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The 1995 Congress, in conjunction with meetings of the Presidium and Commissions, took place in the Rica Hotel, Gjøvik from 2nd to 9th September 1995.

The Congress was arranged by the Norwegian Postal Chess Federation (NPSF) in the year of its 50th anniversary. For the participants of the Congress the NPSF offered a trip around all Olympic venues in Lillehammer, which was very much appreciated. An interesting programme for the accompanying ladies was also arranged. To emphasise the importance of the ICCF Congress, the mayor received all participants in the unique Olympic Mountain Hall in Gjøvik.

The President H.J. Mostert (NLD) took the chair.

Taking part in the Congress were:

E.M.E. Abu-Holayqah (QTR) as Member of the Qatar Delegation.

Sultan M. Al-Kuwari (QTR) as the Delegate for Qatar.

A.R. Al-Meer (QTR) as Member of the Qatar Delegation.

K.J. Al-Musallan (QTR) as Member of the Qatar Delegation.

Dr. F. Baumbach (GER) as the Delegate for Germany.

R. Berthelsen (NOR) as the Delegate for Norway, and as Member of the Qualifications, Rules, Tournament and Documentation Commissions.

S.-A. Bessis (FRA) as the Delegate for France.

W. Bielecki (POL) as the Delegate for Poland and as Member of the Rules Commission.

G. Binder (GER) as member of the German Delegation, as Commissioner for Ratings and as Member of the Qualifications Commission.

J. Bohak (SLO) as the Delegate for Slovenia and with proxy for the Federation of Croatia.

A.P. Borwell (SCO) as Member of the Scottish Delegation, as ICCF Treasurer and as Member of the Tournament Commission.

H. Brusila (FIN) as Member of the Finnish Delegation, as Chairman of the World Tournament Bureau and as Member of the Telechess and Tournament Commissions.

Dr. T. Bullockus (USA) as Member of the Rules Commission.

Dr. J. Canibal (CZE) as the Delegate for Czech Republic.

Dr. M. Christoffel (SWZ) as the Delegate for Switzerland and as Assistant to the Treasurer.

S. Cogan representing s1 Editrice Publications.

Ing. P. Diaconescu (ROM) as Honorary Member of the ICCF, as the Delegate for Romania, as ICCF General Secretary, as Member of the Qualifications and Rules Commissions and with proxy for the Federation of Hong Kong.

C. Flores Gutiérrez (ESP) as the Delegate for Spain.

J. Franzen (SLK) as member of the Slovakian Delegation.

R. Gillman (ENG) as Member of the English Delegation, as Chairman of the Rules Commission and as Member of the Qualifications, Telechess and Tournament Commissions.

Dr. C.J. Gonçalves (ARG) as the Delegate for Argentina (LADAC) and with proxies for the Federations of Brazil and Uruguay.

F. Gottardo Gottardi (SWZ) as Member of the Swiss Federation.

S.Ya. Grodzensky (RUS) as the Delegate for Russia and as Member of the Qualifications Commission and with proxy for the Federation of Ukraine.

E. Gromotka (GER) as Member of the German Delegation and as Member of the Rules Commission.

O. Halme (FIN) as Member of the Finnish Delegation and as Member of the Documentation Commission.

Ms. L. Hammerstad (NOR) as Member of the Norwegian Delegation.

A. Jonasson (SVE) as the Delegate for Sweden and as Member of the Rules Commission.

J. Krammer (OST) as Member of the Austrian Delegation.

H.O. Lahlum (NOR) as Member of the Norwegian Delegation.

P. Lea (NOR) as Member of the Norwegian Delegation.

E. Liebert (EST) as the Delegate for Estonia.

R. Lindroos (FIN) as Honorary Member of the ICCF, as ICCF Vice President and as Member of the Qualifications Commission.

H.-E. Lüers (GER) as Member of the German Delegation, as Chairman of the European Tournament Bureau and as Member of the Tournament Commission.

J.S. Morgado (ARG - CAPA) representing CAPA (Argentina).

H.J. Mostert (NLD) as Honorary Member of the ICCF, as the Delegate for the Netherlands and as ICCF President and with proxy for the Federation of Peru.

