



## The International Correspondence Chess Federation

### 2016 Congress Bremen, Germany

(ICCF World Champions in Attendance. From left to right: GM ~~Ing.~~ Leonardo Ljubičić (CRO); GM Marjan Šemrl (SLO); GM Pertti Lehtikoinen (FIN); and GM ~~Dr.~~ Fritz Baumbach (GER) – photo provided by Michael Millstone, ~~PhD~~ – ICCF General Secretary).

#### Notable Quotations

“No person can nominate herself/himself for a Nobel Prize.” - The Nobel Prize Committee

[When 32-piece TB is achieved] “Nichts ist stabiler als die Fahrt in den Abgrund.” - Juli Zeh, Spieltrieb

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## Bremen, Germany

### I – Introduction

ICCF Congress 2016 Bremen - Welcome Speech

Dear Chessfriends from all over the world,

It is my pleasure to welcome you to Bremen.

Bremen is a rather experienced city: it was first mentioned in the 8th century. For most of the time Bremen has been a Free Hanseatic City. For some time, Bremen was governed by France (at the beginning of the 19th century), during the 17th century -after the Thirty Years War- by Sweden. But during all the time Bremen has always been an international city with trade and commerce to countries and merchants from all over the world. The typical merchant from Bremen is full of consciousness of tradition. Seafaring and the shipbuilding industry have been very characteristic for Bremen for many centuries. Nowadays, they are replaced by the automotive industry as well as by the knowledge producing industry – the university, as well as the university of applied science.

What is the relationship between Bremen and chess – especially correspondence chess? Bremen is the home town of Hermann Heemsoth. Heemsoth was born in 1909 in Bremen and passed away in January 2006. As a typical inhabitant of Bremen, he left Bremen only for a short period – he studied English, Mathematics, and Sports for a teaching profession in Hamburg. Heemsoth was the president of BdF from 1956 to 1988 (the incredible period of 32 years) and achieved the title of a Grandmaster in Correspondence Chess in 1987 at the age of 77.

Hamburg – this is the other big and important city in the north of Germany. As I just mentioned, Heemsoth studied in Hamburg and Hans-Werner von Massow also lived in Hamburg for many decades. Massow is one of the most important correspondence chess officials and the founder of the national body of correspondence chess already in the thirties of the last century and after World War II the founder of BdF. Massow is furthermore one of the founders of ICCF and served as ICCF president for 28 years. Moreover, he was Managing Director of BdF also for many decades. Yesterday, on the 14th of August, was the anniversary of his death – Massow passed away on the 14th August 1988. His main idea and ideal was – Amici Sumus, we are friends.

There is a further name of importance for Bremen: Carl Carls. Carls was born in the year 1880 in a small town near Bremen and lived in Bremen for almost his whole life. He died in 1958 in Bremen. Carls was not a professional chess player, he was the director of a bank. Carls was a good - an excellent- OTB player and also played correspondence chess. In OTB, Carls achieved the title of an International Master in 1951. His best historical ELO rating was considered to be 2589 (1930). In Germany, and especially in Bremen, Carls is known as the inventor of the English opening. This opening is called in Germany and in Bremen the opening of Bremen. Consequently, the English Correspondence Chess Federation, the Bremer Schachgesellschaft (Carls' OTB club) and BdF organized three invitational memorial tournaments which started on 11th September 2013, the 55th anniversary of his death.

Therefore, the idea to hold an international Congress at this time in Bremen and to visit Hamburg (on Thursday) appears to be adequate. During this week we are going to hold our Congress which hopefully will bring fruitful results. There is also a programme accompanying the Congress – for all Congress participants as well as for the accompanying persons.

If you should have any questions, suggestions during this week – please do not hesitate to ask and contact me. My task is the organization of the Congress in general. If you have any suggestions

which concern your stay in the hotel, the staff of the Radisson Blu is grateful for your comments and the best thing is to direct yourself directly to the hotel in these cases. If you have any suggestions concerning the agenda of the working sessions of the Congress, the Executive Board and especially the ICCF President and the General Secretary are the right contact persons. Such a Congress cannot be realized without the help of others. Especially I would like to mention Austin and Andrew. Both of them are busy in their professional and private life and have a demanding and time consuming task in ICCF, nevertheless they were always willing to answer any question within 1 minute. I received lots of practical help: Andrew visited Bremen last year and checked the Congress facilities, the table tents, name badges voting cards, list of participants, etc. were kindly provided by Austin. I am very thankful for this help.

I would like to thank Michael, Eric, and George for planning of the structure of the congress + financial subsidies. Herbert Bastian and Deutscher Schachbund for coming to the opening ceremony and giving a welcome speech. Edda - my wife- for organizing the accompanying persons programme, supported by Elisabeth Binder, and for the joint organizing of the congress. Uwe Bekemann for producing and updating the Congress website, Hans-Jürgen Isigkeit, Andreas Bartsch and Wilfred Nyberg for the support of the project. Radisson Blu for offering the wonderful congress facilities. Bremer Schachgesellschaft for the microphone man, players and delivering chess material for the OTB match.

Dr. Uwe Staroske, August 2016

## II – Executive Board and Management Committee

### Executive Board

Eric Ruch as ICCF President ^^

Michael Millstone as ICCF General Secretary ^^

George Pyrich as ICCF Finance Director ^^

Frank Geider as ICCF World Tournament Director ^^

Austin Lockwood as ICCF Services Director ^^

Andrew Dearnley as ICCF Marketing Director ^^

Marco Caressa as ICCF Zonal Director, Zone 1 – Europe ^^

Gino Franco Figlio as ICCF Zonal Director, Zone 2, Latin America ^^

Jason Bokar as ICCF Zonal Director, Zone 3, North America/Pacific ^^

Sailesh Chandra Akkaraju as ICCF Zonal Director, Zone 4, Africa, Asia, and Australia

### Management Committee

Ian M. Pheby as ICCF Direct Entry Commissioner

Mariusz Wojnar as ICCF Qualifications Commissioner ^^

Gerhard Binder as ICCF Ratings Commissioner ^^

Gino Figlio as ICCF Webmaster ^^

Dennis Doren as Rules Commissioner ^^

Gian-Maria Tani as Title Tournament Commissioner

Guido Bresadola as Non-Title Tournament Commissioner

### World Champions in Attendance

WCCC XI                      GM ~~Dr.~~ Fritz Baumbach

WCCC XX                     GM Pertti Lehtikainen (FIN)

WCCC XXIV                GM Marjan Šemrl (SLO)

WCCC XXVIII             GM ~~Ing~~ Leonardo Ljubičić (CRO)

^^ Those present at Congress

### III – All Congress Participants

#### Australia

- Brian Jones *as ICCF National Delegate for Australia*
- Lee Jones *as Accompanying Person*

#### Croatia

- Leonardo Ljubičić *as ICCF National Delegate for Croatia and 28th ICCF World Champion*

#### Czech Republic

- Josef Mrkvička *as ICCF National Delegate for the Czech Republic and ICCF Auditor*
- Alena Mrkvičková *as Member of the Czech Delegation*

#### Denmark

- Søren R. Ottesen *as ICCF National Delegate for Denmark*
- Kim R. Jensen *as Member of the Danish Delegation*

#### England

- Andrew Dearnley *as ICCF National Delegate for England and ICCF Marketing Director*

#### Finland

- Olli Ylönen *as ICCF National Delegate for Finland*
- Pertti Lehikoinen *as Member of the Finnish Delegation and 20th ICCF World Champion*
- Olavi Riikonen *as Member of the Finnish Delegation*
- Leila Lehikoinen *as Accompanying Person*
- Anneli Riikonen *as Accompanying Person*

#### France

- Eric Ruch *as ICCF National Delegate for France and ICCF President*
- Frank Geider *as ICCF World Tournament Director*

#### Germany

- ~~Dr.~~ Uwe Staroske *as ICCF National Delegate for Germany and Congress Organiser*
- Gerhard Binder *as ICCF Ratings Commissioner*
- ~~Dr.~~ Fritz Baumbach *as ICCF Honorary Member and 11th ICCF World Champion*
- Herbert Bastian *as Member of the German Delegation and President of Deutscher Schachbund (German OTB Federation)*
- Elisabeth Binder *as Member of the German Delegation*
- Edda Jankowski *as Member of the German Delegation*
- Uwe Bekemann *as Member of the German Delegation and PR-Manager BdF*
- Uwe Eschert *as Member of the German Delegation and BdF Official*
- Wilfred Nyberg *as Member of the German Delegation and BdF Official*
- Hans-Jürgen Isigkeit *as Member of the German Delegation and Managing Director of BdF*
- Matthias Gleichmann *as Member of the German Delegation and Winner of World Cup XVII*
- Andreas Bartsch *as Member of the German Delegation and BdF Tournament Director*
- Matjaž Pirš *as Member of the German Delegation*
- Jörg Kracht *as Member of the German Delegation*
- Matthias Kribben *as Olympiad Final XVIII Winner*
- Peter Hertel *as Olympiad Final XVIII Winner*
- Maximilian Voss *as Olympiad Final XVIII Winner*
- Reinhard Moll *as Olympiad Final XVIII Winner*
- Arno Nickel *as Olympiad Final XVIII Winner*
- ~~Dr.~~ Hans-Dieter Wunderlich *as Olympiad Final XVIII Winner*



- Martin Fischer *Chessbase*
- Uwe Nogga *as Winner of World Cup XVI*
- Iris Nogga *as Accompanying Person*
- Anika Nogga *as Accompanying Person*
- Heike Bekemann *as Accompanying Person*
- Gisela Eschert *as Accompanying Person*
- Petra Gleichman *as Accompanying Person*
- Waltraud Bartsch *as Accompanying Person*
- Margot Pöschel *as Accompanying Person*
- Cordula Gall *as Accompanying Person*
- Joachim Walther *as Guest*
- Ingo Firnhaber *as Guest*
- Lydia Firnhaber *as Guest*
- Maria Grigat *as Guest*
- Kai Muttersbach *as Guest*
- Gudrun Treiber *as Guest*
- Engelbert Treiber *as Guest*
- Annemarie Burghoff *as Guest*
- Alfred Newerla *as Guest*

### **India**

- ~~Dr.~~ Ambar Chatterjee *as Delegate Designee for India*
- Urmila Chatterjee *as Accompanying Person*

### **Italy**

- Marco Caressa *as ICCF Zone One Director*
- Gianni Mastrojeni *as National Delegate for Italy*
- Luz Marina Tinjaca Ramirez *as Member of the Italian Delegation*
- Alberto Dosi *as Member of the Italian Delegation*
- Limoli Patrizia *as Guest*
- Giuseppe Petitto *as Guest*
- Daniela Pollicino *as Guest*

### **Latvia**

- Artis Gaujens *as ICCF National Delegate for Latvia*
- Maigonis Avotīns *as Member of the Latvian Delegation*
- Anita Avotina *as Accompanying Person*

### **Lithuania**

- Marijonas Ročius *as ICCF National Delegate for Lithuania*

### **Netherlands**

- Jos van Doorn *as Delegate Designee for the Netherlands*

### **Nicaragua**

- Guy José Bendaña Guerrero *as ICCF National Delegate for Nicaragua*

### **Norway**

- Raymond Boger *as ICCF National Delegate for Norway*

### **Panama**

- Hermann Rösch *as ICCF National Delegate for Panama*

**Peru**

- Gino Figlio *as ICCF National Delegate for Peru, ICCF Zone Two Director, and ICCF Webmaster*

**Poland**

- Mariusz Wojnar *as ICCF National Delegate for Poland and ICCF Qualifications Commissioner*

**Russia**

- Sergey Grodzensky *as ICCF National Delegate for Russia*
- Nikolai Poleshchuk *as Member of the Rules Commission, Member of the Russian delegation, and European Team Championship Final IX Winner*
- Andrey Pavlikov *as Member of the Russian Delegation*
- Vilga Saveleva *as Accompanying Person*
- Natalia Grodzenskaya *as Accompanying Person*

**Scotland**

- George Pyrich *as ICCF National Delegate for Scotland and ICCF Finance Director*

**Slovakia**

- ~~Dr.~~ Ján Helbich *as Delegate Designee for Slovakia*
- Tatiana Helbichová *as Accompanying Person*

**Slovenia**

- Marjan Šemrl *as ICCF National Delegate for Slovenia, 24th ICCF World Champion, and Olympiad Final XVIII Silver llist*
- Danilo Korže *as Member of the Slovenian Delegation, Olympiad Final XVIII Silver Medallist, and Chess 960 European Team Cup I Winner*
- Aleš Borštnik *as Member of the Slovenian Delegation, Olympiad Final XVIII Silver Medallist, and Chess 960 European Team Cup I Winner*
- Iztok Brunšek *as Member of the Slovenian Delegation and Olympiad Final XVIII Silver Medallist*
- Jernej Šivic *as Member of the Slovenian Delegation and Olympiad Final XVIII Silver Medallist*
- Borko Bošković *as as Member of the Slovenian Delegation and Olympiad Final XVIII Silver Medallist*
- Milan Horvat *as as Member of the Slovenian Delegation and Chess 960 European Team Cup I Winner*
- Darko Babič *as as Member of the Slovenian Delegation and Chess 960 European Team Cup I Winner*

**South Africa**

- Everdinand Knol *as ICCF National Delegate for South Africa*
- Hannie Knol *as Accompanying Person*
- Ballot Marx *as Accompanying Person*
- Dalene Marx *as Accompanying Person*

**Sweden**

- Per Söderberg *as ICCF National Delegate for Sweden*

**Switzerland**

- Ulrich Baumgartner *as ICCF National Delegate for Switzerland*

**United States**

- ~~Dr.~~ Jason Bokar *as ICCF National Delegate for the United States of America and ICCF Zone Three Director*
- ~~Dr.~~ Michael Millstone *as ICCF General Secretary*
- Dennis Doren *as ICCF Rules Commissioner*
- Patricia van Dyke *as Accompanying Person*

**Wales**

- Austin Lockwood *as Delegate Designee for Wales and ICCF Services Director*
- Alice Lockwood *as Accompanying Person*
- Keeley Lockwood *as Accompanying Person*
- Max Lockwood *as Accompanying Person*

## **IV – Programme of Events**

### **14th August, 2016 (Sunday)**

Arrival of delegates, hotel check in

9:00 - 17:00: Meeting of ICCF Executive Board and of ICCF Management Committee

10:30 - 11:00: Coffee break

15:30 - 16:00: Coffee break

19:00 - 22:00: Welcome Party, Radisson Blu, Bremen

### **15th August, 2016 (Monday)**

09:00 - 09:30: Gathering of the delegates

09:30 - 10:30: Opening Ceremony

10:30 - 11:00: Coffee break

11:00 - 12:30: Title awards

12:30 - 14:00: Lunch break

14:00 - 15:30: Congress Day One

15:30 - 16:00: Coffee break

16:00 - 19:00: Congress Day One

Accompanying person's programme

20:00 - 23:00 Opening banquet

### **16th August, 2016 (Tuesday)**

09:00 - 10:30: Congress Day Two

10:30 - 11:00: Coffee break

11:00 - 11:30: Congress Day Two

12:30 - 14:00: Lunch break

14:00 - 15:30: Congress Day Two

15:30 - 16:00: Coffee break

16:00 - 18:00: Congress Day Two

18:00 - 19:00: Zone One Europe Meeting

Accompanying person's programme

20:00 - 24:00 Blitz tournament

### **17th August, 2016 (Wednesday)**

09:00 - 10:30: Congress Day Three

10:30 - 11:00: Coffee break

11:00 - 11:30: Congress Day Three

12:30 - 14:00: Lunch break

14:00 - 15:30: Congress Day Three

15:30 - 16:00: Coffee break

16:00 - 19:00: Congress Day Three

Accompanying person's programme

20:00 - 24:00 Chess Match ICCF vs. Local Team

**18th August, 2016 (Thursday)**

Day Trip: Tour to the Speicherstadt Hamburg. Short guided tour (in English) to the Miniaturwunderland (<http://www.miniatur-wunderland.de>).  
Harbour Tour.

**19th August, 2016 (Friday)**

Half Day Excursion

10:00 - 12:00: Beck's brewery tour

Guided tour and tasting

Please note: To participate in the tour, you must be at least 16 years of age and be wearing sturdy footwear.

19:00 - 23:00: Closing banquet: Bremer Ratskeller, Bacchus Keller, Am Markt, 28195 Bremen[[www.ratskeller-bremen.de](http://www.ratskeller-bremen.de)]

**20th August, 2016 (Saturday)**

Departure of Delegates.

## V – Chess Events

### Blitz Tournament – 16 August 2016

No	Name	+	=	-	Points	Buchholtz	S-B
1.	Olaf Steffens	7	2	1	8,0	58,5	46,00
2.	Marko Jostes	6	2	2	7,0	59,5	39,00
3.	Marjan Semrl	6	2	2	7,0	56,0	35,25
4.	Yuriy Koshmak	7	0	3	7,0	53,0	34,50
5.	Fritz Baumbach	6	1	3	6,5	50,0	33,00
6.	Matthias Kribben	6	0	4	6,0	59,5	31,50
7.	Per Söderberg	5	2	3	6,0	57,5	30,75
8.	Andreas Calic	5	2	3	6,0	48,0	23,50
9.	Maigonis Avotins	5	1	4	5,5	57,5	30,00
10.	Raymond Boger	5	1	4	5,5	55,5	26,50
11.	Nikolai Poleshchuk	5	1	4	5,5	52,0	26,50
12.	Ralf Mulde	5	0	5	5,0	52,5	22,50
13.	Ingo Firnhaber	4	2	4	5,0	48,0	20,50
14.	Hermann Rösch	4	2	4	5,0	45,0	17,00
15.	Soren Rud Ottesen	4	2	4	5,0	45,0	15,75
16.	Petyo Marinov	4	1	5	4,5	48,5	18,50
17.	Dennis Doren	4	1	5	4,5	43,5	13,75
18.	Guy Bendana	4	1	5	4,5	38,0	12,25
19.	Olavi Riikonen	3	2	5	4,0	50,0	20,75
20.	Hans-Jürgen Isigkeit	2	4	4	4,0	46,0	13,25
21.	Kosolapovich Ivan	3	2	5	4,0	37,0	11,75
22.	Marco Caressa	2	2	6	3,0	45,0	8,00
23.	Jos van Doorn	1	1	8	1,5	42,5	5,75

**Match ICCF – Local Team – 17 August 2016**

No.	ICCF	Local Team	Result
1.	Fritz Baumbach (2.184) (w)	Stephan Buchal (2.300) (b)	0:1
2.	Jurii Koschmak (2.145) (b)	Martin Fischer (2.101) (w)	1:0
3.	Lee Jones (2.050) (w)	Hendrik Schüler (2.081) (b)	1:0
4.	Petyo Marinov (2.040) (b)	Ingo Firnhaber (1.900) (w)	0:1
5.	Brian Jones (2.000) (w)	Ralf Mulde (1.900) (b)	1:0
6.	Maigonis Avotins (1.935) (b)	Manfred Krause (1.787) (w)	0:5
7.	George Pyrich (1.927) (w)	Soren Ottesen (1.700) (b)	1:0
8.	Ambar Chatterjee (1.800) (b)	Jos van Doorn (1.600) (w)	0:1
9.	Josef Mrkvicka (1.800) (w)	Patrizia Limoli (1.800) (b)	1:0
10.	Guisepe Petitto (1.800) (b)	Olaf Peine (1.500) (w)	0:1
11.	Artis Gaujens (2.000) (w)	Marko Jostes (2.000) (b)	0:5

6:5

## VI – President’s Report to Congress



### International Correspondence Chess Federation

#### President’s Report to Congress

July 2016

Dear Delegates, ICCF Officials, Chess Friends,

Next month, we will meet for the annual ICCF Congress, to be held in Bremen, Germany, to celebrate the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the German correspondence chess federation (BdF).

The BdF welcomes all Delegates and ICCF Officials to attend the 45<sup>th</sup> ICCF Congress in Bremen, which will be held in the Radisson Blu Hotel, between 14 August 2016 and 20 August 2016.

Much information about travel and accommodations can be found on the congress website <http://www.bdf-fernschachbund.de/bremen/indexgbr.html>. I hope that many of you will be able to join us in Bremen.

During the Congress, we will discuss many important topics for the future of ICCF. All proposals are detailed on the ICCF website and will allow the players, federation official’s and delegates to review and discuss them prior voting either on line or during the congress.

I will highlight three of them.

#### Tournament Organizers Manual

Last year we have introduced a fully revised and modernized version of the Tournament Director Manual that is now fully implemented on the server. A similar document for the tournament organizers was long overdue.

The tournament organizers currently need to search through many ICCF documents to find relevant rules about their duties, and still find almost no instruction about how to do various tournament organizational tasks. The Arbiter Committee has developed a manual for tournament organizers, designed to inform them how to do what they need to do, and to bring relevant rules and procedures into one document.

#### New Norms / Rating System

Last year in Cardiff, Congress decided to set up a working group to revisit the current ICCF norm calculation principle in consultation with a professional statistician. The Working Group was charged to propose an enhanced and modernized method for defining norms in title tournaments based on individual performance rating rather than on average tournament rating.

This work was successfully completed based on advice given to the group by ~~Professor~~ Mark Glickman, a Harvard professor of statistics and a world authority in the field of chess ratings.



The working group will also present to the Congress the evaluation of ~~Professor~~ Glickman's 'Glicko' Rating System which is potentially a suitable system for the ICCF rating system. It is proposed to fully evaluate this new rating system in order to assess its benefits and drawbacks compared to our current Elo system and to wisely defer to a future Congress the decision of its implementation.

#### New Time Control

The Working Group about time control and leaves will present a totally new and innovative control system. The Working Group will suggest to introduce and to test it in some dedicated tournaments before a more general use in the ICCF standard tournaments.

The proposed new system has been designed to address the concerns raised during the Congress in Cardiff and to solve additional problems of the current time control system.

I expect that all Delegates will analyze these proposals (and the others!) very carefully and will keep in mind that they should "think out of the box" before voting!

I wish to see you many of you next month in Bremen.

Amici Sumus.

Eric Ruch  
ICCF President

## VII – President’s Opening Speech

Distinguished Guests, dear Members of the German Chess Federation, dear Delegates, Member federation delegation members and accompanying persons, dear ICCF officials, ladies and gentleman,

May I first of all thank Mr. Bastian for those very kind words of welcome and for your great support of this Congress and our German correspondence chess friends for your warm welcome.

It is my great pleasure that an ICCF Congress is being held here in Bremen to celebrate the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the German Correspondence Chess Federation.

