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The 1996 Congress, in conjunction with meetings of the Presidium and Commissions, took place in the Seta Hotel, Bad Neuenahr, from 25th-31st August 1996.

The Congress was arranged by the Deutscher Fernschachbund (BdF) and started exactly on the day of its 50th Anniversary. For the participants of the Congress and the accompanying ladies, the BdF offered several trips around the venue of Bad Neuenahr, which was very much appreciated. To emphasise the importance of the ICCF Congress, the Mayor received all participants in the Town Hall of Bad Neuenahr.

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

Taking part in the Congress were:

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

G. Bassi (ITA) as Member of the Italian Delegation.

Dr. F. Baumbach (GER) as the Delegate for Germany, as ICCF General Secretary and as Member of the Development Commission.

R. Berthelsen (NOR) as the Delegate for Norway and as Member of the Tournament Commission.

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

W. Bielecki (POL) as the Delegate for Poland and as Member of the Tournament Commission, and with proxy for Belarus.

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

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

A.P. Borwell (SCO) as Member of the Scottish Delegation, as ICCF Deputy President (Development), as Chairman of the Development Commission and as Member of the Tournament Commission.

I. Bottlik (HUN) as the Delegate for Hungary.

G. Bresadola (ITA) as the Delegate for Italy.

H. Brusila (FIN) as the Delegate for Finland, as leader of the World Tournament Office and as Member of the Tournament Commission.

Dr. T. Bullockus (USA)

G. Campos (ARG) as Member of the Argentina (LADAC) Delegation.

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

P. Cimmino (ITA) as Member of the Italian Delegation.

Ing. P. Diaconescu (ROM) as Honorary Member of ICCF and as the Delegate for Romania.

E. Ditt (GER) as President of the German Chess Federation.

E.M. Essa (QTR) as Member of the Qatar Delegation.

C. Flores Gutiérrez (ESP) as the Delegate for Spain and as Member of the Development Commission.

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

R. Gillman (ENG) as Member of the English Delegation and as Member of the Tournament Commission.

H.F. Glaser (SIP) as the Delegate for Singapore.

M. Gluth (GER) Fernschach International.

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

G.F. Gottardi (SWZ) as Member of the Swiss Delegation.

S.Ya. Grodzensky (RUS) as the Delegate for Russia with proxy for Ukraine.

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

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

T.D. Harding (IRE) as the Delegate for Ireland with proxy for Wales.

Dr. R. Incelli (ITA) as member of the Italian delegation.

A. Jonasson (SVE) as Member of the Swedish Delegation.

S-Å. Kronberg (SVE) as Member of the Swedish Delegation.

E. Liebert (EST) as the Delegate for Estonia with proxy for Lithuania.

R. Lindroos (FIN) as Honorary Member of ICCF.

H-E. Lüers (GER) as member of the German delegation, as Zonal Director for Europe, as leader of the European Tournament Office and as Member of the Tournament Commission.

F. Madsen (DEN) as the Delegate for Denmark.

M. Manduch (SLK) as the Delegate for Slovakia.

R. Meinert (USA) as Member of the USA Delegation.

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

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

— **J.A. Nielsen (DEN)** as member of the Danish Delegation and as Member of the Tournament Commission.

K-H. Podzielny (GER) as Member of the German Delegation.

G.D. Pyrich (SCO) as the Delegate for Scotland, as Qualifications Commissioner and as Member of the Tournament Commission, with proxies for Iceland and New Zealand.

G. Radosztics (OST) as the Delegate for Austria and as Liaison Officer to FIDE.

A.J.C. Rawlings (ENG) as the Delegate for England and as Member of the Development Commission, with proxy for Portugal.

A.A. van 't Riet (NLD) as Member of the Netherlands Delegation, as Deputy President (Rules) and as Member of the Tournament Commission.

— **A. Risdon (ENG)** as Member of the English Delegation.

H. Rittner (GER) as Honorary Member of ICCF.

F. Riva (LUX) as the Delegate for Luxembourg.

Ms. M. Rõtova (EST) as Member of the Estonian Delegation.

M. Samraoui (ALG) as the Delegate for Algeria and as Zonal Director for Africa/Asia.

G.K. Sanakoev (RUS) as Member of the Russian Delegation.

H.B. Sarink (NLD) as Member of the Netherlands Delegation and as ICCF Auditor.

P. Schmidt (GER) as Member of the German Delegation.

R. Ševecek (CZE) as Member of the Czech Delegation

D. Smit (NLD) as Member of the Netherlands Delegation and as Member of the Tournament Commission.

P. Söderberg (SVE) as the Delegate for Sweden with proxy for Israel.

G.M. Tani (ITA) as Member of the Italian Delegation, as leader of the Thematic Tournament Office, and as Member of the Tournament Commission..

M.R. Terteriyants (RUS) as Member of the Russian Delegation.

M.M. Umansky (RUS) as Correspondence Chess World Champion and as Member of the Russian Delegation.

Dr. J. Vándorffy (HUN) as Honorary Member of ICCF and as Member of the Hungarian Delegation.

K. Vitols (LAT) as the Delegate for Latvia.

G. Walker (SWZ) as the Delegate for Switzerland.

R. Wikman (FIN) as member of the Finnish Delegation, as ICCF Deputy President (Tournaments) and as Chairman of the Tournament Commission.

S.M. Williams (ENG) as Member of the English Delegation.

Prof. M. Zavanelli (USA) as the Delegate for the USA, as Zonal Director for North America/Pacific, as Member of the Tournament Commission, with proxies for Australia and Hong Kong.

In his opening words, the ICCF President commemorated with deep feelings, all those who had passed away since the 1995 Congress. He mentioned especially E. Nielsen (DEN), the Danish delegate.

The ICCF President thanked the BdF for the excellent arrangements for the Congress. He emphasised that also in correspondence chess we had to look and to take care for the quality of life of those we were meeting in this sport. He stressed that not the "ego or status" of one person is important, but that we all had to contribute to the ideals of ICCF. In doing that, he was sure that the future for correspondence chess and ICCF would be secured.

Before going into the agenda, the ICCF President gave the Congress the information that he had decided to retire at 31.12.1996. Especially during the last year, he could not find the confidence needed to continue his work in the way he considered it should be done.

The **Report of the General Secretary** gave an overview of ICCF membership throughout the world and, at the same time, showed in which parts of the world ICCF especially had to penetrate. He informed the Congress that he would approach inactive countries in those areas, as well as chess federations which are not members of ICCF but are members of FIDE.

