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MINUTES

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Kjell Widlert	Sweden	Delegate
Valery Kopyl	Ukraine	Delegate
Mike Prcic	USA	Delegate
Uri Avner	Israel	Honorary President
John Rice	Great Britain	Honorary President
Yakov Vladimirov	Russia	Honorary Member

New delegates/deputies were Joaquim Crusats, Johan de Boer, Paz Einat, Alexander Kostka and Ward Stoffelen. The following countries were not represented: Argentina, Belarus, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Czech Republic, Hungary, Kazakhstan, Moldova and Mongolia.

Persons who contributed actively included: Enzo Minerva and Roberto Cassano (organisation), Milan Velimirović, Axel Steinbrink, Roberto Stelling, Neal Turner and Igor Vereshchagin (solving events), Marco Guida, Francesco Simoni and Antonio Garofalo (composing tourneys), Valerio Agostini (bulletin), Vasil Dyachuk, Andrei Selivanov, Marek Kolčák, Axel Steinbrink, Harold van der Heijden and Michael Schlosser (committee or working group members and contributors).

1 Opening Address

The President Harry Fougiaxis opened the meeting and welcomed delegates and observers. He thanked Marco Bonavoglia and the Italian chess problem friends for organising the congress.

2 Tributes

The Assembly stood in memory of the following problemists who passed away during the year:

Victor Cioana	Romania	(23.01.1939 - 07.01.2010)
Peter Jaeger	Switzerland	(06.06.1920 - 14.03.2010)
István Bilek	Hungary	(11.08.1932 - 20.03.2010)
Aleksandr Kislyak	Ukraine	(27.12.1938 - 05.05.2010)
Omri Admoni	Israel	(19.06.1980 - 28.06.2010)
Ruslan Surkov	Russia	(27.05.1968 - 05.09.2010)
Viktor Kalyagin	Russia	(17.02.1953 - 26.10.2010)
Evgeny Bogdanov	Ukraine	(27.02.1952 - 30.10.2010)
Jouwert Turkstra	Netherlands	(15.04.1934 - 21.11.2010)
Vladimir Arkhangel'sky	Russia	(13.12.1938 - 01.12.2010)
Ion Murărașu	Romania	(12.11.1955 - 31.12.2010)
Mato Damjanović	Croatia	(23.03.1927 - 12.02.2011)
Kalman Sternik	Israel	(01.04.1934 - 14.02.2011)
Anton Preinfalk	Slovenia	(19.12.1911 - 15.02.2011)
Julien Vandiest	Belgium	(15.06.1919 - 02.03.2011)
Boris Maslov	Russia	(29.12.1938 - 13.03.2011)
Romolo Ravarini	Italy	(28.07.1917 - 21.03.2011)
Oleg Rabinovich	Russia	(04.05.1930 - 31.03.2011)
Bo Göransson	Sweden	(19.09.1931 - 12.04.2011)
Aleksandr Postnikov	Ukraine	(18.01.1937 - 28.04.2011)
Kalevi Ojanperä	Finland	(28.08.1929 - 06.05.2011)
Vladimir Zheltonozhko	Russia	(14.08.1942 - 20.05.2011)
Kimmo Sampakoski	Finland	(18.07.1947 - 22.05.2011)
Kurt Smulders	Belgium-Netherlands	(15.07.1921 - 01.06.2011)
Bo Lindgren	Sweden	(26.02.1927 - 04.06.2011)
Oscar Jorge Carlsson	Argentina	(23.04.1924 - 28.06.2011)
Wolf Böhringer	Germany	(16.01.1930 - 03.08.2011)
Vladimir Timonin	Russia	(22.12.1939 - 03.08.2011)

3 Verification of Attendance and Voting Rights

29 countries were represented at the opening session, and the meeting was declared legal. After the late arrival of three further delegates, 32 countries in total attended the meeting, which is a new record.

4 Approval of the Crete Minutes 2010

The Minutes of the 2010 meeting were approved without any amendment.

5 Membership of the Standing Committees

1. WCCT U. Avner Spokesman
V. Dyachuk, b. ellinghoven, G. Evseev, H. Fougiaxis, V. Kopyl, H. P. Rehm, K. Widlert
2. WCCI M. Kovačević Spokesman
D. Gurgenzidze, [Z. Hernitz], M. Prcic, A. Selivanov, K. Widlert
3. Solving M. Klasinc Spokesman
U. Avner, M. Kolčák, P. Murdzia, [L. Palmans], A. Steinbrink,
Y. Vladimirov, T. Wakashima, R. Stelling (new)
4. FIDE Album K. Widlert Spokesman
U. Avner, P. Einat, b. ellinghoven, H. Fougiaxis, H. Harkola, H.P. Rehm, A. Selivanov,
P. Gvozdják (new), H. van der Heijden (new)
The new Spokesman from 2012 onwards will be H. Fougiaxis
5. Qualifications H. Fougiaxis (acting) Spokesman
M. Bonavoglia, B. Enemark, D.-I. Nicula, [L. Palmans],
G. Evseev (new), P. Valois (new)
The new Spokesman from 2012 onwards will be G. Evseev
6. Computer Matters T. Maeder Spokesman
B. Enemark, I. Ketris, [H. le Grand], R. Stelling, [B. Stephenson], K. Widlert,
M. Schlosser (new), H. van der Heijden (new)
The new Spokesman from 2012 onwards will be R. Stelling
7. Studies H. van der Heijden (new) Spokesman
I. Aliev, D. Gurgenzidze, O. Pervakov, M. Van Herck
8. Codex K. Widlert Spokesman
M. Caillaud, Y. Vladimirov
9. Judging [NN] Spokesman
U. Avner
10. Terminology [NN] Spokesman
[M. Dragoun], I. Ketris

As there was no business for the Judging and Terminology committees during this meeting, absent members for these committees were not replaced.