Germany has been for many years the ICCF federation having the most important number of players and also the most important number of title holders (this year will be another illustration: Germany has won this year the 9<sup>th</sup> edition of the Baltic Sea Tournament, the friendly match against Europe, we will honor Uwe Nogga for his win in the 16<sup>th</sup> ICCF World Cup ...).

Germany is also the leading federation with 6 gold medals and 4 silver medals in the ICCF Olympiads and we have in the audience the winning team of the 18<sup>th</sup> edition of the Olympiads.

This year ICCF has suffered the loss of many friends. Esko Nuutilainen (FIN) was awarded the Bertl von Massow silver medal in 1984, the gold medal in 1987 and was ICCF Honorary Member since 2011 and he has attended 20 congresses often accompanied by his lovely wife Seija. Most of you will remember the wonderful Congress he has organized in Järvenpää in 2011.

I will also mention George Livie (SCO) who passed away recently. George was one of the founder members of the Scottish CCA in 1977. George was awarded Gold Bertl von Massow medal in 1996, IA in 1997 and IM in 2003. He also attended a number of ICCF Congresses, the last Perth in 1994.

ICCF has lost a good chess friend with the death of Dr. Glen Shields (USA) on August 14, after a brief illness. Glen was a member of the ICCF-US Board Three years ago, he volunteered to restart NAPZ Promotional events, and personally made them a success as TO.

ICCF and the BdF have also suffered the loss of Achim Soltau former BdF President from 1989 to 1993 and he was for a very long time the record holder of the number of GM norms, 13 in total.

Another strong ICCF Grandmaster and FIDE IM and FIDE-IM Jef Boey (BEL) passed away this year at the age of 82. His major landmark was the second place he has achieved in the 7<sup>th</sup> ICCF world championship final behind Jakob Estrin (RUS).

Could I ask you to stand for a moment, in silence, in respect to these CC friends and other players and officials who passed away in the last year.

### One Minute Silence

This year we have implemented for the first time the on-line voting system. A deadline was given to the Member Federations and the Officials to send their proposals and time was given to all commissions/committees/officials to review and discuss them, before submitting their reports. The Delegates and the members of their federation were given time to analyze and review these proposals before deciding how they will vote, on-line or during the Congress. It is obvious that everything was not perfect and that we will have to learn from these lessons but I am convinced that this will help us a lot during our work this week and avoid what we have so often seen in the past, hasty and unprepared last minute decisions.

During the congress, we will discuss many important topics for the future of ICCF. All proposals are detailed on the ICCF website and will allow the players, federation official's and delegates to review and discuss them prior voting either on line or during the congress. I will highlight three of them.

#### Tournament Organizers Manual

Last year we have introduced a fully revised and modernized version of the Tournament Director Manual that is now fully implemented on the server. A similar document for the tournament organizers was long overdue. The tournament organizers currently need to search through many ICCF documents to find relevant rules about their duties, and still find almost no instruction about how to do various tournament organizational tasks. The Arbiter Committee has developed a manual for tournament organizers, designed to inform them how to do what they need to do, and to bring relevant rules and procedures into one document.

#### New Norms / Rating System

Last year in Cardiff, Congress decided to set up a working group to revisit the current ICCF norm calculation principle in consultation with a professional statistician. The Working Group was charged to propose an enhanced and modernized method for defining norms in title tournaments based on individual performance rating rather than on average tournament rating. This work was successfully completed based on advice given to the group by Professor Mark Glickman, a Harvard professor of statistics and a world authority in the field of chess ratings.

The working group will also present to the Congress the evaluation of Professor Glickman's 'Glicko' Rating System which is potentially a suitable system for the ICCF rating system. It is proposed to fully evaluate this new rating system in order to assess its benefits and drawbacks compared to our current Elo system and to wisely defer to a future Congress the decision of its implementation.

#### New Time Control

The Working Group about time control and leaves will present a totally new and innovative control system. The Working Group will suggest to introduce and to test it in some dedicated tournaments before a more general use in the ICCF standard tournaments. The proposed new system has been designed to address the concerns raised during the Congress in Cardiff and to solve additional problems of the current time control system.

Before concluding the opening speech, I would like to thank all Officials, TO, TDS, volunteers for their tremendous work throughout the year. Their tasks are not always easy and we shall always remember that they give a lot of their free time for the benefit of the players and the development of correspondence chess.

**I pronounce the 45<sup>th</sup> ICCF Congress, Bremen, Germany, duly open.**

## 1 – Honorary Awards

The ICCF President outlined the background and criteria which applied for Bertl von Massow awards: - “Medals in Gold and Silver were awarded respectively for 15 and 10 years of faithful service to ICCF, as the Delegate of a National organisation, as Member of the Executive Board, Management Committee or Commissions, for Zonal organisations or as a Tournament Director, or as Team Captain of a winning or highly placed team in an Olympiad or Continental (Zonal) Team Tournament”.

The President Eric Ruch announced the names of officials that the ICCF Executive Board had agreed to receive Bertl von Massow awards in 2016. Each recipient (or their respective delegate) came forward to receive medals and certificates, with the acclamation of Congress.

### ICCF Hall of Fame (<https://www.iccf.com/halloffame>)

Hans-Werner von Massow (GER)  
Esko Nuutilainen (FIN)

### ICCF Lifetime Achievement

Ragnar Wikman (FIN)  
Gian-Maria Tani (ITA)

### ICCF Honorary Member

Gerhard Binder (GER)  
George D. Pyrich (SCO)

### Bertl von Massow Gold Medal

Valer-Eugen Demian (CAN)  
Laurent Tinture (FRA)

### Bertl von Massow Silver Medal

Andrew Dearnley (ENG)  
Jörg Kracht (GER)

## 2 – Tournament Medals and Certificates – Awards Presentation

At the ICCF Congress 2016, the following tournament medals and certificates will be presented:

### 28th World Championship Final

Gold	<b>Ljubičić, <del>Ing.</del> Leonardo</b>	CRO
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[still 2 games ongoing – decisive for silver and bronze]

### 18th Olympiad Final

Gold		<b>Germany</b>	
	1	Hertel, Peter	GER
	2&TC	Kribben, <del>Dr.</del> Matthias	GER
	3	Voss, Maximilian	GER
	4	Nickel, Arno	GER
	5	Wunderlich, <del>Dr.</del> Hans-Dieter	GER
	6	Moll, Reinhard	GER
Silver		<b>Slovenia</b>	
	1	Šemrl, Marjan	SLO
	2	Brunšek, Iztok	SLO
	3&TC	Borštnik, Aleš	SLO
	4	Šivic, Jernej	SLO
	5	Korže, Dr. Danilo	SLO
	6	Bošković, <del>Dr.</del> Borko	SLO
Bronze		<b>Spain</b>	
	1&TC	Lafarga Santorromán, David	ESP
	2	Cruzado Dueñas, Carlos	ESP
	3	Velilla Velasco, Francisco de Asís	ESP
	4	Bescós Anzano, Manuel Jesús	ESP
	5	Manso Gil, Ángel-Jerónimo	ESP
	6	Martí Pericot, Juan Manuel	ESP

### Zone 1

#### 68th European Individual Championship Final

Gold	<b>Jónsson, Dadi Örn</b>	ISL
Silver	<b>Efendiyev, Enver Mikhailovich</b>	RUS
Bronze	<b>Telepnev, Igor Viktorovich</b>	RUS
Bronze	<b>Dolgov, Igor Mikhailovich</b>	RUS

### 9th European Team Championship Final

Gold		<b>Russia</b>	
	1	Voll, Aleksey Borisovich	RUS
	2	Turkov, Vladimir Sergeevich	RUS
	3	Efremov, Aleksandr Gennadievich	RUS
	4	Efendiyev, Enver Mikhailovich	RUS
	5	Nefedov, Sergey Vladimirovich	RUS
	6	Poleshchuk, Nikolay Nikolaevich	RUS
	7	Kuznetsov, Aleksandr Leonidovich	RUS
	8	Zakharov, Viktor Borisovich	RUS
	TC	Pinkovetsky, Semen Usherovich	RUS

### Zone 2

#### 23rd CADAP Zonal Etapa Final

Gold	<b>Cornejo, Wálter</b>	ARG
Silver	<b>Macayo, Ricardo Luis</b>	ARG
Bronze	<b>Toro Solís de Ovando, Guillermo F.</b>	CHI

### Other Events

#### 16th World Cup Final

Gold	<b>Nogga, Uwe</b>	GER
Silver	<b>Borroni, Enrico</b>	ITA
Bronze	<b>Herfurth, Thomas</b>	GER

#### DE 5th Webserver Anniversary Final

Gold	<b>Pessoa, Francisco Azevedo</b>	POR
Silver	<b>Terekhov, Andrey Andreevich</b>	RUS
Bronze	<b>Noble, Mark F.</b>	NZL

#### 3rd Veterans World Cup Final

Gold	<b>Bleker, Frits</b>	NED
Silver	<b>Ibragimov, Viktor Aroslanovich</b>	RUS
Bronze	<b>Klausen, Tor-Arne</b>	NOR

### 3. Grandmaster (GM) Titles awarded since the 2015 Congress

Rule 10.4 (c) - Medals/Certificates to be presented to:

GER	83154	<b>Gleichmann, Matthias</b>	GM
ITA	240952	<b>Dosi, Alberto</b>	GM
POR	390491	<b>Pessoa, Francisco Azevedo</b>	GM
RUS	141829	<b>Nefedov, Sergey Vladimirovich</b>	GM

### 4. SIM Titles awarded since the 2015 Congress

Rule 10.5 (a) - Medals/Certificates to be presented to:

AUT	10593	<b>Hatzl, Johannes</b>	SIM
BLR	750087	<b>Blitsko, Boris Mikhailovich</b>	SIM
BLR	750227	<b>Ulasevich, Sergei</b>	SIM
BUL	50258	<b>Bochev, Krasimir</b>	SIM
BUL	50558	<b>Vasilev, Vasil</b>	SIM
GER	82278	<b>Schütze, Manfred</b>	SIM
IND	280330	<b>Sasikiran, Krishnan</b>	SIM
NED	371172	<b>Burg, Twan</b>	SIM
RUS	141857	<b>Gnutov, Yury Pavlovich</b>	SIM
RUS	141196	<b>Lobanov, Evgeny Vasilievich</b>	SIM
RUS	141625	<b>Osipov, Sergey Adolfovich</b>	SIM
RUS	142127	<b>Panitevsky, Ivan Anatolevich</b>	SIM
RUS	141816	<b>Zuev, Denis Vladimirovich</b>	SIM
RUS	141983	<b>Tsygankov, Evgeny Georgievich</b>	SIM
UKR	940827	<b>Podgursky, Artur</b>	SIM
USA	514757	<b>Johnson, Bobby</b>	SIM
USA	514643	<b>Morrow, Wolff</b>	SIM

### 5. IM Titles awarded since the 2015 Congress

Rule 10.6 (d) - Medals/Certificates to be presented to:

NOR	360553	<b>Glørstad, Trond**</b>	IM
GER	85551	<b>Herfurth, Thomas**</b>	IM
AUT	10284	<b>Datler, Werner</b>	IM
BLR	750224	<b>Korshunov, Igor Victorovich</b>	IM
BLR	750227	<b>Ulasevich, Sergei</b>	IM
BUL	50494	<b>Dimitrov, Deyan</b>	IM
CRO	900117	<b>Lovaković, Franjo</b>	IM
CUB	690037	<b>González Rabago, Nelson</b>	IM
CZE	130642	<b>Pecka, Josef</b>	IM
ESP	161140	<b>Jiménez Ariza, José Manuel</b>	IM
ESP	160625	<b>Martín Molinero, Raúl</b>	IM
ESP	161146	<b>Sospedra Sebastián, Juan</b>	IM
GER	87927	<b>Anderskewitz, Ralf</b>	IM
GER	81087	<b>Ebert, Jürgen</b>	IM

GER	85916	<b>Janzen, Norbert</b>	IM
GER	81227	<b>Jendrian, Michael</b>	IM
GER	85922	<b>Kloster, Josef</b>	IM
GER	85342	<b>Utesch, Wolfgang</b>	IM
HKG	780052	<b>Tsang, Hon-ki</b>	IM
IND	280330	<b>Sasikiran, Krishnan</b>	IM
ITA	241224	<b>Manzo, Andrea</b>	IM
ITA	249158	<b>Ruggieri, Oliviero</b>	IM
ITA	249191	<b>Savoca, Alfredo</b>	IM
LAT	910194	<b>Bondars, Gunars</b>	IM
NED	371222	<b>Heer, Machiel de</b>	IM
POL	421175	<b>Krzyzanowski, Antoni</b>	IM
POL	420969	<b>Wojnar, Mariusz</b>	IM
ROU	440571	<b>Ghinda, Mihail Viorel</b>	IM
RUS	141812	<b>Chukanov, Igor Anatolievich</b>	IM
RUS	141371	<b>Kazantsev, Renal Aleksandrovich</b>	IM
RUS	142449	<b>Kishkin, Sergey Sergeevich</b>	IM
RUS	142038	<b>Nadeev, Sergey Vladimirovich</b>	IM
RUS	142127	<b>Panitevsky, Ivan Anatolevich</b>	IM
RUS	141944	<b>Tyulenko, Yuri Viktorovich</b>	IM
RUS	141802	<b>Zemlyanov, Sergey Mikhailovich</b>	IM
SUI	100304	<b>Leimgruber, Reto</b>	IM
TUR	490448	<b>Ergenekon, Mete</b>	IM
UKR	940630	<b>Begliy, Mikhail</b>	IM
UKR	940825	<b>Rudenko, Vitaly</b>	IM
UKR	949006	<b>Timko, Viktor</b>	IM
USA	514400	<b>Tseng, Wilbur</b>	IM
WLS	210855	<b>Balshaw, Anthony</b>	IM

\*\* Presented at the Congress 2015 in Cardiff (Wales)

## **6. LGM Titles awarded since the 2015 Congress**

**Rule 10.7 (c)- Medals/Certificates to be presented to:**

GER	85939	<b>Achatz, Kirstin</b>	LGM
GER	85817	<b>Schweer, Victoria</b>	LGM
SVK	950428	<b>Lukášová, Alena</b>	LGM

## **7. LIM Titles awarded since the 2015 Congress**

**Rule 10.8 (c) - Medals/Certificates to be presented to:**

ENG	212314	<b>Williamson, Dawn L.</b>	LIM
ROU	440290	<b>Mihai, Eleonora Antonia</b>	LIM
WLS	810202	<b>Sherwood, Helen</b>	LIM



## **8. CCE Titles awarded since the 2015 Congress**

**Rule 10.8 (c) - Certificates can be self-downloaded from player's profile:**

RUS	141105	<b>Popov, Evgeny Nikolaevich</b>	CCE
USA	515551	<b>Hernandez, Angel</b>	CCE***
WLS	810183	<b>Jones, Ian</b>	CCE

\*\*\*The first awarded CCE title ever (on 2016-07-04).

## **9. IA Titles awarded since the 2015 Congress**

**Rule 10.9 – Medals/Certificates to be presented to:**

ESP	160875	<b>Martín Sánchez, Carlos</b>	IA
FRA	180170	<b>Rogemont, Alain</b>	IA
GER	480232	<b>Pirš, Matjaž</b>	IA
GER	81212	<b>Staroske, Dr. Uwe</b>	IA
POL	420832	<b>Krzyżanowski, Dr. Wojciech</b>	IA
POR	390342	<b>Grego, Luís José Gonzaga</b>	IA
USA	511296	<b>Biedermann, Thomas</b>	IA
WLS	810161	<b>Sherwood, Russell</b>	IA

### 3 – Voting Members

(NB - those present in Congress highlighted in yellow)

Proxy/Delegate Designee			
Code	Member Federation	Proxy / Designee	Delegate
ARG	Argentina		Hegoburu, Pedro Federico
AUS	Australia		Jones, Brian
AUT	Austria		Hamarat, Tunc
BEL	Belgium		Clement, Paul
BLR	Belarus	Sergey Grodzensky	Shablinsky, Mikhail Ivanovich
BRA	Brazil		Neves, Bianor de Oliveira
BUL	Bulgaria		Marinov, Petjo
CAN	Canada		Marconi, Ralph P.
CHI	Chile		Toro Solís de Ovando, Guillermo F.
CPV	Cape Verde		Carapinha, Francisco
CRO	Croatia		Ljubičić, Ing. Leonardo
CUB	Cuba		Salcedo Mederos, Ing. Pablo
CZE	Czech Republic		Mrkvička, Josef
DEN	Denmark		Ottesen, Søren Rud
ECU	Ecuador	Eric Ruch	Bjazevic, Pavao
ENG	England		Dearnley, Andrew
ESP	Spain		Costa Trillo, Valentín
EST	Estonia		Tiits, Tõnu
FIN	Finland		Ylönen, Olli
FRA	France		Ruch, Eric
GER	Germany		Staroske, Dr. Uwe
GRE	Greece		Arbis, Fotis
GUA	Guatemala		Blanco Gramajo, César Augusto
HKG	Hong Kong		Leung, Hin Sing (Henry)
HUN	Hungary	Fritz Baumbach	Bottlik, Iván
IND	India	Ambar Chatterjee	Saxena, Alok
IRL	Ireland		Harding, Timothy David
ISL	Iceland		Jónsson, Daði Örn
ISR	Israel		Dothan, Yoav
ITA	Italy		Mastrojeni, Gianni
JPN	Japan		Onoda, Hirokaz
LAT	Latvia		Gaujens, Artis
LTU	Lithuania		Ročius, Marijonas
LUX	Luxembourg		Klauner, Thed
NCA	Nicaragua		Bendaña Guerrero, Dr. Guy José
NED	Netherlands	Jos P. M. van Doorn	Jansen, Joop
NOR	Norway		Boger, Raymond
NZL	New Zealand		Freeman, Michael Roy
PAN	Panama		Rösch M., Hermann V.
PER	Peru		Figlio, Gino Franco
POL	Poland		Wojnar, Mariusz
POR	Portugal	Per Söderberg	Salvador Marques, João Luís
ROU	Romania	Gianni Mastrojeni	Sferle, Miron

RSA	South Africa		Knol, Everdinand
RUS	Russia		Grodzensky, Sergey Yakovlevich
SCO	Scotland		Pyrich, George D.
SLO	Slovenia		Šemrl, Marjan
SUI	Switzerland		Baumgartner, Ulrich
SVK	Slovakia	Dr. Ján Helbich	Manduch, Milan
SWE	Sweden		Söderberg, Per
TUN	Tunisia		Chouari, Wajdi
TUR	Turkey	Uwe Staroske	Kural, Aziz Serhat
UKR	Ukraine		Goncharenko, Georgy
USA	U.S.A.		Bokar, Dr. Jason
VEN	Venezuela		Reyes Maldonado, César Jesús
WLS	Wales	Austin Lockwood	Sherwood, Russell

#### 4 – Approval of the 2015 Congress Minutes

The vote was in favor with the following exceptions:

Australia – Abstention \*\*

South Africa – Against \*\*

Sweden – Against \*\*

\*\* No explanation for dissention or indifference was provided at Congress.

[Swedish Federation Comments: “In fact the Swedish Delegate told the Congress about the two reasons for the Swedish Federation to not vote in favour of the minutes. First of all the Swedish Delegate did not receive the Cardiff minutes before it was finalized. And in Bremen Congress the General Secretary was asked to explain why the Cardiff minutes did not show the votes for the EB positions, as all other votes are so thoroughly described. In particular, why the votes for WTD for the two Candidates Dinand Knol (9 votes) and Brian Jones (8 votes) is not recorded. The General Secretary replied that the minutes are finalized and that if someone disagreed then there was a vote to be used.

Second, the Swedish Federation was not asked to participate in the voting after the Congress by email. In the minutes this is described as an abstention. The Swedish Federation wish to clarify that if the Federation had been asked we would have voted in favour of the proposal. NOT making an abstention.”

The Congress Minutes of 2015 were approved and signed by ICCF President, Eric Ruch (FRA) and ICCF General Secretary, Michael Millstone (USA).

#### 5 – Membership Matters

Michael Millstone - General Secretary

##### Dismissals and Suspensions

ICCF General Secretary, Michael Millstone (USA) reported the following Member Federations were suspended in 2016 for non-payment of dues:

- Tunisia

Clarification was provided that suspension results in a loss of voting representation and the inability to field national teams. If dues are not paid by next Congress, the recommendation will be to withdraw Tunisia from ICCF.

### **Additions**

There were no inquiries or action from any potential new Member Federations.

## Proposal 2016-030 – New Member Federation Application

The existing new member federation application does not require enough information for the EB to assess and recommend to Congress if a new member federation meets the criteria of ICCF as outlined in the statutes. The new application satisfies the statute requirements.

Code	Member Federation	For	Against	Abstain	Voting Member
ARG	Argentina			1	Hegoburu, Pedro Federico
AUS	Australia	1			Jones, Brian
AUT	Austria			1	Hamarat, Tunc
BEL	Belgium			1	Clement, Paul
BLR	Belarus	1			Shablinsky, Mikhail Ivanovich
BRA	Brazil			1	Neves, Bianor de Oliveira
BUL	Bulgaria			1	Marinov, Petjo
CAN	Canada	1			Marconi, Ralph P.
CHI	Chile			1	Toro Solís de Ovando, Guillermo F.
CPV	Cape Verde			1	Carapinha, Francisco
CRO	Croatia	1			Ljubičić, Ing. Leonardo
CUB	Cuba		1		Salcedo Mederos, Ing. Pablo
CZE	Czech Republic	1			Mrkvička, Josef
DEN	Denmark	1			Ottesen, Søren Rud
ECU	Ecuador	1			Bjazevic, Pavao
ENG	England	1			Dearnley, Andrew
ESP	Spain	1			Costa Trillo, Valentín
EST	Estonia			1	Tiits, Tõnu
FIN	Finland		1		Ylönen, Olli
FRA	France	1			Ruch, Eric
GER	Germany	1			Staroske, Dr. Uwe
GRE	Greece			1	Arbis, Fotis
GUA	Guatemala	1			Blanco Gramajo, César Augusto
HKG	Hong Kong			1	Leung, Hin Sing (Henry)
HUN	Hungary			1	Bottlik, Iván
IND	India	1			Saxena, Alok
IRL	Ireland	1			Harding, Timothy David
ISL	Iceland		1		Jónsson, Daði Örn
ISR	Israel			1	Dothan, Yoav
ITA	Italy	1			Mastrojeni, Gianni
JPN	Japan			1	Onoda, Hirokaz
LAT	Latvia	1			Gaujens, Artis
LTU	Lithuania	1			Ročius, Marijonas
LUX	Luxembourg	1			Klauner, Thed
NCA	Nicaragua			1	Bendaña Guerrero, Dr. Guy José
NED	Netherlands			1	Jansen, Joop
NOR	Norway			1	Boger, Raymond
NZL	New Zealand	1			Freeman, Michael Roy
PAN	Panama	1			Rösch M., Hermann V.
PER	Peru	1			Figlio, Gino Franco
POL	Poland	1			Wojnar, Mariusz
POR	Portugal	1			Salvador Marques, João Luís
ROU	Romania	1			Sferle, Miron
RSA	South Africa	1			Knol, Everdinand
RUS	Russia	1			Grodzensky, Sergey Yakovlevich
SCO	Scotland	1			Pyrich, George D.
SLO	Slovenia	1			Šemrl, Marjan
SUI	Switzerland	1			Baumgartner, Ulrich
SVK	Slovakia			1	Manduch, Milan
SWE	Sweden			1	Söderberg, Per
TUN	Tunisia			1	Chouari, Wajdi
TUR	Turkey	1			Kural, Aziz Serhat
UKR	Ukraine			1	Goncharenko, Georgy
USA	U.S.A.	1			Bokar, Dr. Jason
VEN	Venezuela	1			Reyes Maldonado, César Jesús
WLS	Wales	1			Sherwood, Russell
	<b>Total</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>20</b>	
	<b>Votes Required for Passing</b>	<b>19</b>			

## **6 – 2015 Proposal Overview**

The General Secretary provided an overview of all proposals considered by the 2015 Congress, their status (implemented, in progress, deferred, or withdrawn).