The General Secretary proposed to Congress that R. Gillman (ENG) be elected an Honorary Member of ICCF, for his excellent work in several offices during many years. The Congress confirmed this proposal unanimously. The President congratulated Mr Gillman and thanked him for the work done, and Mr Gillman expressed his surprise and appreciation.

Award of Bertl von Massow Medals

The Bertl von Massow medal in silver was awarded to O. Halme (FIN) for his meritorious work for ICCF for more than 10 years. The Bertl von Massow medal in gold was awarded to A.P. Borwell (SCO), H.F. Glaser (SIP), G.W.G. Livie (SCO) and M. Samraoui (ALG) for their meritorious work for ICCF for more than 15 years.

The ICCF President took advantage of the presence of Mr Borwell, Mr Glaser, Mr Samraoui and Mr Halme to thank them personally for the work they had performed and handed over the well deserved medals, together with his congratulations.

The **Report of the Treasurer** showed a sound financial position for ICCF. In the overview of the Deputy President (Development) a proposed financial strategy would be presented which would enable ICCF to maintain this sound financial position.

Following a principal decision of last year's Congress, the 18 listed countries had been suspended because they had not fulfilled their financial responsibilities by 30.6.1996. With their suspension, these federations had lost their voting and nomination rights and the entry of teams into any ICCF events, until the debts have been paid. It was hoped that they would soon return to full membership of ICCF.

These suspensions were accepted by the Congress, with three votes against and two abstentions.

The **Report of the Auditor** confirmed that the figures in the Report and Statement 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 1995, which was welcomed by the Congress unanimously.

The ICCF President used the opportunity to thank the ICCF Treasurer especially for the excellent work he had performed in his office during 12 years and wished him much pleasure in his new office, which he started this year.

Election of Treasurer for the period to 31.12.1999.

Due to personal and health circumstances, Mr F.J. Huybrecht (BEL) had not been able to start as the new ICCF Treasurer and for his willingness to serve ICCF, the ICCF President thanked him. However, the ICCF President informed the Congress that Mr. C. Flores Gutiérrez (ESP) was a candidate to take over with effect from 1.1.1996. The Congress expressed its thanks to Mr. Flores Gutiérrez in electing him unanimously as the ICCF Treasurer until 31.12.1999. In anticipation of his election, the new Treasurer had already started his work.

^ The **Report of the Deputy President (Tournaments)** pointed out that the new millennium was only a few years ahead, and that ICCF was determined to rise to the challenges it presents, and to respond to the rapid advancements in the field of new technologies. The Internet continued to spread its web over the world with incredible speed, quickly building up the "global village", a place where everyone is (potentially) very close to each other regardless of physical distance.

During the year, the Tournament Commission conducted no written deliberations, however at the Congress a short meeting was held. Members of the Commission were all three Deputy Presidents, the two Commissioners, the tournament bureaux leaders and some title level tournament secretaries:

R. Wikman (FIN) - Chairman; R. Berthelsen (NOR); W. Bielecki (POL); G. Binder (GER); A.P. Borwell (SCO); H. Brusila (FIN); J.A. Finkelstein (ARG); H-E. Lüers (GER); G.D. Pyrich (SCO); A.A. van 't Riet (NLD); D. Smit (NLD); G-M. Tani (ITA); Prof. M. Zavanelli (USA).

^ The old Telechess Commission was officially discontinued at the beginning of the year. Its retiring chairman D. Smit (NLD) was given thanks for his excellent work during several years, and he was also appointed a new member of the Tournament Commission. The work on the development of new technologies now continues within the working group for new technologies, under the Deputy President (Development).

In his report the Deputy President (Tournaments) observed that at least the various title tournaments were still a strong motivational factor for internationally active correspondence chess players. In the autumn of 1995, the 3/4-final of World Championship XVII started with a record number of 85 participants in 5 sections. Also, the simultaneously started semi-final of World Championship XXI had seen a record number of participants, 210 players in 14 sections. The new Master Norm tournaments had also proved to be a success - during their first year (1995) a total of 21 sections were started, and by now 10 more sections were underway. In the first 18 months there thus had started 31 sections with 341 players. During 1996, one championship level tournament would be started, the final of World Championship XV (In Memoriam Prof. Dr. Vladimir Zagorovsky) with 17 players, including the reigning World Champion M.M. Umansky (RUS) and the highest rated player G.J. Timmerman (NLD).

Fortunately, it seemed as if those who feared that the rapid improvements in strength of the chess-playing computers would soon kill off competitive correspondence chess were wrong - the top level players seemed to be more active than ever before.

The preliminaries of ICCF Cup X started in the autumn of 1994. Since ICCF practice had been to try to arrange the cups in three-year intervals, it was time to begin with ICCF Cup XI/XII during 1997, to be organised by the Federation of England. The format of this cup would be the same as for the three previous ones, ie. all-play-all-events in all three stages. If the number of participants was sufficiently high, the final would be played in two groups of equal strength, Final XI and Final XII. The detailed numerical formulae which were worked out for ICCF Cup VI/VII, and included as an appendix to the protocol from the ICCF Congress in Peebles 1985, would be used to determine the size and the number of the preliminary sections.

With respect to coming championship level tournaments, it was considered likely that the following final could start in the autumn of 1998 or in the spring of 1999. Regarding the $\frac{3}{4}$ -finals, an interesting situation had arisen. World $\frac{3}{4}$ -final XVII started in the autumn of 1995 with 85 participants, and it was likely that the next $\frac{3}{4}$ -final could not start until 1998. However, most of the qualifiers from semi-final XVIII were already playing in $\frac{3}{4}$ -final XVII. After discussions with various officials it had been decided to cancel $\frac{3}{4}$ -final XVIII, and to start $\frac{3}{4}$ -final XIX in 1998. It was important to notice that there would still be a sufficient number of qualifiers to finals XVI, XVII, and XVIII, even without a $\frac{3}{4}$ -final XVIII. Semi-final XXII was scheduled for start in the autumn of 1997. The tournament announcement would be publicised in the spring of 1997. For this tournament the Congress agreed to keep the fixed rating limit mentioned in §6g of the Tournament Rules unchanged at 2570.

The current cycle of the Ladies' World Championship started on 1.1.1993. Since these championships should be played in five-year cycles, the next round was due to start in early 1998. The tournament announcement would be publicised in the spring of 1997. The Congress approved the suggested nomination quota for §15c (3 players plus 2 reserve players) and the fixed rating limit of §15d (2150).

