

International Correspondence Chess Federation

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Dear Delegates, Officials, and Friends of ICCF,

To my great regret, health problems prevent me from being amongst you at this Congress in Finland. In my absence, the ICCF President, Eric Ruch, will represent me.

This report include the following:

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1 Introduction

The growth of the number of events played on the ICCF server continued this year.

2. Tournaments

In addition to the Reports presented by each of the Tournament Offices, which Congress will scrutinise with careful consideration, I should like to add the following:

2.1 Veterans World Cup

I should like to express my thanks to the Scottish Correspondence Chess Association (SCCA) and the Central Tournament Leader Alan P. Borwell (SCO) for their continuing commitment to the organisation of the SF and finals of VWC2, 3 and 4.

We have to find new volunteers to organize the Veterans World Cup V (2012) and the subsequent edition.

The Deutscher Fernschachbund (BdF) proposed a team of three volunteers to organize the Veterans World Cup V (2012):

Klaus Kmiecik (GER), Hartmut Höbel (GER) and Andreas Bartsch (GER).

This proposal must be validated by Congress.

2.2 Good Practice Reminder

I like to remind to all the good practice when inviting a player from another country to an invitational event you are hosting. All invitations should be sent to the NF Delegate, not to the player himself.

2.3 Disciplinary Committee

Since last Congress, we have discovered several cases of frauds, manipulations, or deceptions. We must provide the means to face the situations.

I propose the creation of a Disciplinary committee consisted of 5 members (of 5 different countries).

In case of claims, the WTD appoints 2 or 3 of the members to lead the investigation. The result of these investigations and the recommendations are then submitted to the WTD for the final decision.

3. Tournaments proposals

Many acceptable proposals for invitational individual and team tournaments have been received by the World Tournaments Director and the following have been confirmed:

Please, don't forget to sent me proposals for new invitational individual and team tournaments before their scheduled start dates, as it is necessary that these have the prior approval of the World Tournament Director in order that they may be held under the authority of ICCF and included in the ICCF Rating and Title systems.

Umanskiy Memorial (RUS)

ICCF Webserver
11-15 players
Cat. XIII+.
Start date: III quarter 2011
Invitational tournament.

RCCA-Gold 2011 (RUS)

ICCF Webserver 15-17 players Cat. X-XII. Start date: III quarter 2011 Invitational tournament.

RCCA-Silver 2011 (RUS)

ICCF Webserver 15-17 players Cat. VII-IX Start date: III quarter 2011 Invitational tournament.

RCCA-Bronze 2011 (RUS)

ICCF Webserver 15-17 players Cat. IV-VI. Start date: III quarter 2011 Invitational tournament.

RCCA-Pearl-2011 (RUS)

ICCF Webserver 15-17 players Cat. II+. Start date: III quarter 2011 Invitational tournament.

I Coppa Latina World

Played between Latin American Countries: 10 to 14 teams. Each team 6 players.
Played on ICCF server in 10/50
Start date March 2012.

Torneio de Mestres - CXEB 42 years

ICCF Webserver
8 players from Brazil and 5 from other countries
Cat.: V to VI or VII
Start date 15/08/2011
Invitational tournament.

IV Danube Cup – Paul Darmogray Memorial (CZE)

ICCF Webserver

Invitational Team tournament, intended for the countries which the river Danube flows through or where it creates state frontiers, and for their neighbour countries (invited Federations will nominate their teams)

Start date: February 1, 2012 13-17 teams with 6 players each

Target categories on particular boards:

- Board 1: cat.XI - Elo 2501+

- Board 2: cat.X - Elo 2476+

- Board 3: cat. IX - Elo 2451+

- Board 4: cat. VIII - Elo 2426+

- Board 5: cat. VII - Elo 2401+

- Board 6: cat. VI - Elo 2376+

No start fee.

TO: Josef Mrkvicka (CZE) TD: IA Karel Glaser (CZE)

IV Slav Cup (CZE)

ICCF Webserver

Invitational Team tournament, intended for all Slav countries – members of ICCF (invited Federations will nominate their teams)

Start date: October 15, 2012 11 teams with 6 players each

Participating countries: BLR, BUL, CRO, CZE, POL, RUS, SLO, SVK, UKR

No start fee.