## **7 – ICCF Congress Working Group Summaries**

Three working groups were created from the 2015 Congress. Each Working Group chair presented a brief summary of the working group efforts and status to date. Details are available in the respective ICCF 2016 Congress documents repository.

**7a – Working Group 001 – Financial (Chair – George Pyrich)**

**7b – Working Group 002 – Time and Leave Provisions (Chair – Dennis Doren)**

**7c – Working Group 003 – Rating and Norm Calculations (Chair – Austin Lockwood)**

## 8 – Financial

### 8a – Financial Report

Finance Director, George Pyrich, presented the financial report and accounts. George noted one oversight from the 2015 Congress and clarified that the fees for the new CCE/CCM would be 0.60 Euro.

### 8b – Auditor Report

ICCF Auditor, Josef Mrkvička presented his auditor's report. Some concern was expressed about the risk ICCF may have in liability for VAT. President Ruch briefed Congress about his discussions concerning this topic and a summary of his findings are in a PowerPoint presentation top Congress and uploaded to the ICCF 2016 Congress documents repository.

Comment of the Josef Mrkvička, ICCF Auditor, and Alena Mrkvičková, Tax Advisor and member of Czech Delegation:

The abovementioned presentation about tax issues is mainly focused on income taxes, only the last slide contents some information about VAT.

Nevertheless, from the analysis could be quite clear that ICCF provides certain commercial activities (Direct Entries) and receives remunerations for those activities. This is the base for the VAT assessment. ICCF supplies services, but on the other hand receives services as well.

VAT legislation of all EU member states shall meet the requirements of the EU Directive for VAT matters (2006/112/ES). As we are not familiar with details of the French VAT law, it shall include the definitions from the EU Directives.

ICCF, according to its activities, could be considered the "taxable person", which includes further tax duties. "Taxable person" shall mean any person who, independently, carries out in any place any economic activity, whatever the purpose or results of that activity.

The services provided by ICCF are according to Chapter II, article 132 **Exemptions for certain activities in the public interest**, free of VAT (the supply of certain services closely linked to sport or physical education by non-profit-making organisations to persons taking part in sport or physical education). It is mentioned in the last slide of the presentation, so there is no problem.

#### **We have pointed out another case:**

ICCF receives services provided by taxable persons from the EU territory (Martin Bennedik, taxable person established in Germany, others). There is a common rule for the place of supply of services, the same like for the special services mentioned in article 56. It means the place of supply is France. Martin Bennedik issues his invoices without German VAT, in fact without any VAT. (The place of supply of the following services to customers established outside the Community, or **to taxable persons established in the Community** but not in the same country as the supplier, **shall be the place where the customer has established his business.**)

It means VAT from the invoices received shall be paid in France, the Directive has a special part for **Persons liable for payment of VAT to the tax authorities.** (Article 196: **VAT shall be payable by any taxable person to whom the services referred to in Article 56 are supplied** or by any person identified for VAT purposes in the Member State in which the tax is due to whom the services referred to in Articles 44, 47, 50, 53, 54 and 55 are supplied, **if the services are supplied by a taxable person not established in that Member State**)

Conclusion: No VAT problem with the services provided by ICCF, **the problem is concentrated**

**to services received.** There is another common rule for VAT – the exemption from VAT payment for services provided means also no VAT return from invoices received. ICCF has an obligation to pay VAT but no possibility for VAT refund.

Our repeated questions were connected with the current version of the French VAT law (its current wording). In the Czech Republic (also an EU Member State) the same provisions apply to non-profit organisation even not liable to VAT at the beginning, after receiving services from the supplier – a taxable person – they have to register themselves as an "identified person to VAT" with a VAT payment obligation from the invoices received.

## **ANNEX II**

to the EU Directive for VAT matters (2006/112/ES)

### **INDICATIVE LIST OF THE ELECTRONICALLY SUPPLIED SERVICES REFERRED TO IN POINT (K) OF ARTICLE 56(1)**

- (1) Website supply, web-hosting, distance maintenance of programmes and equipment;
- (2) supply of software and updating thereof;
- (3) supply of images, text and information and making available of databases;
- (4) supply of music, films and games, including games of chance and gambling games, and of political, cultural, artistic, sporting, scientific and entertainment broadcasts and events;
- (5) supply of distance teaching.

#### **8c – Other Financial Matters including the Financial Plan**

The financial plan was displayed to all delegates and officials. Significant changes and the reasons why were explained to all. Due to the sensitive nature of the document, the Financial Plan will not be distributed.

[Vote] – Unanimous approval for the ICCF Accounts/Auditor’s Report, and Financial Plan.

#### **Proposal 2016-011 – GDP Based Fee Structure for Developing Nations**

Many nations are struggling with their economies. The standard of living in a nation can be judged by the Gross Domestic Income per capita. Figures in current US\$ are published by the World Bank (<http://data.worldbank.org/indicator/NY.GNP.PCAP.CD>) and nations are classified as High Income, Upper Middle, Lower Middle and Low Income. For the purpose of this proposal, we consider Lower Middle and Low-Income Nations from latest World Bank data as developing nations. The present fee structure precludes many players from developing nations to play on ICCF server. We propose (a) Tournament fees for Member Federations and Direct Entry be charged at 50% for developing nations (b) Free entries in all Zonal Championship Preliminaries (not just Zone 4) but only for developing nations.

**Question** – Is this applicable to Interzonal tournaments?”

**Answer** – Fee’s would be structured according to the WorldBank data with subsidies to lower middle and low income nations.

**Clarification** – New fee structures are applicable at the date of the start of preliminary tournaments.



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BRA	Brazil			1	Neves, Bianor de Oliveira
BUL	Bulgaria			1	Marinov, Petjo
CAN	Canada	1			Marconi, Ralph P.
CHI	Chile			1	Toro Solís de Ovando, Guillermo F.
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GUA	Guatemala	1			Blanco Gramajo, César Augusto
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ISR	Israel			1	Dothan, Yoav
ITA	Italy		1		Mastrojeni, Gianni
JPN	Japan			1	Onoda, Hirokaz
LAT	Latvia	1			Gaujens, Artis
LTU	Lithuania	1			Ročius, Marijonas
LUX	Luxembourg	1			Klauner, Thed
NCA	Nicaragua			1	Bendaña Guerrero, Dr. Guy José
NED	Netherlands			1	Jansen, Joop
NOR	Norway			1	Boger, Raymond
NZL	New Zealand	1			Freeman, Michael Roy
PAN	Panama	1			Rösch M., Hermann V.
PER	Peru	1			Figlio, Gino Franco
POL	Poland		1		Wojnar, Mariusz
POR	Portugal	1			Salvador Marques, João Luís
ROU	Romania	1			Sferle, Miron
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TUR	Turkey	1			Kural, Aziz Serhat
UKR	Ukraine			1	Goncharenko, Georgy
USA	U.S.A.		1		Bokar, Dr. Jason
VEN	Venezuela	1			Reyes Maldonado, César Jesús
WLS	Wales		1		Sherwood, Russell
	<b>Total</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>21</b>	
	<b>Votes Required for Passi</b>	<b>18</b>			

## Proposal 2016-029- Rationalizing Zonal Subsidies

Congress approved the continuation of subsidies offered to zone 4 in Cardiff. Countries outside zone 4 with similar economies should receive them as well. Countries with high-income economies should not be offered subsidies unless there is an individual hardship.

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BLR	Belarus			1	Shablinsky, Mikhail Ivanovich
BRA	Brazil			1	Neves, Bianor de Oliveira
BUL	Bulgaria			1	Marinov, Petjo
CAN	Canada	1			Marconi, Ralph P.
CHI	Chile			1	Toro Solís de Ovando, Guillermo F.
CPV	Cape Verde			1	Carapinha, Francisco
CRO	Croatia	1			Ljubičić, Ing. Leonardo
CUB	Cuba	1			Salcedo Mederos, Ing. Pablo
CZE	Czech Republic		1		Mrkvička, Josef
DEN	Denmark	1			Ottesen, Søren Rud
ECU	Ecuador	1			Bjazevic, Pavao
ENG	England	1			Dearnley, Andrew
ESP	Spain		1		Costa Trillo, Valentín
EST	Estonia			1	Tiits, Tõnu
FIN	Finland	1			Ylönen, Olli
FRA	France	1			Ruch, Eric
GER	Germany	1			Staroske, Dr. Uwe
GRE	Greece			1	Arbis, Fotis
GUA	Guatemala	1			Blanco Gramajo, César Augusto
HKG	Hong Kong			1	Leung, Hin Sing (Henry)
HUN	Hungary			1	Bottlik, Iván
IND	India	1			Saxena, Alok
IRL	Ireland	1			Harding, Timothy David
ISL	Iceland	1			Jónsson, Daði Örn
ISR	Israel			1	Dothan, Yoav
ITA	Italy	1			Mastrojeni, Gianni
JPN	Japan			1	Onoda, Hirokaz
LAT	Latvia	1			Gaujens, Artis
LTU	Lithuania	1			Ročius, Marijonas
LUX	Luxembourg	1			Klauner, Thed
NCA	Nicaragua			1	Bendaña Guerrero, Dr. Guy José
NED	Netherlands			1	Jansen, Joop
NOR	Norway			1	Boger, Raymond
NZL	New Zealand	1			Freeman, Michael Roy
PAN	Panama	1			Rösch M., Hermann V.
PER	Peru	1			Figlio, Gino Franco
POL	Poland		1		Wojnar, Mariusz
POR	Portugal			1	Salvador Marques, João Luís
ROU	Romania	1			Sferle, Miron
RSA	South Africa	1			Knol, Everdinand
RUS	Russia		1		Grodzensky, Sergey Yakovlevich
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SUI	Switzerland	1			Baumgartner, Ulrich
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SWE	Sweden			1	Söderberg, Per
TUN	Tunisia			1	Chouari, Wajdi
TUR	Turkey	1			Kural, Aziz Serhat
UKR	Ukraine			1	Goncharenko, Georgy
USA	U.S.A.	1			Bokar, Dr. Jason
VEN	Venezuela	1			Reyes Maldonado, César Jesús
WLS	Wales	1			Sherwood, Russell
	<b>Total</b>	30	4	22	
	<b>Votes Required for Passing</b>	18			

## Proposal 2016-031a - Reimbursement Allowance for Officials on Job-Related ICCF Duty

ICCF should reimburse identified officials (EB/MC) a fair and equitable rate for expenses incurred while asked to conduct official ICCF business, such as attending Congress.

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BLR	Belarus			1	Shablinsky, Mikhail Ivanovich
BRA	Brazil			1	Neves, Bianor de Oliveira
BUL	Bulgaria			1	Marinov, Petjo
CAN	Canada	1			Marconi, Ralph P.
CHI	Chile			1	Toro Solís de Ovando, Guillermo F.
CPV	Cape Verde			1	Carapinha, Francisco
CRO	Croatia	1			Ljubičić, Ing. Leonardo
CUB	Cuba			1	Salcedo Mederos, Ing. Pablo
CZE	Czech Republic		1		Mrkvička, Josef
DEN	Denmark	1			Ottesen, Søren Rud
ECU	Ecuador			1	Bjazevic, Pavao
ENG	England	1			Dearnley, Andrew
ESP	Spain	1			Costa Trillo, Valentín
EST	Estonia			1	Tiits, Tõnu
FIN	Finland	1			Ylönen, Olli
FRA	France		1		Ruch, Eric
GER	Germany	1			Staroske, Dr. Uwe
GRE	Greece			1	Arbis, Fotis
GUA	Guatemala	1			Blanco Gramajo, César Augusto
HKG	Hong Kong			1	Leung, Hin Sing (Henry)
HUN	Hungary			1	Bottlik, Iván
IND	India		1		Saxena, Alok
IRL	Ireland	1			Harding, Timothy David
ISL	Iceland		1		Jónsson, Daði Örn
ISR	Israel			1	Dothan, Yoav
ITA	Italy			1	Mastrojeni, Gianni
JPN	Japan			1	Onoda, Hirokaz
LAT	Latvia			1	Gaujens, Artis
LTU	Lithuania		1		Ročius, Marijonas
LUX	Luxembourg	1			Klauner, Thed
NCA	Nicaragua			1	Bendaña Guerrero, Dr. Guy José
NED	Netherlands			1	Jansen, Joop
NOR	Norway		1		Boger, Raymond
NZL	New Zealand	1			Freeman, Michael Roy
PAN	Panama		1		Rösch M., Hermann V.
PER	Peru		1		Figlio, Gino Franco
POL	Poland		1		Wojnar, Mariusz
POR	Portugal		1		Salvador Marques, João Luís
ROU	Romania	1			Sferle, Miron
RSA	South Africa		1		Knol, Everdinand
RUS	Russia			1	Grodzensky, Sergey Yakovlevich
SCO	Scotland	1			Pyrich, George D.
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SUI	Switzerland	1			Baumgartner, Ulrich
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SWE	Sweden		1		Söderberg, Per
TUN	Tunisia			1	Chouari, Wajdi
TUR	Turkey	1			Kural, Aziz Serhat
UKR	Ukraine			1	Goncharenko, Georgy
USA	U.S.A.	1			Bokar, Dr. Jason
VEN	Venezuela		1		Reyes Maldonado, César Jesús
WLS	Wales	1			Sherwood, Russell
	<b>Total</b>	<b>19.0</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>24</b>	
	<b>Votes Required for Passing</b>	<b>17.0</b>			

## Proposal 2016-031b - Reimbursement Allowance for Officials on Job-Related ICCF Duty

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BLR	Belarus	1			Shablinsky, Mikhail Ivanovich
BRA	Brazil			1	Neves, Bianor de Oliveira
BUL	Bulgaria			1	Marinov, Petjo
CAN	Canada	1			Marconi, Ralph P.
CHI	Chile			1	Toro Solís de Ovando, Guillermo F.
CPV	Cape Verde			1	Carapinha, Francisco
CRO	Croatia	1			Ljubičić, Ing. Leonardo
CUB	Cuba			1	Salcedo Mederos, Ing. Pablo
CZE	Czech Republic		1		Mrkvička, Josef
DEN	Denmark	1			Ottesen, Søren Rud
ECU	Ecuador			1	Bjazevic, Pavao
ENG	England	1			Dearnley, Andrew
ESP	Spain	1			Costa Trillo, Valentín
EST	Estonia			1	Tiits, Tõnu
FIN	Finland	1			Ylönen, Olli
FRA	France		1		Ruch, Eric
GER	Germany	1			Staroske, Dr. Uwe
GRE	Greece			1	Arbis, Fotis
GUA	Guatemala		1		Blanco Gramajo, César Augusto
HKG	Hong Kong			1	Leung, Hin Sing (Henry)
HUN	Hungary			1	Bottlik, Iván
IND	India		1		Saxena, Alok
IRL	Ireland	1			Harding, Timothy David
ISL	Iceland		1		Jónsson, Daði Örn
ISR	Israel			1	Dothan, Yoav
ITA	Italy			1	Mastrojeni, Gianni
JPN	Japan			1	Onoda, Hirokaz
LAT	Latvia			1	Gaujens, Artis
LTU	Lithuania		1		Ročius, Marijonas
LUX	Luxembourg	1			Klauner, Thed
NCA	Nicaragua			1	Bendaña Guerrero, Dr. Guy José
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NOR	Norway		1		Boger, Raymond
NZL	New Zealand	1			Freeman, Michael Roy
PAN	Panama		1		Rösch M., Hermann V.
PER	Peru		1		Figlio, Gino Franco
POL	Poland		1		Wojnar, Mariusz
POR	Portugal		1		Salvador Marques, João Luís
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UKR	Ukraine			1	Goncharenko, Georgy
USA	U.S.A.	1			Bokar, Dr. Jason
VEN	Venezuela	1			Reyes Maldonado, César Jesús
WLS	Wales	1			Sherwood, Russell
	<b>Total</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>23</b>	
	<b>Votes Required for Passing</b>	<b>17</b>			

## Proposal 2016-032 - Official Travel Per Diem Expense Calculation

ICCF Officials routinely pay out-of-pocket expenses typically incurred in the execution of their duties. This expectation that unpaid volunteers must pay to perform their duties is a rare practice among organizations throughout the world – for-profit and nonprofit alike.

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BRA	Brazil			1	Neves, Bianor de Oliveira
BUL	Bulgaria			1	Marinov, Petjo
CAN	Canada	1			Marconi, Ralph P.
CHI	Chile			1	Toro Solís de Ovando, Guillermo F.
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FRA	France		1		Ruch, Eric
GER	Germany	1			Staroske, Dr. Uwe
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NOR	Norway		1		Boger, Raymond
NZL	New Zealand	1			Freeman, Michael Roy
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RSA	South Africa		1		Knol, Everdinand
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USA	U.S.A.	1			Bokar, Dr. Jason
VEN	Venezuela	1			Reyes Maldonado, César Jesús
WLS	Wales	1			Sherwood, Russell
	<b>Total</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>22</b>	
	<b>Votes Required for Passing</b>	<b>18</b>			

## Proposal 2016-040 Congress Duration and Schedule

The Finance Working Group was set up at the Cardiff Congress last year with the remit to examine all main aspects of ICCF's Finances and provide suitable proposals and recommendations as considered necessary to improve performance, efficiency and cost effectiveness. The Group was also allocated the specific task of defining within a given budget how to run a congress differently with goals of more efficiency and more participants. Presently the ICCF Congress programme covers six days, usually Sunday through to Friday. EB and MC Meetings are held on Sunday with main Congress business from Monday through to Wednesday. A full day excursion is held on Thursday, and Congress ends on Friday evening with the traditional Closing Banquet.

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NCA	Nicaragua			1	Bendaña Guerrero, Dr. Guy José
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NOR	Norway		1		Boger, Raymond
NZL	New Zealand	1			Freeman, Michael Roy
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USA	U.S.A.	1			Bokar, Dr. Jason
VEN	Venezuela	1			Reyes Maldonado, César Jesús
WLS	Wales	1			Sherwood, Russell
	<b>Total</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>18</b>	
	<b>Votes Required for Passing</b>	<b>20</b>			

## **8j – Direct Entry**

The Direct Entry report was read by Andrew Dearnley. There were no comments or questions. Congress members expressed their heartfelt appreciate to Ian. M. Pheby, the Direct Entry Commissioner, for his meticulous attention to detail and far exceeding all expectations of this critical ICCF position.

## **9 – Title Qualifications**

Mariusz Wojnar presented his Title Qualifications report. As part of his report – five proposals were considered as well as one special application and one special case.

## Proposal 2016-004 Clarification of Tournament Rule 10.4c

A clarification of the Grand Master title requirements described in the ICCF Tournament Rules, to bring them into consistency with established practice.

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AUT	Austria			1	Hamarat, Tunc
BEL	Belgium			1	Clement, Paul
BLR	Belarus	1			Shablinsky, Mikhail Ivanovich
BRA	Brazil			1	Neves, Bianor de Oliveira
BUL	Bulgaria			1	Marinov, Petjo
CAN	Canada	1			Marconi, Ralph P.
CHI	Chile			1	Toro Solís de Ovando, Guillermo F.
CPV	Cape Verde			1	Carapinha, Francisco
CRO	Croatia			1	Ljubičić, Ing. Leonardo
CUB	Cuba		1		Salcedo Mederos, Ing. Pablo
CZE	Czech Republic	1			Mrkvička, Josef
DEN	Denmark	1			Ottesen, Søren Rud
ECU	Ecuador	1			Bjazevic, Pavao
ENG	England	1			Dearnley, Andrew
ESP	Spain	1			Costa Trillo, Valentín
EST	Estonia			1	Tiits, Tõnu
FIN	Finland	1			Ylönen, Olli
FRA	France	1			Ruch, Eric
GER	Germany	1			Staroske, Dr. Uwe
GRE	Greece			1	Arbis, Fotis
GUA	Guatemala	1			Blanco Gramajo, César Augusto
HKG	Hong Kong			1	Leung, Hin Sing (Henry)
HUN	Hungary			1	Bottlik, Iván
IND	India	1			Saxena, Alok
IRL	Ireland	1			Harding, Timothy David
ISL	Iceland	1			Jónsson, Daði Örn
ISR	Israel			1	Dothan, Yoav
ITA	Italy	1			Mastrojeni, Gianni
JPN	Japan			1	Onoda, Hirokaz
LAT	Latvia	1			Gaujens, Artis
LTU	Lithuania	1			Ročius, Marijonas
LUX	Luxembourg	1			Klauner, Thed
NCA	Nicaragua			1	Bendaña Guerrero, Dr. Guy José
NED	Netherlands			1	Jansen, Joop
NOR	Norway			1	Boger, Raymond
NZL	New Zealand	1			Freeman, Michael Roy
PAN	Panama	1			Rösch M., Hermann V.
PER	Peru	1			Figlio, Gino Franco
POL	Poland	1			Wojnar, Mariusz
POR	Portugal	1			Salvador Marques, João Luís
ROU	Romania	1			Sferle, Miron
RSA	South Africa	1			Knol, Everdinand
RUS	Russia	1			Grodzensky, Sergey Yakovlevich
SCO	Scotland	1			Pyrich, George D.
SLO	Slovenia	1			Šemrl, Marjan
SUI	Switzerland	1			Baumgartner, Ulrich
SVK	Slovakia	1			Manduch, Milan
SWE	Sweden	1			Söderberg, Per
TUN	Tunisia			1	Chouari, Wajdi
TUR	Turkey	1			Kural, Aziz Serhat
UKR	Ukraine			1	Goncharenko, Georgy
USA	U.S.A.	1			Bokar, Dr. Jason
VEN	Venezuela	1			Reyes Maldonado, César Jesús
WLS	Wales	1			Sherwood, Russell
	<b>Total</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>19</b>	
	<b>Votes Required for Passing</b>	<b>19</b>			



**Proposal 2016-021a Minimum Rating Requirements for GM and IM Norm Tournaments - #1**

Current procedures allow players below required minimum ratings to play under certain circumstances in Grandmaster Norm and Master Norm events. This may not be considered fair to those who expect opponents of a certain minimum rating. Also, if players with ratings below the required minimum apply to play, they must pay the fee without any guarantee of playing and with no option for reimbursement. This does not seem fair to the under-rated players. There are two possible ways of correcting this situation: either (a) require the minimum rating to serve as an absolute requirement or (b) require the ICCF to reimburse the entry fees for those under-rated players who were not selected to play. There are two related proposals offered to address these options: this one, entitled "Minimum Rating Requirements for GM and IM Norm Tournaments - #1"; and the other one, entitled "Minimum Rating Requirements for GM and IM Norm tournaments - #2". The proposal herein argues to make the existing minimum rating equal to an absolute requirement. The other related proposal, #2, argues to continue allowing flexibility in the minimum rating, but that there should be fee reimbursement for "under-rated" applicants who are not selected. These are mutually exclusive proposals, with one arguing to eliminate flexibility and the other still allowing it; so, delegates should vote in support of no more than one of these two proposals.

