

INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE OF SILENT CHESS.

Secretary-general.

Minutes of the 19th I.C.S.C. Congress on 26th June 1988 in Solbacken/Stockholm, Sweden.

Present:

Board of the I.C.S.C.

President	:Mr.Gábor Vida	/Hungary/
Vice-President	:Mr.A.J.Boyce	/England/
Secretary/Treasurer	:Mr.G.J.Westerveld	/Netherland/
Members of the Board	:Mr.M.Nikolic	/Yugoslavia/
Not present	Mr.J.Bettencourt	/Portugal/

Affiliated countries/delegates

Australia	:Mr.Arved Wasser
Belgium	:Mr.P.de Weerd
England	:Mr.P.K.Gardner
West Germany	:Mr.T.Krumscheid and Mr.W.Koch
Finland	:Mr.O.Entelä
Netherlands	:Mr.H.Johannesen
Portugal	:Mr.H.J.Duarte
Scotland	:Mr.I.Carmichael
Sweden	:Mrs.I.Blomquist
Hungary	:Mr.L.Lukacsovics
Switzerland	:Mr.W.Niederer
F.I.D.E.	:Mr.J.Berglund

Started at 09.20 hours.

01. Pres.Vida opened the meeting with a welcome to all and specially to Mr.J.Berglund on behalf of the F.I.D.E. and to the newcomers Mr.Gardner, Mr.I.Carmichael and Mr.A. Wasser.  
Pres.Vida asked everyone to cooperate for the smooth running of the meeting in view of the long agenda.
02. Mrs.Blomquist greeted all delegates in her capacity as the President of the S.D.S.F. and wished all a good Congress and a nice day in Sweden.
- 03.1. Pres. Vida: The Board collected all proxy forms before the Congress and they were all in good order. This with the remark that Yugoslavia sent Mr.Nikolic as a delegate was not correct according to the decision taken on the 18th I.C.S.C. Congress in Portugal 1986. The Congress agreed.
- 03.2. Pres.Vida: The Board proposed Australia /Mr.Wasser/ as a provisional member. According to submitted papers, attempts had been made to include the chess section with the national organisation. At the moment all matters were dealt with the western Australian Deaf Society.  
The Congress agreed.
04. Mr.Niederer proposed that the Secretary-general should take care of the minutes. The Congress agreed.

05. Mr. Johannesen suggested that the I.C.S.C. Minutes should be printed on A4 size paper and not on A5 size for better readability. After Mr. Vida explained that he preferred A5 size in connection with the I.C.S.C. Bulletin, the Congress decided that the size should remain A5.
- 05.1. The Minutes of the 18th I.C.S.C. Congress at Albufeira, Portugal 1986 were approved with thanks to Mr. Kliever who wrote the minutes.
06. Pres. Vida: From information received of the F.I.D.E. it was noted that England and Scotland had been separate members for many years of the F.I.D.E. Because of that, the I.C.S.C. Board proposed to follow on the same line as that of the F.I.D.E.:
- a. E.D.C.A. /England/ be accepted unanimously as a member,
  - b. S.C.D.A.D. /Scotland/ be accepted unanimously as a member,
  - c. Australia be accepted as a provisional member with the request to show forms, before the 20th I.C.S.C. Congress 1990, to the Board, from which the Board would understand that the chess section be connected with a national Australian Association and not as a regional association. If this case is proven, then Australia would be a definite member of the I.C.S.C.
- 06.1. Pres. Vida: The E.D.C.A. and S.C.D.A.D. were now official members of the I.C.S.C.. Because of that, their predecessor, the B.D.C.F. was now discharged as a member with thanks to the B.D.C.F. Coordinator Mr. Boyce.
- 07.1. Mrs. Blomquist remarked that since the 18th I.C.S.C. Congress in Portugal chose the new Board, it had done a good job in spite of several problems.
- 07.2. Secr. Westerveld: The Congress was informed that he visited the former President Mr. Punschke in Essen /BRD/ with Mr. Vida in September 1986 and in May 1987 with Mr. Krum-scheid /on behalf of the D.G.S./ in order to take over the I.C.S.C. Archives and the I.C.S.C. bankpapers. He only received a small part, beginning with 01.01.1986. Mr. Punschke was not able to make the whole Archives available for take over in spite of requests by the D.G.S. Because of these problems the Secr. Westerveld was not able to answer all the questions about the period 1980-1986.
- 07.3. Pres. Vida was after the Congress in Portugal 1986 afraid for problems within the new Board and was very pleased to receive a written confirmation from Mr. Westerveld who had accepted the post of Secretary-general. Since then, he and Mr. Westerveld cooperated well.
- 07.a.1. Pres. Vida: The Secr. Westerveld received a letter from Mr. Pereira who was the World Champion of the I.C.S.C. world event in Amsterdam in 1980 that he had not received the promised official W.C. Diplom from the former President.
- 07.a.2. Secr. Westerveld: The I.C.S.C. Board was shocked to hear about the former President's negligence because of the similar evidence from the World Champions of 1982, 1984 and 1986. They did not receive the W.C. Diplomas.

