

# PERMANENT COMMISSION OF THE FIDE FOR CHESS COMPOSITION

## Statement for FIDE meeting, May 2006, regarding activities of PCCC 2002-2006

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### **PCCC CONGRESSES** (venues, dates, no. of delegates, no. of participants)

- 45th Congress, 2002: Portorož (SLO), 31/viii-7/ix/2002 – 29 delegates, 214 participants  
46th Congress, 2003: Moscow (RUS), 26/vii-2/viii/2003 – 28 delegates, 221 participants  
47th Congress, 2004: Halkidiki (GRE), 4-11/ix/2004 – 31 delegates, 233 participants  
48th Congress, 2005: Eretria (GRE), 3-10/ix/2005 – 30 delegates, 224 participants  
49th Congress, 2006: Wageningen (NL), 29/vii-5/viii/2006

### **MAIN CONCERNS OF THE PCCC**

Much of the work of the PCCC is concerned with the organisation of the various tournaments and championships outlined below, and the preparation for publication of the FIDE Albums. The following points should also be mentioned:

1. During the period 2002-2006 the PCCC has overseen a considerable expansion in solving activities, in particular the European Solving Championship and International Solving Contest as detailed below.
2. The PCCC is currently promoting an International Composing Tourney for Beginners, which is being organised by Russia.
3. The PCCC is currently investigating ways in which the opportunities for composers to gain titles might be extended.
4. Through its sub-committee for Studies the PCCC has identified a "Study of the Year", which is circulated to chess-column editors for publication throughout the world, in the hope of generating further interest in chess endgame studies.
5. 39 countries are currently full members of the Commission, but of course composing and solving activities take place in many non-member countries, and the PCCC seeks to involve them as much as possible.
6. The website devoted to the activities of the PCCC ([www.saunalahti.fi/~stniekat](http://www.saunalahti.fi/~stniekat)) gives details of all activities, including now, for the first time, the themes and requirements for the World Chess Composition Tournament of the FIDE (8th WCCT). The site is maintained by the PCCC 1st Vice-President Hannu Harkola.
7. The Minutes of each meeting of the PCCC, with details of the decisions and initiatives taken, are sent to FIDE, and are also published on the PCCC website and in the British Chess Problem Society's magazine, *The Problemist*.

### **WORLD CHESS COMPOSITION TOURNAMENT OF THE FIDE (WCCT)**

7th WCCT (2003-2004): Winners: 1.Russia 2.Ukraine 3.Israel. 38 countries participated. The 8th WCCT is currently in progress.

## **WORLD COMPOSING CHAMPIONSHIP FOR INDIVIDUALS (WCCI)**

WCCI 1998-2000. 206 competitors. Director: M.Klasinc (SLO).

Winners: Twomovers: GM V.Chepizhny (RUS). Threemovers: GM M.Marandiyuk (UKR). Moremovers: GM M.Marandiyuk (UKR). Studies: GM D.Gurgenidze (GEO). Helpmates: GM Z.Janevski (MCD). Selfmates: GM P.Petkov (BG). Fairies: GM P.Petkov (BG). Retros: IM A.Kislyak (UKR)

WCCI 2001-2003. 215 competitors. Director: M.Prcic (USA)

Winners: Twomovers: IM M.Kovačević (SCG). Threemovers: IM V.Shavyrin (RUS). Moremovers: GM M.Marandiyuk (UKR). Studies: A.Vysokosov (RUS). Helpmates: FM V.Gurov (RUS). Selfmates: FM A.Selivanov (RUS). Fairies: IM R.Aschwanden (CH). Retros: FM T.le Gleuher (F).

## **WORLD CHESS SOLVING CHAMPIONSHIP (WCSC – results, no. of participants)**

2002 Team: 1.Germany 2.Finland 3.Israel

Individual: 1.GM P.Murdzia (PL) 2.GM A.Zude (GER) 3.GM J.Mestel (GB)

20 countries, 75 competitors

2003 Team: 1.Russia 2.Germany 3.Finland

Individual: 1.IM A.Selivanov (RUS) 2.GM G.Evseev (RUS) 3.GM D.Wissmann (NL)

22 countries, 76 competitors

2004 Team: 1.Israel 2.Great Britain 3.Finland.

Individual: 1.GM J.Nunn (GB) 2.GM P.Murdzia (PL) 3.GM R.Soffer (IL)

22 countries, 85 competitors

2005 Team: 1.Great Britain 2.Israel 3.Finland.

Individual: 1.GM P.Murdzia (PL) 2.GM J.Mestel (GB) 3.GM J.Nunn (GB)

19 countries, 72 competitors

## **EUROPEAN SOLVING CHAMPIONSHIP**

The first European Solving Championship was held 18-19/vi/2005 in Legnica (Poland).

Results: Team: 1.Finland 2.Great Britain 3.Serbia & Montenegro.

Individual: 1.GM P.Perkonoja (SF) 2.GM P.Murdzia (PL) 3.GM M.Kovačević (SCG).

Junior: 1.J.Stopa (PL) 2.A.Petrov (RUS) 3.K.Sivić (SVK)

16 countries participated, with 75 competitors including 10 juniors.

## **INTERNATIONAL SOLVING CONTEST**

A solving event held simultaneously in many countries in January each year.

2005: 262 solvers from 23 countries participated.

1.GM R.Baier (CH) 2.K.Karhunen (SF) 3.IM M.Dragoun (CZE)

2006: 251 solvers from 25 countries participated.

1.A.Lebedev (RUS) 2.GM J.Nunn (GB) 3.GM A.Zude (GER)

## **TITLES AWARDED 2002-2005**

During this period the following numbers of new titles for composing, solving and judging have been awarded, in advance of ratification by FIDE:

Grandmaster for Chess Composition: 8

International Master for Chess Composition: 22

FIDE Master for Chess Composition: 41

Grandmaster for Solving: 5

International Master for Solving: 12

FIDE Master for Solving: 20

International Judge for Chess Composition: 13

Yochanan Afek (IL) is the first person to hold international titles for over-the-board play (IM), composing (IM) and solving (FM).

## **PUBLICATION OF FIDE ALBUMS, 2002-2005**

These Albums, edited on behalf of the PCCC by Denis Blondel (FRA) and Bernd Ellinghoven (GER), are anthologies of the outstanding compositions of each 3-year period. The 1995-1997 Album was published during 2004. 7637 compositions were submitted for judging, of which 1153 were selected for the Album.

Selections for the 1998-2000 Album have been completed and the results announced. It is hoped that the book will be published during 2006.

Entries for the 2001-2003 Album are currently being judged. Projected publication: 2008 or 2009.

## **WHAT THE PCCC WOULD LIKE FROM FIDE**

While much of the work of the PCCC is undertaken at minimal cost, there are certain activities which demand a considerable financial outlay. These include the WCCT and the WCCI, both of which involve the printing and distribution of an awards-booklet, in addition to substantial postal expenses. Funding from FIDE for these activities, which might take the form of an annual grant of 1000 Euros in the first instance, would help to ensure that these very worthwhile activities can continue.

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