



My study and work

I was born in Istanbul, Turkey (01.12.1946). After graduating Austrian College in Istanbul I went to Ankara, Turkey to study physics at Middle East Technical University, where I became my B.S. degree (1972).

I continued my studies in Vienna , Austria (1972) and becoming my M.S. degree in physics (Dipl. Ing. in German).

After finishing my military service in Izmir, Turkey, I started to work in a nuclear power station in Austria (Seibersdorf) for many years.

1981 I started to work for important telecommunication-companies (Ericsson, Telefonica and Telekom Austria). I worked as a team leader and later on as a project manager for development of Austrian Telecommunication till 2006.

My second profession is music and I had running several Jazz-Clubs in Vienna.

Since 2007 I am living partly in Turkey.

My chess life

I played three times in the Final of QTB Championship of Turkey before coming to Austria in 1972. I also played in Austria in the first Liga till 1982 and took part in some strong tournaments.

My main interest was correspondence chess. I played in Olympiads for Turkey and later for Austria on the first board of the team. I became bronze medal in the 14. Final of the CC World championship and became World champion in the 16. Final of the CC World Championship.

Now I am playing in the 26. Final of the CC World Championship.

I played also in many top tournaments during my long carrier of correspondence chess .

My ICCF work

I took part in all ICCF congresses since 2004 with only one exception.

I organized the last ICCF congress 2010 in Antalya, Turkey. I am planning to organize the ICCF congress next year in Istanbul during the Chess Olympiad, if the delegates in Finland vote for this. I worked in many working groups and was active in ICCF congresses for important topics.

I am the ICCF delegate of Austria for many years and also a member of the Turkish Correspondence Chess Federation.

The reason of my candidature

As all of you know, ICCF is facing a hard time in the last years losing members and the number of CC players are decreased. It was hard to find countries to organize congresses and only with additional money from ICCF was it possible to hold the congress this year. ICCF worked well in general for internal matters, but haven't had so many possibilities for external matters like Sponsors and FIDE relations.

The only way to change the situation in a positive way is to deal with these external matters. The Turkish Chess federation (one of the best in the world) offered me this opportunity. I will get a certain amount of sponsored money and also very good FIDE connections for the benefit of ICCF in case of my selection as ICCF president.

We could use a part of this sponsored money to start strong tournaments with well known FIDE players. Another important aim could be to get junior players of any age, players from countries with low financial possibilities (Africa for example) and ladies at last by giving them opportunity to play in CC tournaments.

I don't like proxies, a country can never represent other countries in an ideal way due to my opinion. Therefore it is important that many delegates should take part in ICCF congresses, which was not the case in the last ones. We can use a part of sponsored money to make ICCF congresses more attractive for delegates.

We have to pay much more attention to FIDE in future.

The president of Turkish Chess federation is an important FIDE member and promised to increase our relation with FIDE so that we can add new countries to ICCF and also activate members which we lost due to any reason in the last years. I just want to mention, that a congress in Istanbul during the Olympiad is also a great opportunity for this purpose.

I believe that ICCF President should be active in every direction including the public. I'd like to be in direct contact with every CC player to know their problems and

wishes. I will do it first on an email basis and later on I will have a Website for this reason.

A part of sponsored money could be also used for important internal matters like developing ICCF Website, giving some prizes to important ICCF tournaments (WC Finals etc). I am open for any views in this case.

The most important internal problem is now the increasing number of draws in strong tournaments. Due to my opinion this problem we also have by over the board chess. (The last example was the very few decisive games in Candidates tournament 2011.)

A working group is dealing with this problem even discussing about '3 points win and 1 point draw' case. I believe, we have to make some corrections in our (ICCF) ELO rating system, so that strong players should not lose too many ELO points in case of draws against weaker players, who are also using strong chess programs.

Austria is trying to organize short, quick CC tournaments on a German server to get more attention to Correspondence Chess, we can think about such projects too.

We have to do all kind of work to change the situation of ICCF in a positive way before it is too late. I have the chance to realize the work.

Regards

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