

PERMANENT COMMISSION OF THE FIDE FOR CHESS COMPOSITIONS (PCCC)

48th Meeting in Eretria, Greece, 3rd–10th September 2005

MINUTES

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Marko Klasinc	Slovenia	Delegate
Thomas Maeder	Switzerland	Delegate
Evgeny Reitsen	Ukraine	Delegate
Mike Prcic	USA	Delegate

Klaus Wenda (Honorary President) and Michal Dragoun (Czech Republic) apologised for absence. Anatoly Slesarenko deputised for Jakov Vladimirov (Russia) in the third session, and Zoran Gavrilovski for Živko Janevski (Macedonia) in the final session.

Other people who contributed actively included: Harry Fougiaxis, Nikos Kalesis, Dimitris Kefalas, George Manetas, Pavlos Moutecidis and Costas Prentos (organisation), Yochanan Afek,

Juraj Brabec, Paz Einat, Hans Gruber, Marek Kolčák, Nikolai Kralin, Viktor Melnichenko, Piotr Murdzia, Oleg Pervakov, Hans Peter Rehm, John Roycroft, Andrei Selivanov, Rainer Staudte and Colin Sydenham (Subcommittees), Peter Bakker, Christopher Jones, Axel Steinbrink and Ward Stoffelen (WCSC and Open Solving Tourney) and Irina and Maria Kuzmicheva (interpreters).

1. Opening Address

President John Rice opened the meeting and welcomed delegates and observers. This was the first time that the Congress had taken place in the same country two years in a row. He thanked our Greek hosts, Harry Fougias and his helpers, and in particular Nikos Kalesis and Dimitris Kefalas of the Chess Club of Koridallios.

2. Tributes

The President announced with regret the death of many persons prominent in chess composition, in particular:

Jan Hannelius	Finland	7.12.1916 - 7.3.2005 [PCCC President 1974-86]
Friedrich Chlubna	Austria	15.4.1946 - 6.1.2005 [PCCC Secretary 1972-74]
Alexander Hildebrand	Sweden	24.12.1921 - 3.8.2005 [Former Delegate for Sweden and Estonia]

The Commission stood in memory of them and of the following:

Vyacheslav Anufriev	Russia	1949 - 2005
Vladimir Archakov	Russia	24.9.1938 - 6.1.2005
Mike Bent	Great Britain	27.11.1919 - 28.12.2004
Dragutin Bišćan	Croatia	24.8.1923 - 14.12.2004
Eero Bonsdorff	Finland	18.10.1921 - 3.9.2004
Alex Casa	France	17.4.1932 - 8.2005
Alex Ettinger	Israel	16.8.1923 - 14.1.2005
Árpád Földeák	Hungary	8.7.1917 - 2004
Georgy Kakabadze	Georgia	died 2005
Vyacheslav Kopaev	Russia	18.3.1938 - 28.5.2005
Mykola Nagnibida	Ukraine	12.6.1939 - 19.3.2005
Mihai Olariu	Romania	17.9.1920 - 1.8.2005
József Pogáts	Hungary	10.7.1928 - 2004
Konstantin Sukharev	Russia	26.2.1912 - 8.10.2004
Rolf Trautner	Germany	7.8.1939 - 7.1.2005
Lev Ulanov	Latvia	10.12.1922 - 17.6.2004
Pavel Vyoral	Czech Republic	6.4.1945 - 15.1.2005
Heinz Zander	Germany	19.3.1924 - 14.9.2004

3. Verification of Attendance and Voting Rights

30 member countries out of 39 were represented. The meeting was declared legal. The following countries were not represented: Azerbaijan, Belarus, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Brazil, Czech Republic, Kazakhstan, Moldova, Mongolia and Spain.

4. Approval of the Halkidiki minutes 2004

There being no objections, the Minutes were approved.

