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# **ICCF CONGRESS 2019**

# Non-Title Tournament Commissioner's Report

Dear Chessfriends.

I am pleased to submit my first report as NTTC to the 2019 ICCF Congress.

After a surprising takeover of the function of the NTTC, many tournaments were in succession to start.

At the beginning I would like to thank all chess friends, who made the familiarization easier for me!

The following chess friends are responsible for the "their" tournaments:

World Cups

CT 18 Wojnar, Mariusz

CT 20 Grodzensky, Sergey Yakovlevich

CT 21 Wojnar, Mariusz
CT 22 Jansen, Joop

Veterans World Cups Pheby, Ian M.

VWC 7,8, 9,10, 11, 12,

Chess 960 World Cups Madonia, Leonardo

Champions League CL 8

Webserver Opens

Esko Nuutilainen Memorial Team Tournament
George D. Pyrich Memorial Team Tournament
Direct Entry Anniversary Opens

Kracht, Jörg
Kracht, Jörg
Kracht, Jörg
Pheby, Ian M.

Thematics Madonia, Leonardo

Promotion tournaments Panitevsky, Ivan Anatolevich

Aspirer Pheby, Ian M.

Free matches Neves, Bianor de Oliveira

I wish to thank all for their hard work in these events!

And now the tournaments under my direct organization.

## **Champions League CL 7**

This season has been successfully completed – here the winner:

1st place Fresh Wind II

Board 1 Lobanov, Evgeny Vasilievich

Board 2 Gnutov, Yury Pavlovich

Board 3 Mikhalchuk, Vitaliy BorisovichBoard 4 Ryazanov, Anton ViktorovichTC Mikhalchuk, Vitaliy Borisovich

2st place Samarachess

Board 1 Loginov, Aleksandr Igorevich

Board 2 Kornev, Aleksey Nikolaevich

Board 3 Dolgov, Igor Mikhailovich

Board 4 Sergeev, Vladimir Stepanovich

TC Vopilin, Vasily Sergeevich

3st place The Underdogs I

Board 1 Moll, Reinhard

Board 2 Rio, Roland del

Board 3 Kögler, Klau

Board 4 Windhausen, Georg

TC Moll, Reinhard

Unfortunately it turned out that on the server the rules for the tie-breaking were not correct. In Division B this led to some discussions, which could be settled peacefully.

# **Champions League CL 8**

CL8 will start on 01.09.2019.

Champion's League 8 saw a total of 155 teams entering with a disposition of:

A Division: 2454 Average Rating B Division: 2382 Average Rating C Division: 2244 Average Rating

The Tournament Directors are:

A Division : Jansen, Joop (IA)

B Division: Rogemont, Alain (IA) Schakel, Corky (IA)

Korže, Danilo (IA) Neves, Bianor de Oliveira (IA)

C Division: Vugt, Wim H. van Woodhouse, Stephen

Friča, Štefan Press, Shaun

Burridge, Raymond John Salcedo Mederos, Pablo

Mohandoussaid, Malik Rach, Jens

## **Webserver Opens**

## 5th Webchess Open Tournament

On 01.06.2012 the prl. round started with 91 groups.

Now - the Final of the 5th Webchess Open Tournament has finished.

Congratulations to the medallists;

1st place IM Chamaev, Aleksandr Viktorovich

2<sup>nd</sup> place **SIM Biedermann, Thomas** 

3<sup>rd</sup> place CCM Seryakov, Oleg Borisovich

## 6th Webchess Open Tournament

On 10.02.2019 the final (category 7) starts with 13 players. TD is Carlos Huguet Reina.

## 7th Webchess Open Tournament

On 01.05.2019 the semifinal started with 13 groups - all have the category 4.

#### Esko Nuutilainen Memorial Team Tournament

This tournament follows the same outline as the Olympiad except with a maximum rating limit of 2300.

The final started with 13 teams on 01.08.2019.

