



International Correspondence Chess Federation

ICCF World Tournament Director

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ICCF CONGRESS BREMEN 2016 REPORT OF THE WORLD TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR

Dear Delegates, Officials, and Friends of ICCF,

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

1. Withdrawals

There has been a very large increase in the number of withdrawals during the past few months. These data are described in the ACO Chair report, pages 7-8, so they will not be repeated here. I agree with the conclusions stated in that report.

2. Tournaments proposals

(See Appendix I)

3. Calendar of Events

(See Appendix II)

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

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Frank Geider

ICCF World Tournament Director

TOURNAMENTS PROPOSALS

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

INTERZONAL

2nd Interzonal Individual Tournament (2nd IZIT)

ICCF Webserver

Open tournament – limited to 27 players per ICCF Zone

Cat. 1-3

12 groups of 9 players each – 8 games per player

10 moves in 50 days

Start date: 15 June 2016

A semi-final and final stage are proposed to follow the preliminaries after their completion

No entry fees or prize money

This tournament is played on a two yearly basis

TO: Dinand Knol (RSA)

ZONE 2 (LATIN AMERICA)

Zonal Tournament Alberto Barreras In Memoriam

ICCF Webserver

Open to zone 2 players with rating >2200

Cat. 1-3+ (based on entries)

11-15 players

Start date: 15 November 2015

One or two stages based on entries

No prizes

TO: Gino Figlio (PER)

TD: IA Juan Martello (ARG)

Pablo Atars Memorial,

ICCF Webserver

Open tournament

Start date: 30 April 2016

Entry fee: US\$10

Section A

Cat. 7-9

9-13 players

Prize money: US\$50 for section winner

TO: IA Juan Martello (ARG)

TD: IA Juan Martello (ARG)

Section B

Cat. 6

9-13 players

Prize money: US\$50 for section winner

TO: IA Juan Martello (ARG)

TD: Gino Figlio (PER)

Section C

Cat O (ELO below 2000),

9-13 players

Prize money: US\$50 for section winner

TO: IA Juan Martello (ARG)

TD: Bianor Neves (BRA)

ZONE 3 (NORTH AMERICA/ PACIFIC)

13th NAICCC (North American Invitational CC Championship) (CAN)

ICCF Webserver

Invitational tournament (USA, Canada, Mexico)

Category 5+

11 - 15 players

Start Date: 15/07/2016,

TO: Ralph Marconi (CAN)

7th Pacific Area Team Tournament - PATT7 (NAPZ)

ICCF webserver invitational team tournament

7 teams to be invited

6 players per team

Double round robin event on each of 6 boards

Cost: 36 euros per team per 6 player team

Anticipated categories per board

Board 1: 9+

Board 2: 7+

Board 3: 5+

Board 4: 3+

Board 5: 1+

Board 6: K+

Teams to be developed by countries/MFs with any type of contact with the Pacific Ocean (that list potentially includes USA, CAN, MEX, RUS, JAP, AUS, NZL, PAN, ECU, PER, CHI, NIC, GUA, and HKG)

Start date: on or about 15 September (during 3rd quarter 2016)

No monetary prizes

TO: Dennis Doren (USA)

AUSTRALIA:

2016 Australian Masters (AUS)

Already approved event in Cardiff Congress 2015 (change in blue)

ICCF Webserver,

Invitational tournament

Cat. 7 (AV=2401-2425)

13 players

Start Date: 30 June 2016

No entry fee

No prizes monies

TO: Brian Jones (AUS)

TD: IA Andrew Dearnley (ENG)

Australian Candidate Masters 2016 (AUS)

ICCF Webserver

Invitational tournament

Cat. 3 (AV=2301-2325)

13 players

Start Date: 30 June 2016

No entry fee

No prizes monies

TO: Brian Jones (AUS)

TD: IA Andrew Dearnley (ENG)

2017 Australian Masters (AUS)

ICCF Webserver,

Invitational tournament

Cat. 10 (2476-2500)