This also applied to people who were announced as service-award winners in gold, silver and bronze at Washington /USA/ in 1984.

- 07.a.3. Secr. Westerveld: The I.C.S.C. cliche for making I.C.S.C. diplomas, I.C.S.C. emblems and I.C.S.C. certificates was in possession of a shop in Essen /BRD/. After discussion it was decided that Mr. Krumscheid would try to get it back from that shop.
- 07.a.4. Pres. Vida: The Board thought that the new Board should take care of the diplomas before 1987. Mr. Vida and Mr. Nikolic would together work out a representative design which would be printed and signed at the 20th I.C.S.C. Congress.

/ Break for 15 minutes/

- 07.a.5. Mr. H.J. Duarte informed that Mr. Bettencourt the I.C.S.C. Board member thought that the Board membership would last for two years and not four years. As he had accepted another post, he decided to withdraw himself as a Board member. Pres. Vida would appreciate a letter of resignation from Mr. Bettencourt before the Congress in Stockholm. He asked Mr. Duarte to inform Mr. Bettencourt to do this.
08. Pres. Vida: The I.C.S.C. Board had approached some I.C.S.C. delegates to join the audit committee according to the I.C.S.C. Statutes. Delegates were Mr. L. Lukacsovics, Mr. O. Entelä and Mr. Th. Krumscheid.
- 08.1.a. Mr. Lukacsovics: Acting on behalf of the audit committee, it took three days to look into the statement of accounts of 1985-1986 of Mr. Punschke. They were shocked to see the list of countries with backward payments since 1983 until 1986 and some bills were not clear to them.
- 08.1.b. The cash documents of the Secretary-General and the Report of the auditor over the years were also examined. The audit committee stated that they received full cooperation from the Secretary General. The committee was not satisfied with the information and documents of Mr. Punschke over the years 1983 - 1986. Mr. Lukacsovics asked the Congress to approve the cash management since 1986.
- 08.2. Mr. Johannesen asked why Mr. Kliewer the ex-treasurer did not take care of the finances. Secr. Westerveld: Mr. Kliewer had informed him that the cooperation between Mr. Punschke and himself was not good. Mr. Punschke refused to give information to Mr. Kliewer. This was the reason for Mr. Kliewer's withdrawal of the post of the Treasurer.
- 08.3. Mrs. Blomquist would like to see all old debts paid before the 20th I.C.S.C. Congress 1990 in Hungary.

08.4. Mr. Krumscheid had known Mr. Punschke for a long time and was shocked to find the debtlist and the way Mr. Punschke handled the finances. He also disapproved the behaviour of Mr. Punschke over the matter of bank matters and the I.C.S.C. archives. He had visited Mr. Punschke on behalf of the D.G.S. several times at his home in order to get the I.C.S.C. archives. Because of several illnesses of Mr. Punschke, he did not succeed. Secr. Westerveld thanked Mr. Krumscheid and the D.G.S. for their efforts. He received the I.C.S.C. cash after 1 1/2 years' waiting!

