



INTERNATIONAL CHESS COMMITTEE OF THE DEAF

34th ICCD Congress, Manchester, England - Friday 13th July 2018

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I.C.C.D. Presidium:

President	Phillip Gardner	(England)
Vice-President	Maxim Rozhkov	(Kazakhstan)
Secretary-General	Ivan Kulakov	(Ukraine)
Treasurer	Holger Mende	(Germany)
Board Member	Jaraslov Schmid	(Czech Republic)
Honorary President	Anthony Boyce	(England)

Congress Leader:

Peter Berenyi (Sweden)

Congress Minutes Takers:

Egle Marcinkeviciene (Lithuania)
Ilan Dwek (England)

I.C.C.D. Country-Members:

AUSTRALIA	(AUS)	Simon Andersson
BELARUS	(BLR)	Anatoli Nikitin & Vladimir Surin
CROATIA	(CRO)	Darko Svec & Goran Cechi
CZECH REPUBLIC	(CZE)	Jiri Cisar & Eva Borovickova
ENGLAND	(ENG)	Barry David & Steve Gibson
GERMANY	(GER)	Holger Mollman & Sergey Salov
ISRAEL	(ISR)	Loulia Dobrynski & Alexander Pinhasov
ITALY	(ITA)	Michele Visco & Rosino Vizzaccaro
KAZAKHSTAN	(KAZ)	Natalia Gorokhova
LITHUANIA	(LTU)	Egle Marcinkeviciene
MOLDOVA	(MLD)	Veaceslav Petelca
NETHERLANDS	(NED)	Mark Schenk & Hans Johanossen
POLAND	(POL)	Krzysztof Michalczuk & Aleksander Kubin
RUSSIA	(RUS)	Pavel Parfenov & Alexander Beliakov
SCOTLAND	(SCO)	Mark Towler & John Christie
SERBIA	(SRB)	Rade Cimesa & Dragan Moldovanovic
SLOVAKIA	(SVK)	Peter Frajka
SWEDEN	(SWE)	Peter Berenyi & Jarsoslav Korenkiewicz
SWITZERLAND	(SUI)	Jolanta Bolliger
UKRAINE	(UKR)	Vladimir Kovalenko & Svitlana Gonchar
UZBEKISTAN	(UZB)	Sirojiddin Zaynidinov & Anatoliy Krovov
WALES	(WLS)	David Guy

Adherent I.C.S.C. Country-Members:

INDIA	(IND)	Kapoor Subhash & Snigdha Sharma
HUNGARY	(HUN)	Sandor Konkoly

Observers:

CROATIA	(CRO)	Kauzlaric Branko
SCOTLAND	(SCO)	Annelis Kusters, Ian Carmichael

Apologies:

ARMENIA	(ARM)	Grigor Grigoryan
AZERBAIJAN	(AZE)	Akif Hajiyev
MONGOLIA	(MGL)	Enkhbayar Janchivnymbuu
KOSOVO	(KOS)	Bujar Bejtullahu & Hilmi Dervishi
PAKISTAN	(PAK)	Ali Akhar Nooari & Muhammad Shahzad
UNITED STATES	(USA)	David Broadwater

01. I.C.S.C. PRESIDENT'S OPENING ADDRESS (10:10 hours)

Peter Berenyi opened the proceedings and invited the ICCD President, Phillip Gardner, who declared the 34th ICCD Congress open at the Simon Building, University of Manchester at 10.10 hours with a warm welcome to all those present from 23 different countries in the Congress and regretted the absence of Mongolia Men Team and Belarus Ladies Team due to visa problems.

He welcomed the Honorary President, Anthony Boyce. He then welcomed the ICCD Board members. He then used the Power Point to welcome all the delegates at the Congress, including the Minutes Takers, Egle Marcinkeviciene and Ilan Dwek.

The President outlined an apology for absence coming from the I.C.S.C. Honorary-President, Gabor Vida (Hungary), who is now aged 97.