The current cycle of the CC Olympiad started in the autumn of 1992, and the teams qualifying for the final were decided at the ICCF Congress in Graz. One of the most important principles concerned the procedure for handling "qualifications from countries which no longer exist". In the current cycle there was one such country (Czechoslovakia), represented by two teams (one in the final and one in the semi-final). Shortly after the Graz Congress the Czech and Slovak federations suggested the following Amici Sumus solution: "should one team end in a qualifying place, a team from the Czech Republic would go on to the final, and should both of the teams end in a qualifying place, also a team from Slovakia would go on to the final". This agreement had been publicly known for a long time, because it had been mentioned in Fernschach, so it had to be considered at least morally binding. Nevertheless, ICCF received a formal request, jointly signed by the correspondence chess federations in the Czech Republic and in Slovakia, asking for this agreement to be confirmed at the 1996 Congress.

The precedent established in Graz 1992 was that "countries which have ceased to exist no longer count for qualification purposes" and this was still the basis for the proposal. So, 1) the "three first-placed countries which still existed from the current final" would qualify for the next final. In addition, 2) from each of the four preliminary groups "two teams [from still existing countries] which have not already qualified for the final [under point 1) above] would be promoted providing

they were within the three first-placed teams of their preliminary section." This would give a final of a maximum of 11 teams. The agreement concerning the teams from former Czechoslovakia thus meant additional (Amici Sumus) places would be given, should one or both of these teams finish in qualifying positions, leading to a final consisting of 12 or 13 teams. This proposal was adopted by the Congress unanimously.

The time table for the next cycle had to be left open - too much was dependent upon the progress of the uncompleted games. ICCF policy was to try to avoid adjudicating games which determine qualifications as far as possible, so play should continue until the qualifiers were at least "statistically secure". It was agreed to carefully monitor the progress of the tournament and, as soon as the qualifiers were at least statistically secure, to immediately announce the next Olympiad cycle, leaving the federations sufficient time to collect their teams. A serious problem with previous Olympiad cycles had been their long duration - since 1982 not a single tournament had been finished in less than 5 years. This was equally valid for the current Olympiad, even though the means provided by new technologies had already been fairly commonly used. Since the Olympiad remained the most prestigious ICCF tournament - at least on a par with the individual World Championship Final - it was very unfortunate that a new cycle could be started only every fifth year and this needed to be shortened.

After considerable discussion, both in the Tournament Commission and in the Congress, it was agreed unanimously to start "overlapping" Olympiad cycles beginning in the year 2000. After that a new cycle would be started every third year, and the qualifications would be valid for the "next but one" final, giving the players a total time of up to six years to complete the games. This time should be more than sufficient, particularly taking into account the ever increasing availability of new technologies. The tournament secretary was also given full authority to require new technologies to be used in any game, should he consider it necessary to ensure its progress. This proposal was accepted unanimously by Congress.

The current cycle of the Ladies' correspondence chess Olympiad started in the autumn of 1991, and the final in the spring of 1992. Thus it was important to finish the current cycle as soon as possible, and to start the next one in the first half of 1997, especially bearing in mind that the individual Ladies' World Championship would start in early 1998. Play in the preliminary round would be broken off later in autumn 1996, and play in the final a few months later.

When determining the teams qualifying for the final, one last reference to the "Graz precedent" would be needed. In the tournament announcement it was mentioned that 4 teams would qualify from the previous final, and 3 from each preliminary section. Among these, only existing countries would be counted. Because some of the teams would most likely achieve double qualifications the 4+3+3 formula was likely to produce 8 teams for the final. However, in the current cycle we had three countries that no longer exist, i.e. the Soviet Union, Czechoslovakia and (old) Yugoslavia. Their positions were already quite clear - both the Soviet Union and Czechoslovakia would finish among the top three in their respective preliminary section, while (old) Yugoslavia would finish fourth in its section. In accordance with the decision taken in Graz, it was decided by the Presidium to give additional (Amici Sumus) places to those two countries which would have finished among the qualifiers, had they still existed. Those places would be given to Russia and to the Czech Republic. This would lead to a final of 10 teams, which was important because for ILM norms to be achievable at least nine teams in the final were required according to the Rules.

The **Report of the World Tournament Office** observed that 1315 (1994 - 1125) players from 44 countries (1994 - 50) entered for new sections in the Promotion Tournaments. The Thematic Tournaments had attracted 433 players (1994 - 575). The leader of the Tournament Office since 1985, J.A. Nielsen (DEN) retired at the end of the year 1995. His dedicated work for ICCF in this function was acknowledged with much gratitude. His successor G-M. Tani (ITA) made a short verbal presentation to the Congress of his work so far.

The **Report of the Zonal Director for Europe** showed in its statistics that in 1995, 1258 players (1994 - 1437) from 34 countries (1994 - 34) entered for its tournaments.

Four new European Champions were congratulated:

EU-FSM 43: Ing. M. Aigmüller (†) (OST)

EU-FSM 44: W.J. Mooij (NLD)

EU-FSM 49: U. Fremiotti (ITA)

EU-FSM 51: A. Vinje (NOR).

The Zonal Director observed that in the higher classes the number of participants had remained rather constant, whereas there had been a considerable decline in the number of participants in the lower classes. He thus suggested to consider reducing the number of classes for the future, maybe by combining classes II and III.

The **Report of the Zonal Director for the South American Zone** again pointed out that the difficult economic situation in the area caused a lot of disadvantages for the development of postal chess in the zone. The most activity in the zone occurred in Argentina, Brazil, Costa Rica, Cuba, Ecuador, Guatemala, Peru and Uruguay, with some individual players taking part from Chile, Colombia, Mexico, Nicaragua and the Dominican Republic. A further goal for this zone would be to re-establish the postal chess activities in the currently inactive countries.

The **Report of the Zonal Director for the North American/Pacific Zone** noted a remarkable increase in the number of participants since the previous year. This was due to the introduction of the promotional prize tournaments - the regular sections had attracted exactly the same number of participants as last year, i.e. 77 players. The new promotional sections had attracted 125 players. The first "interzonal team match" (100 boards) between the North American/Pacific zone and the South American zone had made a successful start in 1996.