The following teams are in the final:

United States 1 Germany Poland 1 Panama 1 Slovakia Slovenia

Wales Lithuania Czech Republic

Ukraine Portugal England

Poland 2

TD: IA Lahdenmäki, Leo (FIN)

Board 1 \@ 2359 Category 5

Board 2 Ø 2321 Category 3

Board 3 Ø 2306 Category 3

Board 4 Ø 2271 Category 1

Board 5 Ø 2239 Category L

Board 6 Ø 2229 Category K

# George D. Pyrich Memorial Team Tournament

This is the second edition of the Memorial Team Tournament <2300.

The start date was 01/06/2019 with 33 teams.

A special feature here is the new Triple Block system (a 700 day event, with 50 days initial bank and 5 days increment for the first 50 moves is used). This is the first team tournament with this time rule. I expect problems as soon as a player has to be replaced in this tournament - nobody can stop the clock.

The following reports are written by the respective TO's.

## **ICCF Veterans World Cup 8**

Dear Chess friends,

#### 1. Introduction

The 8<sup>th</sup> Veterans World Cup is being hosted by England who appointed me as Tournament Organizer for VWC8. The closing date for entry was 1<sup>st</sup> August 2015 with an official start date of the event of 1<sup>st</sup> September 2015.

#### 2. Entries

A total of 605 entries were received from 483 players in 43 different federations. England is pleased to report that the number of entries was a record entry for the Veterans World Cup at that time.

The semi-final stage commenced on 15<sup>th</sup> June 2017 with eight semi-final groups, and was completed earlier this year.

The final had an official start date of 7<sup>th</sup> May 2019. It is a 15 player final containing 1 GM, 3 SIM, 3 IM, 5 CCM, and 3 CCE. The average rating is 2394 (Category 6). The final contains players from 11 different countries: AUT (1), BEL (1), CRO (1), CZE (2), ENG (1), GER (4), LTU (1), POR (1), RUS (1), SLO,(1), USA (1). The prize fund in the final is 2,600 Euros.

# 3. Appreciation

The final is being controlled by Maylott, Peter S., IA (AUS), and I wish to thank him for his work in ensuring this tournament is a success.

Ian M Pheby, IA (ENG) TO, VWC8

# **ICCF Veterans World Cup 9**

Dear Chess friends,

#### 1. Introduction

The 9<sup>th</sup> Veterans World Cup is being hosted by England who appointed me as Tournament Organiser for VWC9. The closing date for entry was 1<sup>st</sup> August 2016 with an official start date of the event of 1<sup>st</sup> September 2016.

#### 2. Entries

A total of 682 entries (a record entry at the time) from 514 players in 46 federations were received. Of these entries, there were 8 GM, 27 SIM, 65 IM, and 4 LGM titled players.

The preliminary groups having been completed with no adjudications required from 3,410 games played, the semi-final stage was started in early July 2018 with 135 players split into nine groups. Of these 135 players there are 95 titled players (7 GM, 12 SIM, 21 IM, 2 LGM, 35 CCM, and 18 CCE). Each group is category 4. The adjudication date is 4<sup>th</sup> May 2020.

## 3. Appreciation

The semi-final groups are being controlled by a total of 3 different TDs from 3 different federations, and I wish to thank them for their work in ensuring this tournament is a success. The tournament directors are (in alphabetical order):

SIM Jansen, Joop, IA (NED) SIM Krzyżanowski, Dr. Wojciech, IA (POL) Maylott, Peter S., IA (AUS)

Ian M Pheby, IA (ENG) TO, VWC9

## **ICCF Veterans World Cup 10**

Dear Chess friends,

#### 1. Introduction

The 10<sup>th</sup> Veterans World Cup is being hosted by England who appointed me as Tournament Organiser for VWC10. The closing date for entry was 1<sup>st</sup> August 2017 with an official start date of the event of 1<sup>st</sup> September 2017.

## 2. Entries

A total of 708 entries were received from 520 players in 49 different federations. England is pleased to report that the number of entries was a record entry for the Veterans World Cup for the third successive year under its control.

The players were seeded into 62 groups of 11 players and 2 groups of 13 players with the top two from each preliminary group together with the best third placed players qualifying for the semi-final stage. Each group winner will receive a voucher prize of 40 Euros, shared if there is a tie. The pairings were issued on 6<sup>th</sup> August 2017. The adjudication date if necessary will be on 30<sup>th</sup> June 2019.

