MINUTES of the XXIV I.C.S.C. CONGRESS

held in Lucerne, Switzerland, 2nd August 1998 starting at 09.37

I.C.S.C. Board members present: -
Boyce, A.J. (England) President
Visco, M. (Italy) Vice President
Westerveld, G.J. (Netherlands) Secretary-Treasurer
Sobolev, Y. (Russia) Board Member

Country-Member Delegates present: -
BANGLADESH Khan, H. Rahman, M.
CROATIA Rajcevic, B.
CZECH Schmid, J. Cisar, J.
ENGLAND Gardner, P.K.
GERMANY Steinhoff-Klein R. Heins, H.
HUNGARY Lukacsovics, L. Fenyves, T.
ITALY Baiocco, A. Malaspina, G.
KAZAKHSTAN Begakmet, B. Pushkarev, G.
LATVIA Artjonova, M.
LITHUANIA Sabukiene, G. Patackas, J.
NETHERLANDS Johannesen, H.
POLAND Wardziak, J.
PORTUGAL Araujo, M. Garcia, P.
ROMANIA Fonoage, A.
RUSSIA Muratov., L. Salov, S.
SCOTLAND Carmichael, I.
SWEDEN Berntsson, I. Oloffson, P.
SWITZERLAND Wartenweiler, P. Nuesch, B.
UKRAINE Kulakov, J. Zuev, Y.
YUGOSLAVIA Nikolic, M.

I.C.S.C. Meurer, H. (Germany) Vida, G. (Hungary) van Perlstein, R.H.(Netherlands)

01 President A.J. Boyce warmly welcomed the delegates and declared the 24th I.C.S.C. Congress open. On the I.C.S.C.’s 50th year in existence, he gave all an insight on the I.C.S.C.’s progress since the special meeting in Copenhagen in 1949.
Chess and friendship, he added, were the two important elements that have brought all the countries together but above all, the importance of the I.C.S.C. to continue in the years to come for all those who love the game of chess.

02. The Swiss representative, B. Nuesch, addressed a word of warm welcome to all at the Congress. He then thanked the I.C.S.C. Board for their co-operation in organising the Championships which had indeed helped him to survive some periods of difficulties, and was pleased that the event has taken off without problems.

03. The appointed scrutineers for the confirmation of delegates’ voting powers, were as follows: - Johannesen, H. (NED), Carmichael, I. (SCO), Baiocco, A. (ITA).
04. Of the voting power forms supplied, some countries did not follow the necessary procedures but all were accepted with the exception of YUGOSLAVIA which had not met their subscription dues. The mentioned country would be stripped of voting powers at the Congress, and would only act as observers.

05. The appointed Election committee members were as follows: - Johannesen, H. (NED), Muratov, L. (RUS), Garcia, P. (POR).

06. The appointed Financial committee members were as follows: - Malaspina, G. (ITA), Kulakov, I. (UKR), Korenkiewicz, J. (SWE).

07. Proposed by the President and voted unanimously that the following countries’ application for affiliation are not to be rejected, and discussion to follow up at a later date.

08. Change to the agenda were outlined to all.

09. Minutes of the 23rd Congress, Rotterdam 1996, were accepted.

09.1 Italy reported the good news that the outstanding financial dues from UKRAINE had been settled but the case of BELARUS had yet to be settled.

10. Amendments to the I.C.S.C. Board: - 4.1 delete Mr. R. den Besten; include Mr. H. Johannesen. Accepted.

11.a. A projected chart showing breakdown of expenditure was screened, and the financial implications (i.e. Presidium., Secretarial, translation costs, bank costs, material and service costs, auditor fees, etc) both demonstrated and explained by Malaspina, G. (Italy).

11.b. After queries by both ITALY and PORTUGAL, a proposed format to improve the 94/95 Accounts was accepted. (40-0).

11.c. The 96/97 Accounts were accepted unanimously. (40-0). The President thanked the Financial Committee for their hardworking efforts.

12.a. NETHERLANDS’ (H. Johannesen) report on the WC Individuals, Rotterdam, showed no financial loss. The only problem was the communication breakdown from some of the countries especially on accommodation. Accepted by all.

12.b. As above.

12.c. RUSSIA’s (L. Muratov) report on the Europa Cup, Moscow 1997 was accepted by all. No financial losses were made, and the only concern was lack of space in the playing premises.