08.a.1. Secr. Westerveld gave information about countries and their backward payments as per 10.6.1988 and handed out lists to all delegates. It was pointed out that some of the countries listed had already paid their debts before the Congress.

08.a.2. Mr. Niederer: According to that list Spain did not pay their contribution fees since 1983 and yet they participated in the World Championship in 1986. He queried how that was possible?

Pres. Vida and Secr. Westerveld: Mr. Punschke did not give full information to the Congress in 1986!

Pres. Vida and Secr. Westerveld: The Congress should decide about the contribution fees for Spain. They gave information about the correspondence with Spain. In 1987 Spain had paid their contribution fees following up the new questionnaire relating to the number of clubs and players.

/ Break 15 minutes from 11.30 to 11.45 /

08.a.3. Secr. Westerveld: According to the contribution fees survey of Mr. Punschke some countries paid less contribution fees than others without written explanation.

08.a.4. Pres. Vida gave information about the contribution debts of France and Romania.

08.a.5. Mrs. Blomquist mentioned that Mr. Berglund wanted to say a few words.

Mr. Berglund: The F.I.D.E. had the same problems with non or bad paying countries as the I.C.S.C.. The F.I.D.E. had tried to help the poor countries.

Secr. Westerveld: There was a good contact between the F.I.D.E. and the I.C.S.C. through exchange of bulletins and informations.

08.a.6. Mrs. Blomquist: According to the memberlist of Mr. Punschke, the Soviet Union was a member of the I.C.S.C. Pres. Vida: Unfortunately this was not the case as there was no evidence of this in Mr. Punschke's small archives. Recently Pres. Vida and Secr. Westerveld had made contact with the Soviet Union, both in person and in writing and they had shown interest.

- 08.a.7. After discussion the Congress agreed with the Board's proposal that Spain be charged to pay 125 Swiss francs per year from 1983 to 1986 in contribution fees according to their questionnaire of 1987.
- 08.a.8. The Congress also agreed that four countries would have to pay 50 Sw.f. until 1990.
- 08.a.9. After this the policy and management of the I.C.S.C. Board was approved by the Congress.
- 09.1. Mr.H.Duarte queried if the old debts would still remain? The answer was affirmative.
- 09.2. With the approval of the Congress a list of countries with backward payments would be published on a half-yearly basis in the I.C.S.C. bulletin.
- 09.3. Mr.de Weerd: queried what the I.C.S.C. policy was for countries with backward payments who withdrew themselves as members or who were withdrawn by the I.C.S.C. Board, wishing to rejoin the I.C.S.C.?  
Pres.Vida: The next Congress would have to decide that. In the meantime such cases would be handled in a flexible way.
- 10.a. The Congress agreed with the proposal of hiring an accountant from the city in which the Secretary-General resided.
- 10.b. The Congress agreed with the proposed list of fees as shown on the sheet which was passed to all delegates.  
Mr.Niederer: queried if the contribution summary and a list of fees was separated from the new Statutes?  
Pres.Vida agreed.
- 10.c. Mr. Nikolic: queried what action there would be if the country at first did not wish to take part in a certain event but did so in the last minute and did not pay the fees up to then?  
Pres.Vida: Something as that was not allowed. The Board would make some proposals for the next Congress and place them on the agenda 1990.

/ Break from 13.00 to 14.00 hours /

11. Mr.Boyce: In 1982 he joined the I.C.S.C. on behalf of the B.D.C.F. and Mr. Punschke had promised to send him the I.C.S.C. Statutes. In 1986 he received them from the Secretary General Westerveld. He also received some Minutes of the previous Congresses. He also received several F.I.D.E. Minutes and Regulations from Mr.Berglund.