He expressed regret, that Armenia, Azerbaijan, Pakistan and Kosovo could not attend due to visa problems. He repeated his regret that the same visa problems, had also affected Mongolia. He added, that USA could not attend due to financial situation.

He then introduced the ICCD Board, one by one. He was optimistic, that the Congress would be a positive one and reminded, that all the ICCD delegates have the opportunity voice their issues and concerns for the ICCD Board to listen and take notice.

The President acknowledged the President of English Deaf Sports Federation, for the organizing of this ICCD Olympiad as well as acknowledging Steve Gibson and Ilan Dwek.

The President showed all those present ICCD chess players, who have died over the past two years. He then asked for a minute's silence show respect to the deceased.

Obituary (10.18 hours)

Ukraine:	Vasyl Sandugei - (1956 - 2017) – 61 years;
Moldova:	Alexei Ciuprun - (1938 - 2016) – 78 years;
Poland:	Pawel Brachaczek – (1939 – 2017) – 78 years;
Croatia:	Vladimir Dolinar - (1936-2016) – 80 years;
Netherlands:	Gerrit Westerweld – (1931 - 2017) - 86 years;
Hungary:	Laszlo Lukacsovics – (1956 - 2018) – 62 years;
Hungary:	Nyiro Zsolt – (1962 – 2017) – 55 years;
Germany:	Horst Weidemann – (1930 – 2017) – 87 years;
Scotland:	Craham Mclellan – (1937 – 2018) – 81 years.

Tributes were paid by Sandor Konkoly (HUN) to Laszlo Lukacsovics, who was involved for many years and loyal with the then ICSC (now ICCD).

10:22 hours

The Honorary President Anthony Boyce then gave a short presentation a tribute to Gerrit Westerweld giving a brief life story via Power Point – remarking on his stoical and supportive wife, whom he married in 1959 and also for organising correposndec chess. He also organised 1980 ICSC World Individual Chess Championships and then did again in 1996 this time in Rotterdam. He was the Secretary-General for 16 years – 1986 → 2002. He was also the Bulletin Editor from 1994 to 2002. He was also awarded ICSC Gold Medal for his long service to ICSC. He passed away 22.08.2017 aged 86.

President P. Gardner thanked A. Boyce for a short story about G. Westerveld and he invited Holger Mende, who added, that he attended the funeral of the deceased G. Westerveld in Netherlands and also paid tribute.

10.33 hours

P. Berenyi then asked for a minute silence to rememer those who have passed away in the past two years.

02. WELCOME SPEECH BY THE CHAIRMAN OF ENGLISH DEAF CHESS ASSOCIATION (10:32 hours)

The EDCA Chairman, Barry David, warmly greeted all present at the Congress, indicating his great pleasure in seeing them in England and added, that it is the second time, that the Congress being held in Manchester in England after exactly 60 years– the first being in 1958 in London.

10:38 hours

V. Kovalenko (UKR) paid tribute to Barry David for his hard work in successful organising as well as his 60th birthday! He gave a traditional drum as he stated that Mr. David had been successful in getting more entries than ever before.

03. ADOPTION OF VOTING COMMISSION & CONFIRMATION OF VOTING POWERS (10:40 hours)

The following delegates were appointed to sanction the voting powers of the delegates:

Simon Andersson	Australia
Jasroslav Korenkiewicz	Sweden
John Christie	Scotland

The following delegates were nominated to audit the ICCD financial papers:

Michele Visco	ITALY	(Chief)
Alexander Pinhasov	ISRAEL	
Jaroslav Korenkiewicz	SWEDEN	

04. ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA (10:43 hours)

Some delegates mentioned, that they have not received the agenda, but I. Kulakov, Secretary-General (UKR), explained that these were sent out to each federation and each country has own responsibility to disseminate forward to the delegates. P. Berenyi agreed with I. Kulakov's statement.

P. Gardner reminded about the three voting cards to each delegate and official, the significance of each colour being:

Green:	Yes
Red:	No
Yellow:	Abstained

P. Gardner asked delegates for their appropriate use of the cards for the vote count would be crucial towards a decision.

