

ICCF Praesidium Meeting Baden 7.9 - 14.9.1986

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The ICCF Praesidium Meeting took place at Baden in the Hotel Kappelerhof from 7.9.86 to 14.9.86. Excellent arrangements were made by the Swiss CC Federation for the meetings which included a reception at the Baden Town Hall, an all-day excursion to the Swiss mountains (Rigi), a half-day excursion to Zürich and with chess activities organised in cooperation with the Baden Chess Club.

The following took part in the meetings:

Hans-Werner von Massow (West Germany) as ICCF President and as member of the Documentation Commission.

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

M. Archangelsky (USSR)

F. Atabek (Turkey)

H. Baer (Switzerland) as member of the ICCF Sponsorship Circle

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

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

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

H. Brusila (Finland) as member of the Tele-Chess Commission

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

Dr. M. Christoffel (Switzerland)

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

J.A. Cornu (Switzerland) as ICCF Assistant to the Treasurer

Inq. P. Diaconescu (Romania) as Honorary Member of the ICCF, as ICCF Vice-President and as Member of the Qualifications and Rules Commission

C.E. Erlandson (Sweden) as member of the Qualifications Commission

R. Gillman (Great Britain/England) as member of the Qualifications, Rules and Tele-Chess Commission

K. Haack (West Germany) as member of the ICCF Sponsorship Circle

O. Halme (Finland)

D.C. Heap (USA)

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) as member of the Rules Commission

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

L. Lahdenmäki (Finland) as member of the Rules 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 Commissions

R. Lindroos (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 and as member of the Qualifications and Rules Commissions

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

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

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

T. Peretjatkowicz (Poland) as member of the Tele-Chess Commission

G. Radosztics (Austria) as Chairman of the Documentation Commission and as member of the Rules Commission

A.A. van't Riet (Netherlands) as Chairman of the Working Party for Rating, as member of the Qualifications and Rules Commissions 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. Samraoui (Algeria)

Dr. P.L. Schaad (Switzerland)

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

Dr. J. Vandroffy (Hungary) as ICCF Vice-President and as Chairman of the Rules Commission

S. Walker (Switzerland)

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

K. Wilhelm (Switzerland)

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

The ICCF President, Hans-Werner von Massow took the chair.

A warm welcome was extended to the meeting on behalf of the Swiss CC Federation by its President, Georg Walker. A hearty welcome was also extended by the President of the Swiss Chess Federation, Dr. P.L. Schaad as well as the Chairman of the Baden Chess Club, K. Wilhelm.

The ICCF President, Hans-Werner von Massow tendered his thanks for the warm welcome and the excellent arrangements for the meeting. He expressed his pleasure that the recent foundation of the Swiss CC Federation as a separate organisation would now result in the furtherance of correspondence chess in Switzerland. He recalled that CC enthusiasts were active in Switzerland even in the time before the war in the IFSB and he paid tribute to Bro. Henneberger and Dr. Voellmays. He indicated that the work of the ICCF during the post war years also received support from the Swiss. He spoke in appreciation of the work of ICCF Honorary member Jean-Louis Ormond (ICCF President 1951 - 1955), W.A. Stilling for many years as Delegate and Jean-A. Cornu for many years as ICCF Treasurer, who has also administered the Central Account of ICCF since 1984 as Assistant to the ICCF Treasurer.

The ICCF President indicated that ICCF had now met for the third time in Switzerland. At the meeting in Lugano in 1968, it was decided to hold the first FIDE/ICCF Commission meeting with the resulting agreement for cooperation between FIDE and ICCF which was ratified by the World Federation the following year. At the meeting in Lugano in 1971, it was decided to organise a European Team Championship to be announced in 1973. The ICCF President honoured the memory of his wife who died in 1983 and who was especially involved in the great success of this event within the European Tournaments. Shortly before her death, she was glad to learn that the Preliminary round of the 3rd European CC Team Championship had achieved a record entry of 27 countries.

At the meeting in Lugano 1971, the USSR Federation presented the Ragozin Cup as a Challenge Trophy for the CC Olympiad.

The Report of the General Secretary gave a survey of the past year's work. From this he was able to say that a good relationship with member federations continues as well as with a number of prospective members.

In his report, the General Secretary indicated that it would be very useful if the federations would publicise as much as possible both the structure of their national organisation as well as that of the ICCF. The General Secretary had prepared a number of proposals which would be dealt with under the various items of the agenda.