TO: Josef Mrkvicka (CZE) TD: IA Karel Glaser (CZE)

Walter Muir Memorial (ICCF-US and CCCA)

ICCF Webserver

Invitational tournament

Section A

15 Players.

Cat. X, (hoping for!) 3 GMs, Prizes USD 500, 350, 200

Section B

15 Players,

Cat. IV,

Prizes USD 200, 150, 100

Start Date: January 2012 (maybe a month or two later, depending on preferences of participants)

Entrants: No more than 4 USA and 2 Canadian players either section, remaining by invitation through NF Reps

Sponsoring NFs: USA and Canada (ICCF-US and CCCA)

TO: Ralph Marconi (CAN)

CCCA-90 (CAN)

ICCF Webserver

Will try for 15

Cat VI - X

Start date: 1 November 2011 (could be pushed back to a later date)

Prize fund: None

TO: Ralph Marconi (CAN) TD: TBA (To be Announced)

Entrants: No more than 5 Canadian players, remaining players by invitation through NF Reps.

45 Years Slovak CCA-Gold (SVK)

ICCF Webserver Start date: 2012 13-15 players Cat.: XI – XIII

TD: IA Karel Glaser (CZE) TO: Milan Manduch (SVK)

45 Years Slovak CCA-Silver (SVK)

ICCF Webserver Start date: 2012 13-15 players Cat.: VIII – X

TD: IA Karel Glaser (CZE) TO: Milan Manduch (SVK)

Chess 960 Team Tournament (ENG, GER and USA)

ICCF Webserver

Invitational Team tournament open to all NF member of ICCF

4 players per team

Start date: January 09, 2012

No entry fee Organization:

For ICCF-US Grayling Hill

For BdF Dr. Uwe Staroske

For BFCC Andrew Dearnley

For SchemingMind Austin Lockwood

Joint organizer and Tournament Director Hansjürgen Baum (contact address for further information and the entries Hansjürgen Baum - hbaum@kabelbw.de)

BdF Diamant 3 (GER)

ICCF Webserver, Start date: 03/2012

15 players, Cat. X (Ladies),

Invitational tournament for Ladies (5 Germany and 10 other NF),

Prize fund: 600,- Euro.

BdF Smaragd 3 (GER)

ICCF Webserver, Start date: 03/2012,

15 players,

Invitational tournament for Ladies (5 Germany and 10 other NF),

Prize fund: 300,- Euro.

Germany Masters (GER)

ICCF Webserver, Start date: 02/2012,

15 players, Cat. VII-IX,

Invitational tournament (7 Germany, 8 other NF)

Germany Grandmasters (GER)

ICCF Webserver, Start date: 02/2012,

15 players, Cat. XI-XII.

Invitational tournament (7 Germany, 8 other NF)

Witold Bielecki Memorial (POL)

ICCF Webserver.

Invitational tournament (if it's one)

Section A

13-15 players,

Cat. XIV - XVI,

Section B

13-15 players,

Cat. XII - XIV,

Start dates: 01.03.2012

Prize fund: TBD

TD: TBD

TO: Mariusz Wojnar

Match Witold's Friends - Rest of the World

ICCF Webserver Open to everybody Rated

Start date: 01.03.2012 TO: Mariusz Wojnar



Witold Bielecki (28.02.1947 - 05.04.2008)

The chairman of the Polish Correspondence Chess Federation and Polish delegate to ICCF, cc player and official since 1964, IM since 1996 and IA since 1978, member and chairman of several ICCF working groups and committees/ commissions (Tournaments, Tournament Rules, Playing Rules, Appeals).

He performed function as a national team captain many times. He directed hundreds of tournaments, including several editions of World Championship final (from 15 to 23, except of 19).

He laid down main effort as TO and TD for three World Cups (3rd, 6th and 7th) with total amount of 6.222 (sic!) entries.

During ICCF Congress 1998 in Riga (Latvia) he was awarded with "Bertl von Massow" medal in Gold for 15 years meritorious work for ICCF.

He cooperated with "Fernschach" for many years.

Witek left his wife Teresa and his son Robert and all of us unexpectedly in the prime of his life.

He was our great chess friend. He put his soul and his spare time into his work for correspondence chess. Always ready to assist you.

4. Recommendations

I propose that the decision approved in four previous Congresses whereby each member federation may hold national federation events (up to 105 games) on the ICCF Webserver free of charge during the year to the opening date of the next ICCF Congress in 2012 now be renewed.

Finally, I wish to thank all the people who have helped me in my WTD duties. I should like to list all their names but to do so would result in a never-ending list and also risk missing out someone.

Amici Sumus

Frank Geider ICCF World Tournament Director.