05. ADMISSION OF NATIONAL ASSOCIATIONS / FEDERATIONS (10:45 hours)

Three applications for affiliation to the ICCD were submitted by the following countries: Australia, Wales, Pakistan, and Kosovo.

P. Berenyi presented S. Andersson (AUS), who gave a brief speech saying, he was delighted to be back as Australia participated in the World Team only once in 1988.

D. Guy (WLS) was welcomed to the stage by P. Gardner, who explained, he is 'one-man' band for Wales and his passion for chess acknowledged.

As Pakistan was absent, I. Kulakov confirmed, that he had received the necessary papers for application, so the Congress accepted.

Kosovo was also absent, so I. Kulakov gave similar report and the vote was taken with 40 out of 44 accepting with 4 abstaining to welcome Kosovo as a new member.

United States of America made an application to join ICCD, so P. Gardner gave a brief explanation of its history of not paying membership fees for several years and it was agreed to write it off. However, the new US Deaf chess federation has been slow in corresponding and recently has a young player participating at the Blitz a few days ago.

The President suggested deferring its application until their internal matters are sorted. S. Salov (GER) suggested, that ICCD a Russian Mikhail Makhlin, who now lives in USA and he was confident he would be the right person to bring it forward. However, P. Gardner said, he had send an email to M. Makhlin, however did not receive any response from him.

06. Confirmation of the 33RD CONGRESS MINUTES, YEREVAN, ARMENIA, 2016 (11:01 hours)

The minutes were accepted by all 44 delegates.

07. I.C.C.D. BOARD REPORTS 2016-17 (11:03 hours)

07.1 Matters Arising from the ICCD Board Reports

President P. Gardner gave a brief summary of the Report already handed out.

07.2 Acceptance of the ICCD Board Reports

The ICCD Board Reports 2016-17 were unanimously accepted with a 44-0 vote.

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08. I.C.C.D FINANCIAL REPORT 2016-17 (11:12 hours)

The ICCD Treasurer, Holger Mende, gave a brief summary of the Financial Report already handed out.

08.1 Finance Committee's Report and Findings

A.Pinhasov says there are some problems, which the ICCD does not pay for flight tickets to chess players participating in the FIDE Olympiad. M. Visco explained to him, that the ICCD is not responsible for paying flight tickets, only paying for accommodation and meals. A. Pinhasov gave a summary of the report – key points include.

- a) Future ICCD organizing committees should not be expecting handouts from the ICCD;
- b) Also that the ICCD should be investing on youth policy supporting new players from different countries;
- c) H. Mende is to be applauded for attention to detail in preparing the Financial Report.

08.2 Approval of the Financial Accounts 2016-17

The ICCD Board Reports 2016-17 were unanimously accepted with a 44-0 vote.

P. Berenyi announced the break at 11:21 hours.

Agenda continued at 11:38 hours.

9. REPORT ON I.C.C.D. EVENTS 2016-17

9.1. 14th ICCD World Individual Championships, Yerevan, Armenia 2016

President P. Gardner gave a brief report, that president Grigor Grigoryan of the ADSF was unable to arrive for the above- mentioned reasons. P. Gardner appreciate the T. Petrosian Chess House in Yerevan, actually, that president S. Sargsyan of Armenia welcomed deaf chess players. In addition, he was impressed with the fact

that Armenia supports chess. P. Gardner is grateful to Grigor Grigoryan for being positively organized.

M. Visco remarked that the hotel was more expensive than other hotels in Yerevan.

9.2. 3rd Asian Team Championships, Astana, Kazakhstan 2016

M. Rozhkov gave a brief report about this event in Astana and after planning and collaboration with Ministry of Sports, the event did not materialize. He also indicated difficulties facing other Asian countries in raising their teams. But he was pleased with the good contacts with only KAZ, UZB, IND and AUS.

He wanted more support for Asian events in the future – P. Gardner then added his disappointment at the cancellation of this event. He suggested contacting the Government first before offering to stage the event not the other way round. He stressed the importance of keeping the Asian Chess going strong, as it is part of the ICCD vision to have the world chess i.e. long term aim to include the two Americas, Africa and so on for the future.