- 11.1. The Vice-President of the I.C.S.C. introduced the revised Statutes and Regulations of the I.C.S.C. giving the historical background and using the overhead projector and transparencies went through the Statutes and Regulations step by step ensuring that all delegates understood the implications of the new proposals. All proposals as set in the new Statutes and Regulations booklet issued previously to all delegates were voted upon and accepted unanimously.
- New additions and amendments arising from the Congress were now added to the revised Statutes and Regulations of the I.C.S.C. as follows:-
- 11.1.a. p.1. Contents  
Regulations  
for carrying out International Games for the Inter-continental Cup of the I.C.S.C.
- 11.1.b. p.2.  
Statutes Article I.  
6. The I.C.S.C. is an affiliated member of the F.I.D.E.
- 11.1.c. p.3.  
Statute Article II.8.  
8. Membership shall be terminated in the following cases:
- a. resignation from the I.C.S.C. in writing
  - b. temporarily for failure to pay subscriptions for two years
  - c. serious violation of the Statutes and Regulations of the I.C.S.C.
- 11.1.d. p.4.  
Statute Article III.3.  
The second sentence is amended as:  
Delegates who must be deaf must present letters of credence from the member organisation, a national silent chess organisation, showing that they are the rightful delegates of their organisation.
- 11.1.e. p.6.  
Statute Article IV.6.  
6. The Presidium shall hold a working session once a year.  
The I.C.S.C. shall pay the costs of travelling and accommodation for the members of the Presidium.  
This rule shall also be applied to working sessions of the Bureau which are to be held when necessary for important preparations.
- 11.1.f. p.7.  
Statute Article V.4.  
4. The Treasurer shall submit the balance to the Congress every two years. This balance shall be audited by a certified accountant and be submitted to three auditors appointed by the Congress. After hearing the auditors' report the Congress shall decide on the discharge of the Treasurer.
- /Add two clauses 5 and 6/

5. The financial period of the I.C.S.C. shall be from 1st January to 31st December of each year. Balances shall be established on 31st December of every year.
6. The annual balances shall be audited by the certified accountant who shall be appointed by the General Secretary/Treasurer of the I.C.S.C. and be approved by the Bureau of the I.C.S.C.

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Regulations Article I.

/Amend/

1.c/ Intercontinental Cup of the I.C.S.C.

4. The duration of these tournaments should be twelve days. The beginning of the tournament is marked by the drawing of lots, the end by the distribution of prizes.
5. The tournaments listed in Article I.1a.b and c shall be held regularly every four years in the prescribed order as follows:
  - /i/ World silent chess individual championships
  - /ii/ Intercontinental Cup
  - /iii/ World silent chess team championships
  - /iv/ Intercontinental Cup

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Regulations Article III.

/Amend/

3. If the number of teams participating exceeds twelve, then the F.I.D.E. Swiss-system shall be adopted.

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Regulations Article IV.

/Amend/

5. A registration fee is to be remitted to the treasury of the I.C.S.C. together with the entry according to Article IV.4. This fee to be fixed by the Congress is
  - a/ for each player taking part in the World individual Championships
  - b/ for each team taking part in the World Team Championships.

If the preliminary entry is not fulfilled there can be no claim to refunding this registration fee.

The entry of players in accordance with Article IV.4. shall be invalid as long as the registration fee has not been paid.

In case of withdrawals of registered individuals or teams before the event and late payments, an additional fee shall be imposed as determined by the I.C.S.C.

Congress.