5. Membership of the Standing Subcommittees

- 1. WCCT** U.Avner Spokesman
B.Formánek, b.ellinghoven, H.Gruber, Ž.Janevski, E.Reitsen, J.Rice,
F.Simoni, J.Vladimirov, B.Zappas
- 2. WCCI** P.Petkov Spokesman
D.Gurgenidze, Z.Hernitz, M.Prcic, A.Selivanov, K.Widlert
- 3. Solving** M.Klasinc Spokesman
U.Avner, M.Kolčák, P.Murdzia, J.Vladimirov
- 4. FIDE-Album** K.Widlert Spokesman
U.Avner, b.ellinghoven, H.Gruber, J.Rice, A.Selivanov
- 5. Qualifications** H.Harkola Spokesman
B.Enemark, L.Palmans, C.Sydenham, H.Zajic (A.Mikholap, I.Murãraşu,
K.Wenda)
- 6. Computer Matters** T.Maeder Spokesman
P.Einat, B.Enemark, Z.Janevski, I.Ketris, Z.Laborczy, H.le Grand
(B.Stephenson)
- 7. Studies** Y.Afek Spokesman
D.Gurgenidze, N.Kralin, O.Pervakov, J.Roycroft (G.Costeff)
- 8. Codex** [Vacant] Spokesman
B.Formánek, C.Sydenham, K.Widlert
- 9. Judging** J.Rice Spokesman
U.Avner, J.Roycroft
- 10. Terminology** B.Formánek Spokesman
J.Brabec, I.Ketris (M.Dragoun)

(Names in brackets denote members absent this year.)

Marko Klasinc resigned from the WCCI Subcommittee and the President thanked him for his work both as Director of the WCCI 1998-2000 and as first Spokesman of the Subcommittee. The WCSC Subcommittee was renamed the Solving Subcommittee in view of its increased scope. Günter Büsing resigned as Spokesman of the Codex Subcommittee. Spokesmen elected during the week were Petko Petkov (WCCI) and Hannu Harkola (Qualifications). The Working Party for the International Solving Competition (chairman Uri Avner, members Peter Bakker, Axel Steinbrink and Ward Stoffelen) also met during the week.

6. Notification of Proposals, and Subcommittee Business

Discussion of the proposals were allocated to the Subcommittees as follows:

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| 6.1 U.Avner (“Second chance” Album) | FIDE-Album |
| 6.2 b.ellinghoven (Composing tourney for beginners) for discussion in full Commission | |
| 6.3 M.Klasinc (Solving norms at the ECSC) | Solving |
| 6.4 M.Prcic (next WCCI) | WCCI |
| 6.6 H# judges, WCCI 2001-3 (Rules for the WCCI) | WCCI |

As regards Proposal 6.5 (Extending the opportunities to gain norms), the President invited everyone to discuss the ideas contained in the various documents, and also in the 2004 brochure of GM Valentin Rudenko. He would arrange the preparation of a document summarizing the various arguments, in advance of the 2006 Congress, to facilitate discussion at that Congress. The question of quicker decisions and procedures was referred to the FIDE Album Subcommittee. An article from Honorary President Klaus Wenda regarding the WCCI was circulated to delegates. Preliminary discussion of the 1st International Solving Competition (ISC) and 1st European Chess Solving Championship (ECSC) would take place at the Solving Subcommittee.

7. Brief Reports by Delegates on activities during 2004-2005

Great Britain (J.Rice). The British Chess Problem Society and Chess Endgame Study Circle continue to hold regular meetings. There was a BCPS Residential Weekend in Derby in April, though numbers were reduced, partly though a clash with the German Solving Championship. *Russia* (J.Vladimirov). The Album Russia 2001-2003 had been published, and also the fourth in Jakov Vladimirov's anthology series, 1000 masterpieces of chess composition. His 1000 chess problems had gone into a fourth edition. *Ukraine* (E.Reitsen). The 2004 Annual had been published, and a copy was presented, as per tradition, to the President. *Israel* (U.Avner). Meetings in Tel-Aviv are held on the first Sunday of every month. A match with Macedonia is currently in progress. *Slovakia* (B.Formánek). The 50th issue of *Pat a Mat* had been issued. B.Formánek had retired after 52 years as President of the Slovak Organisation for Composition Chess, his successor being Emil Klemánič. *Croatia* (Z.Hernitz) A match Saxony v Croatia in 3 sections was won by Saxony 127-107. *Hungary* (Z.Laborczi). Three tourneys, Benko-75 JT, Lindner MT and Földeák MT were being conducted, and a tourney for young composers was planned. *Finland* (H.Harkola). Meetings are held every 2 weeks in Helsinki and every month in Tampere. This year Suomen Tehtäväniekat celebrates its 75th anniversary. Finland won a composing match against Switzerland. *Greece* (B.Zappas). All Congress participants were given a booklet which included the awards in the Martoudis MT and the Dniepropetrovsk v Thessaloniki composing match. *Estonia* (I.Aunver). A problem column in a sports newspaper was the only current activity, but it was hoped to do more. *Latvia* (I.Ketris). A composition website <http://a8.q.nu> was being developed. *Romania* (D-I. Nicula). A book on Radu Dragoescu by V.Petrovici and M.Stere had been published. A trophy named after Dragoescu was being awarded for chess composition. *USA* (M.Prcic). Mike Prcic had published a collection of Julius Buchwald's problems.