13 players

Start Date: 30 June 2017

No entry fee

No prizes monies

TO: Brian Jones (AUS)

TD: To be appointed

2017 Australian Candidate Masters (AUS)

ICCF Webserver

Invitational tournament

Cat. 3 (2301-2325)

13 players

Start Date: 30 June 2017

No entry fee

No prizes monies

TO: Brian Jones (AUS)

TD: To be appointed

BELARUS

Belarus - Blue Lakes-4 (BLR)

ICCF Webserver

Invitational tournament

Cat. 6 - 7+ (5/6 representatives of Belarus, 10/9 foreigners participants)
15 Players
Start Date: 4th quarter 2016
TO: Mikhail Ivanovich Shablinsky (BLR)

CZECH-REPUBLIC

Czech Invitationals 2016 (CZE)

ICCF Webserver

Invitational tournament

4 sections - 15 players per section - max. 7 Czech players (invited on an individual base) and min. 8 foreign players.

Standard ICCF time control of 10 moves/50 days

Start date: 1st December 2016

No prize fund will be available

The first 3 players in each section will receive a certificate issued by the Czech CCA.

TO: Josef Mrkvicka (CZE)

Czech Invitational 2016 – Section Morava 01

Category 3-4

Czech Invitational 2016 – Section Svatka 02

Category 3-4

Czech Invitational 2016 – Section Dyje 03

Category 1-2

Czech Invitational 2016 – Section Odra 04

Category 1-2

ENGLAND:

MALCOLM PELTZ MEMORIAL (ENG)

ICCF Webserver

Invitational tournament

Category 2-3

13 players,

10 moves in 50 days, with double time accruing after 20 days reflection

Sofia Rule (no agreed draws until 30 moves)

Start Date: 29/02/2016,

TO: IA Andrew Dearnley (ENG).

JAMES O'GRADY MEMORIAL (ENG)

ICCF Webserver

Invitational tournament

Category 1-2

13-15 players

10 moves in 50 days

45 days annual leave, no special leave

Sofia Rule (no agreed draws until 30 moves)

Start date 1st June 2016

TD: LGM Toni Halliwell (ENG)

TO: IA Andrew Dearnley (ENG)

FINLAND:

Georg Österman Memorial (FIN)

ICCF Webserver

Invitational tournament,

Category L

13 players

Start date: 1st November 2016

No entry fees

Prizes: Medals for the first, second and third places

TO: Olli Ylönen (FIN)

GERMANY:

ACHIM SOLTAU MEMORIAL (GER)

ICCF Webserver

Invitational tournament

Category 12-13

11-17 players

Start Date: 01/12/2016

TO: Matjaz Pirs (GER)

TD: IA Danilo Korze (SLO)

Germany Grandmasters 06-A (GER)

ICCF Webserver

Invitational tournament

Cat. 12-14

11-17 players

Start date: Spring 2017

Germany Grandmasters 06-B (GER)

ICCF Webserver

Invitational tournament

Cat. 12-14

11-17 players

Start date: Spring 2017

Germany Advanced Masters 03-A (GER)

ICCF Webserver

Invitational tournament

Cat. 9-11

11-17 players

Start date: Spring 2017

Germany Advanced Masters 03-B (GER)

ICCF Webserver

Invitational tournament

Cat. 9-11

11-17 players

Start date: Spring 2017

Germany Masters 06-A (GER)

ICCF Webserver

Invitational tournament

Cat. 6-8

11-17 players

Start date: Spring 2017

Germany Masters 06-B (GER)

ICCF Webserver

Invitational tournament

Cat. 6-8

11-17 players

Start date: Spring 2017

Germany Masters 06-C (GER)

ICCF Webserver

Invitational tournament

Cat. 6-8

11-17 players

Germany Candidate Masters 04-A (GER)

ICCF Webserver

Invitational tournament

Cat. 4-5

11-17 players

Start date: Spring 2017

Germany Candidate Masters 04-B (GER)

ICCF Webserver

Invitational tournament

Cat. 4-5

11-17 players

Start date: Spring 2017

Germany Candidate Masters 04-C (GER)