- E. Nielsen (DEN)** as the Delegate for Denmark.
- J.A. Nielsen (DEN)** as Member of the Danish Delegation and as Member of the Tournament Commission.
- E. Nuutilainen (FIN)** as Member of the Finnish Delegation and as Member of the Documentation Commission.
- D. Odom (SVE)** as Member of the Swedish Delegation and representing the International Email Chess Group (IECG).
- A.F. da Paz Pereira (POR)** as the Delegate for Portugal.
- P. Polakovic (SLK)** as the Delegate for Slovakia.
- G.D. Pyrich (SCO)** as the Delegate for Scotland and with proxies for the Federations of Iceland and Ireland.
- G. Radosztics (OST)** as the Delegate for Austria, as Liaison Officer to FIDE and as Member of the Rules Commission and with proxy for the Federation of Hungary.
- A.R. Ramirez (ARG)** as Member of the Argentinian Delegation (LADAC).
- A.J.C. Rawlings (ENG)** as the Delegate for England and as Member of the Telechess Commission.
- A.A. van 't Riet (NLD)** as Member of the Netherlands Delegation, as Chairman of the Qualifications Commission, and as Member of the Rules, Telechess and Tournament Commissions.
- F. Riva (LUX)** as the Delegate for Luxembourg.
- Ms. M. Rõtova (EST)** as Member of the Estonian Delegation.
- J.C. Salinas (CUB)** as the Delegate for Cuba.
- G. Sanakoev (RUS)** as Member of the Russian Delegation.
- H.B. Sarink (NLD)** as Member of the Netherlands Delegation and as ICCF Auditor.
- H. Sjøel (NOR)** as Member of the Norwegian Delegation.
- T. Solheim (NOR)** as Member of the Norwegian Delegation.
- K. Vitols (LAT)** as the Delegate for Latvia and with proxy for the Federation of Lithuania.
- R. Wikman (FIN)** as the Delegate for Finland, as ICCF Tournament Director, as Chairman of the Tournament Commission and as Member of the Qualifications, Rules and Telechess Commissions.

Prof. M. Zavanelli (USA) as the Delegate for the USA, as ICCF Vice President, as Member of the Rules, Telechess and Tournament Commissions and with proxy for the Federations of Australia and Canada.

In his opening words, the ICCF President commemorated, with deep feelings, all those who had passed away since the 1994 Congress. He mentioned especially Ms. O. Rubtsova (RUS), the first Ladies' World Champion, Prof. Dr. V.P. Zagorovsky (RUS), the fourth ICCF World Champion and record participant in World Championship Finals and ICCF Vice President, W.J. Bishop (WLS) and J.F. Cleeve (CAN), ICCF Vice President.

The ICCF President thanked the Norwegian Correspondence Chess Federation (NPSF) for arranging the Congress. He emphasised that, contrary to some published articles, ICCF was fully alive and on its way to a promising future in using its experiences of the past and the opportunities of the future. He drew attention to the fact that, in order to secure that future, the cooperation of all member federations was essential.

The Report of the General Secretary began with a proposal to accept the application from the Federation of Belarussia (BLR), which was unanimously agreed by the Congress. An application for the Yugoslav Federation of Correspondence Chess Players (FRY) was also accepted by the Congress, with one abstention. Confirmation of these new members would be sent by the General Secretary, expressing the hope for a fruitful cooperation.

The General Secretary reported that he had the usual good cooperation with all members of the Presidium and member federations. During the year he had tried to contact FIDE members which were not members in ICCF but these efforts had not yet led to positive responses.

He gave a short report on the prizegiving of the X CC Olympiad, which had taken place in March 1995 in Magdeburg in Germany. This event attracted widespread publicity for correspondence chess and was nicely arranged by the Deutscher Fernschach Bund (BdF). This was the last time that two of the three medal winners had played under their earlier national names; these were Soviet Union, England and German Democratic Republic.

According to his duties, the General Secretary had organised the elections of Zonal Directors and controlled the outcome.

The Award of Bertl von Massow Medals

The Bertl von Massow medal in silver was awarded to A.R. Ramirez (ARG) for his meritorious work in the organisation of CADAP for more than 10 years. The ICCF President took advantage of the presence of Mr. Ramirez to thank him for the work he had performed and handed him his well-deserved medal.

Medals for the team captains of the prizewinning teams in the X Correspondence Chess Olympiad Final had already been presented in Magdeburg.

The Report of the ICCF Tournament Director again drew attention to the fact that ICCF had to respond to new developments in technology in a positive way. Experiences with fax showed that this possibility could be very useful for ICCF tournaments. In this regard, he mentioned the significant contribution of J.J. van Oosterom in helping ICCF to gain experience with this form of correspondence chess.

He repeated the final result of the X Olympiad, together with his congratulations to the prizewinning teams. During the past year, the winner of the XIII World Championship became known, although the tournament was still in progress. The title had been won by M.M. Umansky (RUS) with a fine score of 13/16 pts. The new World Champion was congratulated by both the Tournament Director and the ICCF President, who awarded the gold medal, promising that the special prize for the World Champion would be presented when the tournament had concluded.