9.3. 1st ICCD European Individual Championships, Lund, Sweden 2017

See 9.4 as it is linked

9.4 24th Open Club Team Championship, Lund, Sweden 2017

P. Berenyi gave a report on this event, which he mentioned was greatly enjoyed. He indicated that he was not happy to receive payment in cash due to strict laws in Sweden, which indicated he is allowed to put in bank a maximum of 10,000 euros per annum, yet he was holding about 20,000 euros.

He was disappointed with Kazakhstan, who turned up and not paying for the hotel and accommodation and foods. He felt that this was not indicative of chess being one family. He also expressed dismay at some countries trying to pay less than others as they "pleaded poverty".

He thanked ICCD for their help and kindly gave some financial assistance to pay off some of the debts incurred.

M. Rozhkov explained the complexity of the forms, wanted to congratulate his team for winning Bronze, explained, that Sweden is comparatively expensive, and was not able to raise money in advance and apologies for this. However according to him, the Kazakhstan chess players themselves pay for their own money for an accommodation.

S. Konkoly praised Sweden for using solely deaf team of three arbiters and it was the first time ever in its 68-year history.

Report was accepted by 44-0 votes.

10. Reports of Other Chess Events 2016-17 (12:03 hours)

10.1 42nd FIDE Chess Olympiads, Baku, Azerbaijan, 2016

P. Gardner gave a brief report – mentioning that while chess was fine, he was frustrated by poor communication with his men’s team and while the hotel was admittedly large, he felt it was no excuse as he sought and found 3 players who are deaf and can use some sign language – from Guam, Albania.

V. Kovalenko is the Captain of the Ladies team and there was no problem with communication and often P. Gardner and Y. Gruenfeld would join them but no sight of the other male players, which was disappointing. His team consisted of 3 Ukrainians, 1 Russian and 1 Kazakhstan (2 original ladies from Russia and Germany were not able to attend).

G. Cechi (CRO) mentioned he was captain 4 times from 2006 (S. Salov doing twice in 2002 and 2004) and he indicated he didn’t have problem with communication and he suggested a checklist for the future as to make sure the selected players comply with these rules. He also reminded of the dilemma re some of the hard of hearing players who cannot sign and the need for balance. He also suggested using mobile (e.g. group texting) to communicate.

H. Mende mentioned, that, for example, Y. Gruenfeld was always selected to play for ICCD and others wanted opportunity and as we are a family – he felt that Y. Gruenfeld should make way as he was not representative of signing deaf chess players and not a good publicity for ICCD.

I. Kulakov mentioned that there are 3 criteria for selection to ICCD – audiogram, high ELO and ability to sign.

In response, G. Cechi has sympathies with comments by H. Mende and I. Kulakov yet he questioned the participation of Y. Gruenfeld in the Blitz for instance. He felt he should not be picked upon, as there are others, too. In addition, G. Cechi emphasized, that too much Ukrainian women often participate in the ICCD team and that women players from other countries should be allowed to participate.

P. Gardner gave an example of communication needing to include body language as per D. Collutiis, who is friendly and approachable thus communicable. Y. Gruenfeld is different yet a good team player. He mentioned T. Baklanova of Ukraine as someone, who doesn’t sign or make effort.

S. Zaynidinov (UZB) recounted his experience of finding it difficult to communicate with others and feeling left out at chess events, etc. He would have liked more signing players as a ‘family’ should be.

V. Kovalenko recounted a story of 2006 FIDE Olympiad about being invited to Turin Deaf Club and some who could not sign simply did not bother to attend.

A. Pinhasov explained, that Y. Gruenfeld was born deaf and attended hearing school, therefore he does not speak the sign language and mentioned, that it was his parents, who discouraged him to mix with deaf community in the past, although he is trying to learn sign language, however of his ago, it is difficult to master the sign language. A. Pinhasov asked the delegates to stop picking on him!