8. Subcommittees: Reports and Discussion

1. WCCT [World Chess Composition Tourney] (Spokesman Uri Avner)

8th WCCT. Uri Avner reported that the themes had been selected, judging duties had been allocated to countries, and a timetable established. The current wording of themes on the PCCC website was not yet final, but would be soon. Any subsequent questions should be addressed to the Director, Hans Gruber. The tourney would be announced through the PCCC website. The Director of the 7th WCCT, Živko Janevski, had a list of email addresses for countries which were not members of the PCCC.

David Gurgenidze expressed concern that the same countries would be judging the studies section again. A change was made when Finland offered to judge in that section.

Marjan Kovačević said that in discussions he had held with many problemists before formulating his proposal [one of the documents in Proposal 6.5], much dissatisfaction with the 7th WCCT had been expressed. He preferred a system of ranking the best 30 entries in each section, rather than totalling judges' marks. Uri Avner replied that his experience had been different: the new format of the WCCT was widely appreciated and considered successful, even if improvements could still be achieved. He thought an absolutely perfect system was an illusion, and that the one suggested by Marjan had its own drawbacks. It was, he claimed, much easier to give marks than to rank problems in order. The President commented that the marks system helped to reward quality. Marjan said that there was a weakness in that the 0-4 marking system gave an advantage to countries that marked severely. Uri Avner replied that the Subcommittee hoped to deal with excessive discrepancies between judging countries by giving increased powers to the WCCT Director. In general, there would be no significant changes in procedure between the 7th and 8th WCCTs, as alterations to the new system, if any, were better done gradually; further experience of it was desirable too. Marko Klasinc commented that we should begin to think about arrangements for the 9th WCCT, so as to get into a 3-year cycle.

2. WCCI [World Championship in Composing for Individuals] (Spokesman Petko Petkov)

WCCI 2001-2003. Director Mike Prcic distributed the award booklet for this event, which had been completed on time. The President congratulated Mike, and thanked him for all his work. By a unanimous vote, the results of the WCCI 2001-2003 were confirmed as final.

Future WCCI. The Subcommittee recommended that in future the WCCI should involve only original compositions, either in a thematic tourney or with free theme. Marko Klasinc reminded the meeting that a preliminary announcement had been made in 2003 regarding the WCCI 2004-2006, and that we should continue with the present system for that period. For 2007-2009 Marjan Kovačević mentioned an old suggestion from Milan Velimirović to have both a thematic tourney and one for originals, with the scores combined. Jakov Vladimirov recommended a theme tourney only for WCCI 2007-2009, as free-theme originals were less easy to compare. He commented that in 2006 we would be able to compare the selections made by judges for the FIDE Album 1998-2000 and WCCI 1998-2000. Henk le Grand said that an originals tourney for the WCCI would deprive magazines, the lifeblood of composition, of the best work. Bernd Ellinghoven suggested that for 2007-2009 we should have a combined WCCT and WCCI competition. A definite decision regarding the WCCI was required at the 2006 Congress, and the Subcommittee would bring forward proposals.

Petko Petkov and Jakov Vladimirov asked about the status of World Champion titles and medals given out at the St Petersburg 1998 Congress [based on the results of the 1989-1991 FIDE-Album]. The President said that they were of course valid, but that the system had then been changed [the present WCCI had been introduced at Netanya 1999]. Marko Klasinc said that we should refer to the World Individual Championships of 1989-1991, 1998-2000, 2001-2003 without any numeration. This had always been the intention of the WCCI Subcommittee. Marjan Kovačević raised the question of problems being judged more than once by different sets of judges. Proposal 3 in his paper addressed this problem, saying that WCCI marks should be carried over to the FIDE Album tourney.

3. Solving (Spokesman Marko Klasinc)

WCSC Director Peter Bakker announced the results of the 29th World Chess Solving Championship, Eretria.

Team: 1.Great Britain 158½/180 pts; 2.Israel 155½ pts; 3.Finland 148½ pts; 4.Poland 148 pts; 5.Germany 145½ pts; 6.Slovakia 135½ pts. (19 countries).