ICCF Webserver

Invitational tournament

Cat. 4-5

11-17 players

Start date: Spring 2017

Germany Candidate Masters 04-D (GER)

ICCF Webserver

Invitational tournament

Cat. 4-5

11-17 players

Start date: Spring 2017

BdF Diamant 8 (GER)

ICCF Webserver,
Invitational tournament for Men and Ladies,
Cat. 3
Ladies Cat. 9
11-17 players
Start date: Spring 2017

BdF Smaragd 8 (GER)

ICCF Webserver
Invitational tournament for Men and Ladies
Rated
11-17 players
Start date: Spring 2017

Germany CCM/CCE 01 A (GER)

ICCF Webserver
Invitational tournament
Cat. A-K
11-17 players
Start date: Spring 2017

Germany CCM/CCE 01 B (GER)

ICCF Webserver
Invitational tournament
Cat. A-K
11-17 players
Start date: Spring 2017

Germany CCM/CCE 01 C (GER)

ICCF Webserver
Invitational tournament
Cat. A-K
11-17 players
Start date: Spring 2017

Germany CCM/CCE 01 D (GER)

ICCF Webserver
Invitational tournament
Cat. A-K
11-17 players
Start date: Spring 2017

Germany CCM/CCE 01 E (GER)

ICCF Webserver
Invitational tournament
Cat. A-K
11-17 players
Start date: Spring 2017

ISLAND:

XXIII Icelandic Chess Championship (ISL)

ICCF Webserver

Invitational tournament (8 Iceland, 5 other NF)

Cat. 4-5

13 players

Start date: Early 2016

TO: Daði Örn Jónsson (ISL)

LATVIA:

Valdemars (Val) Zemitis Memorial (LAT)

ICCF Webserver

Invitational tournament

Cat. 6 (approx.)

Start date: December 2015

TO: Artis Gaujens (LAT).

Valdemars Zemitis was a chess player and a chess journalist.

Elmars Zemgalis Memorial (LAT)

ICCF Webserver

Invitational tournament

Cat. 11 (approx.)

Start date: December 2015

TO: Artis Gaujens (LAT).

Elmars Zemgalis was a FIDE Honorary GM . He won Latvian Correspondence Championship in Exile 1952-1954

NETHERLAND

North Sea Team Tournament 3 (NED)

ICCF Webserver

Invitational Team tournament

Cat. (Determined by players rating)

11 Teams (England, Scotland, France, Germany, Denmark, Sweden, Norway, Iceland.

Belgium, 2 Dutch teams), 6 Boards

Start date: 01.09. 2016

Entry fee: none

Prizes: none

Rating requirement: none

Rules: ICCF Playing Rules - Server

TO: J. van Doorn (NED)

TD: to be decided

NBC 50 years anniversary (NED)

ICCF Webserver

Invitational tournament

ICCF rules for webserver play, 10 moves/50 days

Start date: 19-NOV-2016

Ending date: 19-NOV-2018

Entry fee: None

Prize Money: None

TO: Jos van Doorn

NBC 50 years anniversary A

Cat. 7 (possibly higher dependent on the players entered)

15-17 players (Up to 5 players from the Netherlands)

Rating requirement: 2401 or higher

TD: To be decided

NBC 50 years anniversary B

Cat. 5 (possibly higher dependent on the players entered)

15-17 players (Up to 5 players from the Netherlands)

Rating requirement: 2351 or higher

TD: To be decided

NBC 50 years anniversary C

Cat. 2 (possibly higher dependent on the players entered)

15-17 players (Up to 5 players from the Netherlands)

Rating requirement: 2276 or higher

TD: To be decided

POLAND

International Tournament „Chess-Medical” (POL)

ICCF Webserver

Invitational tournament, eligible players: physicians (medical doctors) R=2400+

Cat. 7-12

11-15 players

Time control: 30 days for a game plus 3 days per every 1 move

Start date: 2017 1st/2nd Q

Entry fee: none

Prize money: none

TO: Mariusz Wojnar (POL)