12.c.1. SWITZERLAND (B. Nuesch) gave an update on the WC Team event, Lucerne, 1998, and assured all that there would be no financial problems.

12.d. Because of inflation and communication difficulties, CROATIA unfortunately had to decline from organising the 1999 EUROPE CUP. HUNGARY confirmed their interest, and the location would be BUDAPEST. Accepted by all.
12.e. POLAND (J. Wardziak) presented an update on the 2000 WC Individuals, to meet the chess suitability, the venue has been switched to KATOWICE.

12.f. PORTUGAL (M. Araujo and P. Garcia) confirmed their interest in hosting the 2001 Europe Cup, and gave a brief presentation of the intended arrangements.

13.a. Following the award of the I.C.S.C. International Master title, the I.C.S.C. Grandmaster title was awarded to Valerij GRETSCHICHIN of Russia for achieving the F.I.D.E. Grandmaster Title, having obtained an 2555 F.I.D.E. rating.

13.b. The following were awarded medals and diplomas for their outstanding services to the I.C.S.C.: -

**BRONZE MEDAL:**

- I. Berntsson (SWE)
- O. Entella (FIN)
- L. Lukacsovics (HUN)
- K. Wlostowski (POL) **
- E. Ladner (USA) **
- B. Sigan (CZE)
- S. Salov (RUS)
- J. Duarte (POR)

**SILVER MEDAL:**

- W. Niederer (SUI)
- H. Johannesen (NED)
- H. Heins (GER)
- P. Gardner (ENG)
- B. Petani (YUG) **
- I. Carmichael (SCO)

(** = posthumous award)

14.1. Received by all.

14.2. All proposals from 1) to 6) were accepted unanimously. (40-0).

Messrs. Westerveld (NED), Nuesch (SUI), Salov (RUS), Dyjo (POL) and McLellan (SCO) were thanked for their efforts.
The I.C.S.C. ratings proposals prepared by both the President and Y. Sobolev (I.C.S.C. Board Member) were accepted unanimously (40-0), and would be introduced into use from January 1st 1999 effective.

14.3. SCOTLAND’s proposal was accepted by the I.C.S.C. and the following were elected to carry out the work with the President:

- I. Carmichael (SCO) and P.K. Gardner (England)

The notion of having an I.C.S.C. museum as proposed by RUSSIA was not carried into vote but given approval by the I.C.S.C.

RUSSIA’s proposals on both youth chess development was accepted.

HUNGARY’s intention to hold the 2000 Open Tournament in Budapest was granted by the I.C.S.C.

15. The main issues were focused on making the use of the Internet ITALY has already set up a WWW chess page on behalf of the I.C.S.C. SWEDEN have their own chess site.
16.a. Y. Sobolev (RUSSIA) had to decline on being re-elected. W. Dyjo (POLAND) also had to decline, whilst the rest of the retiring I.C.S.C. Board declared their intentions to continue for another term.

16.b. A.J. Boyce (ENGLAND) was unanimously elected to continue as the I.C.S.C. President for the next 4 year term.

16.c. The four elected Board members were elected with their respective roles:

- M. Visco (ITA)  
  Vice President  
  WWW Chess Internet work, Public Relation Officer

- G.J. Westerveld (NED)  
  Secretary General  
  Bulletin Editor

- B. Nuesch (SUI)  
  Board Member, Treasurer

- S. Salov (RUS)  
  Board Member, I.C.S.C. Rating Officer  
  Liaise with Russian states, Junior Chess

Salov’s eligibility as a player was queried and answered satisfactorily.

16.d. Thanks were given to the dissolving Election Committee.

17.a. 1999 Europe Cup  
Budapest, HUNGARY  
Agreed that Kazakhstan and Bangladesh would be admitted.

17.b. 2000 WC Individuals  
Katowice, POLAND

17.c. 2001 Europe Cup  
Lisbon, PORTUGAL  
Both Kazakhstan and Bangladesh were encouraged to set up an Asian zonal in 2001.

17.d. 2002 WC Team  
Vilinius, LITHUANIA

17.e. 2003 Europe Cup  
YUGOSLAVIA (provisional)

17.f. 2004 WC Individuals  
GERMANY


19. The President declared the meeting closed, thanking all for their presence.

Minutes: Mr. P.K. Gardner (England)