## 3. Appreciation

The preliminary groups are being controlled by 13 TDs from 8 different Federations, and I wish to thank them for their work in ensuring this tournament is a success. The Tournament Directors are (in alphabetical order):

Beckett, Phillip J., IA (ENG)
Daatselaar, Jan Bart van (NED)
LGM Halliwell, Toni, IA (ENG)
SIM Jansen, Joop, IA (NED)
IM Kracht, Jörg, IA (GER)
IM Martín Sánchez, Carlos, IA (ESP)
Maylott, Peter S., IA (AUS)
CCE Neves, Bianor de Oliveira, IA (BRA)
SIM Panitevsky, Ivan Anatolevich, IA (RUS)
IM Rach, Jens (GER)
CCE Relyea, Alexander, IA (USA)
CCM Scheiba, Manfred (GER)
Wood, Ben A. (ENG)

Ian M Pheby, IA (ENG) TO, VWC10

## **ICCF Veterans World Cup 11**

Dear Chess friends,

## 1. Introduction

The 11<sup>th</sup> Veterans World Cup is being hosted by England who appointed me as Tournament Organiser for VWC11. The closing date for entry was 1<sup>st</sup> August 2018 with an official start date of the event of 1<sup>st</sup> September 2018.

## 2. Entries

A total of 598 entries were received from 460 players in 45 different federations.

The players were seeded into 46 groups of 13 players with the top three from each preliminary group together with the best fourth placed players qualifying for the semi-final stage. Each group winner will receive a voucher prize of 45 Euros, shared if there is a tie. The adjudication date if necessary will be on 30<sup>th</sup> June 2020.

A prize fund of 6,000 Euros is available for this tournament.

## 3. Appreciation

The preliminary groups is being controlled by several TDs from different federations, and I wish to thank them for their work in ensuring this tournament is a success.

Ian M Pheby, IA (ENG) TO, VWC11

## **ICCF Veterans World Cup 12**

Dear Chess friends,

#### 1. Introduction

The 12<sup>th</sup> Veterans World Cup is being hosted by England who appointed me as Tournament Organiser for VWC12. The closing date for entry will be 1<sup>st</sup> August 2019 with an official start date of the event of 1<sup>st</sup> September 2019.

#### 2. Entries

A total of 332 entries have been received by the date of this report.

A prize fund of 6,000 Euros is available for this tournament.

## 3. Appreciation

The preliminary groups will be controlled by several TDs from different federations.

Ian M Pheby, IA (ENG) TO, VWC12

## **ICCF** Aspirers

Dear Chess friends,

#### 1. Introduction

I am pleased to submit my sixth report as tournament organiser of the Aspirer tournaments to the 2018 ICCF Congress. The period of this report will be from 21<sup>st</sup> June 2018 through to 17<sup>th</sup> June 2019.

# 2. Aspirer tournaments

The Aspirer tournaments enables players who are new to the ICCF, without an ICCF rating, or have an ICCF rating or a FIDE rating of less than 1600, to participate within ICCF events where they are not likely to be outclassed. They therefore should get some enjoyable games and hopefully become quite active within the ICCF family.

## 3. Aspirer tournament entries

During the period of this report I have received a total of 278 entries which have been split into 39 separate events.

**Appendix 1** of this report contains details of the breakdown of the entries.

# 4. Appreciation

Finally, I wish to thank my tournament directors for their hard work in these events. The tournament directors are (in alphabetical order):

CCE Doorn, Jos P. M. van, IA (NED)

SIM Fuzishawa, Richard Mitsuo (BRA)

Gredescul, Andrea (MDA)

LGM Halliwell, Toni, IA (ENG)

**Kjeldsen, Karsten (DEN)** 

CCM Leonard, Andrew (USA)

CCM Martins, Sérgio A. (POR)

Maylott, Peter S., IA (AUS)

IM Murden, Clive (SCO)

SIM Panitevsky, Ivan Anatolevich, IA (RUS)

