the number of games, as in the Preliminary Round, was set at 10.

Summary of the Preliminary Round

Results achieved by the players:

- 60 players with 10 points
- 118 players with 9½ points
- 166 players with 9 points
- 113 players with 8½ points
- 37 players with 8 points
- 9 players with 7½ points

A total of 503 players in 1st and 2nd place of the groups. From this 503 players, 410 (9% of the participants) qualify for the Intermediate Round.

On checking the distribution for the Intermediary Round, I found here a completely new and unknown table which bore no relation to that which I had developed or to the system accepted by the ICCF. The table is so muddled that it cannot in the least meet the requirements of such a tournament.

I ask the ICCF and expect it to establish who is responsible for this incredible measure. I would not care to be remembered for such a failure in the future when I end my work. But mistakes of this kind tend to reflect upon the person who sets up the system rather than the Tournament Secretary responsible for it. One likes to be able to say, "he has carried out his work without mistakes".

Evaluation of the Preliminary

Because of the muddled appearance of the tables, I have declined to investigate the distribution of players for the various federations. A quick glance shows the lack of balance of the groups. The Intermediate Round has been set not solved, even Place 1 and Place 2 in Group 501, and Place 1 and Place 2 in Group 2 of Group 501 and so on (see attached table). This means that Group winners and runners up of the Preliminary Round were distributed into one Intermediate Round Group. As a result, 47 pairings from the Preliminary Round were repeated in the Intermediate Round. The participants were certainly not overjoyed about that.

With a group strength of 25 players and only 10 games to operate with, one can be sure of unfortunate consequences. There will be very many tying players at the top of the table and it will be necessary to fall back on points evaluation in order to establish only one group winner. One must expect many strong protests from the players.

Correct Distribution for Intermediate Round

The system is so designed that winners including those with equal points qualify from the Preliminary to the Intermediate Round. Under this condition, 283 players (6.2% of the total entry) go forward. An opinion that this is too few cannot be entertained as shown by a comparison with the present position where only 2.8% (an insignificant proportion) were qualified.

The Intermediate Round would have appeared as follows:

West Germany	64 players
USSR	54 players
East Germany	40 players
Sweden	13 players
USA	13 players
Netherlands	12 players
Belgium	8 players
Norway	8 players
Czechoslovakia	7 players
Austria	7 players
Argentina	6 players
Italy	6 players
Spain	6 players
Remaining countries	39 players
Previously qualified	<u>15 players</u>
Total	<u>298 players</u>

The total number in this case is less than 330 players (22 per group). It is therefore sufficient to have 14 Intermediate Round groups, which is ideal:

- 10 groups of 21 players (Table 2110)
- 4 groups of 22 players (Table 2210)

in which West Germany would have 4-5 players per group, USSR 3-4 players per group, East Germany 2-3 players per group and all others only 1 player.

Whilst 45% of the groups in the Preliminary Round ended with multiple winners, one could anticipate 20% at the most from the Intermediate Round because of the strength of the groups. In this situation, even the multiple winners can go through to the Final. There would then be 17 players with 16 games in the Final, which for a tournament of this size and of such a status, is quite acceptable. Thus, the Final is a normal tournament and qualification guidelines for titles (GM and IM) can be applied. It is an absurdity when the winner of the World Cup cannot even receive the IM title, which must have been expected. One now asks, how can it be better organised with 2 players qualifying from each group.

The following participants qualified for the Intermediate Round:

West Germany	95 players	22.35%
USSR	90 players	21.18%
East Germany	63 players	14.82%
Netherlands	19 players	4.47%
USA	17 players	4.00%
Czechoslovakia	13 players	3.06%
Bulgaria	13 players	3.06%
Remaining Federations	115 players	27.06%

This means that 10 groups of 28 players and 5 groups of 29 players can be made (see tables 2814 and 2914) and the number of games in the Intermediate Round would be 14.

Distribution of the players to the separate groups:

West Germany	10 groups with 6 players, 5 groups with 7 players
USSR	10 groups with 6 players
East Germany	3 groups with 6 players, 12 groups with 4 players
Netherlands	4 groups with 2 players, 11 groups with 1 player

That would have been the effect of allowing 2 players generally from each Preliminary Group to go forward.

Tables and statistics accompany this report as addenda and prove the accuracy of my statements.

It would be useful if this report could be included as an appendix to the minutes and copies are available for convenience.