Report accepted 44-0.

P. Gardner explained he already gave out report and had nothing to add – so it was voted and accepted 44-0.

10.3 1st Asian Individual Chess, Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan 2017 (12:32 hours)

M. Rozhkov explained he already gave out report and had nothing to add – so it was voted and accepted 44-0.

11. I.C.C.D. Friends of Chess (12:35 hours)

11.1. Report and Accounts

P. Berenyi announced he gave 300 euros to Friends of Chess as a way of thanks for their sterling support for 2017 Lund event.

A. Nikitin (BLR) expressed his delight at being at this Congress and for the support from the ICCD Board. He mentioned it had been a struggle getting the funding over the years .

S. Zaynidinov queried whether memorial funds could be obtained by this Fund. A. Anarkulov of Uzbekistan passed away and ICCD is happy to support the A. Anarkulov Memorial in some way.

13. PROPOSALS & MOTIONS (12:41 hours)

Motion No. 1 SERBIA

D. Moldovanovic explained about the confusion of the two titles for the same event i.e. Deaf Chess Olympiad and World Deaf Chess Teams Tournament as in his country, it would be more likely to get funding if only one title is used i.e. Deaf Chess Olympiad.

D. Moldovanovic mentioned the new sport of chess for the Winter Deaf Olympics and his proposal is to keep BOTH ICCD Chess Olympiads as well as the Chess Event at the Winter Olympics.

K. Michalczuk (POL) supported the idea of just one title to prevent confusion and would prefer the title “World Deaf Chess Team Championships”.

G. Cechi also supported this idea, yet expressed concern, that the future of World Deaf Chess Team Championships might decline in future due to the Winter Deaf Chess Olympics.

V. Kovalenko wondered whether the Winter Olympics would still be going ahead and suggested adopting “wait and see “attitude.

D. Moldovanovic commented that there should be a large number of countries participating in order to get some good funding, so having both with same name could prove problematic in fundraising.

I.Kulakov commented, that care is needed to consider, whether to use the word Olympics in future chess event, as it is a trademark of IOC and could cost us a fortune in fees and fines!

M. Visco mentioned, that during ICCD Congress in Portugal in 2010, Russian delegates proposed changing the word from the World to the Olympics due to Government budget.

It was agreed to defer this motion by 40-4.

Motion No. 2 – ENGLAND (12:58 hours)

B. David explained, that it has been the case, that some countries have been late in submitting Form 1 and it had been frustrating for any Organising Committee, so proposed a fine of 100 euros for missed deadline for Form 1 submission.

J. Schmid (CZE) explained, that it could be difficult as sometimes the sponsors or Government can be late in approving participation funding.

A.Pinhasov strongly disagreed explaining it has always been difficult and warned of possible consequences of some countries deciding not to come in.

G.Cechi emphasized, in respect that others countries, where popular chess, have the opportunity to receive a budget on time, but other get late or not. He suggested that the deadline dates being agreed and approved after ICCD inspection.

K. Michalczuk mentioned, that sending Form 1, depending on the receipt of the budget, but if delayed by two months, does not need to punish.

P. Gardner explained, that it is fine to submit Form 1 in advance and then change mind and pull out. It is about submitting forms at a late stage.

V. Kovalenko queried about late confirmation, and P. Gardner explained, that as long as Form 1 was submitted before 1st January, it does not matter if one pulls out after January.

I.Kulakov explained that the Form 1 informs about the participation of the others countries and is not subject to punished. However, if three months later the Form 2, then to punished.

M. Rozhkov felt that the proposed fine is too high.

It was rejected by a majority vote.

Motion No. 3 ENGLAND (13:13 hours)

B. David proposed that future World Deaf Teams and Individuals be held over 8-day period instead of 10-day period.

M. Rozhkov explained that 10-day period is better as it gives some free time for a variety of other stuff such as rest, sightseeing, congress and blitz.

J. Schmid queried why not 9 days.

S. Zaynidinov speaking of personal experience supported M. Rothko's reasons.

It was rejected by a majority vote.

