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Report on the Interzonal Tournaments to the ICCF Congress of 2021

It is my privilege to report on the Interzonal Tournaments since the virtual Congress of 2020.

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.

The following tournament is still in progress

- The 10th Interzonal Team Tournament – 19 teams of 8 players each – single round robin.
 - Start date: 7 April 2019.
 - Tournament Organiser: Peter Maylott (IA) of Australia.
 - Tournament Director: IM Mariusz Wojnar (IA) of Poland.

The following tournament has been started during the past year

- The 11th Interzonal Team Tournament – 16 teams of 8 players each – single round robin.
 - Start date: 31 March 2021.
 - Tournament Organiser: IM Yosua Sitorus of Indonesia.
 - Tournament Director: Peter Maylott (IA) of Australia.

The following tournament will be started during the coming year

- The 12th Interzonal Team Tournament.
 - Start date: 3rd quarter of 2022.

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 the semi finals and a final. These events (just like the IZTT) are also organised on a two year basis.

The following tournaments are still in progress

- The 2nd Interzonal Individual Tournament Semi Finals with 4 groups of 13 players each.
 - Category 5.
 - Start date: 31 December 2019.
 - Tournament Organiser: SIM Everdinand Knol of South Africa.
 - Tournament Directors:
 - SIM Andrey Pavlikov (IA) of Russia.
 - SIM Per Soderberg (IA) of Sweden.
 - Wesley Underwood (IA) of USA.
 - SIM Gino Franco Figlio (IA) of Peru.

- The 1st Interzonal Individual Tournament Final with 17 players.
 - Category 8.
 - Start date: 31 March 2020.
 - Tournament Organiser: SIM Everdinand Knol of South Africa.
 - Tournament Director: SIM Uwe Staroske (IA) of Germany.

- The 4th Interzonal Individual Tournament Preliminaries with 14 groups of 9 players each.
 - Category 1.
 - Start date: 30 April 2020.
 - Tournament Organiser: SIM Everdinand Knol of South Africa.
 - Tournament Directors:
 - Peter Maylott (IA) of Australia.
 - CCE Jan Bart van Daatselaar (IA) of Netherlands.
 - SIM Andrei Yeremenko (IA) of Ukraine.
 - SIM Gino Franco Figlio (IA) of Peru.
 - SIM Andrey Pavlikov (IA) of Russia.

The following tournament has been started during the past year

- The 3rd Interzonal Individual Tournament Semi Finals with 4 groups of 13 players each.
 - Category 5.
 - Start date: 30 June 2021.
 - Tournament Organiser: SIM Everdinand Knol of South Africa.
 - Tournament Director: Peter Maylott (IA) of Australia.

The following tournaments will be started during the coming year

- The 2nd Interzonal Individual Tournament Final.
 - Start date: 3rd quarter of 2022.

- The 5th Interzonal Individual Tournament Preliminaries.
 - Start date: 4th quarter of 2022.

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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