CCE Relyea, Alexander, IA (USA)

**CCM Schirmer, Michael (GER)** 

SIM Vinchev, Simeon (BUL)

Ian M Pheby TO, Aspirer tournaments

# Appendix 1

## 1. Entries

Total entries though countries = 71

Total entries through the Direct Entry programme = 207

Total = 278

# 2. Entries by country

Number of countries = 38

Australia = 19	Belgium $= 2$	Brazil = 2	Bulgaria = 2
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Canada = 9 Columbia = 2 England = 
$$17$$
 Finland =  $2$ 

Indonesia = 1 Ireland = 1 Israel = 1 Italy = 
$$24$$

$$Japan = 5$$
  $Jordan = 1$   $Lithuania = 1$   $Mexico = 6$ 

$$USA = 80$$
 Wales = 1

## **ICCF Diamond Jubilee World Cup 18**

ICCF Diamond Jubilee Webserver World Cup 18 – event organized by Polish Correspondence Chess Federation in tribute to Witold Bielecki (1947-2008) - former president of the Polish Correspondence Chess Federation and Polish delegate to ICCF - started on 2011-10-30 and finished on 2019-07-16 (https://kszgk.com/?p=16488).

The duration of the World Cup was 7 years 8 months and 16 days.

Preliminaries were played from 2011-10-30 to 2014-03-30 with 844 entries (685 players from 53 countries) distributed to 65 groups. Semi-finals with 156 entries (from 33 countries) distributed to 12 groups started on 2013-08-30 and finished on 2016-06-23.

Section winners qualified for a final (including former World Cup winners). Special invitation was addressed to winners of the ICCF Golden Jubilee Final tournaments ("ICCF 50 Jubilee Email Final" and "ICCF 50 Jubilee Postal Final") in order to bridge both 50th and 60th Anniversaries of ICCF.

Mariusz Wojnar

The 17-player final of the ICCF Diamond Jubilee World Cup took place from 2015-06-30 to 2019-07-16.

Two players are co-winners, Reinhard Moll (GER) and Stefan Ulbig (GER), having 9,5 points out of 16 at the same tie-break (win=3 SB=73,25), ahead of 3 players sharing 3<sup>rd</sup> place with 9,0 points - Giulio Bonfissuto (ITA) (win=2 SB=71,50), Javier Ros Padilla (ESP) (win=2 SB=71,25) and Matthias Gleichmann (GER) (win=2 SB=70,00).

Mariusz Wojnar

# ICCF World Cup 20

Unfortunately I did not receive a report from our chess friend and TO Sergey Yakovlevich Grodzensky. But I see the final is running since 01.09.2017 (TD Andrey Nikolaevich Pavlikov).

# **ICCF World Cup 21**

ICCF Webserver World Cup 21 - event organized by Polish Correspondence Chess Federation - started on 2015-10-01 with 928 entries (718 players from 52 countries) distributed to 72 groups.

Preliminaries were played from 2015-10-01 to 2017-11-09.

The semi-finals were played from 2017-06-30 to 2019-04-18 with 143 players in 11 server sections.

The World Cup 21 final with the participation of 13 competitors started on 2019-06-30, no end date. The final is directed by IA Józef Lubas (POL).

Mariusz Wojnar

## **ICCF Wold Cup 22**

The Preliminaries of WC22 have almost concluded, with only a few groups to finish. At the moment, 135 players have qualified for the Semi-Finals, with among them 1x GM, 2x LGM, 11x SIM, 12x IM, 42x CCM and 28x CCE.

Five names still have to be added after completion of the last groups. This group of qualifiers will be augmented those players who have received a wildcard from their NF.

After that, TO Joop Jansen may start defining the Semi-Final groups, in order to start on time in Q3-2019.

**AMICI SUMUS** 

Joop Jansen

## **Promotion Tournaments**

Here are some information concerning Promotional events groups that were organized by me:

#### WS/H/ events.

708 - 736, 29 groups organized.

Currently there are no finished groups. One accepted withdrawal (group 710), no unaccepted withdrawals occured.