The **Report of the Zonal Director for the African/Asian Zone** explained that he had arranged for assistance for Africa and Asia. The South African Federation would be responsible for the first, the Federation of Qatar for the second. The second individual African Championship had started normally during 1995 with 11 players from 8 countries. The Grandmaster tournament CNEC 15 years (organised by the Algerian Federation) had already produced 3 Grandmaster titles. Another Grandmaster tournament would be arranged by the Federation of Qatar (see Tournament Arrangements). The immediate goals are to encourage the federations in the zone to join ICCF, to start the first Asian Championship in the next few years and to start preparations for the second Afroatin tournament in co-operation with CAPA.

Tournament Arrangements

The following tournaments were approved unanimously by the Congress:

Individual Tournaments

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| Italy | Mario Napolitano Memorial
GM tournament with 15 players, start 1997 or 1998. |
| Peru | Esteban Canal Memorial
GM tournament with 15 players, start 19.4.1997. |
| Qatar | 15 years Qatar Correspondence Chess
GM tournament with 15 players, start 1997. |
| Russia | Vsevolod Kosenkov Memorial
GM tournament with 15-17 players, start 1997. |
| Sweden | SSKK 60 years
GM tournament with 15 players, start 1998. |
| LADAC (ARG) | Jorge Canale Memorial
IM tournament with 15 players. |
| LADAC (ARG) | Hercules Pampin Memorial
IM tournament with 15 players. |
| Netherlands | NBC 30 years
IM tournament with 13-15 players, start 1997. |

Individual Tournaments played by Email

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| CAPA (ARG) | Jiri Pelikan Memorial A
GM tournament with 15 players. |
| CAPA (ARG) | Jiri Pelikan Memorial B
IM tournament with 15 players. |

Team Tournaments

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| Russia | VII Baltic Sea Team Tournament
15 boards, start 1997. |
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Sweden informed that the third 5-way team match (over 25 boards, no title possibilities) for the Nordic countries would start in 1997.

The **Ratings Commissioner** reported that this year almost half of the 1995 results incorporated into the system had been sent on diskette, which considerably eased his workload. During the last year the results of 26,389 games by 7,782 players in 1,155 tournaments and 117 country matches

were rated. The new main list (valid from 1/7/96) contained 5,924 players (4,239 with fixed ratings) of which 692 are title holders. There were 222 players on the women's list (156 with fixed ratings). The complete databank now contained 29,202 players (1994 - 22,876). The great increase was due to a consolidation of the data from the Ratings System with the player data from the World and European tournament offices. The main effort during the next year would be to further consolidate this databank, especially with respect to correcting the players' names.

Report of the Qualifications Commissioner

The work of the previous Qualifications Commission had been discontinued, and its functions reallocated. The part dealing directly with the text of the Tournament Rules had been transferred to the Deputy President (Rules). The part dealing with tournament qualifications mentioned in these rules (mainly §§6-37) had been transferred to the Deputy President (Tournaments). The remainder of the work was mainly covered by the section "Award of titles" (§§49-57). A considerable part of title awarding was "automatic", i.e. prescribed in the rules, and could thus be handled with fairly simple routines. Therefore it was felt that a well qualified (and fully computer-supported) Qualifications Commissioner should be able to do the job alone, without the assistance of a full commission. Early in 1996, G.D. Pyrich (SCO) had taken over this new function, and on his proposal, the following norms were established:

World Championship XVII $\frac{3}{4}$ -Final	Section 1	GM title	1 st place or 10½ points
		IM title	7 points
	Section 2	GM title	1 st place
		IM title	6½ points
	Section 3	GM title	1 st place
World Championship XXI $\frac{1}{2}$ -final		IM title	7 points
	Section 4	GM title	1 st place
		IM title	6 points
	Section 5	GM title	1 st place
		IM title	6½ points
	Section 1	IM title	8 points
	Section 2	IM title	8 points
	Section 3	IM title	8 points
	Section 4	IM title	8 points
	Section 5	IM title	8 points
Master Norm Tournaments	Section 6	IM title	8 points
	Section 7	IM title	8½ points
	Section 8	IM title	7½ points
	Section 9	IM title	8 points
	Section 10	IM title	8 points
	Section 11	IM title	8 points
	Section 12	IM title	7½ points
	Section 13	IM title	8 points
	Section 14	IM title	8 points
	Section 13	IM norm	6 points
	Section 14	IM norm	6 points
	Section 15	IM norm	6 points

Master Norm Tournaments (continued)	Section 16	IM norm	6 points
		ILM norm	2½ points
	Section 17	IM norm	6½ points
	Section 18	IM norm	6 points
	Section 19	IM norm	6 points
	Section 20	IM norm	6 points
	Section 21	IM norm	6 points
	Section 22	IM norm	6½ points
		ILM norm	2½ points
	Section 23	IM norm	6 points
	Section 24	IM norm	6½ points
	Section 25	IM norm	6½ points
	Section 26	IM norm	6½ points
	Section 27	IM norm	6 points
	Section 28	IM norm	6½ points
		ILM norm	2½ points
	Section 29	IM norm	6½ points
		ILM norm	2½ points
	Section 30	IM norm	6½ points
		ILM norm	3 points
	Section 31	IM norm	6 points
CADAP Championship	Final 11	IM norm	6 points
European Championship	EU-FSM 55	IM title	8½ points
	EU-FSM 56	IM title	8½ points
	EU-FSM 57	IM title	8 points
	EU-FSM 58	IM title	8 points
<u>Invitational tournaments</u>			
Bartolome Marcussi Memorial (ARG-CAPA)		GM title	10 points
		IM title	6½ points
Martinez Acosta Memorial (ARG-CAPA)	Group A	IM title	11 points
	Group B	IM title	11 points
Lascurain Memorial (ARG-LADAC)		GM title	9 points
		IM title	6 points
Loeffler Memorial (ARG-LADAC)		IM title	9 points
Pider Memorial (ARG-LADAC)		IM title	9 points
Secchi Vigneau Memorial (ARG-LADAC)		GM title	9½ points
		IM title	7 points
John F. Cleeve Memorial (CAN)		GM title	9 points
		IM title	6 points

Per-Erik Ekblom Memorial (FIN)	IM title	8½ points
Nordbalt Championship I (ISD)	IM title	10 points
Estrin Memorial (RUS)	GM title	8½ points
	IM title	6 points
Vidmar Memorial II (SLO)	GM title	9 points
	IM title	6 points
Chepurnoy Memorial (UKR)	IM title	9 points
North Atlantic Team Tournament IV (NOR)	Board 1	IM norm 6 points
	Board 2	IM norm 6 points
	Board 3	IM norm 7 points
	Board 4	IM norm 7 points
	Board 5	IM norm 7 points
	Board 6	IM norm 8 points
	Board 7	IM norm 8 points

Changes to norms (established previously)

European Ladies' Championship	EU-FFSM 1	ILM norm 7 points
Peru Cup 2	Final	IM title 10 points

Title Awards

The Polish Federation had submitted an application under §52f of the Rules of Play (old) for the award of the title International Master to M. Matlak on the grounds of substantial over-qualification on board 2 of the Final of Olympiad XI. This was approved unanimously by the Congress.