The General Secretary informed the meeting that he had received notification that the Lucius Endzelins Memorial (Grandmaster) Tournament could not be organised through lack of the required number of Grandmasters. This worthy pioneer of CC will now be honoured through a tournament of the Australian Federation in which players covered by the APTB can take part.

With many thanks, the General Secretary gave the information that two bronze cups moulded by the sculptor Werner Fenn from Munich had been presented for the winners of World Cup VI and VII.

The General Secretary expressed his pleasure that he had been able to carry out his work in a continuing spirit of friendship for which he was very grateful.

Awarding of the Bertl von Massow Medals

After the awarding and despatch of these medals in 1985, the General Secretary had again learned in what high esteem the recipients held this honour, as a worthy tribute to Frau von Massow and as a valuable distinction. A proposal of the General Secretary that this medal in gold for more than 15 years' valuable work in ICCF be presented to C.G. Dieta (RA) was unanimously adopted. For more than 10 years' valuable work in ICCF, the General Secretary proposed the Bertl von Massow medal in silver be awarded to H. Ahman (S), G. Gorkiewicz (PL), B. Hauffe (DDR) and O. Jantunen (SF). This proposal was also unanimously adopted.

The ICCF President congratulated these fellow workers on this distinction and thanked them for their valuable work.

The Report of the Tournament Director gave a global summary of the number of participants for the years 1968-1985. 99,926 players started from 121 countries. The increase in participation in 1985 was 8% and together with Cup Tournament VI and VII an increase of about 7% for 1986 could be expected.

The Tournament Director anticipated that it would be possible to include the continental tournaments of CADAP and APTB in the statistics for next year.

He reported the result of the 2nd Ladies' Olympiad Final in which the USSR team won over the teams of Czechoslovakia and Yugoslavia. The ICCF President congratulated the winning team and handed over the gold medals for the four lady players and the Bertl von Massow Medal in gold for the Team Captain, Frau L. Belavenetz. He likewise congratulated the runners up.

The Report of the World Tournament Office showed that in 1984, 2132 players started in the Promotion Tournaments, and in 1985, 2253. In the year 1986 so far, 1722 players had started. In the Thematic Tournament, 371 players started in 1984 and 120 in 1985. From 1986, Jørgen Axel Nielsen (DK) is responsible for the Thematic Tournaments. It is hoped that the Thematic Tournament will become popular again in the next few years.

The Report of the European Tournament Office showed that in 1984, 2,798 players from 28 countries started in 322 groups and in 1985, 2,436 players from 29 countries started in 284 groups. The groups started up to 1.9.1986 indicated 1,455 players in 169 groups, much the same as in 1985 (1,525 players in 178 groups).

The battle for first place in the Final of the 2nd European Team Championship (in memoriam Bertl von Massow) is very exciting and the Tournament Secretary was not yet able to make any proposal for winding up the tournament. The same applied to the Preliminary round of the 3rd European Team Championship (in memoriam Bertl von Massow). In Group 19 of the European Championship, Arne Sörensen (DK) took first place and Group 23 was won by A.P.Korelov (SU). The ICCF President congratulated both European CC Champions on their splendid success.

In accordance with a decision of the 1985 Congress, proposals were put forward for a European Ladies' Championship. The announcement is included under the heading, "Tournament Arrangements".

Report about the North American Tournaments (USA and Canada).

The report gave information that the 5th North American Championship began this year. The 4th Championship had been completed and was won by J.Wright (CA) and in the 1st Pacific Team Tournament Australia won over Canada. In this tournament many players had an opportunity to take part in an ICCF authorised event and this authorisation together with the setting of half norms has given a great boost to correspondence chess generally and to ICCF in particular. The establishment of the Anglo-Pacific Tournament Office was warmly welcomed and the work in this field had been well supported.

The 2nd Pacific Team Tournament when approved by the Praesidium (see Tournament Arrangements) will start as soon as possible.

The Report of the Anglo-Pacific Tournament Office showed that not only the APTB invitation tournament with 19 players (from USA, Australia, New Zealand, Hong Kong, Japan, Canada and Singapore) had started but also promotion tournaments in all classes with 329 players.

Tournament Secretaries from different countries were being appointed. Alongside the activities of publishing its own magazine and the printing of various forms, a handbook for Tournament Secretaries will be produced.

Report about the Tournaments in Latin America

Within CADAP, 11 tournaments with 935 participants were in progress. It can be said generally that tournament arrangements in the area of CADAP as well as the participation of players from this area in ICCF tournaments has increased. Further information was given that ICCF Vice-President C.B.Dieta had been elected President of CADAP.