P. Berenyi announced the lunch break at 13:17 hours.

P. Berenyi invited delegates to do photo session at 14:27 hours.

Motion No. 4 ENGLAND (14:47 hours)

B. David explained about his proposal to set up an ICCD Commission of between 3 and 5 members to investigate changes to the ICCD Constitution, as the current rules is not very clear and can be vague.

He gave examples of confusion such as 'Men' or 'Open' teams, etc.

S. Andersson (AUS) suggested, that the new 5-men commission should include those from the current congress. He also suggested identifying problems from previous experiences and offering solutions.

J. Schmid queried who would foot the bill of expenses of the new Commission.

It was rejected by 19-6 (with 18 abstentions).

Motion No. 5 SWEDEN

P. Berenyi suggested that in future hotel accommodation be the responsibility of the organizing committee. Also that the ICCD to take responsibility.

S. Konkoly preferred the status quo.

M. Rozhkov mentioned difficulties in finding good prices via internet and sometimes it is cheaper to buy hotel accommodation upon arriving at other country.

S. Salov explained about different tiers of the hotel – I. Kulakov explained it is slightly irrelevant to this motion.

A. Nikitin disagreed, that ICCD should take on extra responsibility.

A.Kubin explained, that the advantage of block booking of the hotel is that it can lead to discounts as well as that the people booking hotels themselves may inadvertently find themselves a long distance away!!

J. Korenkiewicz talked about different currency as they had a mix of Swedish kronors, euros etc.

It was overwhelming rejected.

Motion No. 6 – UKRAINE

It was withdrawn.

Motion No. 7 – UKRAINE

V. Kovalenko proposed a fine of 20 euros for amending name or surname of each chess player (i.e. after submission of Form 3).

A.Boyce queried, what would happen if a women married and changed her surname?

M. Towler queried the destination of the fine – V. Kovalenko suggested OC.

It was accepted with a majority vote.

Motion No. 8 – UKRAINE

It was withdrawn.

Motion No. 9 SWEDEN (15:15 hours)

P. Berenyi proposed that the deaf-blind chess players to be fully involved in ICCD Deaf Chess tournaments.

S. Konkoly suggested a minor amendment to the ICCD Constituion and also to consider special provisions if any for them.

P. Gardner mentioned in his recent visit to Armenia he met a deaf-blind organisaition – and indicated that the need for audiogram, potentially difficuly realtionship such as lighting extra tables, etc. He does not agree to include the deaf-blind to the ICCD Statutes, only to contact with deaf-blind organization.

P. Parfenov mentioned Deaf-blind chess association in Denmark as a useful starting piont.

S. Andersson noted that there is one simple requiriement for ICCD participation, which is that a personn has to be suffciently deaf to participate – it says nothing of eye sight or physical disability so argued for their full inclusion.

M. Rozhkov recounted a story of a deaf-blind participant in the Kazakhstan Championships who travelled alone from Armenia and particapted and no support as well as communication difficulties.

A.Nikitin argued for segregation.

M. Towler suggested liaising with IBCM for confirmation of blindness.

After much discussion, it was agreed to defer to the ICCD Board.

Motion No. 10 I.C.C.D. Board (15:30 hours)

I.Kulakov explained, that the old Statutes of ICCD have been modified and now divided into Statutes and Regulations as agreed at the 33rd Congress in Yerevan.

M. Visco argued that there needs to be insertion of 'non-political' as an organisation. It is now found in section 2.9 of the new Statutes.

It was passed 44-0.

Motion No. 11 I.C.C.D. Board

I.Kulakov explained the new schedule of ICCD events from 2019-2023,

2019 – Winter DG; European Team Championships & European Club Championships

2020 – Individual World Championships & FIDE Chess Olympiad

2021 – Individual European Championships & European Club Championships

2022 – Team World Championships, FIDE Chess Olympiad

2023 – as for 2019 and so on

M. Rozhkov asked for inclusion of Asian Deaf Chess and P. Gardner reminded for the need to include Disabled Chess.

B. David pointed out it should always be Individual European Championships as suggested in 2016, when he was in Armenia.

G. Cechi would like a swap around of European Individual Championships with the European Team Championships, so that it doesn't clash with the Winter DG – from the point of successful obtaining of sponsorship. ICCD Board agreed to look at it and would do the modifications.

