**Report of the Appeals Committee (Playing Rules)**

 The past year has been a rather busy year for our Committee. The thorough rules revision still causes quite a few appeals, despite the grand efforts of last year's Congress to alleviate the worst problems - once again a big "thank you" to Rules Commissioner Dennis Doren for his responsiveness.

 This year most of the more complex appeals have dealt with problems related to

withdrawals, particularly cases where a result has already been set and then - for various but in most cases valid reasons - manually changed.

 However, at least one of these problems is likely to be addressed at Congress

(Proposal 2018-001 - enumeration on 8.8.), so thanks again to Dennis for paying

attention to our problems.

 Apart from these appeals, the ever-increasing automatisation of the server has

significantly reduced our workload. Hence, as before, most of the remaining

appeals have been handled by myself, without my having to bother the entire

Committee - many (if not most) of them are just based on misunderstandings of

the Rules (or, as a new feature, misunderstandings of how the server works

nowadays).

 Because we now have only one set of Rules, there is also a Congress proposal

to merge the two Appeals Committees (Proposal 2018-14 - enumeration on 8.8.) -

this is a very logical step, and so we hope to be able to welcome the members

of Cork's group into our team!

 During the year no personnel changes have occurred, though it is with great

sadness we must observe that our longstanding member Carlos Flores (ESP), who

resigned only last year, has passed away. RIP, Carlos!

 Finally, I wish to express my sincere thanks to all members of the Committee

for your important work - also the past year has been quite challenging, but

you have persevered :-)

The current member list is given in the Appendix.

Amici sumus

Ragnar Wikman, Chairman of the ICCF

Appeals Committee

(Playing Rules)

**Appendix**

Current members of the Appeals Committee (Playing Rules)

Ragnar Wikman (FIN) - Chairman

Ian Brooks (ENG)

Marco Caressa (ITA)

Leo Lahdenmäki (FIN)

Ralph Marconi (CAN)

Per Söderberg (SWE)

Wes Underwood (USA)