Applications under §56c of the Rules of Play (old) for the award of the title International Arbiter were submitted by the Danish Federation on behalf of E. Nielsen (†), by the Federation of Luxembourg on behalf of T. Klauner, by the Federation of Argentina (CAPA) on behalf of J.S. Morgado and by the Federation of Argentina (LADAC) on behalf of J.D. Finkelstein. These applications were approved unanimously by the Congress.

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International Correspondence Chess Master

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J.E. Clarizza (ARG)	A.S. Konev (RUS)	T. Saarenpää (FIN)
J.A. Enricci (ARG)	V.A. Konstantinov (RUS)	A.G. Savage (USA)
I. Firnhaber (GER)	S.P. Kuznetsov (UKR)	R. Sielaff (GER)
U. Fremiotti (ITA)	N. Lauritsen (DEN)	W. Siewert (GER)
M. Gessat (GER)	G. Lepikhov (UKR)	E.H. Sprenger (NLD)
I. Gosztola (HUN)	M. Matlak (POL)	H. Svane (DEN)
W. Grohde (GER)	S.J. Mezhebitsky (UKR)	C. Teichmann (CZE)
E. Gromotka (GER)	J. Mularczyk (POL)	M. Tettinek (DEN)
H. Gundersen (NOR)	S. Muravjev (UKR)	B. Tsoukerman (NLD)
L. Györkös (HUN)	U. Nebel (GER)	M. Voss (GER)
T. Hannebauer (GER)	A. Oomen (NLD)	G. Walker (SWZ)
K.B. Harman (ENG)	R. Pfretzschner (GER)	K. Weber (GER)
V. Hefka (SLK)	C.A. Piccon (ARG)	M.W. Wills (ENG)
Dr. H-O. Herr (GER)	M. Pichler (GER)	G.A. Yakobson (RUS)
G. Heyl (GER)	T. Pitkäranta (FIN)	N. G. Yakovlev (RUS)
R. Hiltunen (FIN)	K. Pitksar (+) (EST)	R. Zajontz (GER)
R. Holmberg (SVE)	K. Podzielny (GER)	J. Zverjaka (UKR)
H. Holmsgaard (DEN)	J.M. Pons Ribot (ESP)	
M. Yu. Jakhkind (UKR)	C. Pragua (GER)	

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International Correspondence Chess Lady Master

H. Kubikova (CZE)	M. Németh (HUN)	B. Vandecasteele (BRS)
V. Nejezchlebova (CZE)	I.P. da C. Simonsen (BRS)	

International Arbiter of the ICCF

C. Espindola (ARG)	T. Klauner (LUX)	J.S. Morgado (ARG)
J.D. Finkelstein (ARG)	C.A. Macgregor (SCO)	E. Nielsen (+) (DEN)

Report of the Deputy President (Development)

The Development Report, which had already been sent to all member federations, was reviewed. The Development Questionnaire sent out earlier in 1996 had received an excellent response from almost 60 delegates and officials, from 40 different countries. An overview of the responses was presented to Congress. All ideas and suggestions received would be considered by the Development Committee, Working Groups or other appropriate ICCF officials. It was proposed that the questionnaire process should be repeated every 2 to 3 years.

New Technologies

Following the problems with IECG, it had been decided that ICCF should establish its own Email Tournament Office (TO) and Mr J.S. Morgado, and his CAPA colleagues in Argentina, had willingly taken responsibility for this office. It was the intention that ICCF should quickly become self-sufficient for all aspects of the Email tournaments and publicity, including exploiting the

World Wide Web. The range of Email tournaments agreed at the 1995 Congress would be continued and the Deputy President (Tournaments) and Deputy President (Development) were given delegated authority to extend the range of ICCF Email tournaments, if considered appropriate. It was also noted by Congress that there may be a need for an Autoresponder and an ICCF Email address list would be developed for fast distribution of information. It was considered essential that each member federation should quickly establish its own Email contact address.

The discussion paper relating to Congress/Presidium meetings received general support and the following financial principles were agreed (with 1 vote against), for application from 1.1.1998 as follows:

1. Encourage all countries (large and small) to consider hosting an ICCF meeting, by restricting costs to a reasonable level for the host federation.
2. Each member country should be responsible for the costs of sending its nominated delegate to attend Congresses.
3. When an elected ICCF Executive Officer (Presidium Member) is not the nominated delegate of a country, then ICCF should provide some financial assistance to enable attendance at Congresses.
4. The basis for apportionment of meeting costs between ICCF and host federations should be published, as approved by Congress.
5. Where a separate Presidium meeting is considered essential, then ICCF should subsidise travel costs, subject to Congress approval.

Congress then considered the proposed overall Financial Strategy for ICCF, and the following principles were agreed (with 1 vote against and 1 abstention):

1. Ensure ongoing viability, by maintaining at least CHF 50,000 in secure investments.
2. Facilitate ongoing development by creating a fund of CHF 25,000, to be used according to annual budgets authorised by Congress.
3. Congress and Presidium subsidies to be financed from non-tournament revenues and World Cup surpluses.
4. Sponsorship to be found for Title and Team tournaments and World Cups for trophies/prizes.
5. Tournament fees revenue to equate to expenditure, including certificates/book prizes for non-title (or World Cup) tournaments.
6. Overall objective to balance income/expenditure annually (with budgets established for the following year).

The Deputy President (Development) presented proposals for ICCF Sponsorship Policy and the following principles were adopted unanimously:

1. a portfolio (with options) should be prepared for presentations to potential sponsors.
2. the style of sponsorship should be, for example, "ICCF World CC Championship, sponsored by"
3. all sponsors must be acceptable to ICCF.
4. primary targets for sponsorship would be World Championships, Olympiads, World Cups and special events such as Fax and Email tournaments, particularly those embracing developing countries.
5. the range of events may be expanded later.