Individual: 1.Piotr Murdzia (Poland) 84/90 pts; 2.Jonathan Mestel (Great Britain) 80 pts; 3.John Nunn (Great Britain) 78½ pts; 4.Marjan Kovačević (Serbia & Montenegro) 78 pts; 5-6.Ofer Comay (Israel) and Michel Caillaud (France) 76½ pts. (72 solvers)

Peter Bakker had replaced Brian Stephenson, who had had to withdraw at short notice for family reasons. The President thanked Peter and his team, and congratulated the winners.

International Solving Competition The trial-run ISC, held in January 2005 with 262 solvers from 23 countries participating, had worked smoothly. The three top-placed solvers were: 1.Roland Baier (Switzerland), 2.Kari Karhunen (Finland) and 3.Michal Dragoun (Czech Republic), all with maximum points and separated only on time. Director Ward Stoffelen was thanked for his work in controlling this event; he indicated his willingness to continue, and announced that the 2006 ISC would take place on 22nd January.

The Solving Subcommittee was opposed to awarding norms based on ISC results for technical reasons – many venues, different time zones. On the other hand, the ISC Working Party chaired by Uri Avner recommended that solvers should be able to get one [FIDE Master] norm at the ISC, perhaps with a higher threshold if the problems were easier than at other events. Maybe the ISC should have two sections, for stronger and weaker solvers. Uri said that many solvers had expressed an interest in gaining norms through the ISC. Marjan Kovačević presented a different point of view, that the main purpose of the ISC was popularisation, to attract new solvers who might then move on to norm-granting events. It was important that solvers got their results quickly. He mentioned a solving tourney in Serbia & Montenegro held simultaneously at 4 venues with 56 solvers, with all scores being available in one hour. Ward Stoffelen said that delay was inevitable with the ISC, where the central controller had to ensure consistency of marking between different countries. Zoltán Laborczi mentioned that the ISC had been used as this year's Hungarian Solving Championship. It was decided to defer the question of norms to the next Congress. However, as regards solvers' ratings, a vote was taken on the question: "Should solving ratings be affected by the next ISC?" This was agreed, the voting being: For 9, Against 7, Abstentions 10.

European Chess Solving Championship. The first ECSC, held in Poland in June 2005, was a great success, being almost as strong as the WCSC. The event was won by Finland (216 points), with Great Britain second (213½) and Serbia & Montenegro third (201). The leading solvers were Pauli Perkonoja (Finland – 86 points), Piotr Murdzia (84) and Marjan Kovačević (80½). The President thanked Director Axel Steinbrink, Piotr Murdzia (who had been the inspiration behind the event) and his helpers for their work. No decision was reached regarding the venue for the next ECSC. The Czech Republic offered to stage it in Pardubice on 15th July 2006, but this was too close to the date of the 2006 Congress. Serbia & Montenegro had offered at Halkidiki 2004 to stage the 2006 ECSC in Belgrade, but this was now difficult. Nor was it possible to combine the ECSC with the German International Solving Championship in 2006 or 2007. Possibly at the next Congress a venue might be found for late 2006.

Proposal 6.3 (Solving norms at the ECSC). This proposal by Marko Klasinc was fully supported by the Solving Subcommittee. A motion that "The ECSC should be regarded as an appropriate means of gaining obligatory norms for the Solving GM and IM titles" was approved by 24 votes for, 0 against, with 1 abstention. The alterations appear at the end of these Minutes.

Other topics. Changes to the WCSC rules would be considered during the year. Regarding criteria for solving norms, comments would be welcomed by Marko Klasinc on the principle of "percentage of winner's score"; when a solving tourney is won with a high score, few norms are achieved.

4. FIDE Album (Spokesman Kjell Widlert)

FIDE Album 1998-2000. The provisional results of all sections were now known. The President made a proposal aimed at allowing composers to be awarded titles gained through these results at the present Congress. Delegates were offered two options: 1. Grant all titles without

condition. 2. Grant them provisionally, to be confirmed when all Album work is complete (which will be about March 2006). Option 1 was approved: 15 for, 7 against, 4 abstentions. Bernd ellinghoven announced that the Album would be printed in time for the 2006 Congress.

FIDE Album 2001-2003. The closing date for entries had only just passed, so there was little to report.

FIDE Album 2004-2006. The Subcommittee had considered ways of speeding up the process. A suggestion that composers should rank their entries to make judging work easier would be discussed next year. Directors and judges had now been selected, and the 2004-2006 Album tourney would be announced during 2006, with a closing date sometime in 2007. This time there would be separate directors for the H#2 and Longer Helpmates sections.

