



Zone 1 General Meeting 2021

Zonal Director Report on activities for Year 2020

**Ivanteevka, Russia
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Dear Mr President, EU Officials and Delegates,
Here is my report on Zone 1 (Europe) activities for 2020.

Zone 1 EB

Zone 1 Finance Director Jan Vosselman (Netherlands) stepped down due to personal reasons on May,5, 2020. Delegates were informed on the mid-term election process, however no application was received in time.

Zone 1 EB appointed Dr. Ferdinand Burmeister as Zone 1 FD. Dr. Ferdinand took this position from November,1 2020.

Unfortunately Dr. Ferdinand Burmeister sent a Resignation Letter in April of 2021. He decided to resign as Finance Director of Zone 1 effective on June 30, 2021. Delegates were informed on a new mid-term election process, however no Federation expressed its wish to nominate a candidate to Finance Director position. Taking in account we have no volunteers to this position I take care on Zone 1 Finances until we have a new FD.

Financial Matters

Dr. Ferdinand Burmeister prepared his report and notes due time. For these documents see appendix 1.

Auditor

Auditor Paul Scott prepared his report and notes in due time. For these documents see appendix 2.

New Website

I am pleased to inform you on new Zone 1 website. A team led by Matjaz Pirš did a lot of work. The website looks up-to-date. Any suggestions, corrections and proposals how to create the website better are welcome.

A link to new site is

<https://www.iccf-europa.eu/>

Tournaments

EU Team Championships

The Final of the 10th ETC started in June 2017 and finally was ended in May 2021. It took almost 4 years to complete the tournament and now we know a new European champion. Final standing is

1. Germany 51.5 pts out of 96;
2. Slovenia 51 pts (17 team results);
3. Italy 51 pts (15 team results).

Congratulations to prize winners!

TD is IA Thed Klauner from Luxembourg.

Cross table may be seen at

<https://www.iccf.com/event?id=66675>

Semifinals of the 11th ETC were completed in 2020.

TD is IA Karel Glaser from Czech Republic.

Cross tables may be seen at

<https://www.iccf.com/event?id=68042>

<https://www.iccf.com/event?id=68043>

<https://www.iccf.com/event?id=68044>

The Final of the 11th ETC starts on August,1 2021 with 13 teams:

Germany, Slovenia, Italy from the 10th European Team Championship;

Lithuania, Switzerland, Scotland from the Semifinal 1;

Latvia, Slovakia from the Semifinal 2;

Poland, Austria, Ukraine from the Semifinal 3;

Wales as the best team placed 4th in the Semifinals;

Bulgaria as a team with the best percentage amongst non-qualified teams.

TD is IA Thed Klauner from Luxembourg.

Semifinals of the 12th ETC start on August,1 2021 with 30 teams divided in 3 groups of 10 teams each.

TD is IA Karel Glaser from Czech Republic.

EU Individual Championships

Finals

The Final of the 72nd EU Individual Championship is played on server. It started in September of 2019 with 17 players. TD is IA Valery Myakutin from Russia. 131 games of 136 are finished.

The Final of the 73rd EU Individual Championship is played on server. It started in September of 2019 with 17 players. TD is IA Uwe Staroske from Germany. 106 games of 136 are finished.

The Final of the 74th EU Individual Championship is played by postal mail. It started in March of 2021 with 19 players. TD is IA Leonardo Madonia from Italy. 1 game of 171 is finished.

Candidate's Tournaments

This year (March 2021) we started 5 sections with 16 players in each group (totally 80 players). The most active countries are Germany with 22 players and Russia with 9 players. TD is IA Marco Caressa from Italy.

European server and postal championship (since 2014) statistics (number of sections started):

Stage / Year	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021(01-06)
WS Candidates	4	5	5	5	5	7	6	5
WS Semifinals	18	14	12	17	15	16	18	TBS in Sept
WS Preliminaries	34	27	27	25	25	17	18	9
WS Open	66	49	62	54	56	53	62	29
Postal SF	9	4	6	6	5	3	2	1
Postal Open	21	9	6	9	6	6	9	4

EU Team Championship at Chess 960

The third edition of Chess 960 Team Championship started September,15 2020 with 8 national teams. TD is Andrea Gradescul from Moldova. 185 of 224 are finished. Leading teams are Ukraine and Italy.