It was decided unanimously that the XV World Championship Final should be played «In Memoriam Prof. Dr. V.P. Zagorovsky».

With great pleasure, the Tournament Director informed the Congress that World Semifinal XXI and ¾-Final XVII would start in Autumn 1995, with record numbers of entries.

The Cup tournaments VI/VII, VIII/IX and X were progressing well.

The Report of the World Tournament Office mentioned that Abonyi Tournaments had been discontinued at 31/12/94 after commencement of 22 sections. The new ICCF Master Norm Tournaments had started successfully, with 12 new sections already formed.

The statistics of the Promotion Tournaments showed that 1125 (1993 - 1299) players from 50 countries (1993 - 62) entered for new sections whereas the Thematic Tournaments had attracted 575 players (1993 - 602). The decrease in entry numbers could partly be attributed to the commencement in 1994 of a new ICCF World Cup with 1540 players.

The Report of the European Tournament Office showed in its statistics that in 1994 exactly the same number of entries had been received as in 1993, namely 1437 players from 34 countries.

Two new European Champions could be congratulated:

EU-FSM 41: R. Polaczek (BEL)

EU-FSM 44: K.-H. Kraft (GER).

The ICCF President congratulated the new Champions on their excellent performances and presented bronze ICCF medals to the respective delegates. There would be discussions between the responsible officials about the future organisation of European and other Continental Championships and Tournaments.

The IV European Team Championship Final (12 teams) and V European Team Championships Preliminaries (31 teams) were started 30/12/94, which meant a record number of participants.

In May 1995 the I European Ladies' Championship (11 ladies from 6 countries) had begun.

The Report about Tournaments in English America (Canada and USA) supplied crosstables of the III Pacific Area Team Tournament which showed that this Tournament was running smoothly without problems. The CCCA 70 Tournament had been concluded successfully, with B. Sørensen (DEN) being the winner.

The VII North American Invitational Correspondence Chess Championship (NAICCC) had not been finished and therefore all places in the next World $\frac{3}{4}$ -Final could not be decided. Most probably, the VIII NAICCC would start in the middle of 1996.

Under **Tournaments in Latin America**, it was announced that V. Zabala (ARG) had won the VIII Latin American Championship. Finals IX and X together with Semifinals XI and XII were progressing well and the XIII Preliminaries would begin soon. A match over 100 boards between CADAP and APTB was being prepared. The report also mentioned that, in this area, most activity was in Argentina, Brazil, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Guatemala, Peru and Uruguay. Unemployment and postal difficulties were causes of low correspondence chess activity in the CADAP area.

The Anglo-Pacific Tournament Bureau also showed that the total of entries during 1994 had reduced remarkably, but it was encouraging that it was expected that the 100 board match against CADAP would take place. Such a match, together with a friendly match against Germany - officially welcomed by the Embassies of both Germany and USA - would surely regenerate the interest in correspondence chess in the area. The II APTB Championship was not finished but, at the end of 1995, places should have been decided.

The ICCF Liaison Officer to FIDE informed that he had attended the 1994 FIDE Congress in Moscow. As usual, the report about the work of ICCF and its new title holders was presented to and adopted by the FIDE Congress. A proposal to form a FIDE - ICCF Commission found approval by the FIDE President. Spontaneously, some delegates to FIDE declared to be willing to enter into such a commission and a nomination from Japan for Ms. Miyoko Watai had already been received. It was expected that the Commission would meet during the next FIDE Congress in August 1996. It should discuss (a) improving relations between FIDE and ICCF; (b) preparation of a mutual encounter; (c) opportunities of new technologies for chess.

Regarding the latter point, it was expected that this would attract worldwide interest. Presumably it could be seen that FIDE would cover chess «using clocks» whereas games «using days» to measure playing time would be looked after by ICCF.

The delegate from Russia made a proposal that an ICCF team could be accepted as a participant in the next FIDE Olympiad as a guest team, on a similar basis to the Blind Chess team which participated in the last Olympiad. It was agreed enthusiastically that the Liaison Officer in consultation with the Delegate for Russia should start negotiations with FIDE to achieve this objective.

The Report of the Treasurer showed a sound financial position for ICCF, although the final balance at 31/12/94 was slightly lower than the previous year. However, taking into account net income received during 1995 for earlier years the true balance at 31/12/94 had actually improved.