Clarification – If 021a passes, 021b will be withdrawn; if 021a fails, a vote will be needed for 021b.

Note: Although proposal 2016-021b was withdrawn with the passage of 2016-021a, for the record, this was the proposal for 2016-021b:

Current procedures allow players below required minimum ratings to play under certain circumstances in Grandmaster Norm and Master Norm events. This may not be considered fair to those who expect opponents of a certain minimum rating. Also, if players with ratings below the required minimum apply to play, they must pay the fee without any guarantee of playing and with no option for reimbursement. This does not seem fair to the under-rated players. There are two possible ways of correcting this situation: either (a) require the minimum rating to serve as an absolute requirement or (b) require the ICCF to reimburse the entry fees for those under-rated players who were not selected to play. There are two related proposals offered to address these options: this one, entitled "Minimum Rating Requirements for GM and IM Norm Tournaments - #2, and the other entitled "Minimum Rating Requirements For GM and IM Norm Tournaments - #1". The proposal herein argues to continue allowing flexibility in the minimum rating, but requires there be fee reimbursement for "under-rated" applicants who are not selected. (The other proposal argues for the qualifying rating threshold to be absolute.) These are mutually exclusive proposals, with one arguing to eliminate flexibility and the other still allowing it; so delegates should vote in support of no more than one of these two proposals.

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BEL	Belgium			1	Clement, Paul
BLR	Belarus	1			Shablinsky, Mikhail Ivanovich
BRA	Brazil			1	Neves, Bianor de Oliveira
BUL	Bulgaria			1	Marinov, Petjo
CAN	Canada	1			Marconi, Ralph P.
CHI	Chile			1	Toro Solís de Ovando, Guillermo F.
CPV	Cape Verde			1	Carapinha, Francisco
CRO	Croatia			1	Ljubičić, Ing. Leonardo
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CZE	Czech Republic	1			Mrkvička, Josef
DEN	Denmark			1	Ottesen, Søren Rud
ECU	Ecuador	1			Bjazevic, Pavao
ENG	England			1	Dearnley, Andrew
ESP	Spain	1			Costa Trillo, Valentín
EST	Estonia			1	Tiits, Tõnu
FIN	Finland	1			Ylönen, Olli
FRA	France	1			Ruch, Eric
GER	Germany		1		Staroske, Dr. Uwe
GRE	Greece			1	Arbis, Fotis
GUA	Guatemala	1			Blanco Gramajo, César Augusto
HKG	Hong Kong			1	Leung, Hin Sing (Henry)
HUN	Hungary			1	Bottlik, Iván
IND	India		1		Saxena, Alok
IRL	Ireland	1			Harding, Timothy David
ISL	Iceland		1		Jónsson, Dadi Örn
ISR	Israel			1	Dothan, Yoav
ITA	Italy		1		Mastrojeni, Gianni
JPN	Japan			1	Onoda, Hirokaz
LAT	Latvia		1		Gaujens, Artis
LTU	Lithuania			1	Ročius, Marijonas
LUX	Luxembourg		1		Klauner, Thed
NCA	Nicaragua			1	Bendaña Guerrero, Dr. Guy José
NED	Netherlands			1	Jansen, Joop
NOR	Norway			1	Boger, Raymond
NZL	New Zealand		1		Freeman, Michael Roy
PAN	Panama	1			Rösch M., Hermann V.
PER	Peru	1			Figlio, Gino Franco
POL	Poland		1		Wojnar, Mariusz
POR	Portugal	1			Salvador Marques, João Luís
ROU	Romania	1			Sferle, Miron
RSA	South Africa	1			Knol, Everdinand
RUS	Russia	1			Grodzensky, Sergey Yakovlevich
SCO	Scotland	1			Pyrich, George D.
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SUI	Switzerland		1		Baumgartner, Ulrich
SVK	Slovakia	1			Manduch, Milan
SWE	Sweden		1		Söderberg, Per
TUN	Tunisia			1	Chouari, Wajdi
TUR	Turkey	1			Kural, Aziz Serhat
UKR	Ukraine			1	Goncharenko, Georgy
USA	U.S.A.		1		Bokar, Dr. Jason
VEN	Venezuela	1			Reyes Maldonado, César Jesús
WLS	Wales		1		Sherwood, Russell
	<b>Total</b>	<b>21</b>	12	23	
	<b>Votes Required for Passing</b>	17			

## Proposal 2016-027 - GM Title Norms Recognition in Previous Tournaments

There were many changes, amendments, and updates made to the GM, SIM and IM Title Norms during last years. Some players fulfilled current requirements when they played in the tournaments before those updates were proposed and approved. Proposed amend is for GM norm. Maybe this can be done for SIM and IM too.

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AUT	Austria			1	Hamarat, Tunc
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BLR	Belarus		1		Shablinsky, Mikhail Ivanovich
BRA	Brazil			1	Neves, Bianor de Oliveira
BUL	Bulgaria			1	Marinov, Petjo
CAN	Canada	1			Marconi, Ralph P.
CHI	Chile			1	Toro Solís de Ovando, Guillermo F.
CPV	Cape Verde			1	Carapinha, Francisco
CRO	Croatia			1	Ljubičić, Ing. Leonardo
CUB	Cuba	1			Salcedo Mederos, Ing. Pablo
CZE	Czech Republic		1		Mrkvička, Josef
DEN	Denmark			1	Ottesen, Søren Rud
ECU	Ecuador		1		Bjazevic, Pavao
ENG	England		1		Dearnley, Andrew
ESP	Spain	1			Costa Trillo, Valentín
EST	Estonia			1	Tiits, Tõnu
FIN	Finland		1		Ylönen, Olli
FRA	France		1		Ruch, Eric
GER	Germany		1		Staroske, Dr. Uwe
GRE	Greece			1	Arbis, Fotis
GUA	Guatemala		1		Blanco Gramajo, César Augusto
HKG	Hong Kong			1	Leung, Hin Sing (Henry)
HUN	Hungary			1	Bottlik, Iván
IND	India		1		Saxena, Alok
IRL	Ireland	1			Harding, Timothy David
ISL	Iceland		1		Jónsson, Daði Örn
ISR	Israel			1	Dothan, Yoav
ITA	Italy		1		Mastrojeni, Gianni
JPN	Japan			1	Onoda, Hirokaz
LAT	Latvia	1			Gaujens, Artis
LTU	Lithuania	1			Ročius, Marijonas
LUX	Luxembourg	1			Klauner, Thed
NCA	Nicaragua			1	Bendaña Guerrero, Dr. Guy José
NED	Netherlands			1	Jansen, Joop
NOR	Norway			1	Boger, Raymond
NZL	New Zealand		1		Freeman, Michael Roy
PAN	Panama		1		Rösch M., Hermann V.
PER	Peru		1		Figlio, Gino Franco
POL	Poland		1		Wojnar, Mariusz
POR	Portugal	1			Salvador Marques, João Luís
ROU	Romania	1			Sferle, Miron
RSA	South Africa		1		Knol, Everdinand
RUS	Russia		1		Grodzensky, Sergey Yakovlevich
SCO	Scotland	1			Pyrich, George D.
SLO	Slovenia	1			Šemrl, Marjan
SUI	Switzerland		1		Baumgartner, Ulrich
SVK	Slovakia		1		Manduch, Milan
SWE	Sweden		1		Söderberg, Per
TUN	Tunisia			1	Chouari, Wajdi
TUR	Turkey	1			Kural, Aziz Serhat
UKR	Ukraine			1	Goncharenko, Georgy
USA	U.S.A.		1		Bokar, Dr. Jason
VEN	Venezuela		1		Reyes Maldonado, César Jesús
WLS	Wales		1		Sherwood, Russell
	<b>Total</b>	12	24	20	
	<b>Votes Required for Passing</b>	19			

## Proposal 2016-033 - Reduce GM Norm Entry Rating to 2401 and Reduce Term to Enter

Players looking to play for SIM norms have few opportunities to do so unless they are invited to an invitation tournament or play in some tournaments that require a preliminary stage (where norms aren't possible) just to get a chance in a semi-final or final. Players rated between 2401 -2449 tend not to play in IM Norm tournaments, as chances for SIM norms are harder to achieve by having to score more, and these tournaments are not the correct category for them. Waiting times are too long to form GM Norm sections.

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BEL	Belgium			1	Clement, Paul
BLR	Belarus	1			Shablinsky, Mikhail Ivanovich
BRA	Brazil			1	Neves, Bianor de Oliveira
BUL	Bulgaria			1	Marinov, Petjo
CAN	Canada	1			Marconi, Ralph P.
CHI	Chile			1	Toro Solís de Ovando, Guillermo F.
CPV	Cape Verde			1	Carapinha, Francisco
CRO	Croatia		1		Ljubičić, Ing. Leonardo
CUB	Cuba	1			Salcedo Mederos, Ing. Pablo
CZE	Czech Republic	1			Mrkvička, Josef
DEN	Denmark	1			Ottesen, Søren Rud
ECU	Ecuador		1		Bjazevic, Pavao
ENG	England	1			Dearnley, Andrew
ESP	Spain	1			Costa Trillo, Valentín
EST	Estonia			1	Tiits, Tõnu
FIN	Finland		1		Ylönen, Olli
FRA	France		1		Ruch, Eric
GER	Germany	1			Staroske, Dr. Uwe
GRE	Greece			1	Arbis, Fotis
GUA	Guatemala		1		Blanco Gramajo, César Augusto
HKG	Hong Kong			1	Leung, Hin Sing (Henry)
HUN	Hungary			1	Bottlik, Iván
IND	India		1		Saxena, Alok
IRL	Ireland	1			Harding, Timothy David
ISL	Iceland	1			Jónsson, Daði Örn
ISR	Israel			1	Dothan, Yoav
ITA	Italy	1			Mastrojeni, Gianni
JPN	Japan			1	Onoda, Hirokaz
LAT	Latvia		1		Gaujens, Artis
LTU	Lithuania	1			Ročius, Marijonas
LUX	Luxembourg	1			Klauner, Thed
NCA	Nicaragua			1	Bendaña Guerrero, Dr. Guy José
NED	Netherlands			1	Jansen, Joop
NOR	Norway		1		Boger, Raymond
NZL	New Zealand		1		Freeman, Michael Roy
PAN	Panama	1			Rösch M., Hermann V.
PER	Peru		1		Figlio, Gino Franco
POL	Poland		1		Wojnar, Mariusz
POR	Portugal	1			Salvador Marques, João Luís
ROU	Romania	1			Sferle, Miron
RSA	South Africa	1			Knol, Everdinand
RUS	Russia	1			Grodzensky, Sergey Yakovlevich
SCO	Scotland	1			Pyrich, George D.
SLO	Slovenia		1		Šemrl, Marjan
SUI	Switzerland		1		Baumgartner, Ulrich
SVK	Slovakia		1		Manduch, Milan
SWE	Sweden		1		Söderberg, Per
TUN	Tunisia			1	Chouari, Wajdi
TUR	Turkey	1			Kural, Aziz Serhat
UKR	Ukraine			1	Goncharenko, Georgy
USA	U.S.A.	1			Bokar, Dr. Jason
VEN	Venezuela	1			Reyes Maldonado, César Jesús
WLS	Wales	1			Sherwood, Russell
	<b>Total</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>17</b>	
	<b>Votes Required for Passing</b>	<b>20</b>			

## 9e – Special Application – Glen Shields

Congress voted unanimously in favour of approving this special application.

## 9f – Special Application – Andrei Lesko

Vote was FOR (Suspend) or AGAINST (Not Suspend). Note: Following the suspension vote, the Disciplinary Committee will decide on the appropriate suspension term.

Code	Member Federation	Proxy	Delegate	For	Against	ABS
ARG	Argentina		Hegoburu, Pedro Federico			
AUS	Australia		Jones, Brian	1		
AUT	Austria		Hamarat, Tunc			
BEL	Belgium		Clement, Paul			
BLR	Belarus	Sergey Grodzensky	Shablinsky, Mikhail Ivanovich	1		
BRA	Brazil		Neves, Bianor de Oliveira			
BUL	Bulgaria		Marinov, Petjo			1
CAN	Canada		Marconi, Ralph P.			
CHI	Chile		Toro Solís de Ovando, Guillermo F.			
CPV	Cape Verde		Carapinha, Francisco			
CRO	Croatia		Ljubičić, Ing. Leonardo	1		
CUB	Cuba		Salcedo Mederos, Ing. Pablo			
CZE	Czech Republic		Mrkvička, Josef			1
DEN	Denmark		Ottesen, Søren Rud			1
ECU	Ecuador	Eric Ruch	Bjazevic, Pavao			1
ENG	England		Dearnley, Andrew	1		
ESP	Spain		Costa Trillo, Valentín			
EST	Estonia		Tiits, Tõnu			
FIN	Finland		Ylönen, Olli	1		
FRA	France		Ruch, Eric	1		
GER	Germany		Staroske, Dr. Uwe		1	
GRE	Greece		Arbis, Fotis			
GUA	Guatemala		Blanco Gramajo, César Augusto			
HKG	Hong Kong		Leung, Hin Sing (Henry)			
HUN	Hungary	Fritz Baumbach	Bottlik, Iván		1	
IND	India	Ambar Chatterjee	Saxena, Alok	1		
IRL	Ireland		Harding, Timothy David			
ISL	Iceland		Jónsson, Daði Örn			
ISR	Israel		Dothan, Yoav			
ITA	Italy		Mastrojeni, Gianni	1		
JPN	Japan		Onoda, Hirokaz			
LAT	Latvia		Gaujens, Artis	1		
LTU	Lithuania		Ročius, Marijonas	1		
LUX	Luxembourg		Klauner, Thed			
NCA	Nicaragua		Bendaña Guerrero, Dr. Guy José		1	
NED	Netherlands	Jos P. M. van Doorn	Jansen, Joop	1		
NOR	Norway		Boger, Raymond		1	
NZL	New Zealand		Freeman, Michael Roy			
PAN	Panama		Rösch M., Hermann V.			1
PER	Peru		Figlio, Gino Franco		1	
POL	Poland		Wojnar, Mariusz			1
POR	Portugal	Per Söderberg	Salvador Marques, João Luís		1	
ROU	Romania	Gianni Mastrojeni	Sferle, Miron	1		
RSA	South Africa		Knol, Everdinand		1	
RUS	Russia		Grodzensky, Sergey Yakovlevich	1		
SCO	Scotland		Pyrich, George D.	1		
SLO	Slovenia		Šemrl, Marjan	1		
SUI	Switzerland		Baumgartner, Ulrich			1
SVK	Slovakia	Dr. Ján Helbich	Manduch, Milan	1		
SWE	Sweden		Söderberg, Per		1	
TUN	Tunisia		Chouari, Wajdi			
TUR	Turkey	Uwe Staroske	Kural, Aziz Serhat		1	
UKR	Ukraine		Goncharenko, Georgy	1		
USA	U.S.A.		Bokar, Dr. Jason			1
VEN	Venezuela		Reyes Maldonado, César Jesús			
WLS	Wales	Austin Lockwood	Sherwood, Russell		1	
				17	10	8

## 10 – Rating Rules

Gerhard Binder, the Rating Rules Commissioner presented his report to Congress. Associates with this topic are 7 proposals considered by Congress.

### Proposal - 2016-015 Revised Norm Calculations

This proposal is a continuation of Proposal 2015-019, which was accepted by the 2015 ICCF Congress in Cardiff, Wales. A working group was set up following the acceptance of Proposal 2015-019, to rewrite Appendix II of the ICCF Tournament Rules in consultation with a professional statistician with a remit to propose an enhanced method for defining norms in title tournaments based on individual performance rating rather than on average tournament rating. This work was completed, based on advice given to the group by Professor Mark Glickman, a Harvard professor of statistics and a world authority in the field of chess ratings. This working group recommends that ICCF adopts these changes effective from 1.1.2017.

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FRA	France	1			Ruch, Eric
GER	Germany		1		Staroske, Dr. Uwe
GRE	Greece			1	Arbis, Fotis
GUA	Guatemala	1			Blanco Gramajo, César Augusto
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UKR	Ukraine			1	Goncharenko, Georgy
USA	U.S.A.	1			Bokar, Dr. Jason
VEN	Venezuela	1			Reyes Maldonado, César Jesús
WLS	Wales	1			Sherwood, Russell
	<b>Total</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>23</b>	
	<b>Votes Required for Passing</b>	<b>17</b>			

## Proposal 2016-016 Minimum Opponent Rating for Norms

This proposal is a supplement to proposal 2016-015. Under the current system each title tournament is assigned a category based on the average rating of all players in the tournament:

- A tournament can be no less than category A (1951+) for CCE norms to be awarded
- A tournament can be no less than category G (2101+) for CCM norms to be awarded
- A tournament must be no less than category 1 (2251+) for IM norms to be awarded
- A tournament must be no less than category 4 (2326+) for SIM norms to be awarded
- A tournament must be no less than category 7 (2401+) for GM norms to be awarded

This proposal is to replace the current tournament categories with the requirement for the average opponent rating to be within 200 points of the performance rating required for the norm. This proposal depends on proposal 2016-015 being accepted.

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BRA	Brazil			1	Neves, Bianor de Oliveira
BUL	Bulgaria			1	Marinov, Petjo
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CHI	Chile			1	Toro Solís de Ovando, Guillermo F.
CPV	Cape Verde			1	Carapinha, Francisco
CRO	Croatia			1	Ljubičić, Ing. Leonardo
CUB	Cuba	1			Salcedo Mederos, Ing. Pablo
CZE	Czech Republic		1		Mrkvička, Josef
DEN	Denmark	1			Ottesen, Søren Rud
ECU	Ecuador	1			Bjazevic, Pavao
ENG	England			1	Dearnley, Andrew
ESP	Spain		1		Costa Trillo, Valentín
EST	Estonia			1	Tiits, Tõnu
FIN	Finland	1			Ylönen, Olli
FRA	France	1			Ruch, Eric
GER	Germany		1		Staroske, Dr. Uwe
GRE	Greece			1	Arbis, Fotis
GUA	Guatemala	1			Blanco Gramajo, César Augusto
HKG	Hong Kong			1	Leung, Hin Sing (Henry)
HUN	Hungary			1	Bottlik, Iván
IND	India	1			Saxena, Alok
IRL	Ireland	1			Harding, Timothy David
ISL	Iceland	1			Jónsson, Daði Örn
ISR	Israel			1	Dothan, Yoav
ITA	Italy	1			Mastrojeni, Gianni
JPN	Japan			1	Onoda, Hirokaz
LAT	Latvia	1			Gaujens, Artis
LTU	Lithuania	1			Ročius, Marijonas
LUX	Luxembourg	1			Klauner, Thed
NCA	Nicaragua			1	Bendaña Guerrero, Dr. Guy José
NED	Netherlands			1	Jansen, Joop
NOR	Norway			1	Boger, Raymond
NZL	New Zealand	1			Freeman, Michael Roy
PAN	Panama	1			Rösch M., Hermann V.
PER	Peru	1			Figlio, Gino Franco
POL	Poland	1			Wojnar, Mariusz
POR	Portugal	1			Salvador Marques, João Luís
ROU	Romania		1		Sferle, Miron
RSA	South Africa	1			Knol, Everdinand
RUS	Russia		1		Grodzensky, Sergey Yakovlevich
SCO	Scotland	1			Pyrich, George D.
SLO	Slovenia	1			Šemrl, Marjan
SUI	Switzerland	1			Baumgartner, Ulrich
SVK	Slovakia	1			Manduch, Milan
SWE	Sweden	1			Söderberg, Per
TUN	Tunisia			1	Chouari, Wajdi
TUR	Turkey	1			Kural, Aziz Serhat
UKR	Ukraine			1	Goncharenko, Georgy
USA	U.S.A.	1			Bokar, Dr. Jason
VEN	Venezuela	1			Reyes Maldonado, César Jesús
WLS	Wales	1			Sherwood, Russell
	<b>Total</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>21</b>	
	<b>Votes Required for Passing</b>	<b>18</b>			

## Proposal 2016-017 Revised Rating Rules

Replace the calculation of the winning expectancy from our table 4 to the adjusted continuous formula  $p(D) = 1 / (1 + 10(-D/640))$  and make sure that the rounding process follows the Congress decisions from last year. [Swedish Federation comment: “This proposal would benefit from the comments that was made on the impact of the new formula on the difference from the old formula and the new.”]

