

The MINUTES of the XXII CONGRESS of the International Committee of Silent Chess in Brno, Czech Republic, on Wednesday 17th August 1994, commencing at 09.37 hours.

I.C.S.C. Board Members present:

Vida, G.	President
Boyce, A.J.	Vice President
Westerveid, G.	Secretary-Treasurer
Nikolic, M.	Board Member
Gaichenko, V.	Board Member

Country-Member Delegates present:

1. <u>BULGARIA</u>	Popov, L.S.
2. <u>CROATIA</u>	Pecnik, S.
3. <u>CZECH</u>	Rajcevic, B.
4. <u>ENGLAND</u>	Prochazka, S.
5. <u>GERMANY</u>	Frydl, K.
6. <u>HUNGARY</u>	Gardner, P.K.
7. <u>ITALY</u>	David, B.
8. <u>LATVIA</u>	Krumscheid, T.
9. <u>LITHUANIA</u>	Heins, H.
10. <u>NETHERLANDS</u>	Lukacsovics, L.
11. <u>POLAND</u>	Istovics, L.
12. <u>PORTUGAL</u>	Visco, M.
13. <u>ROMANIA</u>	Rizzo, M.S.
14. <u>RUSSIA</u>	Bockane, J. Mrs.
15. <u>SCOTLAND</u>	Kudojarovs, O.
16. <u>SLOVENIA</u>	Strumskis, V.
17. <u>SWEDEN</u>	Petrauskas, G.
18. <u>SWITZERLAND</u>	Johannesen, H.
19. <u>UKRAINE</u>	Dyju, W.
20. <u>I.C.S.C. INT. FED.</u> (Serbia)	Krysztof, M.
	Araujo, M.
	Dos Santos, J.J.
	Hagi-Christiu, T.
	Sobolev, Y.
	Salov, S.
	Parfenov, P.
	Carmichael, I.
	McLellan, G.
	Versic, M.
	Berntsson, I.
	Thorn, C.
	Niederer, W.
	Nuesch, B.
	Kulakov, I.
	Zuev, Y.
	Sahotic, A.
	Cimesa, R.

Late Arrival:

21. <u>AUSTRIA</u>	Gruher, K.
	Scharler, W.

01. President G. Vida opened the 22nd Congress with a warm welcome to the delegates and the guests. Dr. Svabensky (Czech) and Mr. R.H. van Peristein (NED). He reported with pride that the I.C.S.C. had just reached its 45th year in existence, and stressed hope that the I.C.S.C. would continue its growth in the years to come.
02. The Czech representative, Vojtech Volejnik, addressed a word of warm welcome to all with the hope that the Congress would be both smooth and successful.
03. The appointed scrutineers, were as follows:
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| Johannesen, H. | - | Netherlands |
| Carmichael, J. | - | Scotland |
| Heins, H. | - | Germany |
04. Of the 20 voting power forms supplied, 15 were accepted, and the following 5 were rejected: CZECH, I.C.S.C. INT. FED., POLAND, HUNGARY, and ITALY. due to unofficial delegation forms being issued. However, after a reminder that official forms bearing the I.C.S.C. emblem should be strictly adhered to in the future, the five countries were accepted.
05. The appointed election committee members were as follows:
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| Krysztof, M. | - | Poland |
| Sobolev, Y. | - | Russia |
| Rizzo, M. | - | Italy |
06. The appointed financial committee members were as follows:
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| Visco, M. | - | Italy |
| Dyjo, W. | - | Poland |
| McLellan, G. | - | Scotland |
- 07.1. Provisional membership were granted to the following countries on the grounds that there were no representatives present at the Congress:
BELARUS, KAZACHSTAN, and SLOVAKIA.
- 07.2. Accepted unanimously.
- 07.3. See 07.1. above.
08. Of AUSTRALIA's wishes to withdraw its affiliation to the I.C.S.C., it was agreed that the Board would endeavour to persuade Australia to re-consider their original decision.
09. Both FINLAND and SLOVAKIA sent their apologies for not attending the Congress.
- 09.1. Written nominations received for the I.C.S.C. Board were as follows:
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| Boyce, A.J. | - | England |
| Visco, M. | - | Italy |
| Dyjo, W. | - | Poland |
| Gabor, V. | - | Hungary |
| Westerveld, G. | - | Netherlands |
| Nikolic, M. | - | Yugoslavia |
| Sobolev, Y. | - | Russia |

SWITZERLAND's objections to Visco's nomination on the grounds that Italy had not affiliated for long was attacked by England for Italy had risen in prominence thus should be treated equally to any country-member.

9.1. Because of the possible bias involved, the election committee had to be changed, and new appointments were made:

Heins, H.	-	Germany
McLellan, G.	-	Scotland
Neusch, B.	-	Switzerland

10. The Minutes of the 21st Congress, Edinburgh 1992, were approved by all as a true record.

11. The report for the years 1992-93 were accepted.

12. On the financial report, three issues were stressed:

- a) Why has the I.C.S.C. got two banks;
- b) Why no interest in the I.C.S.C.'s Swiss bank;
- c) The I.C.S.C.'s meeting expenses had been rather vague, and a brief outline of their spending should be made public.

Westerveld's proposal of transferring the funds from the Swiss bank to the one nearest to the Secretary was accepted unanimously.

The financial report was accepted with thanks to the committee.

The President reported on the steady growth of the FRIENDS OF THE I.C.S.C. which would aid the under-privileged countries.