Regrettably, the Treasurer had to mention that 18 countries had been inactive in ICCF and had not paid membership fees during several years. A proposal from the ICCF President to suspend those countries if they had not responded by 30/6/96, was accepted unanimously. The countries concerned were:

Bolivia	El Salvador	Kenya	Paraguay	Venezuela
Columbia	Honduras	Mauritius	Puerto Rico	Zimbabwe
Costa Rica	Indonesia	Pakistan	Senegal	
Ecuador	Iran	Panama	Tunisia	

The Treasurer mentioned that, in consultation with the Assistant Treasurer, part of the ICCF funds had been invested to achieve a better return over a longer period.

The Report of the ICCF Auditor confirmed that the figures in the Report and Statements provided by the Treasurer had been verified and accurately represented the financial position of ICCF. Therefore the Auditor proposed the discharge of the Treasurer for the year 1994, which was welcomed by the Congress unanimously. Although it did not belong to the task of the Auditor, he expressed his view that the investments which had been made should be kept under careful review.

The ICCF President thanked the General Secretary, the Tournament Director and his team, the ICCF Liaison Officer to FIDE, the Treasurer and his Assistant, the Auditor and the Leaders of the Tournament Bureaux and their Assistants, for their valuable work.

The Report of the Qualifications Commission included the outcome of the meetings of the Commission which had taken place during the Congress and of discussions on the existing Rules of Play conducted by correspondence. The Congress unanimously confirmed the titles for 12 Correspondence Chess Grandmasters, 105 International Correspondence Chess Masters, 4 International Correspondence Chess Lady Masters and 5 International Arbiters of ICCF. The Congress also confirmed unanimously, as required by paragraph 51(g) of the existing Rules of Play, one further Correspondence Chess Grandmaster and, as required by paragraph 56(c), one further International Arbiter of ICCF. For the list of title holders see «Title Awards».

The Congress adopted unanimously an addition to paragraph 51 of «Rules of Play» whereby winners of the ¾-Finals (commencing with ¾-Final XVII) would be awarded with the Correspondence Chess Grandmaster title and to renumber other parts of the paragraph (see «Matters pertaining to the existing Rules of Play»).

The Congress unanimously accepted a proposal from the Commission to extend the rating system to include results from Higher Class tournaments starting on 1/1/94 and thereafter. Therefore, paragraph 46(a) of the «Rules of Play» would be extended (see «Matters pertaining to the existing Rules of Play»).

On the proposal of the Qualifications Commission, the following norms were established:

World Cup	Final 6	IM title	8 pts
		ILM title	2½ pts
World Cup	Final 7	IM title	8 pts
		ILM title	2½ pts
Abonyi Tournament	Section 22	IM norm	6 pts
Master Norm Tournaments	Section 1	IM norm	6½ pts
	Section 2	IM norm	6½ pts
	Section 3	IM norm	6 pts
		ILM norm	2½ pts
	Section 4	IM norm	6½ pts
	Section 5	IM norm	6½ pts
	Section 6	IM norm	6½ pts
		ILM norm	3 pts
	Section 7	IM norm	6½ pts

	Section 8	IM norm	6½ pts
		ILM norm	3 pts
	Section 9	IM norm	6½ pts
	Section 10	IM norm	6½ pts
	Section 11	IM norm	6½ pts
	Section 12	IM norm	6½ pts
Africa Championship 2		IM norm	6 pts
CADAP Championship	Final 9	IM title	9½ pts
	Final 10	IM norm	6 pts
European Championship	EU-FSM 53	IM title	8½ pts
	EU-FSM 54	IM title	8½ pts
	EU-FFSM 1	ILM norm	7½ pts
		IM title	1. place
European Team Championship 4 Final	Board 1	GM title	1. place
		GM title	8½ pts
		IM norm	4½ pts
	Board 2	IM norm	5½ pts
	Board 3	IM norm	5½ pts
	Board 4	IM norm	5½ pts
	Board 5	IM norm	5½ pts
	Board 6	IM norm	6 pts
	Board 7	IM norm	6 pts
	Board 8	IM norm	5½ pts
		(not for Hugentobler)	
	Board 9	IM norm	6½ pts
	Board 10	IM norm	6½ pts
	Board 11	IM norm	7 pts
	Board 12	IM norm	7 pts
European Team Championship 5 Section 1	Board 1	IM norm	5 pts
	Board 2	IM norm	6 pts
	Board 3	IM norm	6½ pts
	Board 4	IM norm	6½ pts
		(for Veselsky 7½ pts)	
	Board 5	IM norm	6 pts
	Board 6	IM norm	7 pts
	Board 7	IM norm	7 pts
	Board 8	IM norm	7 pts
	Board 9	IM norm	8 pts
	Board 10	IM norm	8 pts
	Board 11	IM norm	8 pts
	Board 12	IM norm	8 pts
European Team Championship 5 Section 2	Board 1	IM norm	5 pts
		(for Lindblom 5½ pts)	
		(for Gostisa 5½ pts)	