The Liaison Officer to FIDE reported that since the previous years' Congress, the relationship with FIDE had not improved. Unfortunately, FIDE took no opportunity to show any affinity for correspondence chess. So long as this situation continues, it must be considered that the participation of ICCF in FIDE is only a historical matter.

The Report of the Treasurer showed the financial position of the ICCF to be good and stable. Nevertheless, he had to point out that some federations were not punctual with their information about numbers of members and had not kept to the terms of payment. Furthermore, he asked that his work should be made easier by specifying the payments made and thus saving him having to ask about them. For such specification, a printed form had been sent to the federations.

The ICCF President thanked the General Secretary, the Tournament Director and his assistants, the ICCF Liaison Officer to FIDE, the Treasurer and the Treasurer's Assistant for the work undertaken.

The Report of the Qualifications Commission included the results of the meeting of the Commission carried out during the Praesidium meetings as well as discussions undertaken in correspondence on questions of the Rules of Play. As instructed, the Qualifications Commission conducted a discussion about the concept of points gained without a fight. On the proposal of the Qualifications Commission, the Praesidium unanimously decided to leave decisions on this matter to the tournament secretaries. In this connection, the Qualifications Commission referred to the Praesidium's decision at Pula 1984 on the clarification of Paragraph 30 of the Tournament Rules. Regarding title awards, the Praesidium unanimously adopted the proposal for 4 CC grandmasters and 30 international CC masters (set out in the section headed "Title Awards"). In accordance with Paragraph 41 of the Rules of Play, the Praesidium referred a recommendation to next years' Congress that the title of International CC Master be awarded to R. Oechslein (BRD) and A. Preinfalk (YU). The Praesidium agreed to the proposal of the Qualifications Commission for the title norms in 7 team and 3 individual tournaments (section headed "Tournament Arrangements").

It was decided that future invitations to ICCF meetings should include the addition, "Proposals for title awards by to the Chairman of the Qualifications Commission". Tournament Secretaries are recommended to inform national federations about title norms achieved. Before next years' Congress, the Qualifications Commission will discuss a Yugoslavian proposal on the creation of a new title "CC Lady Grandmaster" and "ICCF Master" for men and women and report thereon to the Congress.

During the meeting of the Qualifications Commission, lots were drawn for three preliminary groups of the 4th Ladies' CC Olympiad (section headed "Tournament Arrangements"). The tournament secretaries of the European CC Team Championship and the CC Olympiad shall inform the Chairmen of the Tournament and Qualifications Commissions in January 1987 (after

consultation with team captains) regarding the situation in the tournaments and which of them can be terminated. The announcement for the new tournament will be made in March 1987 with the drawing of lots at the ICCF Congress in September. The other tournament will start a year later. Tournament Secretary, Reg Gillman (GB) was authorised to start three groups for 3/4-Final XIV with about 15 qualified players in each group as soon as possible. In order to complete these groups, the third placed players from the Semi-final XIV groups as well as the third placed players from the continental tournaments may be taken.

The Qualifications Commission undertook to investigate before next year's Congress whether it would be desirable for the future to start 15-player groups also in World Tournament classes H, I, II, and III as in the European Tournament.

As part of the meeting of the Qualifications Commission, the Working Party for Rating gave its report which showed that its work in the past year had made good progress. The justification for the new list was explained. For the first time, all the finished games from tournaments still in progress have been incorporated as well as results from national championships. The new list includes 1,910 active players each with more than 23 ratable games whose rating exceeds 2,000. There are now 8,593 players covered in the system with a total of 117,478 rated games.

On the basis of the results of years of work and especially the work of the last year, the Working Party submitted an extensive memorandum. This includes a proposal for international title qualifications and about this chapter there ensued consultation between the Chairman of the Qualifications Commission and the Chairman of the Working Party for Rating concerning supplementary proposals from the East German Federation for simplifying the system. After detailed discussions in the sitting of the Qualifications Commission and in the meeting of the Praesidium, the following decision of the Praesidium was made: "Because it is not possible to discuss in writing all the many details of the new Rating System, a personal meeting is necessary between the Chairman of the Working Party, A.A. van 't Riet and the Chairman of the Qualifications Commission, H. Rittner to resolve the final formulation of the new regulations. In January 1987, all ICCF affiliated national federations as well as members of the Qualifications and Rules Commissions and the Working Party for Rating shall receive a circular concerning the rules for the use of the ICCF Rating System and the international title regulations. The federations and the Commission members shall answer by the end of March 1987, so that the material can be discussed further. The next years' Congress will decide, 1) whether the Rating System shall be used and 2) whether still further consultation in the Qualifications and Rules Commissions on the consequential alterations to the Rules of Play would be useful.