- 12.4. p.16.  
/Amend/  
8. Protests against any decision by the chief Referee can be lodged with the council of arbitration. The complainant must deposit the fee /to be fixed by the Congress/ as security at the time of protest is lodged. This will be refunded if the decision is in his favour. If not, the I.C.S.C. of the tournament shall be the beneficiary.
- 12.5. p.17.  
Regulations Article V.  
/Amend the first two sentences/  
3. The official F.I.D.E. rate of play is 60 moves in 3 hours, the first 40 moves in 2 hours. At the commencement of the game the clocks are to show 12 o'clock.
- 12.6. p.25.  
Regulations /titles/ Article II.  
/Amend/  
3. The following events shall be regarded as international tournaments:  
a/ the World individual championships  
b/ the World team championships.
- 12.7. p.26.  
Regulations /titles/ Article III.  
Delete Article III.3.d.  
Delete Article III.4.c.  
Delete Article III.5. the following words:  
":nine at tournaments such as described in Article III.3.d. and 4.c."  
Delete Article III.6. /p.26-27/
- 12.8. p.27.  
Re-number Article III.7 to Article III.6.,  
Article III.8. to Article III.7.,  
Article III.9. to Article III.8.,  
Article III.10. to Article III.9..
- 12.9. p.29.  
Regulations /Medals/  
VIII. These regulations are entered into force after having been approved by the XIXth I.C.S.C. Congress in June 1988.
- 12.10. p.30.  
Regulations  
FOR CARRYING OUT INTERNATIONAL GAMES FOR THE INTER-CONTINENTAL CUP OF THE I.C.S.C.  
/Amend/  
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6. The time prescribed for play is two hours for the first 40 moves and then another 15 minutes for each player for the rest of the game.

12.11. Page 2. Approved with the supplement that the I.C.S.C. affiliated with the F.I.D.E.

Page 3. Approved with the supplement which was noted by Mr. Boyce.

Page 4. Approved with the supplement on the last line.

/cannot be a delegate and a Board member at the same time./

After that, discussion was on the last point with reference to a member of the Board participating in the I.C.S.C. event.

12.12. Mr. Berglund: An I.B.C.A. Board member, when he happened to be a good chess player is allowed to participate at any world championship event. A member of the F.I.D.E. Board may do so.

12.13. Mr. Gardner: If a good chess player joins the I.C.S.C. Board, it would be a loss for his country.

12.14. Mr. Carmichael and Mr. Lukacsovics: If an I.C.S.C. Board member wished to participate he would pay himself for costs of board and accommodation, not the I.C.S.C.

12.15. Mr. Lukacsovics: pointed out that if two Board members /e.g. Boyce and Nikolic/ wished to participate, then there would only be two Board members left for the Board meeting.

It was decided to make this matter an item on the agenda for the next Congress.

12.16. Page 6. At every world championship or intercontinental cup event, the travel expenses would be paid by the I.C.S.C. treasurer.

12.17. Mr. Niederer: queried as to why the team-leader should be deaf as a hearing person was able to do so.  
Mr. Lukacsovics preferred a deaf teamleader for communication purpose.

12.18. Mr. Gardner: A deaf team-leader did not have to be a coach as a hearing coach could be hired.

It was decided that the statement that the team-leader should be deaf would remain as it was.

12.19. There were no further remarks and questions.

- 12.20. Finally, the Vice-president thanked the I.C.S.C. Board and all the delegates for their goodwill, cooperation and support.
- 12.21. Pres. Vida thanked V-Pres. Boyce for his work on Statutes and Regulations.

/ Break from 16.15 to 16.45/

13. Mr.H.Duarte: A short summary of the World Team Chess Championships 1986 at Portugal was given and gave details of finance and losses. He presented the final Report and the financial Report to the President.  
Pres. Vida thanked Mr.Duarte for his excellent report.
- 13.1. Mr. Nikolic gave a short verbal summary on the Intercontinental Cup 1987 in Belgrade, Yugoslavia.  
Pres. Vida thought it a pity that Mr.Nikolic did not give a written summary.
- 13.2. Mr.Gardner gave details about the Intercontinental Cup 1989 in London. The event would be held in the centre of London near the Victoria Station. Hotels were within a walking distance. The costs would be from 35 to 40 dollars per day.  
The date would be on 23 - 26th March 1989.  
Pres. Vida wished the E.D.C.A. good luck with their preparation.
- 14.1. Mr.Lukacsovics gave information about the place in Hungary where the World Team Championships would take place, the place being Veszprém, 150 km east of Budapest near the Balaton Lake. Hotel costs would be around 35 - 40 dollars per day. It would take five minutes walking to the chessroom from the hotel.  
Pres. Vida wished Hungary good luck with the organisation of the event and he hoped that there would be many applications.
- 14.2. Pres. Vida: Portugal had a written application for the candidature for the intercontinental Cup in 1991.  
Mr.Duarte: In spite of the problems at the World Championships 1986, the A.S.P. still wished to be considered as the candidate.  
After discussion the Congress agreed that Portugal would organise the intercontinental Cup event in 1991.  
Pres. Vida asked Mr.Duarte to send a confirmatory letter to the I.C.S.C. Secretary.
- 15.1. Pres. Vida: Scotland proposed to be the candidate for organising the World individual Championships in 1992.  
Mr. Carmichael: It would be an honour for Scotland if they were allowed to organise this event as the S.C.D.A.D. would be in its 90th year. In that year the S.C.D.A.D. would be the oldest deaf chess organisation within the I.C.S.C. The event would be held in Edinburg. Costs for board and accommodation on the University campus in Edinburgh would be around 58 dollars per day in 1992.