It was passed 44-0.

Motion No. 12 I.C.S.C. Board

I.Kulakov explained, that there has been new regulations for the ICCD Friends of Chess – reasons being the old regulations doesn't correspond to modern realities and also need for successful sponsorship.

It was passed 44-0.

Motion No. 13 I.C.C.D. Board (15:46 hours)

I.Kulakov proposed a fine of 50 euros for late submission of Annual report for up to 3 months, otherwise 100 euros for those more than 3 months late.

It was overwhelmingly passed with a few abstentions.

Motion No. 14 I.C.C.D. Board

P. Gardner proposed Michael Freund to be the 'Chair' of the ICCD Friends of Chess.

It was passed 44-0.

13. PRESENTATION OF I.C.C.D. DIPLOMAS & HONOURS (15:50 hours)

The ICCD President handed out Diplomas to the following recipients:

ICCD Honorary President	Michele Visco	(Italy)
ICCD Bronze Medal	Yuri Sobolev	(Russia)
ICCD Bronze Medal	Peter Berenyi	(Sweden)
ICCD Silver Medal	Jaroslav Korenkiewicz	(Sweden)
ICCD Silver Medal	Luciano Baiocco	(Italy)
ICCD International Master	Pavel Parfenov	(Russia)
ICCD International Master	Alexander Gerasimov	(Russia)
ICCD International Arbiter	Pavel Parfenov	(Russia)
ICCD International Arbiter	Alexander Beliakov	(Russia)

M. Visco is grateful to former I.C.S.C. president A. Boyce, because then there was no popular deaf chess in Italy, and thanks to him, the popularity of deaf chess has grown in Italy up to now.

P. Berenyi announced the break at 16:08 hours.

14. I.C.C.D EVENTS 2018-20 (16:24 hours)

14.1. 1st Gerrit Westerveld Chess Memorial, Rotterdam 2019

M. Schenk (NED) announced the tournament to be held on 16.03.2019 as agreed with ICCD. More information about this tournament would be sent to I. Kulakov for dissemination sometime in October. H. Johannsen mentioned that some in Holland were unaware of the impact G. Westerveld made on the chess world. He added that he hoped his wife would attend despite her ageing frailty.

P. Gardner acknowledged the importance of G. Westerveld as he argued that without his dedication there might not be an ICCD of today. According to him, the ICCD will support G. Westerveld Chess Memorial 500 Euros.

14.2. 2nd ICCD European Team Championships, Lvov, Ukraine 2019

V. Kovalenko gave a short presentation using Power Point. Ukrainian Deaf Sports Federation gave a speech confirming support and approval from the Ministry for the proposed event for July 2019.

Hotel room would be 30 euros per night inclusive of breakfast. Lunch and evening meals are not included.

He added he would be happy to change to European Individuals instead of European Teams Championships.

It was passed 44-0.

14.3. 24th ICCD Open Club Team Championships, Lvov, Ukraine 2019

Same as for 14.2 and approved.

14.4. 70th ICCD Jubilee, Lvov, Ukraine 2019 (16:30 hours)

P. Gardner explained about the 70th anniversary of ICCD in 2019, but as it would be European event, so it would instead occur in 2020 as it would coincide with the World Individuals.

H. Johannsen suggested the book being published for 75th anniversary instead of 70th anniversary.

14.5. 17th ICCD World Individuals, Croatia 2020 (16:43 hours)

I. Kulakov explained that it might take place in Belarus? but it is still under discussion so hoped to have it all confirmed in due course.