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AUS	Australia	1			Jones, Brian
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BEL	Belgium			1	Clement, Paul
BLR	Belarus			1	Shablinsky, Mikhail Ivanovich
BRA	Brazil			1	Neves, Bianor de Oliveira
BUL	Bulgaria			1	Marinov, Petjo
CAN	Canada	1			Marconi, Ralph P.
CHI	Chile			1	Toro Solís de Ovando, Guillermo F.
CPV	Cape Verde			1	Carapinha, Francisco
CRO	Croatia			1	Ljubičić, Ing. Leonardo
CUB	Cuba		1		Salcedo Mederos, Ing. Pablo
CZE	Czech Republic	1			Mrkvička, Josef
DEN	Denmark	1			Ottesen, Søren Rud
ECU	Ecuador	1			Bjazevic, Pavao
ENG	England			1	Dearnley, Andrew
ESP	Spain		1		Costa Trillo, Valentín
EST	Estonia			1	Tiits, Tõnu
FIN	Finland	1			Ylönen, Olli
FRA	France	1			Ruch, Eric
GER	Germany	1			Staroske, Dr. Uwe
GRE	Greece			1	Arbis, Fotis
GUA	Guatemala	1			Blanco Gramajo, César Augusto
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ITA	Italy	1			Mastrojeni, Gianni
JPN	Japan			1	Onoda, Hirokaz
LAT	Latvia	1			Gaujens, Artis
LTU	Lithuania	1			Ročius, Marijonas
LUX	Luxembourg	1			Klauner, Thed
NCA	Nicaragua			1	Bendaña Guerrero, Dr. Guy José
NED	Netherlands			1	Jansen, Joop
NOR	Norway			1	Boger, Raymond
NZL	New Zealand	1			Freeman, Michael Roy
PAN	Panama	1			Rösch M., Hermann V.
PER	Peru	1			Figlio, Gino Franco
POL	Poland	1			Wojnar, Mariusz
POR	Portugal	1			Salvador Marques, João Luís
ROU	Romania	1			Sferle, Miron
RSA	South Africa	1			Knol, Everdinand
RUS	Russia			1	Grodzensky, Sergey Yakovlevich
SCO	Scotland	1			Pyrich, George D.
SLO	Slovenia	1			Šemrl, Marjan
SUI	Switzerland	1			Baumgartner, Ulrich
SVK	Slovakia	1			Manduch, Milan
SWE	Sweden	1			Söderberg, Per
TUN	Tunisia			1	Chouari, Wajdi
TUR	Turkey	1			Kural, Aziz Serhat
UKR	Ukraine			1	Goncharenko, Georgy
USA	U.S.A.	1			Bokar, Dr. Jason
VEN	Venezuela	1			Reyes Maldonado, César Jesús
WLS	Wales	1			Sherwood, Russell
	<b>Total</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>22</b>	
	<b>Votes Required for Passing</b>	<b>18</b>			



## Proposal 2016-022 Evaluation of the Glicko Rating System

The Glicko rating system will be set up on the ICCF webserver before the 2017/1 rating list. This will be for evaluation purposes only and will run in parallel to the Elo system, Glicko ratings will only be available to the Ratings Commission and will not have any official status in ICCF. The working group will continue their work in evaluating the suitability of the Glicko system for correspondence chess and report back to Congress in 2017.

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AUS	Australia			1	Jones, Brian
AUT	Austria			1	Hamarat, Tunc
BEL	Belgium			1	Clement, Paul
BLR	Belarus			1	Shablinsky, Mikhail Ivanovich
BRA	Brazil			1	Neves, Bianor de Oliveira
BUL	Bulgaria			1	Marinov, Petjo
CAN	Canada	1			Marconi, Ralph P.
CHI	Chile			1	Toro Solís de Ovando, Guillermo F.
CPV	Cape Verde			1	Carapinha, Francisco
CRO	Croatia			1	Ljubičić, Ing. Leonardo
CUB	Cuba	1			Salcedo Mederos, Ing. Pablo
CZE	Czech Republic	1			Mrkvička, Josef
DEN	Denmark	1			Ottesen, Søren Rud
ECU	Ecuador	1			Bjazevic, Pavao
ENG	England	1			Dearnley, Andrew
ESP	Spain		1		Costa Trillo, Valentín
EST	Estonia			1	Tiits, Tõnu
FIN	Finland		1		Ylönen, Olli
FRA	France	1			Ruch, Eric
GER	Germany	1			Staroske, Dr. Uwe
GRE	Greece			1	Arbis, Fotis
GUA	Guatemala	1			Blanco Gramajo, César Augusto
HKG	Hong Kong			1	Leung, Hin Sing (Henry)
HUN	Hungary			1	Bottlik, Iván
IND	India	1			Saxena, Alok
IRL	Ireland	1			Harding, Timothy David
ISL	Iceland	1			Jónsson, Daði Örn
ISR	Israel			1	Dothan, Yoav
ITA	Italy	1			Mastrojeni, Gianni
JPN	Japan			1	Onoda, Hirokaz
LAT	Latvia	1			Gaujens, Artis
LTU	Lithuania	1			Ročius, Marijonas
LUX	Luxembourg			1	Klauner, Thed
NCA	Nicaragua			1	Bendaña Guerrero, Dr. Guy José
NED	Netherlands			1	Jansen, Joop
NOR	Norway			1	Boger, Raymond
NZL	New Zealand	1			Freeman, Michael Roy
PAN	Panama	1			Rösch M., Hermann V.
PER	Peru	1			Figlio, Gino Franco
POL	Poland	1			Wojnar, Mariusz
POR	Portugal	1			Salvador Marques, João Luís
ROU	Romania		1		Sferle, Miron
RSA	South Africa	1			Knol, Everdinand
RUS	Russia			1	Grodzensky, Sergey Yakovlevich
SCO	Scotland	1			Pyrich, George D.
SLO	Slovenia	1			Šemrl, Marjan
SUI	Switzerland	1			Baumgartner, Ulrich
SVK	Slovakia	1			Manduch, Milan
SWE	Sweden	1			Söderberg, Per
TUN	Tunisia			1	Chouari, Wajdi
TUR	Turkey	1			Kural, Aziz Serhat
UKR	Ukraine			1	Goncharenko, Georgy
USA	U.S.A.	1			Bokar, Dr. Jason
VEN	Venezuela	1			Reyes Maldonado, César Jesús
WLS	Wales	1			Sherwood, Russell
	<b>Total</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>23</b>	
	<b>Votes Required for Passing</b>	<b>17</b>			

## Proposal 2016-036 - Identify ICCF players by Database Number in Cases of Similar/Identical Names

Players in ICCF tournaments should be identified in all documents (especially on the playing server and game archive) by their given and family names only, without any titles or other ancillary information. Where it is necessary to distinguish between two players of very similar or identical names, their ICCF ID code (only) should be used for this purpose. Note – each delegate may download a list of their player names to review and correct, if necessary.

Code	Member Federation	For	Against	Abstain	Voting Member
AUS	Australia		1		Jones, Brian
AUT	Austria			1	Hamarat, Tunc
BEL	Belgium			1	Clement, Paul
BLR	Belarus	1			Shablinsky, Mikhail Ivanovich
BRA	Brazil			1	Neves, Bianor de Oliveira
BUL	Bulgaria			1	Marinov, Petjo
CAN	Canada	1			Marconi, Ralph P.
CHI	Chile			1	Toro Solís de Ovando, Guillermo F.
CPV	Cape Verde			1	Carapinha, Francisco
CRO	Croatia		1		Ljubičić, Ing. Leonardo
CUB	Cuba		1		Salcedo Mederos, Ing. Pablo
CZE	Czech Republic	1			Mrkvička, Josef
DEN	Denmark	1			Ottesen, Søren Rud
ECU	Ecuador		1		Bjazevic, Pavao
ENG	England		1		Dearnley, Andrew
ESP	Spain	1			Costa Trillo, Valentín
EST	Estonia			1	Tiits, Tõnu
FIN	Finland	1			Ylönen, Olli
FRA	France		1		Ruch, Eric
GER	Germany		1		Staroske, Dr. Uwe
GRE	Greece			1	Arbis, Fotis
GUA	Guatemala	1			Blanco Gramajo, César Augusto
HKG	Hong Kong			1	Leung, Hin Sing (Henry)
HUN	Hungary			1	Bottlik, Iván
IND	India	1			Saxena, Alok
IRL	Ireland	1			Harding, Timothy David
ISL	Iceland		1		Jónsson, Daði Örn
ISR	Israel			1	Dothan, Yoav
ITA	Italy		1		Mastrojeni, Gianni
JPN	Japan			1	Onoda, Hirokaz
LAT	Latvia		1		Gaujens, Artis
LTU	Lithuania	1			Ročius, Marijonas
LUX	Luxembourg	1			Klauner, Thed
NCA	Nicaragua			1	Bendaña Guerrero, Dr. Guy José
NED	Netherlands			1	Jansen, Joop
NOR	Norway			1	Boger, Raymond
NZL	New Zealand		1		Freeman, Michael Roy
PAN	Panama		1		Rösch M., Hermann V.
PER	Peru		1		Figlio, Gino Franco
POL	Poland		1		Wojnar, Mariusz
POR	Portugal	1			Salvador Marques, João Luís
ROU	Romania		1		Sferle, Miron
RSA	South Africa		1		Knoj, Everdinand
RUS	Russia	1			Grodzensky, Sergey Yakovlevich
SCO	Scotland		1		Pyrich, George D.
SLO	Slovenia	1			Šemrl, Marjan
SUI	Switzerland		1		Baumgartner, Ulrich
SVK	Slovakia	1			Manduch, Milan
SWE	Sweden	1			Söderberg, Per
TUN	Tunisia			1	Chouari, Wajdi
TUR	Turkey	1			Kural, Aziz Serhat
UKR	Ukraine			1	Goncharenko, Georgy
USA	U.S.A.	1			Bokar, Dr. Jason
VEN	Venezuela		1		Reyes Maldonado, César Jesús
WLS	Wales		1		Sherwood, Russell
	<b>Total</b>	18	20	18	
	<b>Votes Required for Passing</b>	20			

## Proposal 2016-037 Identify ICCF Players by Name and ID Number Only

All players in ICCF tournaments should be identified in all documents (but especially on the playing server and game archive) by their given and family names only, deleting all academic, professional or other honorific titles such as Doctor, Professor, etc.

Code	Member Federation	For	Against	Abstain	Voting Member
ARG	Argentina			1	Hegoburu, Pedro Federico
AUS	Australia		1		Jones, Brian
AUT	Austria			1	Hamarat, Tunc
BEL	Belgium			1	Clement, Paul
BLR	Belarus	1			Shablinsky, Mikhail Ivanovich
BRA	Brazil			1	Neves, Bianor de Oliveira
BUL	Bulgaria			1	Marinov, Petjo
CAN	Canada	1			Marconi, Ralph P.
CHI	Chile			1	Toro Solís de Ovando, Guillermo F.
CPV	Cape Verde			1	Carapinha, Francisco
CRO	Croatia	1			Ljubičić, Ing. Leonardo
CUB	Cuba	1			Salcedo Mederos, Ing. Pablo
CZE	Czech Republic	1			Mrkvička, Josef
DEN	Denmark	1			Ottesen, Søren Rud
ECU	Ecuador		1		Bjazevic, Pavao
ENG	England	1			Dearnley, Andrew
ESP	Spain	1			Costa Trillo, Valentín
EST	Estonia			1	Tiits, Tõnu
FIN	Finland	1			Ylönen, Olli
FRA	France		1		Ruch, Eric
GER	Germany		1		Staroske, Dr. Uwe
GRE	Greece			1	Arbis, Fotis
GUA	Guatemala	1			Blanco Gramajo, César Augusto
HKG	Hong Kong			1	Leung, Hin Sing (Henry)
HUN	Hungary			1	Bottlik, Iván
IND	India	1			Saxena, Alok
IRL	Ireland	1			Harding, Timothy David
ISL	Iceland		1		Jónsson, Daði Örn
ISR	Israel			1	Dothan, Yoav
ITA	Italy	1			Mastrojeni, Gianni
JPN	Japan			1	Onoda, Hirokaz
LAT	Latvia	1			Gaujens, Artis
LTU	Lithuania	1			Ročius, Marijonas
LUX	Luxembourg	1			Klauner, Thed
NCA	Nicaragua			1	Bendaña Guerrero, Dr. Guy José
NED	Netherlands			1	Jansen, Joop
NOR	Norway			1	Boger, Raymond
NZL	New Zealand	1			Freeman, Michael Roy
PAN	Panama			1	Rösch M., Hermann V.
PER	Peru		1		Figlio, Gino Franco
POL	Poland		1		Wojnar, Mariusz
POR	Portugal	1			Salvador Marques, João Luís
ROU	Romania	1			Sferle, Miron
RSA	South Africa		1		Knol, Everdinand
RUS	Russia	1			Grodzensky, Sergey Yakovlevich
SCO	Scotland		1		Pyrich, George D.
SLO	Slovenia	1			Šemrl, Marjan
SUI	Switzerland	1			Baumgartner, Ulrich
SVK	Slovakia	1			Manduch, Milan
SWE	Sweden	1			Söderberg, Per
TUN	Tunisia			1	Chouari, Wajdi
TUR	Turkey	1			Kural, Aziz Serhat
UKR	Ukraine			1	Goncharenko, Georgy
USA	U.S.A.	1			Bokar, Dr. Jason
VEN	Venezuela		1		Reyes Maldonado, César Jesús
WLS	Wales		1		Sherwood, Russell
	<b>Total</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>19</b>	
	<b>Votes Required for Passing</b>	<b>19</b>			

## Proposal 2016-038 Use Only the Standard 26 Roman Alphabet Letters A-Z in Player Names

Use only the standard 26 Roman alphabet letters A-Z, without accents or diacritical marks, in the naming of players, both in the player database and in the game archive.

Code	Member Federation	For	Against	Abstain	Voting Member
ARG	Argentina			1	Hegoburu, Pedro Federico
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AUT	Austria			1	Hamarat, Tunc
BEL	Belgium			1	Clement, Paul
BLR	Belarus	1			Shablinsky, Mikhail Ivanovich
BRA	Brazil			1	Neves, Bianor de Oliveira
BUL	Bulgaria			1	Marinov, Petjo
CAN	Canada	1			Marconi, Ralph P.
CHI	Chile			1	Toro Solís de Ovando, Guillermo F.
CPV	Cape Verde			1	Carapinha, Francisco
CRO	Croatia		1		Ljubičić, Ing. Leonardo
CUB	Cuba	1			Salcedo Mederos, Ing. Pablo
CZE	Czech Republic		1		Mrkvička, Josef
DEN	Denmark		1		Ottesen, Søren Rud
ECU	Ecuador		1		Bjazevic, Pavao
ENG	England		1		Dearnley, Andrew
ESP	Spain	1			Costa Trillo, Valentín
EST	Estonia			1	Tiits, Tõnu
FIN	Finland		1		Ylönen, Olli
FRA	France		1		Ruch, Eric
GER	Germany		1		Staroske, Dr. Uwe
GRE	Greece			1	Arbis, Fotis
GUA	Guatemala	1			Blanco Gramajo, César Augusto
HKG	Hong Kong			1	Leung, Hin Sing (Henry)
HUN	Hungary			1	Bottlik, Iván
IND	India		1		Saxena, Alok
IRL	Ireland	1			Harding, Timothy David
ISL	Iceland		1		Jónsson, Daði Örn
ISR	Israel			1	Dothan, Yoav
ITA	Italy		1		Mastrojeni, Gianni
JPN	Japan			1	Onoda, Hirokaz
LAT	Latvia			1	Gaujens, Artis
LTU	Lithuania		1		Ročius, Marijonas
LUX	Luxembourg		1		Klauner, Thed
NCA	Nicaragua			1	Bendaña Guerrero, Dr. Guy José
NED	Netherlands			1	Jansen, Joop
NOR	Norway			1	Boger, Raymond
NZL	New Zealand		1		Freeman, Michael Roy
PAN	Panama		1		Rösch M., Hermann V.
PER	Peru		1		Figlio, Gino Franco
POL	Poland		1		Wojnar, Mariusz
POR	Portugal	1			Salvador Marques, João Luís
ROU	Romania		1		Sferle, Miron
RSA	South Africa		1		Knol, Everdinand
RUS	Russia	1			Grodzensky, Sergey Yakovlevich
SCO	Scotland		1		Pyrich, George D.
SLO	Slovenia	1			Šemrl, Marjan
SUI	Switzerland		1		Baumgartner, Ulrich
SVK	Slovakia	1			Manduch, Milan
SWE	Sweden	1			Söderberg, Per
TUN	Tunisia			1	Chouari, Wajdi
TUR	Turkey	1			Kural, Aziz Serhat
UKR	Ukraine			1	Goncharenko, Georgy
USA	U.S.A.		1		Bokar, Dr. Jason
VEN	Venezuela		1		Reyes Maldonado, César Jesús
WLS	Wales		1		Sherwood, Russell
	<b>Total</b>	12	25	19	
	<b>Votes Required for Passing</b>	19			

## **11 – Services Director**

The ICCF Services Director, Austin Lockwood, presented his report.

A vote was taken for a budget approval of 20.000 Euro for 2017. The vote was unanimous in favour of the budget request.

## **12 – ICCF Archives**

No report submitted.

## **13 – Marketing**

The ICCF Marketing Director, Andrew Dearnley, presented his report.

Four related items were voted on:

(a) Allow Martin Fischer (ChessBase) viewing privileges of ongoing ICCF games to aid in sponsorship and allow better access to write articles. Of course, no game data will be published before the end of the game.

(b) A vote was taken for a budget approval of 3.000 Euro for 2017. The vote was unanimous in favour of the budget request.

## **Proposal 2016-041 Chess Board at Disposal of Each Federation for Propagandistic Reasons**

The otb players do not know how the webserver ICCF works. Several of them are interested in cc play; but most of the interested otb players do NOT want to start an ICCF (or national cc) tournament without knowing the server, the way how it works, the system of play. This is normal and logical: before starting any tournament, in any sport, it is absolutely necessary that you know the system, the field of play, the rules.

The proposal is withdrawn and various options to create and implement a demo (in various languages).

## Proposal 2016-042 Delegate Sponsorship Programme

Amongst its tasks, the Finance Working Group considered all aspects of the ICCF Congress including attendance and participation of delegates with special consideration for new and smaller national federations who for varying reasons, not least financial, may not be able to send a representative to Congress.

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ARG	Argentina			1	Hegoburu, Pedro Federico
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BEL	Belgium			1	Clement, Paul
BLR	Belarus			1	Shablinsky, Mikhail Ivanovich
BRA	Brazil			1	Neves, Bianor de Oliveira
BUL	Bulgaria			1	Marinov, Petjo
CAN	Canada	1			Marconi, Ralph P.
CHI	Chile			1	Toro Solís de Ovando, Guillermo F.
CPV	Cape Verde			1	Carapinha, Francisco
CRO	Croatia	1			Ljubičić, Ing. Leonardo
CUB	Cuba	1			Salcedo Mederos, Ing. Pablo
CZE	Czech Republic			1	Mrkvička, Josef
DEN	Denmark		1		Ottesen, Søren Rud
ECU	Ecuador	1			Bjazevic, Pavao
ENG	England	1			Dearnley, Andrew
ESP	Spain	1			Costa Trillo, Valentín
EST	Estonia			1	Tiits, Tõnu
FIN	Finland	1			Ylönen, Olli
FRA	France	1			Ruch, Eric
GER	Germany	1			Staroske, Dr. Uwe
GRE	Greece			1	Arbis, Fotis
GUA	Guatemala	1			Blanco Gramajo, César Augusto
HKG	Hong Kong			1	Leung, Hin Sing (Henry)
HUN	Hungary			1	Bottlik, Iván
IND	India	1			Saxena, Alok
IRL	Ireland	1			Harding, Timothy David
ISL	Iceland		1		Jónsson, Daði Örn
ISR	Israel			1	Dothan, Yoav
ITA	Italy	1			Mastrojeni, Gianni
JPN	Japan			1	Onoda, Hirokaz
LAT	Latvia	1			Gaujens, Artis
LTU	Lithuania	1			Ročius, Marijonas
LUX	Luxembourg		1		Klauner, Thed
NCA	Nicaragua			1	Bendaña Guerrero, Dr. Guy José
NED	Netherlands			1	Jansen, Joop
NOR	Norway			1	Boger, Raymond
NZL	New Zealand		1		Freeman, Michael Roy
PAN	Panama	1			Rösch M., Hermann V.
PER	Peru	1			Figlio, Gino Franco
POL	Poland		1		Wojnar, Mariusz
POR	Portugal	1			Salvador Marques, João Luís
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RUS	Russia			1	Grodzensky, Sergey Yakovlevich
SCO	Scotland	1			Pyrich, George D.
SLO	Slovenia			1	Šemrl, Marjan
SUI	Switzerland	1			Baumgartner, Ulrich
SVK	Slovakia		1		Manduch, Milan
SWE	Sweden	1			Söderberg, Per
TUN	Tunisia			1	Chouari, Wajdi
TUR	Turkey	1			Kural, Aziz Serhat
UKR	Ukraine			1	Goncharenko, Georgy
USA	U.S.A.	1			Bokar, Dr. Jason
VEN	Venezuela	1			Reyes Maldonado, César Jesús
WLS	Wales	1			Sherwood, Russell
	<b>Total</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>22</b>	
	<b>Votes Required for Passing</b>	<b>18</b>			

## **14 – Tournaments**

### **14a – World Tournament Director**

The ICCF World Tournament Director, Frank Geider, presented his report.

Two related items were voted on:

- (a) A vote was taken to approve the WTD Invitational Tournaments as outlined in the WTD report. The vote was unanimous.

### **Proposal 2016-043 Establishment of New Team Event**

ICCF offers a number of high-quality team events including the Olympiad and various Zonal Championships. All of these events offer chess played at the highest of standards but all are only realistically open to a very small number of players, and only a small number of Nations have a significant chance of winning the events. Recent tournaments events such as the British Tri-Nations <https://www.iccf.com/event?id=53207> and Thor Løvholt <https://www.iccf.com/event?id=55976> have shown that popular and effective rating limited Team events are possible. The Thor Løvholt, in particular, is a very successful event which has run over two seasons to date; however, because of the way ICCF is split into unequal zones, 25% of players are denied entry to this prestigious tournament.

Note – the Finance Director will define the fees for these events.