# Groups entries (participating in started groups):

FIN - 19

NED - 12

**GER - 30** 

**POL-10** 

ARG - 6

**USA - 29** 

**RUS - 6** 

ITA - 30

AUT - 4

ROU - 1

FRA - 3

**ENG - 5** 

**BEL** - 1

CZE - 3

**SWE - 5** 

WLS - 1

**CAN - 9** 

LTU - 2

SUI - 5

BIH - 1

DIII I

BUL - 3

**DEN - 4** 

**CRO - 1** 

INA - 3

**UKR - 3** 

IND - 1

**SCO - 1** 

**AUS - 3** 

**SVK - 2** 

Zone 1 Europe: 151

World Zone: 47

Zone 4 Africa / Asia: 4

Without MF: 1 Total entries: 203

## WS/M/ events

725 - 737, 13 groups organized.

Currently there are no finished groups. One accepted withdrawal (groups 725, 726 and 730), one player did not started his games (silent withdrawal, group 729).

# Groups entries (participating in started groups):

**NED - 9** 

**GER - 25** 

POL - 6

ARG - 6

**USA - 9** 

**RUS - 17** 

ITA - 12

**AUT - 7** 

ROU - 1

**FRA - 8** 

ENG - 2

**BEL - 1** 

CZE - 5

**SWE - 3** 

LTU - 1

**SUI - 2** 

DEN - 1

**CRO - 1** 

INA - 1

**UKR-4** 

**AUS - 2** 

**SVK** - 1

**ESP - 9** 

**HUN - 2** 

**GEO - 1** 

**PER - 1** 

JPN - 1

ISR - 1

NZL - 2

NOR - 1

ISL - 1

Zone 1 Europe: 120

World Zone: 21

Zone 4 Africa / Asia: 1

Without MF: 1

Total entries: 143

## WS/O/ events

1126 - 1160,

35groups organized.5 groups are finished at this moment, 30 groups are ongoing. Two players were silently withdrawed (groups 1127, 1128), one player currently under investigation (group 1152).

## Groups entries (participating in started groups):

- FIN 7
- NED 14
- **GER 14**
- POL 12
- ARG 1
- **USA 48**
- **RUS 2**
- ITA 13
- ROU 3
- **FRA 5**
- **ENG-12**
- **BEL 10**
- **CZE 2**
- **SWE 8**
- **WLS** 1
- CAN 9
- **SUI 2**
- BUL 1
- **DEN 3**
- **INA 5**
- IND 7
- SCO 13
- **AUS 8**
- SVK 5
- ESP 2
- **HUN 1**
- PER 1
- JPN 2
- ISR 6
- **MEX 8**
- PHI 2
- KOR 2
- **TUR 1**
- CHI 4
- GRE 1
- IRL 1
- **BRA** 1
- **POR 2**

**GUM - 1** 

**ECU - 1** 

**RSA** - 1

**KAZ - 1** 

**SLO - 1** 

TRI - 1

Zone 1 Europe: 141

World Zone: 84

Zone 4 Africa / Asia: 13

Without MF: 7

Total entries: 245

# **Summary entries from all events:**

FIN - 26

**NED - 35** 

**GER - 69** 

POL - 28

ARG - 13

USA - 86

**RUS - 25** 

ITA - 55

**AUT - 11** 

**ROU - 5** 

FRA - 16

ENG - 19

**BEL - 12** 

CZE - 10

SWE - 16

**WLS - 2** 

**CAN - 18** 

**LTU - 3** 

**SUI - 9** 

BIH - 1

BUL-4

**DEN - 8** 

**CRO - 2** 

INA - 9

**UKR - 7** 

IND - 8

SCO - 14

**AUS - 13** 

**SVK - 8** 

ESP - 11

**HUN - 3** 

**GEO - 1** 

**PER - 2** 

JPN - 3

**ISR - 7** 

NZL - 2

NOR - 1

**ISL** - 1

**MEX - 8** 

PHI - 2

**KOR - 2** 

**TUR - 1** 

CHI - 4

GRE - 1

**IRL** - 1

**BRA** - 1

POR - 2

**GUM - 1** 

**ECU - 1** 

**RSA - 1** 

**KAZ** - 1

**SLO - 1** 

TRI - 1

Zone 1 Europe: 412

World Zone: 152

Zone 4 Africa / Asia: 18

Without MF: 9

Total entries from all groups (WS/M, WS/O, WS/H): 591

Total events (WS/M, WS/O, WS/H) organized: 77

#### Some more info:

20 entries were rejected, 5 entries were transferred (between Promotional events), 9 entries are NF nomenee players.