EU Individual Championship at chess 960

By proposal of Zonal Director a new individual championship at chess 960 was introduced.

The first championship attracted 60 players from 20 European countries.

Play in preliminaries started in June of 2019 and was completed in March 2020.

The semifinals started in April 2020 and were completed in December 2020. The Final started with 7 players in January 2021. TD is Yuri Tyulenko from Russia. 32 of 42 games are finished. All of them are draws.

The second championship started with 42 players in November 2020.

The third championship is expected to be started in September 2021.

EU Team Cup

By proposal of Zonal Director a new team tournament was proposed. A team cup played as a series of friendly matches. The main idea was to let teams play a friendly match as a stage of a single tournament. The first edition attracted 13 national teams. The tournament is played in three stages. It was planned that all stages would last for three years, however practice shows it is expected to complete whole cycle faster than in two years and a half.

Quarterfinals started on February,1 2020.

Germany – Slovenia 26,5:13,5

Germany – Norway 30:10

Slovenia – Norway 26:14

Russia – France 20,5:19,5

Italy – Ukraine 20,5:19,5

Spain – Poland 21,5:18,5

Romania – Netherlands 22:18

Wales – Sweden 23:17

Semifinals started on October,15 2020.

Italy – Germany 20,5:19,5

Romania – Germany 21:19

Italy – Romania 21:19

Russia – Spain 21,5:18,5

Russia – Wales 21,5:18,5

Spain – Wales 21:19

The gold match Italy v Russia and the bronze medal match Romania v Spain start on July,17 2021.

The second edition of the event is expected to be started in the 2nd Quarter of 2022.

Friendly match “One country vs Rest of Europe”

As it was agreed in 2011 such a match “One country vs Rest of Europe” would be organized annually.

Previous matches (finished and ongoing) statistics:

Start date	One country	Boards	Score	Winner
2011-12-19	Ukraine	66	76.5-56.5	Ukraine
2012-12-15	Russia	100	120.5-79.5	Russia
2014-03-17	Germany	265	281.5-248.5	Germany
2015-03-01	Italy	127	109-145	Rest of Europe

2015-12-31	Czech Republic	119	129.5-106.5	Czech Rep.
2016-12-15	Poland	70	70.5-65.5	Poland
2017-09-30	Germany (postal)	60	65-50 Germany leads	Germany
2017-10-31	France	50	54.5-45.5	France
2018-11-01	England	136	112-160	Rest of Europe
2019-12-01	Netherlands	70	63.5-76.5	Rest of Europe
2020-09-30	Sweden	63	60-41 Rest of Europe leads	
2021	vacant			

EU Amateur Cup

By proposal of Zonal Director a new multi staged tournament was introduced for players rated below 2000. The main idea of such a tournament is to let players who love cc but are not too strong at chess to compete for a Trophy.

The first tournament attracted 180 players. Play in preliminaries started in February of 2019 and was completed in January,2020. Semifinals started in February 2020 and were completed in December 2020. The final started with 15 players in February of 2021. TD is Yuri Tyulenko from Russia. 69 games of 105 are finished.

The second edition of this tournament started with 90 players. Play in preliminaries began in March of 2020 and was completed in January,2021. Semifinals started in March 2021.

The third edition of this tournament started in February,2021 with 140 players.

EU Senior Cup

By proposal of Zonal Director a new multi staged tournament was introduced for EU veteran players (60+) that would be started every year.

The first tournament attracted 360 players. It shows a great interest of Veteran players to play such events. Play in preliminaries started in June 2021.

EU Werner Stern Memorial postal

To pay a permanent tribute to the memory of a great player in the history of European and World postal correspondence chess Werner Stern who was the only player to have won the European Championship twice, by proposal of Dr. Uwe Staroske it was organized a Werner Stern Memorial played by postal mail. The tournament started with 13 players. TD is IA Joop Jansen from Netherlands. 66 games of 78 are finished.

By proposal of Zonal Director it was also agreed to let players who prefer playing on the server to pay tribute to Werner Stern as well. An open tournament on the server attracted 169 players from 22 European countries including 69 titled players. All players were divided in 13 groups of 13 players. Play started in June 2019 and was completed in May 2020.

The winner of each section qualified to the main Final with prize fund of 1000 Euro (500/200/200). Players placed 2nd and 3rd of each preliminary section qualified to consolation Final A with prize fund of 150 and consolation Final B with prize fund of 100 Euro.

