

**78<sup>TH</sup> FIDE CONGRESS 2007**  
**Antalya, Turkey**

**Swiss Pairings Committee**  
**12 November 2007**  
**15.00 -17.00**

**Attendance sheet**

**Chairman: M. Markkula (FIN)**

Present: E. Price (RSA), R. Alt (GER), T. Tikkanen (SWE), A. Burstein (ISR), A. Vardapetian (ARM), P. Nikolopoulos (GRE), D. De Ridder (BEL), W. Stubenvoll (AUT), A. Filipowicz (POL), I. Vereshchagin (RUS), S. Reuben (ENG), A. Vasse (NED)

**Report**

**1. Opening**

In the absence of the committee chairman Christian Krause, acting chairman Mikko Markkula opened the meeting.

**2. Endorsement Procedure for Swiss System Pairing Programs**

The committee chairman Christian Krause had prepared a proposal for the endorsement procedure of Swiss System pairing programs.

The proposal was approved with only one change: If the author wants to appeal against the decision of the three testers, he can appeal to the committee. The committee will nominate a fourth tester. If the fourth tester agrees with the three testers, then the decision is final. If the fourth tester disagrees, then a new group of three testers will be appointed.

**3. Programs in the Endorsement Procedure**

For the moment three programs are in the phase 2 of the testing procedure:

CHESSE ARBITER PRO (CAP) of Mr. Adam Curylo (POL)

Turnering Service of Mr. Harald Heggelund (NOR)

Tournament Director of Mr. Neil Hayward (ENG)

The decision about the endorsement of these programs is expected next year.

**4. Pairing at the 2008 Chess Olympiad**

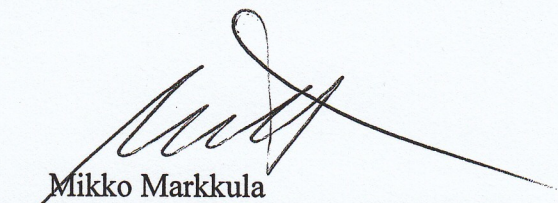
The Olympiad will be played in 11 rounds.

The Pairing system will be based on match points instead of game points.

There were two proposals to amend or change the pairing system for the Olympiad. Almog Burstein (ISR) had proposed amendments to the existing Olympiad pairing rules.

Werner Stubenvoll (AUT) had proposed to change to a different system that has been used in the European Team Championship.

The FIDE Deputy President Georgios Makropoulos had asked Mr. Burstein and Mr. Stubenvoll to prepare a common proposal for the Executive Board. The committee had a long discussion about the issues in the Olympiad pairing. The committee hoped that the proposal will be clear and that the pairing rules will be clearly communicated to the federation well before the Olympiad.



Mikko Markkula  
Acting Chairman (and secretary)