The ICCF President stressed that next year's Congress should at least reach a decision in principle as to whether the Rating System (Rating List) should be used as a basis for title qualifications. In his personal opinion, he declared, he considered it to be beneficial that a positive decision in principle be formed. Should the report on the outcome of the discussions led by the Chairman of the Qualifications Commission show a great number of divergent opinions concerning the regulations for employing the new basis for title qualifications, in his opinion it would be advantageous for a further consultation on these regulations in the Qualifications and Rules Commissions.

The Report of the Rules Commission had as substance deliberations carried out within the Commission. Regarding Paragraphs 46-51 of the Rules of Play (Rules for international country and team competitions), it was generally agreed in the Commission that these regulations could be modified so that they can also apply to the Olympiads. The Rules Commission will deliberate on this and present an appropriate resolution to next year's Congress.

The Rules Commission explained that Paragraph 15 of the Tournament Rules needed amendment or a clarifying regulation because unfortunately, the regulation in this paragraph is often not observed by either player so that the game is sometimes allowed to lapse for some months. The Praesidium unanimously decided to include a clarifying regulation in the section "Comments and Addenda" for the Tournament Rules. This is included in the section, "Matters pertaining to the Tournament Rules".

The Report of the Tele-Chess Commission gave information that chess matches by Telex as well as on television and radio are frequently organised. Of course, the greatest interest was for the match between Karpov and Kasparov.

In the opinion of the Commission, chess by telephone is also popular. Tournaments between cities are conducted in this way and so far, 34 towns from 12 countries have been involved.

The Chairman of the Commission will send a circular to the federations to find out what interest there is in a Tele-Chess Tournament between countries. If enough interest for such a tournament exists, the ICCF Liaison Officer to FIDE will be informed, so that he can take up with FIDE in order that an announcement of the tournament through the FIDE/ICCF Commission can follow.

The Report of the Documentation Commission gave the information that good progress had been made in the work of producing a loose-leaf manual. An example of the work already completed was handed to those present at the meetings with the request that useful corrections and suggestions be sent to the Chairman of the Commission. The Commission was interested to discuss the publication of an ICCF picture book in which worthy officials and important grandmasters with pictures and text would be presented as well as pictures from ICCF meetings. These discussions should be introduced with a rough outline as example.

The ICCF President gave the information that the 1958 edition by Walter de Gruyter & Co of the book "Dr. Dyckhoff CC Memorial Tournament 1954/56" will be reissued in February 1987 in a new edition from Mädlar/Walter Rau Verlag, Düsseldorf at a price of DM 34. A subscription offer of DM 24 has a closing date of 31.12.86. For a collective order of 50 copies by 31.12.86 the price is reduced to DM 20. The ICCF President thanked the chess publisher Manfred Mädlar for the new edition of this book and expressed his pleasure that this firm also plans to reprint the famous Chalupetzky book "Das grosse Fernturnier des Internationalen Fernschachbundes (IFSB) um die Bundesmeisterschaft 1932", in which Hans Möller and others won ahead of Dr. Dyckhoff.

Co-options to the Commissions

to the Qualifications Commission:	Dr. R. Incelli (I), Jose Ramon Lopez (CB) and R. Wikman (SF).
to the Rules Commission:	Raul Fernandez (CB)
retiring:	Dr. R. Incelli (I) and O. Jacobsen (DK)
to the Documentation Commission:	Luis Achkienasi Cherniak (CB), O. Halme (SF) and S.-A. Kronberg (S)
to the Working Party for Rating:	Dagoberto Najarro Alvarez (CB)
retiring:	M. Markula (SF)

The ICCF President thanked the Commissions and the Working Party as well as their Chairmen for the work carried out.

Title Awards

The title of CC Grandmaster was awarded to:

D.M.Bryson (GB/S), J. Kondali (YU), L. Omelshenko (SU), G.J.Timmerman (NL).