TD: to be decided

3rd International Clergy Polish Correspondence Chess Championship (POL)

ICCF Webserver

Invitational tournament, eligible players: clergymen from Poland and abroad

Rated

11-17 players

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

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

Entry fee: none

Prize money: none

TO: Mariusz Wojnar (POL)

TD: Mariusz Wojnar (POL)

International School Friendly Event (POL)

ICCF Webserver,

Invitational tournament, eligible players: school teams;

Unrated
6 players/team
Start date: 2016 September/October; End date: 2017 May
Entry fee: none
TO: Mariusz Wojnar (POL)
TD: Mariusz Wojnar (POL)

RUSSIA:

Russia Candidate Grandmasters (RUS)

ICCF Webserver
Invitational tournament
Cat. 11+
13-15 players
Start date: 29 February 2016

Russia Masters (RUS)

ICCF Webserver
Invitational tournament
Cat. 7+
13-15 players
Start date: 29 February 2016

SPAIN:

JUBILEO 800 - ORDEN DE PREDICADORES (ESP)

ICCF Webserver
Invitational tournament
Start date: 7 September 2016

Section A

Cat. 14-16
11 players
Prize money: 1500€
TO: IA Antonio Sánchez Ródenas (ESP)
TD: IA Antonio Sánchez Ródenas (ESP)

Section B

Cat. 7-8
15 players
Prize money: 500€
TO: IA Antonio Sánchez Ródenas (ESP)
TD: IA Antonio Sánchez Ródenas (ESP)

Section C

Cat O (ELO 2000 to 2299),
15 players
Prize money:
TO: IM Carlos Martín Sánchez (ESP)
TD: IM Carlos Martín Sánchez (ESP)

Open AEAC (ESP)

ICCF Webserver

Open tournament

Preliminary stage: rated only; semifinal and final stages: titled, if possible

Rate of play: 10 moves in 40 days

Start date:

- Preliminary stage - 30th July 2016

- Semi-final stage - June / July 2108

- Final stage - June / July 2020

Direct entry to semifinals: ELO 2300+

Duration:

- Preliminary and semifinal stages - maximum 20 months, then adjudication

- Final stage without end date

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

Prizes:

- Winners of preliminary and semi-final sections – certificates

- Final (750€ in total): 1st-350€, 2nd-200€, 3rd-125€ and 4th-75€

TO: IA Antonio Sánchez Ródenas (ESP)

TD: IA Antonio Sánchez Ródenas (ESP)

Torneo por equipos XV Aniversario AEAC (ESP).

ICCF Webserver

Invitational tournament

Section Golden

Team tournament, 13 teams, 8 boards

Teams: will be later communicated

Cat. 9-10 (first board) and down the other boards to a minimum of 2250 ELO

Rate of play: 10 moves in 50 days

Start date: February 2017

Prizes: 600€ for the first three teams: 1st-300€; 2nd-200€ and 3rd-100€

TO: IA Antonio Sánchez Ródenas (ESP)

TD: IA Antonio Sánchez Ródenas (ESP)

Section Silver

Team tournament, 13 teams, 8 boards

Teams: will be later communicated

Cat. Below 2250 and descending order of boards.

Rate of play: 10 moves in 40 days

Start date: 30th July 2016

No prize fund

TO: IA Antonio Sánchez Ródenas (ESP)

TD: IA Antonio Sánchez Ródenas (ESP)

UKRAINE

V Danube Cup – Paul Darmogray Memorial (UKR)

ICCF Webserver

Invitational Team tournament

(This tournament was intended for the countries, which the river Danube flows through or where it creates state frontiers, namely: Germany, Austria, Slovakia, Hungary, Croatia, Serbia, Bulgaria, Romania, Moldova and Ukraine. We would like to extend this invitation

to the countries, which share the Danube River Basin including those that are not the members of the ICCF (invited Federations will nominate their teams). Besides, the invitation is extended to France as the birthplace of Paul Darmogray.