Mr. Niederer did not object to Scotland but wondered why the events were being staged in the West?  
Pres. Vida: Countries from the East had yet to propose themselves as candidates!

The Congress gave their consent to Scotland as the organiser for the World Individual Championships in 1992.

15.2. Mr. Entelä proposed that Finland be the candidate for the intercontinental cup event in 1993. The probable place would be in Helsinki, the dates being Good Friday to Easter Monday.

Pres. Vida accepted their proposal and asked Mr. Entelä to put their proposal in writing and send it to the I.C.S.C. Secretary.

15.3. Mr. Nikolic: Yugoslavia wished to propose itself as the candidate for organising the World Team Championships in 1994. The probable place would be near the sea outside Belgrade.

Pres. Vida asked Yugoslavia to submit their proposal in writing and send it to the I.C.S.C. Secretary.

He pointed out that in Hungary in 1990 opportunity would be given to other countries to place their proposals as candidates. Decisions would be made in the Congress.

16.1. Mrs. Blomquist had heard about the matter between the C.I.S.S. and the I.C.S.C.

Secr. Westerveld explained that the I.F.S.D. had mentioned the C.I.S.S. instead of the I.C.S.C. on matters of subsidy for the world event 1986 in Portugal in their yearly report. The C.I.S.S. showed displeasure in their 1987 Congress.

16.2. Mr. Carmichael wondered why there were only four Board members instead five as required by the Statutes.

Pres. Vida: A letter from Mr. Bettencourt had yet to be received. There would be a Board election on the agenda in the next Congress 1990.

16.3. Mr. P. de Weerdt: wondered in the light of all the information about Mr. Punschke, what action would the Congress take about his honorary Presidency which he received at the 1986 Congress?

Pres. Vida wished to wait for the result of Mr. Krumscheid's visit to and the Secretary's correspondence with Mr. Punschke. If there was no response, then it would be an item on the agenda for the Congress 1990.

16.4. Secr. Westerveld: Mr. Punschke would be addressed as the honorary President of the I.C.S.C. only when the I.C.S.C. archives be handed over to the I.C.S.C. office with the help of the D.G.S.

16.5. Pres. Vida: The I.C.S.C. would exist in their 40th year in 1989. The wish would be to produce a jubilee book and for that reason the I.C.S.C. Archives would be needed.

Mr. Johannesen: would try and ask Mrs. Dronkers via the K.N.D.S.B. if she possessed materials on the early years of the I.C.S.C. and 1980.  
her late husband was the founder of the I.C.S.C.

- 16.6. Pres. Vida thanked Mr. Berglund for his presence on behalf of the F.I.D.E. and his advice on the Regulations of the F.I.D.E. given to Mr. Boyce.
- 16.7. Mr. Entelä wished to photograph the whole group after the Congress.  
Pres. Vida gave his consent.
17. Pres. Vida: All matters had been dealt with on the agenda. He thanked all for coming and for their contribution to discussions. He hoped to see all and others too at the 20th I.C.S.C. Congress in Hungary.  
He declared the meeting closed at 19.05 hour.

G.J. Westerveld  
Minute-taker

Mr. Gabor Vida  
President.