The following changes were announced to the Development Working Groups:

The Development Committee now comprised:

A.P. Borwell (SCO) - Chairman; Dr. F. Baumbach (GER); S-Å. Kronberg (SVE); J.S. Morgado (ARG-CAPA); A.J.C. Rawlings (ENG).

The Working Groups now comprised:

Documents and Promotions

Dr. F. Baumbach (GER) - Chairman; W. Bielecki (POL); G. Binder (GER); Ing. P. Diaconescu (ROM); Dr. C.J. Gonçalves (ARG-LADAC); Ye.P. Karelin (RUS); M. Samraoui (ALG).

External Contacts

S-Å. Kronberg (SVE) - Chairman; S-A. Bessis (FRA); C. Flores Gutiérrez (ESP); S.Ya. Grodzensky (RUS); T.D. Harding (IRL); G. Radosztics (OST).

Technologies Development

J.S. Morgado (ARG-CAPA) - Chairman; R.G. Alvarez (ARG-CAPA); P.F. Hegoburu (ARG-CAPA); J.K. MacDonald (CAN); A.J.C. Rawlings (ENG); B. Sinclair (NZD); D. Smit (NLD); R. Wikman (FIN).

Planning Group

A.J.C. Rawlings (ENG) - Chairman; Dr. J. Canibal (CZE); H-E. Lüers (GER); V.D. Pandit (IND); G.D. Pyrich (SCO); P. Söderberg (SVE); A.A. van 't Riet (NLD); Prof. M. Zavanelli (USA).

The following changes/additions would be made to the Development Strategy (as appended to the 1995 Development Report) and would be progressed during the next year.

- 3.2.3 add the words "... particularly to ensure their completion within a 3-year timespan." (Planning Group)
- 3.2.4 Further develop the range of ICCF tournaments offered for participation using electronic mail, including team tournaments. (Planning and Technologies Groups)
- 3.4.5 Consider the most suitable arrangements for all types of ICCF Documentation and Archives, including all possibilities for preservation of gamescores. (Planning Group in conjunction with other groups, as appropriate).

The Development Questionnaires had revealed a need for more correspondence chess news in the English language. Coincidentally, a new CC magazine in this language had been initiated privately in Ireland (Chess Mail). The ICCF President wished success to this new magazine. He explained that, in the immediate future, special preferences could not be given by ICCF. The ICCF President was pleased that his extended explanation was accepted by the Editor of Chess Mail.

It was reported that s1Editrice had not fulfilled its obligations under the Agreement signed last year. It was recommended by the Deputy President (Development) that further endeavours should be made with this publisher to try to achieve compliance with the Agreement in the next few months. If this proved to be unsuccessful, it would be recommended to Congress that the Agreement be discontinued, and the right to use the ICCF logo, President's letter and reproduction of ICCF documents would be withdrawn.

An excellent proposal from the Australian federation that ICCF should publish an "ICCF 2000" book was not yet ready for discussion by Congress but it would be taken forward by the Development Committee.

The Development Committee is to give urgent consideration to future arrangements for ICCF Archives, including copies of CC publications, memorabilia, gamescores, etc. In the meantime, member federations should send copies of magazines, etc. to:

Alan Rawlings
9 Hernes Road
Oxford OX2 7PX
England

indicating that they are for ICCF Archives. Tournament Secretaries should retain copies of all game scores until more information is provided; no further game scores should be forwarded to s1Editrice until future intentions have been clarified.

The Deputy President (Development) thanked members of the Development Committee and Working Groups for their ideas and considerable efforts during the last year. He concluded by thanking all delegates and officials for their participation and he expected their continued contributions to this important work.

Fees (from 1.1.1997)

It was agreed (with 3 abstentions) that there should be no entry fees for future World Championship Finals (code 106) and Ladies Championship Finals (code 109).

The following changes in entry fees were agreed unanimously:-

<u>Code</u>	<u>Tournament</u>	<u>New Fee (1.1.1997)</u>
107	World Individual $\frac{3}{4}$ -Final	CHF 20
108	World Individual $\frac{1}{2}$ -Final	CHF 30
111	World Individual 7-player	CHF 5
112	World Individual 15-player	CHF 8
116	World Thematic	CHF 6
117	Master Norm	CHF 25
125	European Individual Championship	CHF 10
127	European Individual 7-player	CHF 7
128	European Individual 15-player	CHF 10

To encourage greater participation, no increases were proposed for Ladies' Tournament fees.

A proposal from the Ratings Commissioner to provide extra copies of the rating lists, either written or on diskette (on payment of fees to cover the cost) was accepted unanimously. An order form would be sent to each member federation at the beginning of each year.

Report of the Deputy President (Rules)

The Deputy President (Rules) reported that in his working field four commissions had been formed: the Tournament Rules commission, the Rating Rules commission, the Playing Rules commission and the working group Guidelines. There was still a vacancy for the chairmanship of the working group Guidelines. Congress indicated that an Appeals Commission must be installed as soon as possible. Rules for this must be developed in such a way that an arbiter deals with an appeal must always be independent.

Within the Tournament Rules commission, a smaller group would be formed to work on a draft for the revision of the "Rules of Play" (old).

Congress confirmed three changes to the Rules of Play (old). The first one was to establish a new three-yearly cycle for the Olympiads. The final round of each cycle would start six years after the corresponding Preliminary sections (one vote against). The second change was that in the future, title holders would no longer have a fixed rating automatically (1 abstention). And finally, a new paragraph about the establishment of the title Correspondence Chess Ladies Grandmaster was accepted unanimously. It was also decided that this title would be awarded to those lady players who would have qualified for this title in the past if this ruling had existed previously.

After more than three years of hard work by the Rules Commission, Congress accepted (with 2 votes against) the new Playing Rules to replace the Tournament Rules (old). These new Playing Rules would be operational for all tournaments starting from 1.4.1997. The Playing Rules are appended to these minutes. Translations into French, German, Russian and Spanish have already been prepared. The new Playing Rules would be sent to the players together with the start lists. A summary of the major changes would be prepared to send to the federations as soon as possible in order to inform their players. It was the intention that the new Playing Rules would not be changed until 1.1.2001. The Deputy President (Rules) heartily thanked Mr R. Gillman under whose excellent guidance the Playing Rules (new) had been constructed.

Commission members

Tournament Rules commission

A.A. van 't Riet (NLD) - Chairman; G. Binder (GER), S.Ya. Grodzensky (RUS); H-E. Lüers (GER); G.D. Pyrich (SCO); A.J.C. Rawlings (ENG); C.A. Rinaldi (ARG); M. Samraoui (ALG); R. Wikman (FIN); Prof. M. Zavanelli (USA).