15. Chess Events 2018-20

15.1. 43th FIDE Chess Olympiads, Batumi, Georgia 2018 (16:47 hours)

S. Zaynidinov wanted to add about A. Anarkulov Chess Memorial due November 2018.

P. Gardner confirmed, that V. Kovalenko is the mens captain and A. Gerasimov is the woman captain. He explained about the coach card confirming, that captain can participate in the Olympiad and he explained about the seminar one is supposed to attend yet communication would be the issue.

15.2 19th Winter Deaflympics, Roccaroso, Italy 2019

P. Gardner explained, that the Winter Deaflympics is still in doubt. He thanked P. Parfenov for his regular contact with the ICDS President. P. Parfenov confirmed it would be 4-mens's team and 4-women's team as well as blitz for men and blitz for women. It will follow FIDE regulations i.e. 90 minutes plus 30 seconds per move and then for blitz it will be 5 minutes plus 3 seconds per move.

P. Gardner added that the new audiograms are needed as well as that some independent deaf chess organisations would need to liaise with main deaf sports federations citing Italy as an example. Also he mentioned England would need to liaise with Wales and Scotland to form Great Britain.

M. Visco explained the internal politics of different deaf sports organisations within Italy leading to communication chaos and disagreements. He then added that it is now unlikely to be at Roccaroso but at a location some 20 km from Milan. He asks for

help with the ICCD for the Italian Deaf Chess Association to join the Deaf Sports Association in Italy.

H. Mende warned that some winter sports covers only a few days so need to take this into consideration for planning of chess tournament, i.e. give some consideration on length of this tournament.

G. Cechi mentioned, that there needs to be a minimum number of teams for the validation of this tournament. As far as he was aware there would be 7 teams so far, so need to think long-term. And as for the women team, it might prove problematic raising 4-women team, so asked for consideration of using 2-women team instead.

S. Salov came up with information that it was already agreed to have 2-women team.

It was voted by a majority to have P. Parfenov as the Technical Director.

15.3 44th FIDE Chess Olympiads, Khanty-Mansiyk 2020 (17:09 hours)

To be discussed at the next Congress as no forthcoming information yet.

16 Elections of Officials 2018-22 (17:10 hours)

I. Kulakov explained that as P. Gardner is the sole candidate for Presidency, he is automatically re-elected. P. Gardner gave an acceptance speech confirming, he is happy to continue for the new term and has projects for the future especially for Asia, as he has already accomplished plenty such as FIDE, Disabled Chess and Winter Olympics, etc.

There are 12 nominations for Board Members – which P. Gardner thought a positive.

A. Pinhasov; H. Mende; I. Kulakov; R. Vizzaccaro; M. Rozhkov; P. Berenyi; S. Zaynidinov; D. Moldovanovic; S. Konkoly; E. Janchivnyambuu?

J. Schmid declined and withdrew. P. Parfenov withdrew as already TD.

P. Gardner mentioned his aim for the future of developing 3-men Presidium of President, Secretary and Treasurer, so today will ask for the floor to accept the full Board of committee, but with 3-men Presidium.

He also suggested, that if a Board member hasn't contributed with 6 months, he will be given a warning, then if nothing for 1 year, he will be thrown out.

D. Moldovanovic suggested, that there should be a quota of women as it is all-male, e.g. 30%,

I. Kulakov reminded, that there is no quota regulations from other deaf sports bodies and argued it is the responsibility of the country members to nominate females.

A. Kubin disagreed with P. Gardner suggestion as it would mean more changes to the statutes.

It was put to the vote on the floor to accept all on the Board as suggested by P. Gardner.

It is accepted with a majority.

It was checked with the floor and it was agreed, that P. Gardner can automatically pick a Secretary and I. Kulakov is selected to continue as the Secretary. H. Mende also selected as the Treasurer.

P. Gardner then checked with all nominees, who all have accepted – outlined the next projects – Asia; Youth; Deaf Arbiters; Memorials; 70th Anniversary.

17 Closing Speech by the I.C.S.C. President (17:32 hours)

The ICCD President thanked all for their contributions at the Congress and hoped that they would continue to enjoy Manchester.

The ICCD President declared the 34th ICCD Congress closed at 17.34 hours and thanked all present for their active participation.