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BEL	Belgium			1	Clement, Paul
BLR	Belarus	1			Shablinsky, Mikhail Ivanovich
BRA	Brazil			1	Neves, Bianor de Oliveira
BUL	Bulgaria			1	Marinov, Petjo
CAN	Canada	1			Marconi, Ralph P.
CHI	Chile			1	Toro Solís de Ovando, Guillermo F.
CPV	Cape Verde			1	Carapinha, Francisco
CRO	Croatia	1			Ljubičić, Ing. Leonardo
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ENG	England			1	Dearnley, Andrew
ESP	Spain	1			Costa Trillo, Valentín
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FRA	France		1		Ruch, Eric
GER	Germany	1			Staroske, Dr. Uwe
GRE	Greece			1	Arbis, Fotis
GUA	Guatemala	1			Blanco Gramajo, César Augusto
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ISR	Israel			1	Dothan, Yoav
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JPN	Japan			1	Onoda, Hirokaz
LAT	Latvia	1			Gaujens, Artis
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NOR	Norway			1	Boger, Raymond
NZL	New Zealand	1			Freeman, Michael Roy
PAN	Panama	1			Rösch M., Hermann V.
PER	Peru	1			Figlio, Gino Franco
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TUN	Tunisia			1	Chouari, Wajdi
TUR	Turkey	1			Kural, Aziz Serhat
UKR	Ukraine			1	Goncharenko, Georgy
USA	U.S.A.	1			Bokar, Dr. Jason
VEN	Venezuela	1			Reyes Maldonado, César Jesús
WLS	Wales	1			Sherwood, Russell
	<b>Total</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>19</b>	
	<b>Votes Required for Passing</b>	<b>19</b>			



## 14b – Title Tournaments Report

The report from the ICCF Title Tournament Commissioner, Gian-Maria Tani, was reviewed. Two related items were voted on:

### Proposal 2016-026 Discontinuation of Postal Olympiad

Postal play in ICCF on the top level doesn't live any longer. All stages of the World Championships, beginning from Preliminaries and ending by Finals are only played on the webserver, as well as Ladies' Olympiads. The postal Olympiads do not reach the level of the server Olympiads, and a majority of countries outside Europe do not nominate their teams for the preliminaries, as they are unable to find any 4 players who would be willing to play by post. Despite these facts, ICCF evaluates a win in both types of Olympiads as being on the same level ("Olympiad winner").

[Swedish Federation comment: "The Swedish Federation would like to record a comment on this as made in Congress. The Swedish Federation has another view on the "facts" as described above.

The reason why there are no entries to the World Championship stages is simply not that there are no players but there are too few postal players, as any simple calculation would show that it requires to form a postal final with 15 players, 8 candidate groups, 48 semifinals and 250 preliminaries and there are not enough postal players to fill these. To us the ladder is simply far too long for postal players. It has nothing to do with that top level postal play doesn't live any longer.

In the recently started Olympiad 19 final 52 players entered, 48 had titles GM/SIM/IM (15 GM:s). This shows that there are still many strong players who enjoy play by post. And the difference in Category between the Olympiad 19 final and 20 final by server is not that significant as the proposal above seems to indicate.

And we would also like to point out that the Zones 2, 3 and 4 have all abandoned postal play in their zones, still no less that 6 federations from these zones entered teams in the Olympiad 19, two of them reached the final. We did also ask the US Delegate, at the time, as US is one of the more active Federations in postal play, why the US didn't enter a team? The reason was not that the Delegate couldn't find any 4 players; but that he felt the team would not be strong enough to represent the federation (I have an email from Corky). Further we would welcome the result of the survey the Czech Federation has made, in the zones 2, 3 and 4, on the reasons for not entering the postal Olympiad to be added to the minutes."]

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LUX	Luxembourg			1	Klauner, Thed
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POR	Portugal		1		Salvador Marques, João Luís
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SWE	Sweden		1		Söderberg, Per
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TUR	Turkey	1			Kural, Aziz Serhat
UKR	Ukraine			1	Goncharenko, Georgy
USA	U.S.A.	1			Bokar, Dr. Jason
VEN	Venezuela	1			Reyes Maldonado, César Jesús
WLS	Wales	1			Sherwood, Russell
	<b>Total</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>21</b>	
	<b>Votes Required for Passing</b>	<b>18</b>			

## Proposal 2016-034 Fixed Start Dates of ICCF Olympiads Final and Preliminaries

High-level team competitions such as the Olympics start when all the participants of the current final tournament are known. According to the experiences of the last period, these cycles last more than three years. We suggest that each cycle in the future lasts exactly four years and that the start date of the next cycle is known in advance.

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USA	U.S.A.	1			Bokar, Dr. Jason
VEN	Venezuela		1		Reyes Maldonado, César Jesús
WLS	Wales		1		Sherwood, Russell
	<b>Total</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>18</b>	
	<b>Votes Required for Passing</b>	<b>20</b>			

### **14c – Non-Title Tournaments Report**

No report was received.

After extensive discussion and consultation with the present NTTC, Guido Bresadola, the Executive Board recommends the nomination of Russell Sherwood (WLS) to the position of NTTC, effective immediately. The vote of Congress was unanimously in favour with Italy and Romania abstaining.

### **14d – Champions League**

#### **Proposal 2016-023 - Reverting the ICCF Champions League to its Previous Format**

Recognition that the recent changes made to the ICCF Champions League have not worked for a variety of reasons. To return the Champions League to its rightful place as one of ICCF's most prestigious & important tournaments, we seek to return the Champions League to its previous format. Also, the name "Champions League" should be restored to all tiers of the competition as this "brand" name is imperative. Delegate from WLS note regarding his vote, "the only reason WLS opposed the proposal was that the federation believes that rolling registration to the entry section provides enhanced marketing opportunities for this event, however supports all other arguments in favour of reverting to the original format."

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JPN	Japan			1	Onoda, Hirokaz
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TUR	Turkey	1			Kural, Aziz Serhat
UKR	Ukraine			1	Goncharenko, Georgy
USA	U.S.A.	1			Bokar, Dr. Jason
VEN	Venezuela	1			Reyes Maldonado, César Jesús
WLS	Wales		1		Sherwood, Russell
	<b>Total</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>22</b>	
	<b>Votes Required for Passing</b>	<b>18</b>			

**14e – Aspirer Tournaments**

The report from the ICCF Aspirer’s Tournament Official, Ian M. Pheby, was reviewed.

**14f – Postal Tournaments**

The report from the ICCF Postal Tournament Official, Gian-Maria Tani, was reviewed.

**14g – Chess 960**

The report from the ICCF Chess 960 Official, Leonardo Madonia, was reviewed.

**14h – Thematic Tournaments**

The report from the ICCF Thematic Tournaments Official, Leonardo Madonia, was reviewed.

A vote was taken to approve the 2017 Thematic Themes for both webserver and postal. The vote was unanimous in favour.

**14i – Interzonal Tournaments**

The Interzonal Tournament Official, Dinand Knol, read his report.

**14j – Other Tournament Arrangements**

Nothing additional was noted.

**14k – Calendar of Events**

The calendar of events was reviewed. Suggestions were made to add the Olympiad 21/22 dates and add the new team tournaments (Proposal 2016-043).

**15 – Rules**

The Rules Commissioner, Dennis Doren, briefed his report. 15 proposals in this area were considered.

**Proposal 2016-002 - Adjudicating Deceased Players' Games**

The automatically presumed adjudication claim of a draw for deceased players sometimes causes inaccurate determinations of a game result, such as a draw result when the deceased player should have been adjudicated with a win. This proposal addresses some of the shortcomings of that presumed draw claim while still avoiding the issues that caused Congress to reject last year's attempt towards a similar remedy (proposal 2015-035).

[Swedish Federation comment: “The Swedish Federation do miss important issues that are left in the carried proposal; like that it is still possible that a position won for the deceased player will result in an adjudication of draw. Further minutes can also be enhanced with the changes that will be in the TD Manual as result of this proposal. In particular, section 8 Specific Procedures c) exceptions, which was the main target to both proposals.

As this proposal was carried the proposal 2016-024 was withdrawn and not voted upon in Congress, as they had a similar aim and could not both be carried.”]

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USA	U.S.A.	1			Bokar, Dr. Jason
VEN	Venezuela	1			Reyes Maldonado, César Jesús
WLS	Wales	1			Sherwood, Russell
	<b>Total</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>22</b>	
	<b>Votes Required for Passing</b>	<b>18</b>			

## Proposal 2016-003 - Timing for Tournament Approval Submissions

The current time requirement for the submission of invitational tournaments is no later than 6 months prior to the desired start date. The corresponding requirement for submission of open tournaments is 4 months. This proposal would change both of those time requirements down to 3 months, though the WTD would maintain the right to deny approval to tournaments submitted in the 3-6-month range.

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TUR	Turkey	1			Kural, Aziz Serhat
UKR	Ukraine			1	Goncharenko, Georgy
USA	U.S.A.	1			Bokar, Dr. Jason
VEN	Venezuela	1			Reyes Maldonado, César Jesús
WLS	Wales	1			Sherwood, Russell
	<b>Total</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>17</b>	
	<b>Votes Required for Passing</b>	<b>20</b>			



## Proposal - 2016-005 The Right to Overrule a TD

Currently, the rules are not clear about whether any ICCF Official has the right to overrule a TD when that TD's ruling is clearly incorrect. This proposal would allow both the WTD and the Ratings Commissioner to overrule a TD. The player(s) affected would maintain their right to appeal in the usual ways and time frame.

Code	Member Federation	For	Against	Abstain	Voting Member
ARG	Argentina			1	Hegoburu, Pedro Federico
AUS	Australia	1			Jones, Brian
AUT	Austria			1	Hamarat, Tunc
BEL	Belgium			1	Clement, Paul
BLR	Belarus			1	Shablinsky, Mikhail Ivanovich
BRA	Brazil			1	Neves, Bianor de Oliveira
BUL	Bulgaria			1	Marinov, Petjo
CAN	Canada	1			Marconi, Ralph P.
CHI	Chile			1	Toro Solís de Ovando, Guillermo F.
CPV	Cape Verde			1	Carapinha, Francisco
CRO	Croatia	1			Ljubičić, Ing. Leonardo
CUB	Cuba		1		Salcedo Mederos, Ing. Pablo
CZE	Czech Republic	1			Mrkvička, Josef
DEN	Denmark	1			Ottesen, Søren Rud
ECU	Ecuador	1			Bjazevic, Pavao
ENG	England	1			Dearnley, Andrew
ESP	Spain	1			Costa Trillo, Valentín
EST	Estonia			1	Tiits, Tõnu
FIN	Finland	1			Ylönen, Olli
FRA	France	1			Ruch, Eric
GER	Germany	1			Staroske, Dr. Uwe
GRE	Greece			1	Arbis, Fotis
GUA	Guatemala	1			Blanco Gramajo, César Augusto
HKG	Hong Kong			1	Leung, Hin Sing (Henry)
HUN	Hungary			1	Bottlik, Iván
IND	India	1			Saxena, Alok
IRL	Ireland		1		Harding, Timothy David
ISL	Iceland		1		Jónsson, Daði Örn
ISR	Israel			1	Dothan, Yoav
ITA	Italy	1			Mastrojeni, Gianni
JPN	Japan			1	Onoda, Hirokaz
LAT	Latvia	1			Gaujens, Artis
LTU	Lithuania	1			Ročius, Marijonas
LUX	Luxembourg	1			Klauner, Thed
NCA	Nicaragua			1	Bendaña Guerrero, Dr. Guy José
NED	Netherlands			1	Jansen, Joop
NOR	Norway	1			Boger, Raymond
NZL	New Zealand	1			Freeman, Michael Roy
PAN	Panama	1			Rösch M., Hermann V.
PER	Peru	1			Figlio, Gino Franco
POL	Poland	1			Wojnar, Mariusz
POR	Portugal		1		Salvador Marques, João Luís
ROU	Romania	1			Sferle, Miron
RSA	South Africa	1			Knoł, Everdinand
RUS	Russia		1		Grodzensky, Sergey Yakovlevich
SCO	Scotland	1			Pyrich, George D.
SLO	Slovenia	1			Šemrl, Marjan
SUI	Switzerland	1			Baumgartner, Ulrich
SVK	Slovakia	1			Manduch, Milan
SWE	Sweden		1		Söderberg, Per
TUN	Tunisia			1	Chouari, Wajdi
TUR	Turkey	1			Kural, Aziz Serhat
UKR	Ukraine			1	Goncharenko, Georgy
USA	U.S.A.	1			Bokar, Dr. Jason
VEN	Venezuela	1			Reyes Maldonado, César Jesús
WLS	Wales		1		Sherwood, Russell
	<b>Total</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>18</b>	
	<b>Votes Required for Passing</b>	<b>20</b>			

## Proposal 2016-006 - TD Leave Time for Server-Based Games

Section 15 of the TD Manual - Server indicates that TDs need to register any and all leave time, no matter how small. This requirement seems unreasonable and unnecessary. Proposed is to require that TDs records leave time only if it is anticipated to be more than four consecutive days.

Code	Member Federation	For	Against	Abstain	Voting Member
ARG	Argentina			1	Hegoburu, Pedro Federico
AUS	Australia	1			Jones, Brian
AUT	Austria			1	Hamarat, Tunc
BEL	Belgium			1	Clement, Paul
BLR	Belarus	1			Shablinsky, Mikhail Ivanovich
BRA	Brazil			1	Neves, Bianor de Oliveira
BUL	Bulgaria			1	Marinov, Petjo
CAN	Canada	1			Marconi, Ralph P.
CHI	Chile			1	Toro Solís de Ovando, Guillermo F.
CPV	Cape Verde			1	Carapinha, Francisco
CRO	Croatia		1		Ljubičić, Ing. Leonardo
CUB	Cuba	1			Salcedo Mederos, Ing. Pablo
CZE	Czech Republic	1			Mrkvička, Josef
DEN	Denmark	1			Ottesen, Søren Rud
ECU	Ecuador	1			Bjazevic, Pavao
ENG	England	1			Dearnley, Andrew
ESP	Spain		1		Costa Trillo, Valentín
EST	Estonia			1	Tiits, Tõnu
FIN	Finland	1			Ylönen, Olli
FRA	France	1			Ruch, Eric
GER	Germany	1			Staroske, Dr. Uwe
GRE	Greece			1	Arbis, Fotis
GUA	Guatemala	1			Blanco Gramajo, César Augusto
HKG	Hong Kong			1	Leung, Hin Sing (Henry)
HUN	Hungary			1	Bottlik, Iván
IND	India	1			Saxena, Alok
IRL	Ireland	1			Harding, Timothy David
ISL	Iceland	1			Jónsson, Daði Örn
ISR	Israel			1	Dothan, Yoav
ITA	Italy	1			Mastrojeni, Gianni
JPN	Japan			1	Onoda, Hirokaz
LAT	Latvia	1			Gaujens, Artis
LTU	Lithuania	1			Ročius, Marijonas
LUX	Luxembourg	1			Klauner, Thed
NCA	Nicaragua			1	Bendaña Guerrero, Dr. Guy José
NED	Netherlands			1	Jansen, Joop
NOR	Norway	1			Boger, Raymond
NZL	New Zealand	1			Freeman, Michael Roy
PAN	Panama		1		Rösch M., Hermann V.
PER	Peru		1		Figlio, Gino Franco
POL	Poland		1		Wojnar, Mariusz
POR	Portugal	1			Salvador Marques, João Luís
ROU	Romania	1			Sferle, Miron
RSA	South Africa	1			Knol, Everdinand
RUS	Russia	1			Grodzensky, Sergey Yakovlevich
SCO	Scotland	1			Pyrich, George D.
SLO	Slovenia	1			Šemrl, Marjan
SUI	Switzerland	1			Baumgartner, Ulrich
SVK	Slovakia	1			Manduch, Milan
SWE	Sweden	1			Söderberg, Per
TUN	Tunisia			1	Chouari, Wajdi
TUR	Turkey	1			Kural, Aziz Serhat
UKR	Ukraine			1	Goncharenko, Georgy
USA	U.S.A.	1			Bokar, Dr. Jason
VEN	Venezuela	1			Reyes Maldonado, César Jesús
WLS	Wales	1			Sherwood, Russell
	<b>Total</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>17</b>	
	<b>Votes Required for Passing</b>	<b>20</b>			

## Proposal 2016-007 - The Right for Officials to File an Appeal

Currently, the rules are not clear about whether any ICCF Official has the right to overrule a TD when that TD's ruling is clearly incorrect. There is another Congress proposal this year (2016-005) that would give the WTD and Ratings Commissioner the right to overrule a TD directly. The proposal herein, to be considered either instead of or in addition to the other proposal, would allow certain ICCF Officials to file appeals about a TD's improper ruling to the relevant Appeal Committee without waiting for a player to do so. The player(s) affected would maintain their right to appeal in the usual ways and time frame.

Code	Member Federation	For	Against	Abstain	Voting Member
ARG	Argentina			1	Hegoburu, Pedro Federico
AUS	Australia	1			Jones, Brian
AUT	Austria			1	Hamarat, Tunc
BEL	Belgium			1	Clement, Paul
BLR	Belarus		1		Shablinsky, Mikhail Ivanovich
BRA	Brazil			1	Neves, Bianor de Oliveira
BUL	Bulgaria			1	Marinov, Petjo
CAN	Canada	1			Marconi, Ralph P.
CHI	Chile			1	Toro Solís de Ovando, Guillermo F.
CPV	Cape Verde			1	Carapinha, Francisco
CRO	Croatia	1			Ljubičić, Ing. Leonardo
CUB	Cuba		1		Salcedo Mederos, Ing. Pablo
CZE	Czech Republic	1			Mrkvička, Josef
DEN	Denmark	1			Ottesen, Søren Rud
ECU	Ecuador	1			Bjazevic, Pavao
ENG	England	1			Dearnley, Andrew
ESP	Spain	1			Costa Trillo, Valentín
EST	Estonia			1	Tiits, Tõnu
FIN	Finland	1			Ylönen, Olli
FRA	France	1			Ruch, Eric
GER	Germany	1			Staroske, Dr. Uwe
GRE	Greece			1	Arbis, Fotis
GUA	Guatemala	1			Blanco Gramajo, César Augusto
HKG	Hong Kong			1	Leung, Hin Sing (Henry)
HUN	Hungary			1	Bottlik, Iván
IND	India	1			Saxena, Alok
IRL	Ireland		1		Harding, Timothy David
ISL	Iceland		1		Jónsson, Daði Örn
ISR	Israel			1	Dothan, Yoav
ITA	Italy	1			Mastrojeni, Gianni
JPN	Japan			1	Onoda, Hirokaz
LAT	Latvia	1			Gaujens, Artis
LTU	Lithuania	1			Ročius, Marijonas
LUX	Luxembourg		1		Klauner, Thed
NCA	Nicaragua			1	Bendaña Guerrero, Dr. Guy José
NED	Netherlands			1	Jansen, Joop
NOR	Norway	1			Boger, Raymond
NZL	New Zealand	1			Freeman, Michael Roy
PAN	Panama	1			Rösch M., Hermann V.
PER	Peru	1			Figlio, Gino Franco
POL	Poland	1			Wojnar, Mariusz
POR	Portugal		1		Salvador Marques, João Luís
ROU	Romania	1			Sferle, Miron
RSA	South Africa	1			Knol, Everdinand
RUS	Russia		1		Grodzensky, Sergey Yakovlevich
SCO	Scotland	1			Pyrich, George D.
SLO	Slovenia	1			Šemrl, Marjan
SUI	Switzerland	1			Baumgartner, Ulrich
SVK	Slovakia	1			Manduch, Milan
SWE	Sweden		1		Söderberg, Per
TUN	Tunisia			1	Chouari, Wajdi
TUR	Turkey	1			Kural, Aziz Serhat
UKR	Ukraine			1	Goncharenko, Georgy
USA	U.S.A.	1			Bokar, Dr. Jason
VEN	Venezuela	1			Reyes Maldonado, César Jesús
WLS	Wales	1			Sherwood, Russell
	<b>Total</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>17</b>	
	<b>Votes Required for Passing</b>	<b>20</b>			

## Proposal 2016-008 - Applying Consistent Rules to Friendly Matches

Friendly matches are currently excluded from what counts for Tournament Directors (TDs) towards their earning the title of International Arbiter (IA), and from the application of certain regular tournament rules (concerning player withdrawals). This proposal would change those things by requiring that friendly matches be handled like all other ICCF-approved events.

Code	Member Federation	For	Against	Abstain	Voting Member
ARG	Argentina			1	Hegoburu, Pedro Federico
AUS	Australia	1			Jones, Brian
AUT	Austria			1	Hamarat, Tunc
BEL	Belgium			1	Clement, Paul
BLR	Belarus	1			Shablinsky, Mikhail Ivanovich
BRA	Brazil			1	Neves, Bianor de Oliveira
BUL	Bulgaria			1	Marinov, Petjo
CAN	Canada			1	Marconi, Ralph P.
CHI	Chile			1	Toro Solís de Ovando, Guillermo F.
CPV	Cape Verde			1	Carapinha, Francisco
CRO	Croatia		1		Ljubičić, Ing. Leonardo
CUB	Cuba		1		Salcedo Mederos, Ing. Pablo
CZE	Czech Republic	1			Mrkvička, Josef
DEN	Denmark			1	Ottesen, Søren Rud
ECU	Ecuador			1	Bjazevic, Pavao
ENG	England	1			Dearnley, Andrew
ESP	Spain	1			Costa Trillo, Valentín
EST	Estonia			1	Tiits, Tõnu
FIN	Finland		1		Ylönen, Olli
FRA	France		1		Ruch, Eric
GER	Germany			1	Staroske, Dr. Uwe
GRE	Greece			1	Arbis, Fotis
GUA	Guatemala	1			Blanco Gramajo, César Augusto
HKG	Hong Kong			1	Leung, Hin Sing (Henry)
HUN	Hungary			1	Bottlik, Iván
IND	India		1		Saxena, Alok
IRL	Ireland		1		Harding, Timothy David
ISL	Iceland	1			Jónsson, Daði Örn
ISR	Israel			1	Dothan, Yoav
ITA	Italy		1		Mastrojeni, Gianni
JPN	Japan			1	Onoda, Hirokaz
LAT	Latvia		1		Gaujens, Artis
LTU	Lithuania		1		Ročius, Marijonas
LUX	Luxembourg			1	Klauner, Thed
NCA	Nicaragua			1	Bendaña Guerrero, Dr. Guy José
NED	Netherlands			1	Jansen, Joop
NOR	Norway		1		Boger, Raymond
NZL	New Zealand	1			Freeman, Michael Roy
PAN	Panama	1			Rösch M., Hermann V.
PER	Peru	1			Figlio, Gino Franco
POL	Poland		1		Wojnar, Mariusz
POR	Portugal		1		Salvador Marques, João Luís
ROU	Romania	1			Sferle, Miron
RSA	South Africa		1		Knol, Everdinand
RUS	Russia	1			Grodzensky, Sergey Yakovlevich
SCO	Scotland		1		Pyrich, George D.
SLO	Slovenia	1			Šemrl, Marjan
SUI	Switzerland		1		Baumgartner, Ulrich
SVK	Slovakia	1			Manduch, Milan
SWE	Sweden		1		Söderberg, Per
TUN	Tunisia			1	Chouari, Wajdi
TUR	Turkey	1			Kural, Aziz Serhat
UKR	Ukraine			1	Goncharenko, Georgy
USA	U.S.A.	1			Bokar, Dr. Jason
VEN	Venezuela	1			Reyes Maldonado, César Jesús
WLS	Wales	1			Sherwood, Russell
	<b>Total</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>22</b>	
	<b>Votes Required for Passing</b>	<b>18</b>			

## Proposal 2016-009 - New Tournament Organizer (TO) Manual

Tournament Organizers (TO) currently need to search through various ICCF documents to find relevant rules about their duties, and still find almost no instruction about how to do various tournament organizational tasks. The Arbitrer Committee (ACO) developed a manual for TOs, designed to inform them how to do what they need to do, and to bring relevant rules into one document. This proposal is for the acceptance of that new manual.