Rating Rules commission

G. Binder (GER) - Chairman; J.W. Alingh Prins (NLD); H-E. Lüers (GER); G.D. Pyrich (SCO); A.A. Rezvyakov (RUS); A.A. van 't Riet (NLD); J.A. Wharrier (ENG).

Playing Rules commission

Dr. J. Canibal (CZE) - Chairman; R. Berthelsen (NOR); S-A. Bessis (FRA); B.V. Bramburg (RUS); T.D. Harding (IRL); D. Smit (NLD); E. Winkler (GER).

Working Group Guidelines

W. Bielecki (POL); A.P. Borwell (SCO); J.A. Nielsen (DEN); N. Patrici (ARG); B.A. Rozinov (RUS); G.M. Tani (ITA).

Changes in the Rules of Play (old)

- §20 The Correspondence Chess Olympiad shall be played in a three yearly cycle. The number of players in a team shall be set out in the announcement.
- §21 The tournaments shall consist of a preliminary round and a final round. The preliminary round shall not continue longer than five years. The final round shall not consist of more than 11 teams.
- §23 The first three teams of each final qualify for the next but one final round. The right to be promoted from the preliminaries shall be determined by the ICCF Presidium at the start of the tournament. The ICCF Presidium shall decide on any application not covered by this regulation.
- §47 [Changes] Strike the words "or if he has a title" in the second sentence and strike the fourth sentence "Title holders have a fixed rating in any case".

Renumber §§53-63 as §§54-64.

- §53 [New] The title of "Correspondence Chess Ladies Grandmaster" is not limited in time and is awarded to:
- a) those players who gain places 1-3 in the World Ladies' Championship;
 - b) those players who in that tournament with as many points as the third placed, so long as this does not extend beyond the fifth place;
 - c) the player who has the best result on Board 1 in the Final of the Correspondence Chess Ladies' Olympiad (tie breaking by point evaluation) as well as any other player on this board who scores at least 75% of the possible points
 - d) those players who gain a Ladies' Grandmaster Result in a World Ladies' Championship Final
 - e) those players who gain one or more Ladies' Grandmaster Results in international title tournaments with a total of at least 12 games
 - f) those players who gain a Ladies' Grandmaster Result in an international title tournament with at least eight games, provided they had a fixed rating of at least 2250 prior to commencement of the tournament
 - g) those players for who their national federation makes an appropriately qualified application. For this a two-thirds majority vote of Congress must be obtained.
- Ladies' Grandmaster Results under d), e) and f) above are not valid when fewer than one-third of the participants are Ladies' Grandmasters or players with a fixed rating of at least 2300.

Commissions

As a consequence of the new Statutes all previously established Commissions had now been replaced by the Commissions and Working Groups mentioned in these Minutes. The ICCF President thanked all members of these Commissions for their valuable contributions for ICCF in earlier years.

The **ICCF Liaison Officer to FIDE** reported that he had visited the FIDE Congress 1995. Because there was much confusion in FIDE at that Congress it had not been possible to discuss

officially the participation of an ICCF team in the 1996 FIDE Olympiad. There still was a probability that such a team could compete in the FIDE Olympiad in 1998 and the Liaison Officer, together with the ICCF President, was already working out some necessary details in preparation for such participation. In that regard, the ICCF President informed Congress that he had found a sponsor for those expenses that could not be borne by ICCF. This news was welcomed enthusiastically by the delegates.

Also, an agreement could not be reached at the 1995 FIDE Congress to define which part of chess by "data highways" belonged to FIDE or to ICCF.

Matters pertaining to Internal Affairs

The ICCF President informed that Mr R. Lindroos was travelling to China after the Congress, carrying greetings from the ICCF President in order to try to establish closer contacts with authorities of the Chinese over the board chess federation.

During the year, there had been correspondence about the maintenance of the grave of Mrs Bertl von Massow and ICCF's Honorary President Mr Hans-Werner von Massow. ICCF was informed that difficulties in payment of the fees had arisen and no other sources could be found to pay those fees. Unanimously, the Congress accepted a proposal from the ICCF President and the BdF to make an arrangement for the fees to be paid jointly by those federations. For practical reasons, it was arranged that the payment would be made by BdF and reimbursed by ICCF for 50% for the next period of 10 years.

The Congress wished to discuss the retirement of the President, who voluntarily left the meeting at this point.

There was a discussion about the motivations for the President's retirement. A petition had been signed by a majority of the delegates, requesting the President to reconsider his decision. The outcome had been shown to the President, who had expressly asked not to see the names, for obvious reasons. This petition did not lead to the goal desired by the signatories.

There was then discussion about the future, particularly concerning the ICCF Statutes and procedures for by-elections, which were not clearly defined. However, no conclusions were reached but the necessary arrangements would be considered later by the Presidium.

The President returned to the meeting. Mr A.P. Borwell, Deputy President (Development), requested permission to address the Congress. With sincere words of appreciation, he painted a portrait of the retiring ICCF President. His contribution to international correspondence chess and to ICCF had been immense for over 40 years, with more than 25 of them as a member of the Presidium.

He had great pleasure in advising that Congress had decided unanimously and with great acclamation to offer the Honorary Presidency to Mr H.J. Mostert.

In his reply the ICCF President stated that he was rather reluctant to accept this honour, referring to his mentioned reasons for his retirement. At the same time, he expressed his wish to be helpful to ICCF in the future and therefore accepted the award with happy memories for the past years and friendships.

Matters pertaining to External Affairs

There were no matters pertaining to External Affairs.

Matters pertaining to the Statutes

There were no matters pertaining to the Statutes.

Meeting 1997

The President of the hosting federation LADAC provided introductory information. The Congress date had been changed to take place during the week 6th to 13th September 1997 in Buenos Aires because of more favourable travel costs. For European delegates Mr C. Flores Gutiérrez (ESP) declared his willingness to act as the contact man with LADAC for questions regarding the 1997 Congress.

Meeting 1998/9

Regrettably the Federation of Slovakia had been obliged to cancel its preliminary offer to host the 1998 Congress. However, in the meantime, the ICCF President had received an official confirmation that the Congress could take place in Latvia in 1998, probably in Riga or Jurmala. The ICCF President informed that the Schweizer Fernschachvereinigung (Switzerland) had officially confirmed its offer to host the 1999 Congress. Both Federations had been informed about the ICCF requirements for organising a Congress before their confirmations had been received.