European Team Championship 5 Section 2 (continued)	Board 2	IM norm	5 pts
	Board 3	IM norm	5½ pts
	Board 4	IM norm	5½ pts
	Board 5	IM norm	6 pts
	Board 6	IM norm	5½ pts
	Board 7	IM norm	6 pts
	Board 8	IM norm	6½ pts
	Board 9	IM norm	6 pts
	Board 10	IM norm	7 pts
	Board 11	IM norm	7 pts
	Board 12	IM norm	7 pts
European Team Championship 5 Section 3	Board 1	IM norm	4½ pts
	Board 2	IM norm	5½ pts
	Board 3	IM norm	7 pts
	Board 4	IM norm	7 pts
	Board 5	IM norm	6 pts
	Board 6	IM norm	7 pts
	Board 7	IM norm	6 pts
	Board 8	IM norm	6 pts
	Board 9	IM norm	7 pts
	Board 10	IM norm	6 pts
	Board 11	IM norm	7 pts
	Board 12	IM norm	7 pts
<u>Invitational Tournaments</u>			
Lewkowitz Memorial (ARG-CAPA)	Group A	GM title	9 pts
		IM title	6 pts
	Group B	GM title	10½ pts
		IM title	7 pts
	Group C	IM title	10½ pts
Nordbalt Senior Championship 1 (DEN)		IM title	10 pts
Paul Keres Memorial (EST)		IM title	7½ pts
ASIGC 2000 (ITA)	Group A	GM title	9 pts
		IM title	6 pts
	Group B	IM title	8 pts
NPSF 50 years (NOR)		GM title	7 pts
		IM title	4½ pts
Jacob Eventov Memorial (RUS)		IM title	9 pts
Alan Shaw Memorial (SCO)		IM title	9½ pts
Afroatin Cup (ALG/ARG-CAPA)	Board 1	IM title	8½ pts
	Board 2	IM title	10 pts
	Board 3	IM title	10 pts

Afroatin Cup (ALG/ARG-CAPA) (continued)	Board 4	IM title	11 pts
	Board 5	IM title	11 pts
	Board 6	IM title	11 pts
Coppa Latina 5 (ITA)	Board 1	IM title	8 pts
	Board 2	IM title	8½ pts
	Board 3	IM title	10 pts
	Board 4	IM title	10 pts
	Board 5	IM title	10½ pts
	Board 6	IM title	9 pts
	Board 7	IM title	9½ pts
<u>Changes to norms</u> (established previously)			
World Championship XX Semifinal	Section 6	IM title	8 pts
Abonyi Tournaments	Section 21	IM norm	5½ pts
Peru Cup 2 (PER)		IM title	10½ pts

The Rules Commission presented proposed revised rules for correspondence chess. In the draft, several suggestions from commission members had been included and the Chairman provided an explanation about the background to the revised rules. The proposal of the Rules Commission to adopt the draft rules, in principle, was agreed unanimously by Congress. It was also decided that an updated version should be distributed to all member federations along with invitations to the 1996 Congress. This would enable the inclusion of further good suggestions received from member federations prior to adoption by the 1996 Congress. In this way, it would be possible to begin work on the guidelines for Tournament Secretaries immediately.

The Chairman of the Commission announced his retirement from this position as soon as revised Rules of Play had been adopted.

The Tournament Commission reported that several tournament applications had been made.

The following tournaments were approved unanimously by the Congress:

Individual tournaments

CAPA (ARG)	Bartolomeo Marcussi Memorial GM tournament with 15 players, start 1996.
Canada	John F. Cleeve Memorial GM tournament with 15 players, start 1996.
Germany	Hans-Werner von Massow Memorial GM tournament with 15 players, start 1/9/1996.
Germany	BdF 50 years GM tournament with 15 players, start 1996.
Finland	Per-Erik Ekblom Memorial IM tournament with 15 players, start 1996.

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| Peru | Luis Paucar Memorial
IM tournament with 15 players, start August 1996. |
| Iceland | Nordbalt Championship I
Regional IM tournament with 17 players, start early 1996. |
| Denmark | Nordbalt Senior Championship I
Regional IM tournament with 16 players aged 60 and above, start December 1995. |

Special tournaments

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| Norway | Nordbalt Cup I
Regional open tournament (no title possibilities) in three stages, start 1/3/1996. |
| CAPA/Algeria | Afroatin individual cup
Propagandistic individual invitational cup in two stages, start 1996.
Invitations to: CAPA, USA, Canada, Portugal, Australia, New Zealand, Singapore, Hong Kong, South Africa, Algeria and all other African countries. |

The Report of the Telechess Commission was presented in two parts - an annual report from the chairman of the Commission and an extended report from the chairman of the New Technologies Group.

