**The missing president**

The Historical Commission examined the FIDE presidential elections of 1939. In their conclusion not Alexander Rueb (NED) was elected, but Augusto De Muro (ARG).

During the period since 1939 mr. Rueb was considered by FIDE as the elected President. A position he had taken since 1924 and which he kept unto 1949.

The election took place 83 years ago during the outbreak of World War II. Most delegates had to hurry home to save their lives, others asked asylum in Argentina.

It was a difficult situation in which it was hard to cope with all formalities within FIDE.

I respect the members of the Historical Commission and their chairman Willy Iclicki, but I have serious reservations on the proposal to change the course of history by asking the GA of FIDE to recognise a new President after 83 years. I am afraid we are opening Pandora’s box. Things happened as they did, we can discover new facts and develop a new vision on history, but I thing we go one step to far by trying to undo what happened.

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