The title of International CC Master was awarded to:

P. Boll (NL), J.D.H.Brugman (NL), H. Burger (DDR), J.J.Carleton (GB/E), A. Doyle (IRE), R. Goldenberg (F), N. Granberg (DK), V.S.Guzakov (SU), A. Hermlin (SU), I.A.Kopilov (SU), Z. Kovacs (H), W. Metz (BRD), C. Miclot (F), K.H.Nienhuis (NL), J. Ohlin (S), J.O.Pedersen (DK), G. Rastanis (SU), M. Rdfenacht (CH), J. Ruzakov (SU), W. Zaitzev (SU), G. Santoro (I), Prof Dr. M.Schäfer (BRD), Dr.J.Staal (NL), U. Svenson (S), W. Charushin (SU), A.J.Ugge (CDN), M.M.Umansky (SU), D.D. van Geet (NL), Dr. G. van Manen (NL), T. Welin (S).

The ICCF President warmly congratulated the new title holders of the ICCF.

Matters pertaining to the Rules of Play

On a proposal of the Qualifications Commission, the Praesidium agreed the following new wording for Paragraph 6d:

- the winner of ICCF 15 player Master groups
 - those players who twice achieve 2nd place in a 15 player group within 10 years
 - those players who within 10 years, achieve 2nd place in a 15 player group and 1st place in a 7 player group.
- Ties are decided by a points evaluation system.

This decision applies also to the continental tournaments.

Matters pertaining to the Tournament Rules

On a proposal of the Rules Commission, the following clarification to Paragraph 15 was unanimously adopted:

When a game is broken off for six months and neither of the two players can prove that he has attempted to continue the game in accordance with the instructions contained in Paragraph 15, nor informed the Tournament Secretary about the interruption to the game, then the Tournament Secretary can score the game 0-0 during the progress of the tournament. If such a situation arises in a team event, the Tournament Secretary can also require both teams to replace the player and record a 1st etl to both sides.

Tournament Arrangements

Ladies' CC Olympiad

Lots were drawn for the Preliminary Round of the 4th Ladies' CC Olympiad:

Group I: 1. Poland, 2. Great Britain/Scotland, 3. Finland, 4. USSR, 5. Iceland, 6. Switzerland, 7. West Germany, 8. Austria

Group II: 1. Italy, 2. USA, 3. Hungary, 4. Czechoslovakia, 5. West Germany, 6. Sweden, 7. Great Britain/Wales

Group III: 1. Great Britain/England, 2. Netherlands, 3. Norway, 4. Algeria, 5. Yugoslavia, 6. France, 7. Rumania

According to the decision of Peebles 1985, the announcement for the Ladies' European Championship was given.

- 1) Each ICCF affiliated federation shall have the right to make no more than 4 nominations. USSR can nominate up to 8 entries.
- 2) The tournament shall be organised in preliminary groups and a final. The preliminary groups shall comprise 9 - 11 participants and the final 11 - 15.

- 3) The tournament shall not be run unless at least 30 entries are received.
- 4) The entry fee for each player in the preliminary groups shall be SFr 10 and for the Final SFr 5, to be paid at the same time as entry.
- 5) The winner receives the title of European Lady CC Master as well as the title of an International CC Lady Master.
- 6) The closing date for entries is 1.3.1987 to be sent to the European Tournament Office. The tournament starts on 1.5.1987.

The Polish federation has kindly undertaken to organise the tournament and will also provide the Tournament Secretary. Norms were set in accordance with the proposal of the Qualifications Commission for the Final of the 4th World Cup Tournament: 9 points from 10 games as half norm for the title International CC Master.

For the undermentioned already authorised invitation tournaments the following norms were set according to the proposal of the Qualifications Commission:

Jubilee Tournament 40 Years BdF of the BRD - Grandmaster Tournament (15 players, with 7 grandmasters and 6 international masters): 9.5 points for the title CC Grandmaster, 6.5 points for the title International CC Master.

Dr. Josef Bannet Memorial of Poland - Grandmaster Tournament (13 players with 5 grandmasters and 4 international masters): 8.5 points for the title CC Grandmaster, 6.5 points for the title international CC Master.

2nd North Atlantic Team Tournament (10 countries, 8 boards): International CC Master on 1st board 75%, half norm International CC Master on 1st and 2nd boards 65%, 3rd and 4th boards 70%, 5th and 6th boards 75%, 7th and 8th boards 80% of the possible points.

5th Baltic Sea Team Tournament "Sea of Friendship" (16 teams, 10 boards): International CC Master on 1st board 75%, half norm International CC Master on 1st board 60%, 2nd board 65%, 3rd board 70%, 4th board 75% and 5th and 6th boards 80% of the possible points.