Therefore, the CC Federation of Ukraine has the pleasure to invite the following countries to take part in this tournament: Germany, Austria, Slovakia, Hungary, Croatia, Serbia, Bulgaria, Romania, Moldova, France, Bosnia and Herzegovina, the Czech Republic, Slovenia, Switzerland, Italy, Poland, the Republic of Macedonia, Albania.).

Start date: April, 15 2016

13-17 teams (depending on the number of entries. Ukraine as the organizer of the 5th edition keeps the right to nominate two teams) with 6 players each

Target categories:

- Board 1: cat. 9 Elo 2451+
- Board 2: cat. 8 - Elo 2426+
- Board 3: cat. 7 - Elo2401+
- Board 4: cat. 6 - Elo 2376+
- Board 5: cat. 5 - Elo 2351+
- Board 6: cat. 4 - Elo 2326+

No start fee is collected for this tournament.

TO: Volodymyr Galytskyi (UKR)

TD: IA Laurent Tinture (FRA)

TURKEY

NEVZAT SUER MEMORIAL 2016 (TUR)

ICCF Webserver

Invitational tournament

Rules: ICCF standard rules for webserver play, 10 moves / 50 days

This tournament allows claims based on the six piece tablebase

Start date: 30th August 2016

NEVZAT SUER A (IM Nevzat Süer Group)

Cat. 7-11+

13-17 players

Prize money: Total Budget for group A will be 2000 USD

1st place: 1000 USD

2nd place: 600 USD

3rd place: 400 USD

In case of ties, the prizes will be shared.

TO: A.S. Dikmen (TUR)

TD: IA Marco Caressa (ITA)

Other provisions:

The main criterion will be the highest ICCF rating as in (2016/3).

The requested Elo for entries to this tournament is 2450 and + (2016/3).

Exception: Turkish players will be entered on an invitational basis.

NEVZAT SUER B

Cat. 3-6+

13-17 players

Prize money: Total Budget for group B will be 1000 USD

In case of ties, the prizes will be shared

1st place: 500 USD

2nd place 300 USD

3rd place: 200 USD

TO: A.S. Dikmen (TUR)

TD: IA Marco Caressa (ITA)

Other provisions:

The requested Elo for entries to this tournament is 2350 and + (2016/3).

Exception: Turkish players will be entered on an invitational basis.

U.S.A.:

Glen Shields Invitational 2016 (ICCF-US)

ICCF webserver,

Invitational tournament in memory of Glen Shields (1951-2015)

Cat. 0

12-15 players

Start date: March 2016

TO: Thomas Biedermann (USA)

TD: Thomas Biedermann (USA)

WALES:

British Championship Final

ICCF Webserver,

Invitational & Entry tournament

Cat. 3

13 players

10 moves in 50 days, with double time accruing after 20 days reflection

45 days annual leave, no special leave.

Sofia rule for offering draws only after 30 moves

Start Date: 01/09/2016

TO: Russell Sherwood (WLS)

British Championship Candidates

ICCF Webserver

Invitational & Entry tournament

Category 1--2I

13 players

10 moves in 50 days, with double time accruing after 20 days reflection

45 days annual leave, no special leave.

Sofia rule for offering draws only after 30 moves

Start Date: 01/09/2015

TO: Russell Sherwood (WLS)

WCCF Invitational #3 (WLS)

ICCF Webserver

Invitational tournament

Cat. J+

13 Players

Start Date: October 2016

TO: Russell Sherwood (WLS)

TD : Olli Ylolen (FIN)

WCCF Invitational #4 (WLS)

ICCF Webserver

Invitational tournament

Cat. K+

13 Players

Start Date: March 2017

TO: Russell Sherwood (WLS)

TD : Olli Ylolen (FIN)

Boudica Cup (WLS)

(Incorporating the British Ladies Correspondence Chess Championship)

ICCF Webserver

Cat. C-F

9-13 Players

Start Date: October 2016

TO: Russell Sherwood (WLS)

TD : Olli Ylolen (FIN)

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