13.a. Scotland's report of the World Individual Championships, Edinburgh 1992, was accepted.

13.b. Finland's report of the Europa Cup Club Championships, Helsinki 1993, was unavailable. Westerveld reported a deficit of 3,600 markka.

13.c. Italy gave a brief general outline of the forthcoming Europa Cup Club Championships, Rome 1995. There was a chief problem: full payment along with the confirmed entries will have to be settled in good time due to the traditional Easter religious ceremony taking place in the city. In this case provisional forms should be received by 31.12.94, and confirmed entries by 15.2.95 with full payment.

14. Congratulations were made to Dr. Svabensky (Czech) on his 70th birthday.

Official presentations were made to the following:

- i) S.Salov (Russia), the title of I.C.S.C. Grandmaster.
- ii) F.N. Wood (England), the I.C.S.C. Silver medal for his services to deaf chess.

The President welcomed the following new members to the Congress:

LATVIA, LITHUANIA, UKRAINE, SLOVENIA, CZECH, CROATIA.

15.1. The Vice-President briefly reported on the changes to the I.C.S.C. Statutes and Regulations, and handbooks were circulated to each member country. Gardner (ENG) and Arnold (GER) were originally appointed to the sub-committee, but the latter was replaced by Johannesen (NED).

Only 5 countries sent their queries and suggestions, and Meurer (GER), also contributed with valuable ideas. Both Gardner and Johannesen gave a brief introduction to the new amended version of the Statutes and Regulations. And Boyce stressed that the bulk of the costs in the work was down to the translation to the German language.

Gardner's proposal that the I.C.S.C. should only accept the English language as their only one official language, was unanimously accepted. Gardner and Johannesen were thanked for their tasks.

The Statutes and Regulations were approved unanimously.

15.2 A fierce argument evolved around the non-payment or arrears in contributions of the following countries:

ARGENTINA, MEXICO and VENEZUELA.

It was accepted that these members should be deleted from the I.C.S.C. but continue sending them information.

15.3 PORTUGAL's proposal of a 25% penalty fee to be imposed on late fees was defeated.

15.4 ITALY proposed a list of players representing both their club and country to go with the entry forms. It was felt that this procedure would lead to registration complications, and that this proposal was merely for information purposes.

15.5.1 Defeated.

15.5.2 Withdrawn, for deaf grandmasters are automatically given access to the World Individual Championships.

15.5.3 Acceptable, but such a proposal will depend on the discretion of the arbiter.

15.5.4 It was agreed to set up a workshop to discuss the possibility of introducing the 'ABRO' system.

(At that moment, AUSTRIA arrived with two delegates and were welcomed to the Congress).

15.6 In line with 15.5.

15.7 In line with 15.5.3.

15.8 It was agreed that a new sub-committee be formed to work on the developing of the FRIENDS OF THE I.C.S.C.

16.1 ENGLAND queried on three points: a) the voting procedure, b) the situation of Nikolic representing Yugoslavia and c) the active roles of the board members. The President thanked all for the support over the past four years. After a break of 15 minutes, the Election Committee now took over the running of the election. The total number of votes would be as follows:

Delegates 42 votes, Ex-Board 5 votes, TOTAL 47 votes.

16.2 The election of the I.C.S.C. President was as follows:

Vida (Hungary) 10 votes

Boyce (England) 24 votes

Nikolic (I.C.S.C.) 11 votes

1 country abstained (2 votes).

New I.C.S.C. President - ANTHONY BOYCE (England)

16.3 Of the nominations received for the election of the board members, Galchenko (Russia) withdrew on the grounds that two Russian nominations cannot be made (Sobolev being the other).

The election of the board members were as follows:

VISCO (Italy) 41 votes

WESTERVELD (Netherlands) 39 votes

DYJO (Poland) 33 votes

SOBOLEV (Russia) 28 votes

Nikolic (I.C.S.C.) 20 votes

Vida (Hungary) 19 votes

8 votes abstained. Names in capital letters elected.

16.4 After a brief break, the elected members were given the following roles:

Visco	-	Vice Preident
Westerveld	-	Secretary
Dyjo	-	Board Member
Solobev	-	Board Member

Vida Gabor thanked the election committee for their good work.

17. Selected sites for the following I.C.S.C. events:

1995 European Club Championships	ROME - ITA	Def.
1996 World Individual Championships	ZOETERMEER - NED	Def.
1997 European Club Championships	MOSCOW - RUS	Def.
1998 World Team Championships	LUCERNE - SWI	Def.
1999 European Club Championships	RIGA - LAT	Cand.
2000 World Individual Championships	SLOVENIA	Cand.
	POLAND	Cand.
2001 European Club Championships	LISBON - POR	Cand.
2002 World Team Championships	POLAND	Cand.
	CROATIA	Cand.

17.1. Information supplied.

17.2 Information supplied.

17.3 Information supplied.

17.4 Vida proposed a provisional Women's Championships to be held in Csopak (Balatonfured), Hungary in 1995. Accepted.

18. Johannesen (NED) queried on the sponsorship logo being used in place of the I.C.S.C. for the forthcoming World Individual Chmpionships in Zoetermeer - there would potentially be a lot of money at stake. I.C.S.C. would discuss this.
Proposed by Gardner, and unanimously agreed by all, it was agreed to have Gabor Vida elected Honorary President.

19. Vida gave a closing speech, declaring the meeting closed at 17.36 hours.

The Czech delegate gave a vote of thanks as to the I.C.S.C.