The first report mentioned that a further reorganisation of the Commission would be necessary due to the rapid development of technology. He concluded that both experimental fax tournaments had been a great success, although they had not yet been completed.

In his extended report, Dr. M. Christoffel (SWZ) concluded that the use of fax and Email could be very valuable for correspondence chess. He stated that, for the moment, it could be said that fax was already a valuable tool for correspondence chess and that Email could also become valuable. Therefore he strongly recommended that Email tournaments should be organised on an experimental basis, including the possibilities of linking with groups specialising in Email chess.

Regrettably, the **Documentation Commission** did not present any kind of report. The ICCF President strongly urged that Congress should be informed each year about activities and achievements, as is expected for all ICCF Commissions and officials.

The Ratings Commissioner had succeeded in continuing the work of his predecessor without delay, including the preparation and distribution of the new Rating List. The new list at 1/7/95 included the results of 7619 players in 1410 tournaments and 128 country matches. There were 22,876 players (1993 - 22,068) in the system with 5429 players (3903 with fixed ratings) on the new list and 209 on the Ladies list (139 with fixed ratings).

The ICCF President thanked the Commissions and Expert Group, as well as the respective Chairmen, for the work carried out.

Title Awards

Correspondence Chess Grandmaster

A. P. Korelov (RUS)	H. Olafsson (ISD)	L. M. C. P. Santos (POR)
S. I. Korolev (RUS)	C. G. Pappier (ARG)	M. M. Umansky (RUS)
A. Lanc (SLK)	A. F. P. Pereira (POR)	H. Ziewitz (GER)
R. Maliangkay (NLD)	R. Polaczek (BEL)	
A. J. Muir (SCO)	R. A. Redolfi (ARG)	

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International Correspondence Chess Master

O. Airas (FIN)	B. Jäderholm (FIN)	K. Nyman (FIN)
W. All (SVE)	J. du Jardin (DEN)	J. Parkkinen (FIN)
S. E. Andersen (DEN)	V. Jensen (DEN) 450 450	N. E. Patrici (ARG)
S. T. Arzumanyan (RUS)	I. Johansson (SVE) 450 450 ✓	K.-M. Paul (GER)
O. N. Averkin (RUS)	M. W. Johnson (ENG)	A. Podolsky (UKR)
<i>Jr. T. Clive</i> C. Barnett (AUS) ?	J. Kaltschev (BLG)	H. Polzer (GER)
V. D. Baturinsky (RUS)	A. Kamenets (UKR)	G.D. Pyrich (SCO)
I. Bern (NOR)	E. Kask (EST)	Ms. O. Rause (LAT)
E. Bhend (SWZ)	G. Kassing (GER)	M. J. Read (ENG)
G. Blasberg (ARG)	N. Katishonok (LAT)	G. Rickers (GER)
M. V. Blokh (RUS)	A. Kazoks (LAT)	U. Rinkis (LAT)
A. M. Bubis (RUS)	B. M. Kleiman (RUS)	A. Roca (ARG)
Dr. J. Bulla (SLK)	S. Kofidis (GRC)	A. J. Roisman (BLR) BLA
R. A. Cayford (USA)	V. A. Koltsov (RUS)	I. Rooks (EST)
M. J. Conroy (ENG)	E. Kotzem (GER) Ernst ✓	L. Rosentalis (LIT)
J. A. Copié (ARG)	A. Kozłowicz (ARG)	V. G. Rukhlin (RUS)
Z. Dauga (LAT)	Dr. K.-H. Kraft (GER)	W. Rupp (OST)
R. Djurhuus (NOR)	R. Kujawski (POL)	F. Savchur (UKR) Savtsjar
J. Flyckt Olsen (DEN)	A. Kupsys (LIT)	R. Schlieder (GER)
M. Freeman (NZD)	J. A. Kvamme (NOR)	H. Schwierzy (GER)
M. Gal (UKR)	H.-E. Lüers (GER)	S. Sergiev (BLG)
J. Gather (GER)	Gh. Martin (ROM)	M. Smith Hansen (DEN)
M. Geenen (BEL)	Dr. K. Mayr (OST)	K.-H. Söntges (GER)
H. Grabinger (GER)	Prof. R. A. McLellan (USA)	J. Steckner (GER)
S. Grant (USA)	M. A. Melts (USA) * ✓	M. Stock (GER)
Dr. H.-J. Grottke (GER)	J. Merilo (EST)	V. P. Tarakanov (RUS)
S. G. G. Gustafsson (SVE)	R. Montecatine Rios (ESP)	J.-U. Trippe (GER)
K. J. Harrison (AUS)	L. C. J. M. Mooren (NLD)	T. Tronhjem (DEN)
J. Hector (SVE)	W. Moser (GER)	V. Unglaub (GER)
G. Hjorth (SVE)	G. Müller (GER) Garland 80774 ✓	V. Usachiy jr. (UKR)
S. Hjorth (SVE)	Prof. Dr. V. M. Mutter (RUS)	E. Van Leeuwen (BEL)
K. Hohm (GER)	R.-G. Nickel (GER) 150 065	H. Veen (BEL)
P. Hugentobler (SWZ)	M. Nielsen (DEN) Mogen (Esbjerg)	A. V. Voyna (UKR)
A. Ingerslev (DEN)	E. Nordström (SVE)	C. Waagner Nielsen (DEN)
V. P. Ivanov (RUS)	V. Novikovas (LIT)	U. Wedemeyer (GER)