4th Pan-American Team Tournament (10 countries, 6 boards): half norm International CC Master on 1st board 60%, 2nd board 65%, 3rd board 70%, 4th board 75% and 5th board 80%, 6th board 85% of the possible points.

2nd Pacific Team Tournament (10 or 11 countries, 6 boards): half norm International CC Master as in the 4th Pan-American Team Tournament.

Team Tournament 2nd Latin America-Europe Cup (6 countries, 8 boards, two rounds): half norm International CC Master on 1st and 2nd boards 70%, 3rd and 4th boards 80%, 5th and 6th boards 85%, 7th and 8th boards 90% of the possible points.

Team Tournament 4th Latin Cup (8 countries, 10 boards): half norm International CC Master on 1st and 2nd boards 60%, 3rd and 4th boards 65%, 5th and 6th boards 70%, 7th and 8th boards 75%, 9th and 10th boards 80% of the possible points.

3rd Polish Team Tournament for Cultural European Towns (11 teams, 4 boards): International CC Master on 1st board 75%, half norm International CC Master on 1st board 65%, 2nd board 70%, 3rd and 4th boards 75% of the possible points.

The following invitation tournaments were unanimously authorised:

2nd Pacific Team Tournament 10 - 11 teams each with 6 boards.

Dr. R. Blass Memorial Tournament (Switzerland) with 15 competitors to start 1987.

25 Years' Kirjeshakki (Finland) 2 groups each with 15 competitors to start in April 1987, Tournament Secretary Per-Erik Ekblom.

"Lvov 40" Tournament (USSR) with 13-15 competitors to start on 1.12.1986. Tournament Secretary S. Grodzinsky. The USSR federation explained that the Lvov Chess Club had especially contributed to the promotion of correspondence chess.

Skandinavian Cup organised by the Swedish Federation for players of all classes from Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway and Sweden. To start in Summer 1987.

Internal Matters

After consultation with the General Secretary, the Argentinian Federation kindly undertook the printing of Certificates for International CC Masters. These certificates were circulated during the meetings. The General Secretary proposed that he should make further arrangements with the Argentinian Federation so that similar certificates could be produced for CC Grandmasters, Lady Masters and International Arbiters.

Discussions had taken place between ICCF Vice-President, Ing. P. Diaconescu and the Algerian Representative, M. Samraoui on the subject of organising an African CC Tournament. The Algerian Representative invited ICCF Vice-President, Ing. P. Diaconescu to a conference in which several African federations would take part. The Praesidium authorised Ing. P. Diaconescu to carry out negotiations on behalf of ICCF. It was considered desirable to implement the scheme for an individual tournament.

The Swedish Representative pleasantly surprised the Congress participants with a number of T-shirts with the ICCF emblem printed on the front and Amici sumus printed on the reverse. He explained that he could arrange for these shirts to be produced in great numbers at a cost of DM 30 each. Those interested are asked to give size and desired colour. (Write C.E.Erlandsson, Postbox 789, 22007 Lund, Sweden).

External Matters

The ICCF President informed the meeting that UNESCO had postponed consideration of the ICCF application for membership. He further informed the meeting about a report from the French Representative, J. Bodis, who was authorised to deal with this. The Praesidium was unanimous that no further application should be made because in the official report of UNESCO, no refusal of the application had been advised, but a postponement of its consideration. The official report of UNESCO clearly contains errors and the General Secretary was asked to answer the report and explain these errors. The ICCF Liaison Officer to FIDE indicated that he would put this whole question before this year's General Meeting of FIDE in Dubai for discussion. The Praesidium accepted this proposal with thanks.

Next Meetings

An invitation to hold the 1987 Congress from the Netherlands federation was accepted with thanks. It is planned to hold the meetings from 5th to 13th September, 1987 in Zandvoort (about 30 km west of Amsterdam).

An invitation to hold the 1988 Praesidium Meeting from the Danish federation was accepted with thanks.

An option to hold the 1990 Praesidium Meeting was asked for by the East German federation. This was given with sincere thanks.

Invitations were received with thanks for Congresses 1989 (Italy), 1991 (Finland), 1993 (Poland) and 1995 (Great Britain).

With words of sincere thanks to all participants as well as the host federation Switzerland, and especially to their Chairman, G. Walker, and their Board Member, Dr. M. Christoffel, for the excellent arrangements for the meetings, the President closed the Praesidium Meeting for 1986 with the ICCF Motto, AMICI SUMUS.

Baden, 14th September 1986

(signed)

Hans-Werner von Massow
President

Henk J. Mostert
General Secretary