Code	Member Federation	For	Against	Abstain	Voting Member
ARG	Argentina			1	Hegoburu, Pedro Federico
AUS	Australia	1			Jones, Brian
AUT	Austria			1	Hamarat, Tunc
BEL	Belgium			1	Clement, Paul
BLR	Belarus	1			Shablinsky, Mikhail Ivanovich
BRA	Brazil			1	Neves, Bianor de Oliveira
BUL	Bulgaria			1	Marinov, Petjo
CAN	Canada	1			Marconi, Ralph P.
CHI	Chile			1	Toro Solís de Ovando, Guillermo F.
CPV	Cape Verde			1	Carapinha, Francisco
CRO	Croatia			1	Ljubičić, Ing. Leonardo
CUB	Cuba	1			Salcedo Mederos, Ing. Pablo
CZE	Czech Republic	1			Mrkvička, Josef
DEN	Denmark	1			Ottesen, Søren Rud
ECU	Ecuador	1			Bjazevic, Pavao
ENG	England	1			Dearnley, Andrew
ESP	Spain	1			Costa Trillo, Valentín
EST	Estonia			1	Tiits, Tõnu
FIN	Finland	1			Ylönen, Olli
FRA	France	1			Ruch, Eric
GER	Germany	1			Staroske, Dr. Uwe
GRE	Greece			1	Arbis, Fotis
GUA	Guatemala	1			Blanco Gramajo, César Augusto
HKG	Hong Kong			1	Leung, Hin Sing (Henry)
HUN	Hungary			1	Bottlik, Iván
IND	India	1			Saxena, Alok
IRL	Ireland		1		Harding, Timothy David
ISL	Iceland		1		Jónsson, Daði Örn
ISR	Israel			1	Dothan, Yoav
ITA	Italy	1			Mastrojeni, Gianni
JPN	Japan			1	Onoda, Hirokaz
LAT	Latvia	1			Gaujens, Artis
LTU	Lithuania	1			Ročius, Marijonas
LUX	Luxembourg	1			Klauner, Thed
NCA	Nicaragua			1	Bendaña Guerrero, Dr. Guy José
NED	Netherlands			1	Jansen, Joop
NOR	Norway	1			Boger, Raymond
NZL	New Zealand	1			Freeman, Michael Roy
PAN	Panama	1			Rösch M., Hermann V.
PER	Peru	1			Figlio, Gino Franco
POL	Poland	1			Wojnar, Mariusz
POR	Portugal		1		Salvador Marques, João Luís
ROU	Romania	1			Sferle, Miron
RSA	South Africa	1			Knol, Everdinand
RUS	Russia		1		Grodzensky, Sergey Yakovlevich
SCO	Scotland	1			Pyrich, George D.
SLO	Slovenia	1			Šemrl, Marjan
SUI	Switzerland	1			Baumgartner, Ulrich
SVK	Slovakia	1			Manduch, Milan
SWE	Sweden		1		Söderberg, Per
TUN	Tunisia			1	Chouari, Wajdi
TUR	Turkey	1			Kural, Aziz Serhat
UKR	Ukraine			1	Goncharenko, Georgy
USA	U.S.A.	1			Bokar, Dr. Jason
VEN	Venezuela	1			Reyes Maldonado, César Jesús
WLS	Wales	1			Sherwood, Russell
	<b>Total</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>18</b>	
	<b>Votes Required for Passing</b>	<b>20</b>			

## Proposal 2016-010 National Federation Opt-Out of ICCF Adjudication System

In April 2016, ICCF introduced an automated adjudication system onto the webserver. This adjudication system is binding on all tournaments including National Federation events. Whilst EFCC are confident this system will be excellent for ICCF tournaments, it could be unsuitable to National Federation events for various reasons. This proposal therefore seeks to provide National Federations with an opt-out when creating an event on the webserver (for a National Event only). So, if a game goes to “Adjudication Pending” in a National Federation event where the opt-out has been used, that Federation would be free to deal with the adjudication in a manual way as previously done.

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ARG	Argentina			1	Hegoburu, Pedro Federico
AUS	Australia	1			Jones, Brian
AUT	Austria			1	Hamarat, Tunc
BEL	Belgium			1	Clement, Paul
BLR	Belarus	1			Shablinsky, Mikhail Ivanovich
BRA	Brazil			1	Neves, Bianor de Oliveira
BUL	Bulgaria			1	Marinov, Petjo
CAN	Canada	1			Marconi, Ralph P.
CHI	Chile			1	Toro Solís de Ovando, Guillermo F.
CPV	Cape Verde			1	Carapinha, Francisco
CRO	Croatia		1		Ljubičić, Ing. Leonardo
CUB	Cuba	1			Salcedo Mederos, Ing. Pablo
CZE	Czech Republic	1			Mrkvicka, Josef
DEN	Denmark	1			Ottesen, Søren Rud
ECU	Ecuador			1	Bjazevic, Pavao
ENG	England	1			Dearnley, Andrew
ESP	Spain	1			Costa Trillo, Valentín
EST	Estonia			1	Tiits, Tõnu
FIN	Finland	1			Ylönen, Olli
FRA	France		1		Ruch, Eric
GER	Germany	1			Staroske, Dr. Uwe
GRE	Greece			1	Arbis, Fotis
GUA	Guatemala	1			Blanco Gramajo, César Augusto
HKG	Hong Kong			1	Leung, Hin Sing (Henry)
HUN	Hungary			1	Bottlik, Iván
IND	India	1			Saxena, Alok
IRL	Ireland		1		Harding, Timothy David
ISL	Iceland	1			Jónsson, Daði Örn
ISR	Israel			1	Dothan, Yoav
ITA	Italy	1			Mastrojeni, Gianni
JPN	Japan			1	Onoda, Hirokaz
LAT	Latvia	1			Gaujens, Artis
LTU	Lithuania	1			Ročius, Marijonas
LUX	Luxembourg	1			Klauner, Thed
NCA	Nicaragua			1	Bendaña Guerrero, Dr. Guy José
NED	Netherlands			1	Jansen, Joop
NOR	Norway	1			Boger, Raymond
NZL	New Zealand	1			Freeman, Michael Roy
PAN	Panama		1		Rösch M., Hermann V.
PER	Peru		1		Figlio, Gino Franco
POL	Poland	1			Wojnar, Mariusz
POR	Portugal	1			Salvador Marques, João Luís
ROU	Romania	1			Sferle, Miron
RSA	South Africa	1			KnoI, Everdinand
RUS	Russia	1			Grodzensky, Sergey Yakovlevich
SCO	Scotland		1		Pyrich, George D.
SLO	Slovenia	1			Šemrl, Marjan
SUI	Switzerland	1			Baumgartner, Ulrich
SVK	Slovakia		1		Manduch, Milan
SWE	Sweden	1			Söderberg, Per
TUN	Tunisia			1	Chouari, Wajdi
TUR	Turkey	1			Kural, Aziz Serhat
UKR	Ukraine			1	Goncharenko, Georgy
USA	U.S.A.	1			Bokar, Dr. Jason
VEN	Venezuela		1		Reyes Maldonado, César Jesús
WLS	Wales		1		Sherwood, Russell
	<b>Total</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>18</b>	
	<b>Votes Required for Passing</b>	<b>20</b>			

## Proposal 2016-012 - Allow Changes to Playing Rules - Server Only Once in 2-Years

At the ICCF Congress 2015, Cardiff there were 11 proposals suggesting changes to playing rules - server. At the Sydney Congress 2014, this number was still higher. While many of these changes were logical and definitely for the better, acceptance of such proposals, require costly re-programming. Many of the proposals are connected to each other. If all such proposals were consolidated over a 2-year period, it would substantially reduce server development costs. It would also give more time to update the manuals and for players to understand new rules before they were changed again.

Code	Member Federation	For	Against	Abstain	Voting Member
ARG	Argentina			1	Hegoburu, Pedro Federico
AUS	Australia		1		Jones, Brian
AUT	Austria			1	Hamarat, Tunc
BEL	Belgium			1	Clement, Paul
BLR	Belarus	1			Shablinsky, Mikhail Ivanovich
BRA	Brazil			1	Neves, Bianor de Oliveira
BUL	Bulgaria			1	Marinov, Petjo
CAN	Canada		1		Marconi, Ralph P.
CHI	Chile			1	Toro Solís de Ovando, Guillermo F.
CPV	Cape Verde			1	Carapinha, Francisco
CRO	Croatia		1		Ljubičić, Ing. Leonardo
CUB	Cuba	1			Salcedo Mederos, Ing. Pablo
CZE	Czech Republic	1			Mrkvička, Josef
DEN	Denmark			1	Ottesen, Søren Rud
ECU	Ecuador			1	Bjazevic, Pavao
ENG	England		1		Dearnley, Andrew
ESP	Spain	1			Costa Trillo, Valentín
EST	Estonia			1	Tiits, Tõnu
FIN	Finland		1		Ylönen, Olli
FRA	France	1			Ruch, Eric
GER	Germany	1			Staroske, Dr. Uwe
GRE	Greece			1	Arbis, Fotis
GUA	Guatemala		1		Blanco Gramajo, César Augusto
HKG	Hong Kong			1	Leung, Hin Sing (Henry)
HUN	Hungary			1	Bottlik, Iván
IND	India	1			Saxena, Alok
IRL	Ireland	1			Harding, Timothy David
ISL	Iceland		1		Jónsson, Daði Örn
ISR	Israel			1	Dothan, Yoav
ITA	Italy	1			Mastrojeni, Gianni
JPN	Japan			1	Onoda, Hirokaz
LAT	Latvia			1	Gaujens, Artis
LTU	Lithuania	1			Ročius, Marijonas
LUX	Luxembourg		1		Klauner, Thed
NCA	Nicaragua			1	Bendaña Guerrero, Dr. Guy José
NED	Netherlands			1	Jansen, Joop
NOR	Norway		1		Boger, Raymond
NZL	New Zealand		1		Freeman, Michael Roy
PAN	Panama		1		Rösch M., Hermann V.
PER	Peru		1		Figlio, Gino Franco
POL	Poland	1			Wojnar, Mariusz
POR	Portugal		1		Salvador Marques, João Luís
ROU	Romania	1			Sferle, Miron
RSA	South Africa	1			Knol, Everdinand
RUS	Russia	1			Grodzensky, Sergey Yakovlevich
SCO	Scotland	1			Pyrich, George D.
SLO	Slovenia		1		Šemrl, Marjan
SUI	Switzerland	1			Baumgartner, Ulrich
SVK	Slovakia	1			Manduch, Milan
SWE	Sweden	1			Söderberg, Per
TUN	Tunisia			1	Chouari, Wajdi
TUR	Turkey	1			Kural, Aziz Serhat
UKR	Ukraine			1	Goncharenko, Georgy
USA	U.S.A.		1		Bokar, Dr. Jason
VEN	Venezuela		1		Reyes Maldonado, César Jesús
WLS	Wales		1		Sherwood, Russell
	<b>Total</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>20</b>	
	<b>Votes Required for Passing</b>	<b>19</b>			

## Proposal 2016-019 - Revising Tournament Rule 10.10

Last year's Congress both created Tournament Rule (TR) 10.10 and created a conflicting rule. That rule conflict was later resolved by the Executive Board (EB) in keeping with the procedure described in ICCF Outline of Duties 6.1. The result, however, was a set of rules that no one wanted and made little if any sense. This proposal is to fix that set of rules, so they are more understandable and in keeping with automated procedures.

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BEL	Belgium			1	Clement, Paul
BLR	Belarus	1			Shablinsky, Mikhail Ivanovich
BRA	Brazil			1	Neves, Bianor de Oliveira
BUL	Bulgaria			1	Marinov, Petjo
CAN	Canada	1			Marconi, Ralph P.
CHI	Chile			1	Toro Solís de Ovando, Guillermo F.
CPV	Cape Verde			1	Carapinha, Francisco
CRO	Croatia	1			Ljubičić, Ing. Leonardo
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CZE	Czech Republic	1			Mrkvička, Josef
DEN	Denmark	1			Ottesen, Søren Rud
ECU	Ecuador	1			Bjazevic, Pavao
ENG	England	1			Dearnley, Andrew
ESP	Spain	1			Costa Trillo, Valentín
EST	Estonia			1	Tiits, Tõnu
FIN	Finland	1			Ylönen, Olli
FRA	France	1			Ruch, Eric
GER	Germany	1			Staroske, Dr. Uwe
GRE	Greece			1	Arbis, Fotis
GUA	Guatemala	1			Blanco Gramajo, César Augusto
HKG	Hong Kong			1	Leung, Hin Sing (Henry)
HUN	Hungary			1	Bottlik, Iván
IND	India	1			Saxena, Alok
IRL	Ireland	1			Harding, Timothy David
ISL	Iceland	1			Jónsson, Daði Örn
ISR	Israel			1	Dothan, Yoav
ITA	Italy	1			Mastrojeni, Gianni
JPN	Japan			1	Onoda, Hirokaz
LAT	Latvia	1			Gaujens, Artis
LTU	Lithuania	1			Ročius, Marijonas
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TUR	Turkey	1			Kural, Aziz Serhat
UKR	Ukraine			1	Goncharenko, Georgy
USA	U.S.A.	1			Bokar, Dr. Jason
VEN	Venezuela	1			Reyes Maldonado, César Jesús
WLS	Wales	1			Sherwood, Russell
	<b>Total</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>17</b>	
	<b>Votes Required for Passing</b>	<b>20</b>			



**Proposal 2016-024 - Adjudication of Games of a Deceased Player**

The automatically presumed adjudication claims of a draw for deceased players sometimes cause inaccurate determination of a game result, such as a draw result when the deceased player should have been adjudicated with a win. This proposal aims at setting this right with an approach of not getting a situation where a game that is won, using the guidelines for adjudication, is adjudicated to draw. The proposal further aims to reduce the number of games that is sent to adjudication in early stages of tournaments. Typical it can happen in an event where one game is early decided to draw and very few games have reached further than theory. The proposal is to change the reason to cancel games in an early stage to that if not 35% of the games are finished (instead of only one game finished) AND the remaining games has not in average reached 25 moves, then the players' games with accepted withdrawal or death will be cancelled from the event at an early stage.

Note - because Proposal 002 passed, this proposal was no longer valid and was withdrawn from consideration.

**Proposal 2016-028 - New Time Control System - Server-Based Games: Triple-Block System**

Congress 2015 tabled 6 proposals related to player reflection time and leave time, preferring for a work group to develop an integrated system that solved the various problems described by those tabled proposals. The proposal herein is the product of that work group. (That work group was chaired by Dennis Doren, Rules Commissioner, and composed of General Secretary SIM Michael Millstone, Services Director Austin Lockwood, Zone 2 Director SIM Gino Franco Figlio, and World Champion - 26 GM Ron Langeveld.) The proposed new system addresses each of the issues raised in those tabled 2015 proposals, but more importantly offers a system that addresses many underlying issues with the existing system beyond what was mentioned in those 6 proposals. Additionally, the system will still allow Tournament Organizers (TOs) the flexibility to set event parameters as they see fit (within limits). The work group recommends folding this new time control system into standard ICCF events gradually, and thereby allow both TOs and players to become accustomed to the system without significant difficulty.

[Swedish Federation comment: “In this proposal we are missing very important statements made by the Rules Commissioner in Bremen on the future of this reflection time system, test and more.”]

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BRA	Brazil			1	Neves, Bianor de Oliveira
BUL	Bulgaria	1			Marinov, Petjo
CAN	Canada	1			Marconi, Ralph P.
CHI	Chile			1	Toro Solís de Ovando, Guillermo F.
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CZE	Czech Republic	1			Mrkvička, Josef
DEN	Denmark	1			Ottesen, Søren Rud
ECU	Ecuador	1			Bjazevic, Pavao
ENG	England	1			Dearnley, Andrew
ESP	Spain		1		Costa Trillo, Valentín
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FIN	Finland		1		Ylönen, Olli
FRA	France	1			Ruch, Eric
GER	Germany		1		Staroske, Dr. Uwe
GRE	Greece			1	Arbis, Fotis
GUA	Guatemala		1		Blanco Gramajo, César Augusto
HKG	Hong Kong			1	Leung, Hin Sing (Henry)
HUN	Hungary			1	Bottlik, Iván
IND	India		1		Saxena, Alok
IRL	Ireland	1			Harding, Timothy David
ISL	Iceland		1		Jónsson, Daði Örn
ISR	Israel			1	Dothan, Yoav
ITA	Italy		1		Mastrojeni, Gianni
JPN	Japan			1	Onoda, Hirokaz
LAT	Latvia	1			Gaujens, Artis
LTU	Lithuania	1			Ročius, Marijonas
LUX	Luxembourg		1		Klauner, Thed
NCA	Nicaragua			1	Bendaña Guerrero, Dr. Guy José
NED	Netherlands			1	Jansen, Joop
NOR	Norway	1			Boger, Raymond
NZL	New Zealand	1			Freeman, Michael Roy
PAN	Panama	1			Rösch M., Hermann V.
PER	Peru	1			Figlio, Gino Franco
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POR	Portugal		1		Salvador Marques, João Luís
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SUI	Switzerland		1		Baumgartner, Ulrich
SVK	Slovakia	1			Manduch, Milan
SWE	Sweden		1		Söderberg, Per
TUN	Tunisia			1	Chouari, Wajdi
TUR	Turkey	1			Kural, Aziz Serhat
UKR	Ukraine			1	Goncharenko, Georgy
USA	U.S.A.	1			Bokar, Dr. Jason
VEN	Venezuela	1			Reyes Maldonado, César Jesús
WLS	Wales	1			Sherwood, Russell
	<b>Total</b>	25	15	16	
	<b>Votes Required for Passing</b>	21			

## Proposal 2016-035 - Software Mastering

It has always been and will always be an important task for the Danish delegate to stop all possibilities for a CC player to show unsporting behaviour during a correspondence chess game. It is a fact that software mastering the openings, middle- and end-game phases come at ever-lower prices. This means most avid CC players have these weapons in their arsenals today. Endgame tablebases are unique since they play perfect, which means that once a position in a chess game is to be found in endgame tablebases, the outcome is 100% secured and thus becoming unavoidable.

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BEL	Belgium			1	Clement, Paul
BLR	Belarus	1			Shablinsky, Mikhail Ivanovich
BRA	Brazil			1	Neves, Bianor de Oliveira
BUL	Bulgaria			1	Marinov, Petjo
CAN	Canada			1	Marconi, Ralph P.
CHI	Chile			1	Toro Solís de Ovando, Guillermo F.
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DEN	Denmark	1			Ottesen, Søren Rud
ECU	Ecuador		1		Bjazevic, Pavao
ENG	England		1		Dearnley, Andrew
ESP	Spain	1			Costa Trillo, Valentín
EST	Estonia			1	Tiits, Tõnu
FIN	Finland	1			Ylönen, Olli
FRA	France		1		Ruch, Eric
GER	Germany		1		Staroske, Dr. Uwe
GRE	Greece			1	Arbis, Fotis
GUA	Guatemala	1			Blanco Gramajo, César Augusto
HKG	Hong Kong			1	Leung, Hin Sing (Henry)
HUN	Hungary			1	Bottlik, Iván
IND	India	1			Saxena, Alok
IRL	Ireland		1		Harding, Timothy David
ISL	Iceland		1		Jónsson, Daði Örn
ISR	Israel			1	Dothan, Yoav
ITA	Italy		1		Mastrojeni, Gianni
JPN	Japan			1	Onoda, Hirokaz
LAT	Latvia			1	Gaujens, Artis
LTU	Lithuania		1		Ročius, Marijonas
LUX	Luxembourg		1		Klauner, Thed
NCA	Nicaragua			1	Bendaña Guerrero, Dr. Guy José
NED	Netherlands			1	Jansen, Joop
NOR	Norway		1		Boger, Raymond
NZL	New Zealand		1		Freeman, Michael Roy
PAN	Panama		1		Rösch M., Hermann V.
PER	Peru		1		Figlio, Gino Franco
POL	Poland	1			Wojnar, Mariusz
POR	Portugal		1		Salvador Marques, João Luís
ROU	Romania		1		Sferle, Miron
RSA	South Africa		1		Knol, Everdinand
RUS	Russia	1			Grodzensky, Sergey Yakovlevich
SCO	Scotland		1		Pyrich, George D.
SLO	Slovenia		1		Šemrl, Marjan
SUI	Switzerland		1		Baumgartner, Ulrich
SVK	Slovakia		1		Manduch, Milan
SWE	Sweden		1		Söderberg, Per
TUN	Tunisia			1	Chouari, Wajdi
TUR	Turkey	1			Kural, Aziz Serhat
UKR	Ukraine			1	Goncharenko, Georgy
USA	U.S.A.		1		Bokar, Dr. Jason
VEN	Venezuela		1		Reyes Maldonado, César Jesús
WLS	Wales		1		Sherwood, Russell
	<b>Total</b>	11	26	19	
	<b>Votes Required for Passing</b>	19			

## Proposal 2016-046 - Postal Reflection Time

Postal chess and postal services are changed last years. So changing time allowing. In the Netherlands and in many other countries postboxes isn't emptied every day. Years ago it was done 7 times a week. Now 3 or 4 times a week. You can't get a postmark every day. This is a problem in many countries in Europe. Now playing European TEAM-championship. Note from the WLS delegate regarding the vote, "WLS consulted all Welsh international postal correspondence chess players (zero) and abstained because no replies were received."