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International Correspondence Chess Lady Master

V. Beranova (CZE)
M. Ljubcic (CRO)

K. Radzikowska-Holuj (POL)
J. Roos (FRA)

International Arbiter of the ICCF

E. Bösenberg (GER)
H.-E. Lüers (GER)

D. E. March (ENG)
G. Radosztics (OST)

J. Walther (GER)
H. J. Wiesner (CAN)

Matters pertaining to the existing Rules of Play

The Congress accepted unanimously the following changes:

Paragraph 46(a) revise to:- «Master Class and Higher Class of the Promotion tournaments».

Paragraph 51(d) insert:- «Winners of $\frac{3}{4}$ -Finals (see tie breaking rules)»;
 renumber:- 51(d),(e),(f),(g) to: 51(e),(f),(g),(h).

Matters pertaining to Internal Affairs

Following the agreement of the Tournament Director and the Director of the European Tournament Bureau, it was proposed that, in the existing ICCF tournaments, players may mutually agree to use either fax or Email. If this possibility is used, the existing rules are also valid for the games played in such a way.

For fax tournaments where all players are using this method of transmission of moves, the existing rules are also valid except that the time of reflection is fixed at 10 moves in 40 days etc. A reply sent within 24 hours will count as 0 days. Under Rule 15 (where a repeat move is required) a repetition should be sent immediately after 14 days have elapsed since the sending of the original move.

It was agreed unanimously that fax-only tournaments would be announced by the Tournament Director for all World and European 7-player tournaments and also for 15-player Master class tournaments. Entry fees would be the same as for other existing tournaments for the various classes.

Member federations would be requested to encourage players to enter fax tournaments at both national and international levels.

Matters pertaining to External Affairs

Since the 1994 Congress in Perth, an Agreement with s1 Editrice had been developed, resulting in a final version. This version was unanimously agreed by the Congress and a copy is appended to these Minutes. The ICCF Tournament Director would send the necessary information and requirements to all Tournament Secretaries involved. The ICCF President thanked those concerned and expressed his desire for fruitful cooperation by both partners.

The President invited Mr. D. Odom, Executive Vice President, Publications, of the International Email Chess Group (IECG) to present a summary of his organisation's activities. With the

unanimous approval of the Congress, the ICCF President suggested that the appropriate ICCF officials should design a Memorandum of Intent for mutual cooperation with IECG so that ICCF Email advertisements and tournaments could be initiated as soon as possible. Both parties agreed that it was the intention to work for a definitive agreement that could be approved at the 1996 Congress.

Elections for the period 1/1/1996 to 1/1/2000

In accordance with the new Statutes and Structure of ICCF, the following members of the Presidium were elected:

President	H.J. Mostert (NLD)	unanimously
General Secretary	Dr. F. Baumbach (GER)	by having 28 votes
[not elected]	Dr. J. Canibal (CZE)	8 votes]
Deputy President (Development)	A.P. Borwell (SCO)	unanimously
Deputy President (Tournaments)	R. Wikman (FIN)	unanimously
Deputy President (Rules)	A.A. van 't Riet (NLD)	by having 21 votes
[not elected]	R. Gillman (ENG)	17 votes]
Treasurer	F.J. Huybrecht (BEL)	unanimously

The ICCF President was certain that he could look forward into the future with confidence and congratulated the elected officials. He regretted to say 'goodbye' to those who, in one way or another, were no longer able to continue their work for ICCF in an official capacity. He expressed his sincere thanks to Ing. P. Diaconescu (ROM), I. Bottlik (HUN), F. Brglez (SLO), Dr. R. Incelli (ITA) and R. Lindroos (FIN) and felt sure that ICCF could count upon their future support and cooperation.