Distribution of the Intermediate Round

Group No.	501	502	503	504	505	506	507	508	509
1	1x	13	25	37	49	61	73	85	97
2	1x	13	25	37	49	61	73	85	97
3	2	14	26	38	50	62x	74	86	98
4	2	14	26	38	50	62x	74	86	98
5	3	15	27	39	51x	63	75	87	99
6	3	15	27	39	51x	63	75	87	99
7	4	16	28	41x	52	64	76	88x	100
8	4	16	28	41x	52	64	76	88x	100
9	5	17	29x	40x	53	65	77	89x	101
10	5	17	29x	40x	53	65	77	89x	101
11	6	18	30	42	54	66	78x	90	102
12	6	18	30	42	54	66	78x	90	102
13	7	19	32	43	55	67	79	91x	103
14	7	19	32	43	55	67	79	91x	103
15	8	20	31	44	56	68	80x	92x	104
16	8	20	31	44	56	68	80x	92x	104
17	9	21	33x	45x	57	69x	81	93	105
18	9	21	33x	45x	57	69x	81	93	105
19	10	22	34	46x	58	70	82x	95	108
20	10	22	34	46x	58	70 (3)	82x	95	108
21	11	23	35	47	59x	71	83	94	107
22	11	23	35	47	59x	71	83	94	107
23	12	24x	36x	48	60x	72	84x	96x	106
24	12	24x	36x	48	60x	72	84x	96x	106
25	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V

Key:

- 1-205 = Preliminary Round Group Number
- x = Already paired together in Preliminary Round and now again
- V = Previously qualified player
- (3) = Unqualified "3rd placed" player.

Distribution of the Intermediate Round

Group No.	510	511	512	513	514	515	516	517
1	109	121	133x	150	157	169	181x	193
2	109	121	133x	150	157	169	181x	193
3	110	122x	134x	151	158x	170	182	195x
4	110	122x	134x	151	158x	170	182	195x
5	111	123	144	153	159	171	183	194x
6	111	123	144	153	159	171	183	194x
7	112	124	136	155	160	172	184	196
8	112	124	136	155	160	172	184	196
9	114	125	137	147x	161	173	185	197x
10	114	125	137	147x	161	173	185	197x
11	113	126	138	152x	162	174	188	198x
12	113	126	138	152x	162	174	188	198x
13	115x	127	139	146x	163	175	186	199
14	115x	127	139	146x	163(3)	175	186	199
15	116	128	143	156	164?	176	187	200
16	116	128	143	156	205?	176	187	200
17	117x	129	141	145x	165	177	189	203
18	117x	129	141	145x	165	177	189	203
19	118x	130x	142	148	166x	178	190	202
20	118x	130x	142	148	166x	178	190	202
21	119	131	140x	149	167	179x	191	201x
22	119	131	140x	149	167	179x	191	201x
23	120	132	135	154	168	180	192x	204
24	120	132	135	154	168	180	192x	204
25	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V

Key:

- 1-205 " Preliminary Round Group Number
- x " Already paired together in Preliminary Round and now again
- V " Previously qualified player
- (3) " Unqualified "3rd placed" player.
- ? " Why this exchange and where is the 2nd player from Group 164?

Impossible Allocations

1. One player from Bulgaria had 5 games against East Germany
4 games against West Germany.

<u>Player from</u>	<u>Games against</u>	<u>Games against</u>
Czechoslovakia	4 West Germany	4 USSR
East Germany	4 West Germany	4 USSR
USA	4 West Germany	5 USSR
GB	4 West Germany	4 USSR
Bulgaria	4 West Germany	4 East Germany
Switzerland	4 West Germany	4 East Germany
East Germany	4 West Germany	4 East Germany

6 games were played:

East Germany against USA and West Germany
USSR against USA, East Germany, Finland and West Germany.

5 games were played:

USSR against USSR, 2 x USA, 2 x West Germany, 2 x Sweden,
2 x Argentina, East Germany, Bulgaria and Hungary.

West Germany against 3 x West Germany, 3 x Bulgaria, USSR and Sweden.

East Germany against 2 x East Germany, Bulgaria, West Germany, Spain,
2 x Netherlands and USSR.

INTERMEDIATE ROUND-TABLE (DESIGN: Dr. BULLOCKUS)

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2. 2 games to be played

SYSTEM - TABLE 2210

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Possible Remedies

From the system followed by Dr. Bullockus, one cannot exactly determine how many will qualify if one does not rigorously only allow the "calculated" winner to go forward. It is doubtful that only one winner from each group can be determined. (Unbreakable by Buchholz evaluation, same results in Preliminary Round or not previously paired together).