At the moment I have 34 active TDs in the list for Promotional events directing. I already have a lot of new registrations and soon new groups will be launched.

## Amici sumus

Ivan Anatolevich Panitevski

## **ICCF Chess 960 World Cup**

starts: the 15<sup>th</sup> March of every year

## $3^{rd}$ WC -2014

Preliminaries: 100 players from 25 Countries

16 sections of 6 players

qualified in Semifinals: 37 players+ 3 directly (finalists of 1<sup>st</sup> WC) = 40

withdrawn: 1 player

Semifinals: 8 sections of 5 player

qualified in Final: 8 players

Final: Winner Jean Banet (FRA)

## $4^{th}$ WC -2015

Preliminaries: 97 players from 25 Countries

15 sections of 6 players

qualified in Semifinals: 29 players + 7 directly (5 finalists of 2<sup>nd</sup> WC+2 best

ELO) = 36

Semifinals: 6 sections of 6 player

qualified in Final: 8 players

Final: Winner Ivan Anatolevich Panitevski (RUS)

#### $5^{th}$ WC -2016

Preliminaries: 88 players from 26 Countries

14 sections of 6 players

qualified in Semifinals: 30 players + 2 directly (best ELO) = 32

Semifinals: 4 sections of 8 player

qualified in Final: 8 players

Final: Ongoing: started in April, 2019

## $6^{th}$ WC -2017

Preliminaries: 72 players from 24 Countries

11 sections of 6 players

qualified in Semifinals: 26 players + 6 directly (1 finalist of 3<sup>rd</sup> WC+5 best

ELO) = 32

Semifinals: 4 sections of 8 player

Ongoing: 13 games

## $7^{th}$ WC -2018

Preliminaries: 79 players from 28 Countries, entries still open for finalists of 4<sup>th</sup> WC

12 sections of 6 players

qualified in Semifinals: 25 players + 7 (4 finalist of 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> WC + 3 best

 $\dot{E}LO) = 32$ 

Semifinals: 4 sections of 8 player

Ongoing: just started

 $8^{th}\ WC-2019$ 

Preliminaries: 74 players from 26 Countries

12 sections of 6 players

qualified directly in Semifinals: 2 (2 best ELO)

Amici sumus.

Leonardo Madonia

## **Thematic Tournaments**

Dear chessfriends, here are the entries in the thematic tournaments:

2015 – 234 players 2016 – 179 players 2017 – 235 players 2018 – 189 players 2019 – 93 players (7 months)

I always propose 11 new themes (4 by post and 7 on the server) for 2020. Obviously, entries to the series of themes will continue to be always available.

## Chess 960 tournaments.

2015 – 10 sections, 50 players 2016 – 10 sections, 50 players 2017 – 10 sections, 50 players 2018 – 10 sections, 50 players 2019 – 18 sections, 90 players (7 months)

As usual, I ask all the National Federations to publish the information about 2020 themes and Chess 960 events on their websites and magazines.

Amici sumus.

The TT Office **Leonardo Madonia** 

#### **Free Matches**

Dear Chess friends,

#### 1. Introduction

My first report is from ICCF FM 3197 to ICCF FM 3357 (start dates is 09/08/2018 - 02/08/2019). 161 matches are organised.