At the end of the Congress the ICCF President thanked all ICCF officials for their valuable work, as well as the participants for their cooperation during the meetings. With words of cordial thanks to the host federation, especially Mr E. Gromotka for the excellent arrangements the ICCF President closed the 1996 Congress.



President
H.J. Mostert



General Secretary
Dr. F. Baumbach

31st August 1996
Bad Neuenahr, Germany

Playing Rules

(for individual tournament games played normally by post)

- 1 Play and Control** (A) Games shall be played in accordance with the FIDE Laws of Chess where applicable. (B) A Tournament Director (TD) shall be appointed who shall be responsible for the conduct of the tournament and progress of the games.
- 2 Transmissions** (A) Moves shall be numbered and sent (B) in the International Numeric (or a mutually agreed) Notation (C) on postcards (or letters) (D) bearing the name and address and signature of the sender and (E) a correct repetition of the opponent's latest move and confirmation of the postmark date. (F) The sender shall record on the postcard (G) the date on which the opponent's latest move was delivered and (H) the anticipated postmark date of the reply. (I) Failing this, reasonable dates shall be assumed by the recipient and notified with the reply move. (J) When the anticipated postmark date does not agree with the postmark, this shall be corrected by the recipient and the sender informed with the reply move. (K) The time used for the move [cf Para 6D] and accumulated time for the game shall also be recorded. (L) Intercontinental games shall be played by air mail but a tournament announcement can make it mandatory for other games also to be played by air mail. (M) If both players agree, moves may be transmitted by Email or Fax but these rules shall apply.
- 3 Failure to Reply** (A) Should there be no reply to any move within 14 days plus the average time in the post both ways, the full details shall be repeated by registered or recorded delivery (R or RD) mail. (B) Where the average time in the post is seven days or less, the repetition may be sent by ordinary air mail in the first instance provided this is done as soon as it becomes due. If no reply is received after a further 14 days plus time in the post, a repeat must be sent by R or RD mail. (C) Should there be no reply to an R or RD repeat, the TD shall be informed enclosing the post office receipt. (D) Games in which no move has been sent for six months may be scored as lost to players unable to produce a registration receipt.
- 4 Moves and Continuations** (A) No legal move shall be retracted after posting - clerical errors are binding if they are legal moves. A correct repetition of the latest move is necessary for the sender's reply move to be valid. (B) Illegible or illegal moves shall be referred back to the sender for immediate correction but without any obligation to move the piece in question. (C) A blank card or a card posted without a reply move shall be treated as an illegible move. (D) The omission or addition of chess indications (such as "check", "captures", "en passant") is without significance. (E) Proposals of conditional continuations are binding until the recipient makes a different move from that proposed. (F) Any accepted continuation move shall be correctly repeated with the reply. (G) When no reply is made to an accepted conditional continuation it shall be treated as an illegible move.
- 5 Records and Reports** (A) All transmissions from the opponent concerning the game and a record of the moves and dates shall be kept until the end of the tournament and sent to the TD upon request. (B) If a player does not answer enquiries from the TD, that player may be deemed to have withdrawn from the tournament. (C) Changes of permanent address shall be notified to the TD and opponents. (D) The TD must be notified immediately of any disagreement between competitors about the game.
- 6 Time Allowed and Penalties** (A) Each competitor is allowed 30 days for every 10 moves. (B) The time limit may be exceeded once. (C) Time saved shall be carried forward. (D) The time used for each move is the difference in days between the date on which the opponent's latest move was delivered and the postmark date of the reply. (E) Time in the post is not counted. (F) Accepted continuation moves are included in the time taken for the reply move. (G) A penalty of five days shall be added to the time of a player who sends an illegible or illegal move, incorrectly repeats the opponent's latest move or fails to send a move by air mail when this is mandatory.

- 7 Time Exceeding** (A) Claims that the time limit has been exceeded shall be sent to the TD with full details at the latest when replying to the 10th, 20th, etc. move. (B) At the same time, the opponent shall be informed by R or RD mail and the receipt sent to the TD with the claim. (C) Any protest shall be sent to the TD within 14 days of receiving the R or RD information otherwise the claim shall be deemed to be conceded. (D) The TD shall inform both players of the decision. If the TD upholds a first claim, a new count of the opponent's time shall begin on the date the registered information about the claim was received. (E) A competitor who has exceeded the time allowed for the second time shall forfeit the game. (F) If the TD dismisses a claim as being unfounded, he may rule that no further claim by that player during the current period of 30 days for 10 moves shall be accepted.
- 8 Leave** (A) Each competitor may claim up to a total of 30 days' leave during each calendar year. (B) Players taking leave must inform their opponents and the TD in advance. (C) In addition, the TD may grant up to 30 days' additional leave per annum which in exceptional circumstances may be back-dated and/or extended. (D) If a player answers a move during his leave, the remaining leave for that game is cancelled and normal time shall be counted.
- 9 Withdrawal** In the event of withdrawal or death, the TD shall decide whether all the games shall be annulled or the remaining games adjudicated or scored as losses.
- 10 Adjudication** (A) If no result has been agreed by the date set for close of play, both competitors shall submit to the TD within 30 days, a record of the moves played (B) the position reached and (C) a statement claiming either a win or a draw which may be supported by analysis. (D) Competitors not wishing to submit analysis forfeit the right to appeal. (E) The TD shall notify the adjudicator's decision to both competitors indicating whether or not it is subject to appeal.
- 11 Adjudication Appeals** (A) Any appeal against the adjudicator's decision must be posted to the TD within 14 days of receiving the notification, (B) whereupon the TD shall obtain a ruling from another adjudicator and notify the result to both competitors. The ruling is final and no further appeal shall be accepted from either player. (C) Additional analysis may be submitted with an appeal.
- 12 Reporting Results** (A) As soon as possible after ending a game, the result and a clear record of the moves played shall be sent to the TD by both players. (B) The result is officially recorded only after receipt of this record. (C) Should no record be received from either player, the result may be scored as lost by both.
- 13 Decisions and Appeals** (A) The TD may penalise or disqualify competitors who break these rules and (B) any matter not covered in them shall be decided by the TD. (C) Any competitor may appeal within 14 days of receiving a decision of the TD to the appointed arbiter (or, if no arbiter is appointed, the Director of the Tournament Office concerned) whose ruling shall be final.