In fact, there are only two possible alternatives:

1. One allows all winners with equal points into the Final. From this one can create one group according to my system with 16 games to be played. There is a danger here that two players who have not played each other may finish with equal points at the top!

What then? Draw lots or points evaluation?! For the loser, annoyance and the effort of many years gone! Therefore, this option is only possible when no more than 17 players can qualify for the Final.

2. One creates two Final groups with up to 16 players, let one start immediately and the other at the beginning of the following year and call the tournament :

5th World Cup Tournament 1986 - Final

5th World Cup Tournament 1987 - Final

There would then be two World Cup winners, but in two different years. This option, in my opinion, is the only possible way to avoid unfairness and annoyance to the players.

The result of this investigation shows that future tournament announcements with my system should only be made when ICCF is prepared to rigorously oversee that the requirements are observed and, when necessary, to make this obligatory.

Inaugural Document - ICCF and Anglo-Pacific Tournament Office (APTB)

1. The Anglo Pacific Tournament Office is a part of the ICCF and shall be in the care of the ICCF member for the United States who shall be responsible for its efficient organisation.
2. The arrangements are made on the basis of a licence agreement. This authorises APTB to organise all CC arrangements in its sphere of operation which it deems to be desirable. The APTB alone is responsible for the smooth running of these tournaments.
3. APTB however accepts the obligation to secure agreement in advance with the ICCF Tournament Director that such tournaments do not conflict with any planned tournament of the ICCF, eg. ICCF Olympiads, ICCF World Cup Tournaments and so on. The announcements may be made only after receiving written agreement from the ICCF Tournament Director. This includes any current publication of APTB.
4. Tournaments organised by the APTB will be regarded in the same way as other rival tournaments. As a general guide, the organisation of the European CC Tournaments shall serve as a model.
5. (a) The APTB is authorised to set its own tournament entry fees. APTB shall pay to ICCF one Swiss Franc for each player taking part in a tournament organised by APTB. Should a player take part in several tournaments, then SFR 1 is payable for each. For team tournaments, SFR 1 shall be paid for each participant.
 (b) This levy shall be calculated annually, at the latest on 1st December, and a proper statement presented to the ICCF Treasurer and the ICCF Tournament Director.
 (c) APTB has responsibility for all costs incurred in the Tournaments it organises.
7. (a) Only players from the following countries may take part in tournaments organised by APTB :
 Australia, Canada, Hong Kong, Japan, New Zealand,
 Philippines, Singapore, USA.
 Should any of these countries not be members of ICCF, they must be accepted as ICCF members before their players may take part in tournaments organised by APTB.
 (b) Other countries mentioned in paragraph 7(a) can only be taken into APTB when they have been accepted by either the ICCF Congress or the ICCF Praesidium.
8. Immediately following the start of its activities, APTB shall prepare a list with names and addresses of its officials and send it to the ICCF General Secretary, the ICCF Treasurer and the ICCF Tournament Director. The anticipated commencement date of APTB is 1st January 1985.

September 1984

on behalf of ICCF
 H.J. Mostert, General Secretary.

April 1984

on behalf of USPCF
 R. Karch, General Secretary

GENERAL SECRETARY'S INFORMATION FOR NATIONAL FEDERATIONS

On the basis of several enquiries, ICCF considers that it has a duty to take a position with regard to the privately organised association CIF (Chess in Friendship).

CIF has individual members in many countries and runs CC tournaments on a worldwide basis. So far as we know, these individual members are almost without exception also members of the present national CC organisations and, for the most part, take part in the tournaments of the ICCF. It would seem from the behaviour of CIF that it does not intend to interfere with the work of ICCF. CIF engages in correspondence chess primarily to promote friendly relationships and the competitive aspect takes second place. As CIF does not profess itself to be a non-political organisation, promotion of friendly relations could also be used to initiate or to support political activities.

Recently, CIF has set up championships and "Olympiads" with teams which sometimes include players from different countries and thereby are not national teams.

ICCF in no way sees CIF as a rival organisation. CIF differs from ICCF not only in the scope and significance of its work but also structurally and fundamentally as ICCF has national federations as members and, by constitution, is non-political. ICCF regards the organisation of championships and so-called "Olympiads" on the part of CIF as a regrettable mistake.

Apart from CIF, in some countries there are further private correspondence chess groups, which conduct extra-territorial tournaments and competitions which are essentially only for participants from the respective country. For the most part, these participants are also members of the national federation. In the circumstances, national federations must decide what position to adopt in relation to such private and doubtless sectarian organisations.