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Report on the Interzonal Team Tournaments to the ICCF Congress of 2011

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Mr President, Members of the Executive Board, Commissioners, Officials, Delegates, Ladies and Gentlemen

It is my privilege to report on the Interzonal Team Tournaments (IZTT).

Background

The IZTT, which were inaugurated by our former president Med Samraoui (ALG), are held every two years as a team championship among the different geographical zones of ICCF and normally start during the month of December of each evenly numbered calendar year. Each team consists of eight players playing a double round robin event against at least four opponents. This makes it possible to qualify for title norms as at least eight games are being played.

Completed Tournaments

IZTT 1 2000 – Start Date: 1 September 2000

Tournament Organiser
Med Samraoui of Algeria (IA)

Tournament Director
IM Carlos Flores Gutiérrez of Spain (IA)

1	Europe A	35½ out of 64
2	Africa/Asia	35
3	Europe B	33
4	Latin America	29½
5	North America/Pacific	27

IZTT 2 2002 – Start Date: 15 September 2002

Tournament Organiser
IM Med Samraoui of Algeria (IA)

Tournament Director
SIM Carlos Flores Gutiérrez of Spain (IA)

1	Europe A	44½ out of 64
2	North America/Pacific	34
3	Africa/Asia	31
4	Europe B	30
5	Latin America	20½

IZTT 3 2004 – Start Date: 15 December 2004

Tournament Organiser
SIM Med Samraoui of Algeria (IA)

Tournament Director
SIM Carlos Flores Gutiérrez of Spain (IA)

1	North America/Pacific	45½ out of 80
2	Europe A	43½
3	Europe B	42½
4	Africa/Asia	37
5	Latin America	36½
6	Europe C	35

IZTT 4 2006 – Start Date: 15 December 2006

Tournament Organiser
SIM Everdinand Knol of South Africa

Tournament Director
SIM Carlos Flores Gutiérrez of Spain (IA)

1	Europe A	49 out of 80
2	Europe C	46½
3	North America/Pacific	44
4	Europe B	42
5	Latin America	31
6	Africa/Asia	27½

IZTT 5 2008 – Start Date: 27 December 2008

Tournament Organiser
SIM Everdinand Knol of South Africa

Tournament Director
SIM Carlos Flores Gutiérrez of Spain (IA)

Eight games are still in progress. The results so far are:

1	Europe A	46 out of 80
2	Europe C	46
3	Latin America	40
4	North America/Pacific	35
5	Europe B	34
6	Africa/Asia	31

Results of Ongoing Tournaments

IZTT 6 2010 – Start Date: 27 December 2010

Tournament Organiser
SIM Everdinand Knol of South Africa

Tournament Director
SIM Carlos Flores Gutiérrez of Spain (IA)

1	Europe B	8
2	North America/Pacific	7
3	Europe C	5½
4	Europe A	5
5	Africa/Asia	3
6	Latin America	2½

The Way Forward

The IZTT 7 2012 event is planned for next year. Entries will be invited by midyear and must be submitted by the end of November. The tournament will start during December.

Interzonal activities can be expanded by staging an IZTT every year instead of every second year. The concept of smaller and/or larger teams can also be looked into. An event could involve only two or three of the zones instead of all four.

These events can also be held for individuals instead of teams. What about a championship of zonal champions and/or former zonal champions.

Anything can be considered providing it is on a zonal basis. The concept of making title norms available and giving players a wider scope of opportunities should be adhered to. The free entry facility should be continued to assist those who are less fortunate.

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