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### **Report on the Interzonal Tournaments to the ICCF Congress of 2018 Llandudno – Wales**

**Mr President, Members of the Executive Board, Commissioners,  
Officials, Delegates, Ladies and Gentlemen**

It is my privilege to report on the Interzonal Tournaments since the Congress of 2017 held in Albena – Bulgaria

### **Interzonal Team Tournaments (IZTT)**

#### *Background*

The IZTT are held every two years as a team event among the different geographical zones of ICCF. Each team consists of eight players playing at least eight games to make it possible to qualify for title norms. The purpose of these events is to play in the spirit of "amici sumus" (we are friends) and to give players in remote and less developed regions more exposure to competitive correspondence chess.

#### *Completed Tournaments*

- 1<sup>st</sup> Interzonal Team Tournament – 5 teams double round robin.
  - Start Date: 1 September 2000.
  - Tournament Organiser: Med Samraoui (IA) of Algeria.
  - Tournament Director: IM Carlos Flores Gutiérrez (IA) of Spain.
  - The winner is Europe A with 35½ out of 64.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Interzonal Team Tournament – 5 teams double round robin.
  - Start Date: 15 September 2002.
  - Tournament Organiser: IM Med Samraoui (IA) of Algeria.
  - Tournament Director: SIM Carlos Flores Gutiérrez (IA) of Spain.
  - The winner is Europe A with 44½ out of 64.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Interzonal Team Tournament – 6 teams double round robin.
  - Start Date: 15 December 2004.
  - Tournament Organiser: SIM Med Samraoui (IA) of Algeria.
  - Tournament Director: SIM Carlos Flores Gutiérrez (IA) of Spain.
  - The winner is North America Pacific with 45½ out of 80.

- 4<sup>th</sup> Interzonal Team Tournament – 6 teams double round robin.
  - Start Date: 15 December 2006.
  - Tournament Organiser: SIM Everdinand Knol of South Africa.
  - Tournament Director: SIM Carlos Flores Gutiérrez (IA) of Spain.
  - The winner is Europe A with 49 out of 80.
  
- 5<sup>th</sup> Interzonal Team Tournament – 6 teams double round robin.
  - Start Date: 27 December 2008.
  - Tournament Organiser: SIM Everdinand Knol of South Africa.
  - Tournament Director: SIM Carlos Flores Gutiérrez (IA) of Spain.
  - The winner is Europe C with 48 out of 80.
  
- 6<sup>th</sup> Interzonal Team Tournament – 6 teams double round robin.
  - Start Date: 27 December 2010.
  - Tournament Organiser: SIM Everdinand Knol of South Africa.
  - Tournament Director: SIM Carlos Flores Gutiérrez (IA) of Spain.
  - The winner is Europe A with 51½ out of 80.
  
- 7<sup>th</sup> Interzonal Team Tournament – 10 teams single round robin.
  - Start Date: 28 January 2013.
  - Tournament Organiser: SIM Everdinand Knol of South Africa.
  - Tournament Directors:
    - SIM Carlos Flores Gutiérrez (IA) of Spain.
    - Iain Smuts (IA) of South Africa.
  - The winner is North America Pacific B with 40½ out of 72.
  
- 8<sup>th</sup> Interzonal Team Tournament – 11 teams single round robin.
  - Start Date: 31 March 2015.
  - Tournament Organiser: SIM Everdinand Knol of South Africa.
  - Tournament Directors:
    - SIM Per Söderberg (IA) of Sweden.
    - SIM dr Michael Millstone (IA) of USA.
  - The winner is North America Pacific C with 45½ out of 80.

### *Ongoing Tournaments*

- 9<sup>th</sup> Interzonal Team Tournament – 13 teams single round robin.
  - Start Date: 10 March 2017.
  - Tournament Organiser: SIM Everdinand Knol of South Africa.
  - Tournament Director: Marco Caressa (IA) of Italy.
    - The results so far, with 571 out of the 624 games completed, are:

1	Europe B	51½
2	North America Pacific B	50
3	Europe C	48
4	North America Pacific A	45½
5	Latin America D	45
6	Latin America E	43½
7	Africa Asia C	43
8	Africa Asia B	43
9	Latin America C	43
10	Europe A	41
11	Africa Asia A	40½
12	Latin America A	40½
13	Latin America B	36½

### *Future Tournaments*

- The 10th IZTT is planned to start during the first quarter of 2019.

## **Interzonal Individual Tournaments (IZIT)**

### *Background*

A number of players from each zone are entered. These are divided into groups playing for norms and to qualify for semi finals and a final. These events (just like the IZTT) are also organised on a two year basis.

### *Completed Tournaments*

- 1st Interzonal Individual Tournament Preliminaries – 11 groups of 9 players each.
  - Category 2.
  - Start Date: 28 February 2014.
  - Tournament Organiser: SIM Everdinand Knol of South Africa.
  - Tournament Director: Marco Caressa (IA) of Italy.

### *Ongoing Tournaments*

- 2nd Interzonal Individual Tournament Preliminaries – 12 groups of 9 players each.
  - Category 2.
  - Start Date: 17 June 2016.
  - Tournament Organiser: SIM Everdinand Knol of South Africa.
  - Tournament Directors:
    - Brain Jones of Australia.
    - Francisco Carapinha of Cape Verde.
    - Dr Ambar Chatterjee of India.
    - Alok Saxena of India.
    - Marco Caressa (IA) of Italy.
    - SIM Gino Franco Figlio (IA) of Peru.
- 1st Interzonal Individual Tournament Semi Finals – 4 groups of 13 players each.
  - Category 5.
  - Start Date: 30 March 2017.
  - Tournament Organiser: SIM Everdinand Knol of South Africa.
  - Tournament Director: SIM Gino Franco Figlio (IA) of Peru.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Interzonal Individual Tournament Preliminaries – 12 groups of 9 players each.
  - Category 2.
  - Start Date: 16 June 2018.
  - Tournament Organiser: Peter S Maylott (IA) of Australia.
  - Tournament Directors:
    - CCE Karel Glaser of Czech Republic
    - Jan Bart van Daatselaar of Netherlands
    - José Joaquin of Spain
    - Reto Moser of Switzerland
    - Alexander Relyea of USA
    - SIM Carlos Diéguez Vera of Cuba

### *Future Tournaments*

- The 2nd IZIT semi finals should commence during the first quarter of 2019.

### **Conclusion**

I would like to conclude this report by thanking the zonal directors for their support in arranging the players that entered these events, the tournament organisers who assisted in the setting up as well as the tournament directors who are supervising the players taking part in them.

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