Publication of problems selected for the Album on the web. The Subcommittee were happy for points to be published on the web, but not the diagrams and solutions, lest sales of the printed volume be affected. However, Harold van der Heijden had specifically asked that the selected studies be put on the web, to give the opportunity for comments on soundness and originality to be made; this was agreed by the Subcommittee.

Entries lost in the mail. Section directors should make a list of all entries received, to be put on the PCCC website, as a confirmation of receipt for composers.

Proposal 6.1 ("Second chance" Album). Uri Avner proposed such an Album, to contain compositions from the period 1951-2000 which it was felt had been wrongly excluded from the published Albums. Most members of the FIDE Album Subcommittee opposed the proposal; there would be a huge amount of work involved in collecting compositions, many by deceased composers, and in judging. The Subcommittee preferred the idea of an anthology. Marko Klasinc supported the proposal, saying that in particular, selection of H#s, S#s, Fairies and Retros in early Albums was unsatisfactory. Jakov Vladimirov commented that in 10 years' time we might have a different view of which problems deserved to be in the Album, and Luc Palmans reminded the Commission that the FIDE Album was a tourney judged according to standards prevailing at a particular time. The President concluded that there was insufficient support within the Commission for the idea. An anthology might be compiled, but it should be a private undertaking, not a PCCC project.

5. *Qualifications* (Spokesman Hannu Harkola)

The title of *International Judge of the FIDE for Chess Composition* was awarded to:

Yakov Rossomakho Russia Twomovers, Threemovers

The title of *FIDE Solving Master* was awarded to:

Yochanan Afek	Israel
Vlaicu Crişan	Romania
Aleksandr Leontiev	Russia
Dmitry Pletnev	Russia

In addition, the following 1st norms have been achieved in various competitions: GM: Ladislav Salai jr (Slovakia); IM: Vladimir Blokhin (Russia) and Vlaicu Crişan (Romania); FM: Claus Czeremin (Germany), Klemen Sivic (Slovenia) and Miroslav Voraček (Czech Republic).

As decided by the Commission, the following titles were awarded on the provisional results of the FIDE Album 1998-2000:

The title of *Grandmaster of the FIDE for Chess Composition* was awarded to:

Udo Degener	Germany
Nikolai Kralin	Russia
Franz Pachl	Germany
Oleg Pervakov	Russia

The title of *International Master of the FIDE for Chess Composition* was awarded to:

Reto Aschwanden	Switzerland
Aleksandr Bakharev	Russia
János Csák	Hungary
Stefan Dittrich	Germany
Vasyl Dyachuk	Ukraine
bernd ellinghoven	Germany
Vaclav Kotěšovec	Czech Republic
L'udovit Lačný	Slovakia
Jorge J.Loís	Argentina
Mario Parrinello	Italy
Valery Shavyrin	Russia
Stefan Sovík	Slovakia
George Sphicas	USA
Sergei N.Tkachenko	Ukraine

The title of *FIDE Master for Chess Composition* was awarded to:

Igor Agapov	Russia
Michal Dragoun	Czech Republic
Valery Gurov	Russia
Christopher Jones	Great Britain
Viktor Kapusta	Ukraine
Evgeny Kolesnikov	Russia
Thierry le Gleuher	France
L'udovit Lehen	Slovakia
Juraj Lörinc	Slovakia
Yury Marker	Russia
Waldemar Mažul	Poland
Daniel Papack	Germany
Philippe Robert	France
Ladislav Salai jr	Slovakia
Andrei Selivanov	Russia
Sergei Smotrov	Kazakhstan
Anatoly Stepochnik	Russia
Sven Trommler	Germany
Vyacheslav Vladimirov	Russia
Peter Wong	Australia

The FM title for Waldemar Mažul was posthumous. All titles were approved unanimously. The President congratulated the successful title-winners. It was thought that Yochanan Afek might be the first person to hold international titles for composing, solving and over-the-board play.

Hannu Harkola reminded delegates that applications for International Judge should be submitted to him in good time before the Congress, and on the correct forms A and B.

6. Computer Matters (Spokesman Thomas Maeder)

It had been suggested by Jakov Vladimirov that the PCCC should recommend a particular solving program to ensure consistency in its competitions, as was done with the Album Russia. The Subcommittee suggested to the PCCC not to recommend a particular program, mainly for two reasons: testing programs compete in a free market which the PCCC should regulate very reluctantly if at all; and no program is perfect (it is not even clear what “perfect” should mean when used to qualify a testing program). Problemists are encouraged to publish reports about their experiences with testing programs in the various magazines. The Subcommittee also reminded problemists not to read too much into the “C+” tag written next to a problem; in the worst case, this tag only means that somebody had tried to use a computer to obtain some information about the correctness of the problem.