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ARG	Argentina			1	Hegoburu, Pedro Federico
AUS	Australia		1		Jones, Brian
AUT	Austria			1	Hamarat, Tunc
BEL	Belgium			1	Clement, Paul
BLR	Belarus		1		Shablinsky, Mikhail Ivanovich
BRA	Brazil			1	Neves, Bianor de Oliveira
BUL	Bulgaria			1	Marinov, Petjo
CAN	Canada		1		Marconi, Ralph P.
CHI	Chile			1	Toro Solís de Ovando, Guillermo F.
CPV	Cape Verde			1	Carapinha, Francisco
CRO	Croatia			1	Ljubičić, Ing. Leonardo
CUB	Cuba	1			Salcedo Mederos, Ing. Pablo
CZE	Czech Republic		1		Mrkvička, Josef
DEN	Denmark			1	Ottesen, Søren Rud
ECU	Ecuador			1	Bjazevic, Pavao
ENG	England		1		Dearnley, Andrew
ESP	Spain		1		Costa Trillo, Valentín
EST	Estonia			1	Tiits, Tõnu
FIN	Finland	1			Ylönen, Olli
FRA	France		1		Ruch, Eric
GER	Germany		1		Staroske, Dr. Uwe
GRE	Greece			1	Arbis, Fotis
GUA	Guatemala	1			Blanco Gramajo, César Augusto
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TUR	Turkey	1			Kural, Aziz Serhat
UKR	Ukraine			1	Goncharenko, Georgy
USA	U.S.A.			1	Bokar, Dr. Jason
VEN	Venezuela		1		Reyes Maldonado, César Jesús
WLS	Wales			1	Sherwood, Russell
	<b>Total</b>	15.0	15.0	26.0	
	<b>Votes Required for Passing</b>	16.0			

## Proposal 2016-047 - Time Control for World Championship 30 Final

The Finnish Correspondence Chess Federation proposes that the 30th World Correspondence Chess Championship Final (start in June 2017) would be played by the following principles:

1. We pick up the best parts of the proposal 2016-028 (New Time Control System - Server-Based Games: Triple-Block System) or those parts with full unanimity like removing duplication Rule after 20 days or using 400 days for the whole game per player.
2. ICCF does not eliminate leaves.
3. The balancing day remains (many people speak here wrongly about "extra day") in order to make it possible to keep equal conditions for all players all around the world. This would guarantee at least 24 hours for players to send their move.

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FRA	France		1		Ruch, Eric
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UKR	Ukraine			1	Goncharenko, Georgy
USA	U.S.A.		1		Bokar, Dr. Jason
VEN	Venezuela		1		Reyes Maldonado, César Jesús
WLS	Wales		1		Sherwood, Russell
	<b>Total</b>	12.0	20.0	24.0	
	<b>Votes Required for Passing</b>	17			

## **16 – Arbiters Committee Report**

Dennis Doren has been serving the role of ACO, but now that the TD and TO Manuals are solidified, he has expressed a desire to step down from the ACO role. Dennis has identified and nominated Thomas Biedermann (USA) as the best qualified to assume the role. The Executive Board concurs. A vote of Congress participants was conducted on the approval of Thomas Biedermann as the new Chair of the TD Committee (formerly ACO). The votes were all FOR approval with the following exceptions:

AGAINST: RSA, SWE (no explanation offered), and  
ABSTAIN: POR, ENG

## **17 – Other Rules Matters**

### **17a – Code of Conduct**

Nothing discussed.

### **17b – Appeals Committee - Playing Rules**

The report for the Appeals Committee Playing Rules was read. No comments.

### **17c – Appeals Committee - Other Rules**

The report for the Appeals Committee – Other Rules was read. No comments.

### **17d – Arbitration Committee**

The report for the Arbitration Committee was read. No comments.

## **18 – Zones**

### **18a – Europe Zone – Zone 1**

The Zone 1 Director, Marco Caressa, read his report. Zone 1 is donating 1.000 Euro to the next Congress organizer and 5.000 Euro to Webserver development. Following Proposal 2016-043 and the EU Zone decision, the MT- Løvholt is to become an ICCF event.

### **18b – Latin America Zone – Zone 2**

The Zone 2 Director, Gino Figlio, read his report. Gino asked Congress to approve the CADAP/Grandmaster tournament designation as international title tournaments. A vote of Congress members presents all voted FOR, with the following exceptions:  
ABSTAIN: BLR, RUS, ENG

### **18c – North America/Pacific Zone – Zone 3**

The Zone 3 Director, Jason Bokar, read his report.

**18d – Africa/Asia and Australia Zone – Zone 4**

The Zone 4 report was read by Ambar Chatterjee. Subsequent to the Congress, the delegate from Australia released the Zone 4 meeting minutes, which will be posted in the ICCF Congress documents repository.

**19 – External Matters**

Nothing in this topic area was discussed.

**20 – Internal Matters**

One proposal was considered. The proposal was considered a change in statutes, thus requiring more than a 2/3 vote.



## Proposal 2016-044 -Modification of Proposal Process

In recent years, there have been a number of proposals submitted to Congress which have been defeated almost unanimously and in their review wasted significant time at Congress which could have been spent debating more useful issues.

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ISR	Israel			1	Dothan, Yoav
ITA	Italy		1		Mastrojeni, Gianni
JPN	Japan			1	Onoda, Hirokaz
LAT	Latvia		1		Gaujens, Artis
LTU	Lithuania	1			Ročius, Marijonas
LUX	Luxembourg	1			Klauner, Thed
NCA	Nicaragua			1	Bendaña Guerrero, Dr. Guy José
NED	Netherlands			1	Jansen, Joop
NOR	Norway		1		Boger, Raymond
NZL	New Zealand		1		Freeman, Michael Roy
PAN	Panama		1		Rösch M., Hermann V.
PER	Peru	1			Figlio, Gino Franco
POL	Poland		1		Wojnar, Mariusz
POR	Portugal		1		Salvador Marques, João Luís
ROU	Romania	1			Sferle, Miron
RSA	South Africa		1		Knol, Everdinand
RUS	Russia	1			Grodzensky, Sergey Yakovlevich
SCO	Scotland		1		Pyrich, George D.
SLO	Slovenia		1		Šemrl, Marjan
SUI	Switzerland		1		Baumgartner, Ulrich
SVK	Slovakia				Manduch, Milan
SWE	Sweden		1		Söderberg, Per
TUN	Tunisia			1	Chouari, Wajdi
TUR	Turkey	1			Kural, Aziz Serhat
UKR	Ukraine			1	Goncharenko, Georgy
USA	U.S.A.		1		Bokar, Dr. Jason
VEN	Venezuela	1			Reyes Maldonado, César Jesús
WLS	Wales	1			Sherwood, Russell
	<b>Total</b>	12	24	19	
	<b>Votes Required for Passing</b>	25			

## **21 – Commissions and Committees**

Below is the most updated list of ICCF Commission and Committee Members

### **21a – Rules Commission**

Dennis Doren, Rules Commissioner

IA SIM Tom Biedermann, USA, Deputy Rules Commissioner

SIM Gerhard Binder, GER

IA Jean-Christophe Chazalotte, FRA

IA IM Juan Alberto Martello, ARG

SIM Josef Mrkvička, CZE

IA Andrei Pavlikov, RUS

IA SIM Nikolay Poleshchuk, RUS

IA SIM Uwe Staroske, GER

Ex-officio members:

Eric Ruch, FRA

Michael Millstone, USA

### **21b – Rating Commission**

Gerhard Binder, GER (Chair)

Mariusz Wojnar, POL, (Deputy Ratings Commissioner)

George Pyrich, SCO

Jo Wharrier, ENG

Ragnar Wikman, FIN

Valery Myakutin, RUS

Anthony Kain, USA

Ex-officio members:

Eric Ruch, FRA

Michael Millstone, USA

### **21c – Marketing Committee**

Andrew Dearnley, ENG (Chair)

Gino Figlio, PER

Uwe Staroske, GER

Brian Jones, AUS

Ron Langeveld, NED

Zonal Directors

Ex-officio members:

Eric Ruch, FRA

Michael Millstone, USA

**21d – Services Committee (SC)**

Austin Lockwood, WLS (Services Director)

Gerhard Binder, GER  
 Mariusz Wojnar, POL  
 Dennis Doren, USA  
 Andrew Dearnley, ENG  
 Frank Geider, FRA  
 Thomas Biedermann, USA  
 Uwe Staroske, GER  
 Hermann Rösch, PAN  
 Other ICCF officers to be co-opted on an ad-hoc basis for consultation and acceptance testing when appropriate.

**Professional Consultation:**

Martin Bennedik, GER (development)  
 Neil Limbert, ENG (testing)

**Ex officio:**

Gino Figlio, PER (Deputy Services Director)  
 Eric Ruch, FRA (ICCF President)  
 Michael Millstone, USA (ICCF General Secretary)

**21e – Appeals Committee (Playing Rules)**

Ragnar Wikman, FIN – Chair  
 Ian Brooks, ENG  
 Marco Caressa, ITA  
 Carlos Flores, ESP  
 Leo Lahdenmäki, FIN  
 Ralph Marconi, CAN  
 Per Söderberg, SWE  
 Wes Underwood, USA

**21f – Appeals Committee (Other ICCF Rules)**

Leonard (Corky) Schakel, USA (Chair)  
 Artis Gaujens, LAT  
 Pablo Salcedo Mederos, CUB  
 Alok Saxena, IND

**21g – Arbitration Committee**

Richard V.M. Hall, ENG (Chair)  
 Alan P. Borwell, SCO  
 Fritz Baumbach, GER  
 Ragnar Wikman, FIN  
 Brian Jones, AUS

**21h – Disciplinary Committee**

Frank Geider, FRA (Chair)  
Marco Caressa, ITA  
Juan Alberto Martello, ARG  
Andrey Nikolaevich Pavlikov, RUS  
Leonard (Corky) Schakel, USA  
Dinand Knol, RSA

**21i – Tournament Director Commission (formerly ACO)**

SIM Thomas Biedermann, USA, Chair  
Ragnar Wikman, FIN, Appeals Chair required  
Frank Geider, FRA, WTD required  
Peter Maylott, AUS, non-IA TD required  
Zdeněk Nývlt, CZE  
Mariusz Wojnar, POL  
Ian M. Pheby, ENG  
Valer-Eugen Demian, CAN

**2016 Congress Working Groups****New Player Orientation Training Working Group**

Ambar Chatterjee, IND, Chair  
Hermann V. Rösch M., PAN  
Luz Marina Tinjaca Ramirez, ITA

## 22 – Future Meetings - Deadlines to 2017 Congress

General Secretary, Michael Millstone, shared detailed ~~time~~ deadlines to the 2017 Congress.

Deadlines ~~Timelines~~ to 2017 Congress

### Deadlines<sup>+</sup> for Congress – 2017 (Albena, Bulgaria)

<sup>+</sup> dead-line (noun)

dead.line [ˈded,lain] (dead.lines)

**Time limit** – the time by which something must be done or completed



Most etymologists agree that the word “**deadline**” first appeared during the American Civil War (1861-1865).

According to author Christine Ammer, deadline was coined at the hellish Andersonville, GA prison camp, and first appeared in writing in the report of Confederate Inspector-General, Colonel D.T. Chandler, on July 5, 1864. In describing the horrific conditions, he famously wrote:

*The Federal prisoners of war are confined within a stockade 15 feet high, of roughly hewn pine logs, about 8 inches in diameter, inserted 5 feet into the ground, enclosing, including the recent extension, an area of 540 by 260 yards. A railing around the inside of the stockade, and about 20 feet from it, constitutes the “deadline,” beyond which the prisoners are not allowed to pass . . . [as a large portion is] at present unfit for occupation . . . [this] gives somewhat less than 6 square feet to each prisoner . . .*

An even earlier writing of the term in an inspection report on Andersonville from Confederate Captain Walter Bowie on May 10, 1864:

*On the inside of the stockade and twenty feet from it there is a **dead-line established, over which no prisoner is allowed to go, day or night, under penalty of being shot.***

An October 31, 1865 Report of the Secretary of War that was introduced in the Trial of Henry Wirz (the prison keeper at Andersonville):

*And he, the said Wirz, still wickedly pursuing his evil purpose, did establish and cause to be designated within the prison enclosures containing said prisoners a “dead line,” being a line around the inner face of the stockade or wall enclosing said prison and about twenty feet distant from and within said stockade; and so established said dead line, which was in many places an imaginary line, in many other places marked by insecure and shifting strips of [boards nailed] upon the tops of small and insecure stakes or posts, he, the said Wirz, instructed the prison guard stationed around the top of said stockade **to fire upon and kill any of the prisoners aforesaid who might touch, fall upon, pass over or under [or] across said “dead line” . . .***

<b>Tasks (weeks before Congress)</b>	<b>Deadline</b>	<b>Description</b>
Congress Documents (T-20)	April 27, 2017	Congress invitations, programme, and agenda are distributed.
Proposals Deadline (T-14)	June 8, 2017	All proposals to be considered for the 2017 Congress voting must be submitted to the General Secretary by either a National Delegate or ICCF Official. Reminder – no changes to playing rules accepted this year.
Delegate and substitute delegate selections due (T-6)	August 3, 2017	All Delegates, Honorary Presidents, and Honorary Members must register as voting members with the ICCF General Secretary. No voting member will be accepted after this deadline.
Officials Reports Due (T-6)	August 3, 2017	All EB/MC Reports due to the General Secretary for Distribution
Voting Member Distribution (T-4)	August 17, 2017	The ICCF General Secretary will distribute to the Member Federation Delegates the list of voting members attending Congress.
Proxy Nominations Due (T-2)	August 21, 2017	Member Federations wishing to assign a proxy must send their written declaration to the ICCF General Secretary. No new proxy nominations or change in proxy nominations will be accepted after this deadline.
Medals (T-2)	August 21, 2017	Officials responsible for collecting medals/certificates of players/teams will be identified.
Proposal Voting (T-1)	August 28, 2017	Deadline to enter online votes for any/all proposals closes.
Voting Member and Proxy Distributions (T-1)	August 28, 2017	The list of voting members and proxies will be distributed by the ICCF General Secretary.
EB/MC Meetings	September 3, 2017	EB/MC Meeting starts the day before Congress.
Congress Starts (T-0)	September 4, 2017	Full Congress starts – September 4, 2017

Two member federations (India and Bulgaria) submitted proposals at Congress. Prior to voting, one delegate requested a secret ballot, which would have required a significant delay while ballots were prepared.

## 22a – Proposal - Secret Vote Required for the 2 Proposals for 2017 Congress (India / Bulgaria)

Code	Member Federation	Proxy / Designee	Delegate	Yes	No	ABS
ARG	Argentina		Hegoburu, Pedro Federico			
AUS	Australia		Jones, Brian		1	
AUT	Austria		Hamarat, Tunc			
BEL	Belgium		Clement, Paul			
BLR	Belarus	Sergey Grodzensky	Shablinsky, Mikhail Ivanovich	1		
BRA	Brazil		Neves, Bianor de Oliveira			
BUL	Bulgaria		Marinov, Petjo			1
CAN	Canada		Marconi, Ralph P.			
CHI	Chile		Toro Solís de Ovando, Guillermo F.			
CPV	Cape Verde		Carapinha, Francisco			
CRO	Croatia		Ljubičić, Ing. Leonardo		1	
CUB	Cuba		Salcedo Mederos, Ing. Pablo			
CZE	Czech Republic		Mrkvička, Josef	1		
DEN	Denmark		Ottesen, Søren Rud			1
ECU	Ecuador	Eric Ruch	Bjazevic, Pavao	1		
ENG	England		Dearnley, Andrew	1		
ESP	Spain		Costa Trillo, Valentín			
EST	Estonia		Tiits, Tõnu			
FIN	Finland		Ylönen, Olli		1	
FRA	France		Ruch, Eric	1		
GER	Germany		Staroske, Dr. Uwe		1	
GRE	Greece		Arbis, Fotis			
GUA	Guatemala		Blanco Gramajo, César Augusto			
HKG	Hong Kong		Leung, Hin Sing (Henry)			
HUN	Hungary	Fritz Baumbach	Bottlik, Iván		1	
IND	India	Ambar Chatterjee	Saxena, Alok			1
IRL	Ireland		Harding, Timothy David	1		
ISL	Iceland		Jónsson, Daði Örn			
ISR	Israel		Dothan, Yoav			
ITA	Italy		Mastrojeni, Gianni		1	
JPN	Japan		Onoda, Hirokaz			
LAT	Latvia		Gaujens, Artis	1		
LTU	Lithuania		Ročius, Marijonas		1	
LUX	Luxembourg		Klauner, Thed			
NCA	Nicaragua		Bendaña Guerrero, Dr. Guy José	1		
NED	Netherlands	Jos P. M. van Doorn	Jansen, Joop	1		
NOR	Norway		Boger, Raymond		1	
NZL	New Zealand		Freeman, Michael Roy			
PAN	Panama		Rösch M., Hermann V.		1	
PER	Peru		Figlio, Gino Franco		1	
POL	Poland		Wojnar, Mariusz		1	
POR	Portugal	Per Söderberg	Salvador Marques, João Luís	1		
ROU	Romania	Gianni Mastrojeni	Sferle, Miron		1	
RSA	South Africa		Knol, Everdinand	1		
RUS	Russia		Grodzensky, Sergey Yakovlevich	1		
SCO	Scotland		Pyrich, George D.	1		
SLO	Slovenia		Šemrl, Marjan	1		
SUI	Switzerland		Baumgartner, Ulrich		1	
SVK	Slovakia	Dr. Ján Helbich	Manduch, Milan		1	
SWE	Sweden		Söderberg, Per	1		
TUN	Tunisia		Chouari, Wajdi			
TUR	Turkey	Uwe Staroske	Kural, Aziz Serhat		1	
UKR	Ukraine		Goncharenko, Georgy		1	
USA	U.S.A.		Bokar, Dr. Jason		1	
VEN	Venezuela		Reyes Maldonado, César Jesús			
WLS	Wales	Austin Lockwood	Sherwood, Russell		1	
				15	18	3
			Votes Required for Passing	17		

## 22b – Voting Scheme

Since India submitted the first proposal, they will present first, followed by a Congress vote. If FOR, then the 2017 Congress will be in India. If AGAINST, Bulgaria will present and Congress will vote. If FOR, Congress will be in Bulgaria. If AGAINST, then neither Federation received enough votes, and the EB will decide (a) to hold an ICCF sponsored Congress, (b) a limited EB Congress (Presidium), or (c) no Congress in 2017.

## 22c – India

Ambar Chatterjee, Delegate Designee, from India provided a rich presentation about Congress in Bangalore, India.

### Proposal 2016-039 - 2017 Congress - Bangalore India

Code	Member Federation	For	Against	Abstain	Voting Member
ARG	Argentina			1	Hegoburu, Pedro Federico
AUS	Australia	1			Jones, Brian
AUT	Austria			1	Hamarat, Tunc
BEL	Belgium			1	Clement, Paul
BLR	Belarus			1	Shablinsky, Mikhail Ivanovich
BRA	Brazil			1	Neves, Bianor de Oliveira
BUL	Bulgaria		1		Marinov, Petjo
CAN	Canada			1	Marconi, Ralph P.
CHI	Chile			1	Toro Solís de Ovando, Guillermo F.
CPV	Cape Verde			1	Carapinha, Francisco
CRO	Croatia		1		Ljubičić, Ing. Leonardo
CUB	Cuba	1			Salcedo Mederos, Ing. Pablo
CZE	Czech Republic		1		Mrkvička, Josef
DEN	Denmark		1		Ottesen, Søren Rud
ECU	Ecuador	1			Bjazevic, Pavao
ENG	England	1			Dearnley, Andrew
ESP	Spain		1		Costa Trillo, Valentín
EST	Estonia			1	Tiits, Tõnu
FIN	Finland	1			Ylönen, Olli
FRA	France	1			Ruch, Eric
GER	Germany	1			Staroske, Dr. Uwe
GRE	Greece			1	Arbis, Fotis
GUA	Guatemala		1		Blanco Gramajo, César Augusto
HKG	Hong Kong			1	Leung, Hin Sing (Henry)
HUN	Hungary			1	Bottlik, Iván
IND	India	1			Saxena, Alok
IRL	Ireland	1			Harding, Timothy David
ISL	Iceland	1			Jónsson, Daði Örn
ISR	Israel			1	Dothan, Yoav
ITA	Italy		1		Mastrojeni, Gianni
JPN	Japan			1	Onoda, Hirokaz
LAT	Latvia		1		Gaujens, Artis
LTU	Lithuania		1		Ročius, Marijonas
LUX	Luxembourg			1	Klauner, Thed
NCA	Nicaragua			1	Bendaña Guerrero, Dr. Guy José
NED	Netherlands			1	Jansen, Joop
NOR	Norway		1		Boger, Raymond
NZL	New Zealand		1		Freeman, Michael Roy
PAN	Panama			1	Rösch M., Hermann V.
PER	Peru		1		Figlio, Gino Franco
POL	Poland	1			Wojnar, Mariusz
POR	Portugal		1		Salvador Marques, João Luís
ROU	Romania		1		Sferle, Miron
RSA	South Africa		1		Knol, Everdinand
RUS	Russia	1			Grodzensky, Sergey Yakovlevich
SCO	Scotland	1			Pyrich, George D.
SLO	Slovenia		1		Šemrl, Marjan
SUI	Switzerland	1			Baumgartner, Ulrich
SVK	Slovakia	1			Manduch, Milan
SWE	Sweden			1	Söderberg, Per
TUN	Tunisia			1	Chouari, Wajdi
TUR	Turkey	1			Kural, Aziz Serhat
UKR	Ukraine			1	Goncharenko, Georgy
USA	U.S.A.		1		Bokar, Dr. Jason
VEN	Venezuela		1		Reyes Maldonado, César Jesús
WLS	Wales		1		Sherwood, Russell
	<b>Total</b>	16	19	21	
	<b>Votes Required for Passing</b>	18			





The dates of Congress are advertised as September 4 through 7, with an EB/MC Meeting on September 3, using the new Congress scheme voted on this year (Proposal 2016-040).

**23 – Any Other Matters**

With no other matters, President Eric Ruch declared the 2016 Congress closed.