All Final groups started on June,15 2020 with 13 players each. TD is IA Uwe Staroske from Germany.

Main Final. 76 of 78 games are finished. The winner is Dmitry Morozov from Russia.

Final A. The tournament is finished. The winner is Richard Webster from England.

Final B. 76 of 78 games are finished. The winner is Hannes Rolle from Germany.

Mont Blanc at King Chess

An experimental tournament with a slight modification of the rules was organized by a proposal of Zonal Director.

King chess was invented three years ago by GM Sergey Matyukhin, twice champion of Russia at correspondence chess. This type of chess was presented at ICCF Congress in Vilnius in 2019 and attracted ICCF President Eric Rush, Qualification Commissioner Uwe Staroske and the 24th World Champion Marjan Šemrl.

The only rule differs from classical chess. Namely, a conditional rule to play with its King on regular basis makes it possible to expand the possibilities of chess.

Everyone who plays King Chess can confirm the fact that a new game surpasses the classical version in the depth of ideas and in the beauty of combinations. And if we add to these conclusions the fulfillment of the task that was originally set up - to enable chess players to think on moves with their own brains, then we can state the complete success of King Chess.

A tournament was played with 40 players. Start June 2020, end March 2021. TD is Yuri Tyulenko from Russia.

I must stress that 174 of 200 games were decisive. Only 13% of games were drawn. This proves the thesis of the inventor – players are expected to think on moves with their own brain, not relying of engine assistance.

Cross table may be seen at

<https://www.iccf.com/event?id=85416>

Proposals

A proposals made by ZD

1. Duration of EU Team Championship.

The result of voting.

A) **4 years – 13** (England, Germany, Italy, Latvia, Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Scotland, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland)

B) **3 years – 2** (Belarus, Wales)

C) **2 years – 2** (Lithuania, Russia)

ABSTAIN – 1 (Ukraine)

NO vote – 17 (Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Luxembourg, Norway, Slovakia)

My comment. This means the cycle lasts for 4 years. Not play, but a whole cycle including announcement, collecting of entries, draw of lots, play, adjudication (if necessary).

2. Time control in EU Team Championship.

The result of voting.

A) **Standard 10 moves in 50 days – 15** (Belarus, England, Germany, Italy, Latvia, Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Russia, Scotland, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Wales)

B) **TripleBlockSystem – 3** (Lithuania, Slovenia, Ukraine)

NO vote – 17 (Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Luxembourg, Norway, Slovakia)

My comment. Standard control 10 moves in 50 days will be used in a new cycle.

3. Having examined invoices for Zone 1 for year 2020 I came to conclusion we may reduce entry fees for some Zonal tournaments.

The result of voting.

15 FOR (France, Germany, Italy, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Portugal, Russia, Scotland, Slovakia, Slovenia, Sweden, Switzerland, Ukraine, Wales),

0 AGAINST,

20 NO VOTE (Austria, Belarus, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark, England, Estonia, Finland, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Latvia, Norway, Poland, Romania, Spain).

The proposal on new fees was **approved**. **New fees** for EU Zone tournaments will be applied to events to be started from 01.01.2022.

	2021 current	2022 proposal
EU Open Class (WS and PO)	3,50 €	3,00 €
EU Championship Preliminaries	6,00 €	5,00 €
EU Championship Semi-finals (WS)	25,00 €	20,00 €
EU Championship Semi-finals (PO)	7,00 €	7,00 €
EU Championship Candidates	15,00 €	15,00 €
EU Championship Final (WS)	0,00 €	0,00 €
EU Championship Final (PO)	15,00 €	15,00 €
EU Team Championship Semi-finals	15,00 €	12,00 €

EU Team Championship Final	0,00 €	0,00 €
EU Championship Chess 960	6,00 €	5,00 €
EU Team Championship Chess 960 (per player)	2,00 €	2,00 €
EU Amateur Cup	5,00 €	5,00 €
EU Senior Cup	6,00 €	6,00 €
EU Memorial Tournament	12,00 €	10,00 €
EU Memorial Team Tournament (per player)	5,00 €	5,00 €
EU Team Cup (per player)	0,00 €	0,00 €

Appreciations

Finally I would like to thank all cc friends who actively worked as Tournament Organizers and Tournament Directors.

Thank you all.

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