Solving programs on handheld computers and “smart phones”. These devices are gradually merging, which makes it possible for testing programs to be run on them. Developers are encouraged to offer their testing programs using this technology. On the other hand, miniaturisation also allows for abuse, especially in solving tourneys.

PCCC on the web. Currently, the web is used by the PCCC very effectively to distribute information, mainly through its official site, but also through others, such as the “Solving Chess” site. More recent web tools should now be explored to offer the problem world new features (e.g. the site suggested by Marjan Kovačević for the publication of FIDE Album candidate problems). This exploration would be done throughout the year, in the hope of first results at next year's meeting. If possible, the PCCC web site should also be reachable through an address in the domain fide.com .

No progress had been made on the standardisation of format for the electronic transmission of chess diagrams and solutions. Thomas said he hoped to devote time to this during the year.

7. Studies (Spokesman Yochanan Afek)

The new Spokesman was welcomed. He reported that Oleg Pervakov had been co-opted as a new member.

Study of the Year 2001-2003. Selection of these had been put back to the 2006 Congress, so as to examine the studies sent as FIDE Album entries for the period. Bjorn Enemark said that it would be better to select every year, rather than in 3-year batches. Yochanan agreed, but felt that the title Study of the Year committed the Subcommittee to examine thoroughly the published studies. Perhaps a different title would be appropriate. In the meantime, delegates were encouraged to send suitable studies to Yochanan.

8. Codex – no meeting this year.

9. Judging (Spokesman John Rice) - no meeting this year.

10. Terminology (Spokesman Bedrich Formánek)

The Subcommittee approved the article “Motifs” given with the 2004 Minutes, and its use in the definition of themes was recommended.

The definitions for the 8th WCCT were considered and approved.

During the coming year the Subcommittee would prepare an article about terminology relating to two- and multi-phase compositions, concerning changes between phases. The article would be available at least 6 weeks before the 2006 Congress.

The President reminded delegates that proposals for the 2006 Congress needed to reach him by mid-May for distribution with the Agenda in early June.

9. Other Proposals

Proposal 6.2 (Composing tourney for beginners). There was general approval for this idea put forward by bernd ellinghoven. Russia agreed to organize the tourney; it would be announced on the PCCC website and in leading magazines, and the award would be published in *Shakhmatnaya kompozitsiya*. The principle question was who was eligible to participate, and after some discussion it was decided to restrict entry to composers who did not feature in the FIDE Albums.

10. Future meetings of the PCCC

Invitation 2006. Acceptance of the offer of the Netherlands to stage the Congress at Wageningen from 29th July to August 5th 2006 was confirmed: 21 votes for, 6 against, 1 abstention.

Invitation 2007. Jakov Vladimirov offered to hold the Congress in Sochi, on the Black Sea coast, but had no concrete details. A full proposal would be brought to the 2006 Congress. Uri Avner offered to hold the 2007 Congress in Israel, for example at the Mercure Suites, Bat Yam, with prices similar to those at Eretria. By a vote of 16 for, 3 against, 6 abstentions, it was accepted provisionally to hold the 2007 Congress in Israel.

11. Conclusion

The President thanked delegates, Subcommittee members and Spokesmen, his Vice-Presidents and Secretary, interpreters Irina and Maria Kuzmicheva, and Harry Fougiaxis and his helpers for making it a very good Congress. The venue and weather had been good, and excellent work had been done. There being no other business, he declared the meeting closed.

John Rice, President

Paul Valois, Secretary

September 2005

ALTERATIONS TO “CRITERIA FOR GAINING TITLES”

These should now read:

International Solving Grandmaster of the FIDE: A solver must gain a norm 3 times (at least once at the WCSC or ECSC).

International Solving Master of the FIDE: A solver must gain a norm twice (at least once at the WCSC, ECSC, or WCCC-Open if it fulfils the tournament criteria); or score once 100% of the winner’s points and qualify within the first 15 places at the WCSC.

FIDE Solving Master: A solver must gain a norm twice; or score 100% of the winner’s points and qualify within the top 40% places at the ECSC, or WCCC-Open, if it fulfils the tournament criteria (or at the WCSC if not within the first 15 places).