The Deputy President (Development) presented a written strategic plan for the following years, which was accepted in general. In order to start the desired work, he proposed working groups (see «Membership of the Commissions»). Member federations and officials who wished to see the detailed proposals at an early stage could obtain a copy of the Development Plan from the Deputy President (Development) on request.

The Deputy President (Rules) also presented an outline of proposed activities for the next few years to further improve all aspects of Rules pertaining to ICCF. For this work, he considered that five Commissions would be needed within his area of responsibility. His first task would be to arrange for the composition of these new Commissions, which would be confirmed at the 1996 Congress.

The ICCF President, together with the Deputy President (Tournaments) also gave an indication about their ideas for future work. The ICCF President informed the Congress that he would use the capacity of Mr. G. Radosztics (OST) as his personal representative to FIDE.

According to the Statutes, elections took place in the respective Zones for the positions of Zonal Directors. The General Secretary reported that the following had been elected:

Zone 1 (Europe)	H.-E. Lüers (GER)
Zone 2 (South America)	C.A. Rinaldi (ARG)
Zone 3 (North America/Pacific)	Prof. M. Zavanelli (USA)
Zone 4 (Africa/Asia)	M. Samraoui (ALG)

The ICCF President congratulated the new members of the Presidium, thanking them for their previous valuable work and looked forward to further fruitful cooperation.

The Congress unanimously confirmed the appointment of H.B. Sarink (NLD) as ICCF Auditor for the period 1/1/1996 to 1/1/2000.

Membership of the Commissions

Qualifications Commission:	add:	Prof. E. Moldoveanu (ROM)
	deceased:	J. F. Cleeve (CAN)
	retired:	Ing. P. Diaconescu (ROM)
		U. Wagner (GER)
Expert Group Rating System:	retired:	U. Wagner (GER)
Documentation Commission:	retired:	R. Feytens (NLD)
Rules Commission:	add:	S.-A. Bessis (FRA)
	retired:	J. Bodis (FRA)
Tournament Commission:	add:	W. Bielecki (POL)
Development Commission: (from 1/1/96)		A.P. Borwell (SCO) as Chairman
		Dr. F. Baumbach (GER)
		C. Flores Gutiérrez (ESP)
		Dr. M. Christoffel (SWZ)
		A.J.C. Rawlings (ENG)

Development Working Groups (C = Chairmen):

<u>Documents & Promotion</u>	<u>External Contacts</u>	<u>Technologies Development</u>	<u>Planning</u>
Dr. F. Baumbach (GER) (C)	C. Flores Gutiérrez (ESP) (C)	Dr. M. Christoffel (SWZ) (C)	A.J.C. Rawlings (ENG) (C)
Ing. P. Diaconescu (ROM)	G. Radosztics (OST)	R. Wikman (FIN)	H.-E. Lüers (GER)
W. Bielecki (POL)	S. Ya. Grodzensky (RUS)	J.K. McDonald (CAN)	A.A. van 't Riet (NLD)
G. Binder (GER)	T.D. Harding (IRL)	A.J.C. Rawlings (ENG)	G.D. Pyrich (SCO)
H. Deutsch (USA)	S.-A. Bessis (FRA)	J.S. Morgado (ARG)	Prof. M. Zavanelli (USA)
Dr. C.J. Gonçalves (ARG)	H. Deutsch (USA)	D. Smit (NLD)	Dr. J. Canibal (CZE)
Ye.P. Karelin (RUS)		D. Odom (SVE)	

Meeting 1996

The President of the German Federation presented further information about the 1996 meeting. As planned, it would be held in Bad Neuenahr (in the neighbourhood of Bonn) from 24th August to 1st September 1996.


Meeting 1997


The President of the Argentine Federation (LADAC) confirmed the invitation to meet in his country in 1997. It was likely that the Congress would take place in Buenos Aires in August or September 1997. Congress suggested that investigations should be made to arrange collective and thereby cheaper flights.

Next meetings

The ICCF President informed that invitations in principle had been received for years after 1997 from Latvia, Slovakia, Slovenia and Switzerland. As other invitations were also expected, it was decided to defer any decisions until a later date.

As there were no other matters arising, the ICCF President thanked all participants for their good cooperation during the meeting. With words of cordial thanks to the host federation, especially Ms. L. Hammerstad for the excellent arrangements, the ICCF President closed the 1995 Congress.


H.J. Mostert
President


P. Diaconescu
General Secretary

9th September 1995
Gjøvik, Norway