

**74<sup>th</sup> FIDE Congress Technical  
Commission  
30 October 2003 Kallithea, Halkidiki,  
Greece**

**Report**

**Chairman:** W. Stubenvoll (AUT)

**Present:** D. De Ridder (BEL), M. Markkula (FIN), S. Reuben (ENG), R. Barrera (ARG), A. Santos (ECU), A. Curado (POR), H. Metzinger (GER), F. Jeitz (LUX), M. Abdul Rahim (UAE), P. Nikolopoulos (GRE), Abd Hamid Majid (MAS), B. Malobabic (CAN), C. Keles (TUR), P. Domingue (SEY), A. Vasse (NED), C. Hill (GER), J. Hill (GER), G. Gijssen (NED), E. Eletsky (RUS), V. Dvorkovich (RUS), M.S. Yousufzai (AFG), G. Qaderi (AFG), C. Krauze (GER), G. Anaya (CUB), L. Schmid (GER), S.L. Harsh (IND), M. Pahlevanzadeh (IRI), K. Jungwirth (AUT), R. Zsifuvits (AUT).

1. Opening

2. Minutes of the Rules and Tournament Regulations Committee are printed

3. Minutes of Swiss Pairing Committee are drafted

4. Proposed duties of FIDE Technical Commission

- all technical standards in FIDE events (Olympiad and World Championships) in order to assure the highest quality, among which chess clocks and boards, minimum table size, distance between player, distance from spectators, minimum light, ...
- provide software (players data and pairing program) to organizers
- quality of Swiss pairings: the first verification should be made by the national rating officers
- all information including standards for data processing and reporting should be available at the start of an Olympiad
- keep up to date with new and changing technological material.

The general question is put which committee is responsible for which duties (to avoid overlap). A proposal will be submitted by Mr. Stubenvoll and Mr. De Ridder to the General Assembly 2004 to be included in FIDE Handbook.

A subcommittee for chess standards is installed. Members are Mr. Gijssen, Mr. Keles and Mr. Pahlevanzadeh. A report should be submitted to the chairman of Technical Commission until 1 March 2004.

5. Mr. Vasse presents the new version of DOT XL clocks. LCD and battery holder have been improved. DOT 2000 will continue to exist. The commission thanks Mr. Vasse and his company for the continuous effort for chess.

6. Mrs. and Mr. Hill (Germany) present a prototype of a chessboard with sensors and a built-in DGT chessclock. It is suitable for left- and right-handed players. It would be interesting if the information of the chessboard is transmitted to a computer. Small improvements are needed before awarding a certificate.

7. Mrs. Malobabic presents electronic scoresheets. In addition to the presented model a larger display can be created. It might be possible to install an additional button to be pushed in case of time trouble. It has to be clarified how to apply this electronic scoresheet in the case of visually handicapped players.

The commission proposes that a tournament should be organized with Canadian top players and International Arbiters who will report their findings to the commission.

8. Mr. Reuben informs about available software to calculate title norms according to the new regulations.



Werner Stubenvoll  
Chairman



Dirk De Ridder  
Secretary