#### 2. Entries

Countries accepted entries distribution (including entries from players who have been replaced and not present in the organised matches). First is the total entries, second - currently participating players (some of them playing two, three or four matches):

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USA - U.S.A.
                     - 61 (54 players)
BRA - Brazil
                     - 19 (10 players)
                            - 16 (16 players)
ENG - Inglaterra
POL - Poland
                     - 16 (10 players)
MEX - Mexico
                     - 15 (12 players)
INA - Indonesia
                            - 13 (8 players)
                     - 12 (10 players)
IND - India
                     - 10 (7 players)
ITA - Italy
CAN - Canada
                     - 9 (6 players)
NED - Netherlands
                     - 9 (5 players)
NZL - New Zealand - 9 (8 players)
ROU - Romania
                            - 9 (5 players)
                            - 8 (5 players)
AUS - Australia
FRA - France
                     - 8 (5 players)
PAN – Panama
                     - 8 (7 players)
                            - 8 (3 players)
PHI - Philippines
ESP - Spain
                     - 7 (7 players)
GER - Germany
                            - 7 (7 players)
UKR - Ukraine
                     - 6 (3 players)
ARG - Argentina
                            - 5 (5 players)
RUS - Russian
                            - 5 (5 players)
AUT - Austria
                     - 4 (4 players)
CUB - Cuba
                     - 4 (1 players)
                     - 4 (3 players)
SUI - Switzerland
                     - 3 (2 players)
GRE - Greece
                     - 3 (3 players)
SWE - Sweden
TUR - Turkey
                     - 3 (2 players)
ALG - Algeria
                     - 2 (2 players)
BUL - Bulgaria
                            - 2 (1 players)
ESA - El Salvador
                     - 2 (1 players)
FIN - Finland
                     - 2 (1 players)
GUM - Guam
                     - 2 (1 players)
                     - 2 (2 players)
IRL - Ireland
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KAZ - Kazakhstan
                     - 2 (2 players)
                     - 2 (2 players)
LAT - Latvia
NCA - Nicaragua
                           - 2 (2 players)
                     - 2 (2 players)
POR - Portugal
RSA - South Africa
                     - 2 (2 players)
                            - 1 (1 players)
BEL – Belgium
                     - 1 (1 players)
CHI - Chile
COL - Colombia
                           - 1 (1 players)
DEN - Denmark
                            - 1 (1 players)
ECU - Ecuador
                     - 1 (1 players)
                     - 1 (1 players)
EST - Estonia
                     - 1 (1 players)
HKG - Hong Kong
HUN - Hungary
                            - 1 (1 players)
                     - 1 (1 players)
JOR - Jordan
                     - 1 (1 players)
NOR - Norway
PAK - Pakistan
                           - 1 (1 players)
                     - 1 (1 players)
PUR - Puerto Rico
                           - 1 (1 players)
SCO - Scotland
SLO - Slovenia
                            - 1 (1 players)
SRB - Serbia
                     - 1 (1 players)
SRI - Sri Lanka
                            - 1 (1 players)
STP - Sao Tome and Principe - 1 (1 players)
SVK - Slovakia
                           - 1 (1 players)
TRI - Trinidad and Tobago - 1 (1 players)
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Total: 322 entries, 250 players.

## 3. Appreciation

Tournament directors who directed the events during the reviewed period:

```
360483 Løvås, Roger
460497 Ilonen, Ilmari
142127 Panitevsky, Ivan Anatolevich
370933 Daatselaar, Jan Bart van
920048 Dambrauskas, Virginijus
920286 Grabliauskas, Virginijus
030222 Murden, Clive
460872 Salminen, Jussi
071069 Simal Moreira, Leonardo
150979 Kjeldsen, Karsten
070490 Fuzishawa, Richard Mitsuo
081437 Schirmer, Michael
250025 Gredescul, Andrea
690485 Menéndez Rodríguez, Giraldo
071494 Caron, Sérgio Valladares
180830 Ruiz-Vidal, Pierre
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## 070484 Neves, Bianor de Oliveira

Bianor de Oliveira Neves, IA (BRA) FMO

I would like to thank all tournament organisers and tournament directors for their continuous work in keeping the non-title tournaments running smoothly and successfully. Thanks to Austin Lockwood for updating information on the website, keeping Federations and their players informed.

I would also like to thank my predecessor Neil Limbert for the clean handover. And Russell Sherwood for his great assistance!

Amici sumus Jörg Kracht NTTC