6 Notification of Proposals and Business carried forward

Discussion of the proposals was allocated to the committees as follows:

Amendment of Statutes Annex III	Assembly
Changes in the WCCI judging system	WCCI committee
Inclusion of WCCI entries in the FIDE Albums	WCCI, Album committees
Inclusion of a section for retros in future WCCTs	WCCT committee
Amendment of the codex (tournament guidelines)	Codex committee

7 Brief Reports on activities during 2010-11

1. Ilham Aliev reported to the Assembly about a solving tournament for children in Azerbaijan, organised in the context of the Chess Olympiad. The event was split into two sections (younger than 12 and up to 16 years) and attracted 425 participants. In view of its success, it is intended to repeat the tourney in 2011 or 2012, with the assistance of official state authorities including the Ministry of Education.
2. Georgy Evseev had attended the International Chess Composition Festival organised by the Slovakian problemists in Marianka on July 27-31 of this year, and expressed his thanks for the organisation of this remarkable event.

8 Reports and Discussion

8.1 Solving Committee

a. International Solving Contest (ISC)

Marko Klasinc informed the Assembly about the 2011 ISC (cf. section 8.2 for the report) which was organised flawlessly and was concluded in a record time. He mentioned that an online application, prepared by Milan Velimirović, was used for entering the results on the Mat Plus website www.matplus.net and he urged the local controllers to continue using this system in the future. He reminded the Assembly that as an alternative local controllers may send results only by email and not by post.

The Committee proposed that in the second category of the ISC, only solvers whose rating does not exceed 1700 should be allowed. No formal voting took place, as the proposal seemed to enjoy the general approval of the Assembly.

b. Rules for WCSC/ECSC

As the junior and women's sections almost never reach the required number of participants for the event to be considered official, the Committee suggested reducing it in all special sections (juniors, women & seniors) from the present "10 solvers from 7 countries" to "8 solvers from 5 countries".

In the ensuing discussion, David Gurgenidze mentioned a solving tourney that he organised in the context of an OTB World Youth Championship, in which about 100 young solvers from about 25 countries participated. A similar tourney was planned for this year in Bulgaria. He considered it worth combining some of our solving championships with OTB World Youth Solving Championships rather than reducing the minimum number of participants required. Paz Einat asked whether a proposal could be formulated out of what David outlined. The President mentioned that further consideration is necessary and he suggested leaving the decision until next year.

c. Rating rules

The Committee proposed a change in the rating rules: in order for a tournament to be considered valid for rating, at least 10 rated solvers should compete (but not necessarily from at least 2 countries, as currently required). The change was deemed necessary by the Committee because in some countries, e.g. in Brazil, solving events cannot practically attract foreign solvers. The Committee clarified that the criteria for the acceptability of a tournament in which norms can be achieved remain as they are now. In a vote, the Assembly accepted the proposed change in the rating rules (25 in favour, 4 abstentions, no one against).

- d. The Spokesman further informed the Assembly about the progress in Luc Palmans's solving tournaments database (STD) which now includes data from all major solving competitions. More than 5000 problems are included at the moment, and 2-3 updates are planned per year. The database is available on the web page www.horizon.ebbs.be.

8.2 Report on the International Solving Contest (ISC) 2011

Axel Steinbrink reported to the Assembly about the 7th ISC which took place on 23.01.2011 under his direction. 27 countries participated and 31 tournaments ran in parallel, with a total of 288 solvers. The contest was won by John Nunn (Great Britain) ahead of Miodrag Mladenović (Serbia) and Eddy Van Beers (Belgium). Axel Steinbrink considered it a remarkable success that the preliminary results were available within one week after the event, with the final results announced within four weeks. He thanked Marjan Kovačević and Neal Turner for providing originals for the ISC, as well as Milan Velimirović for presenting the results on the Mat Plus website. He pointed out that the endgame study in the first round turned out to be very difficult: only 14 out of the 211 solvers managed to find the solution as far as the crucial third move, and of those 14, 7 were competing in the same tournament, which had only 8 participants, a result which at the very least arouses suspicion. He appealed to the local controllers, stressing that it is of utmost importance for the success of the tournament as a whole that the rules be strictly followed.

The 8th ISC will take place on January 29, 2012. In the absence of other persons willing to step in, Axel Steinbrink was appointed as the director again. The President thanked Axel Steinbrink for his hard work and devotion.

8.3 European Chess Solving Championship (ECSC)

Axel Steinbrink was the Director of the ECSC 2011 in Łowicz, Poland, on April 1-3. He reported that 75 solvers and 16 teams participated in the official tourney. The open tourney attracted 72 participants. The results are as follows:

Teams		Individual	
1. Ukraine	213.5 pts.	1. Piotr Murdzia (POL)	84 pts.
2. Serbia	205.5 pts.	2. Marjan Kovačević (SRB)	77.5 pts. / 285 min.
3. Poland	204.0 pts.	3. Georgy Evseev (RUS)	77.5 pts. / 322 min.

As there were once again not enough junior and women solvers for the results in the special groups to be considered official, Axel Steinbrink suggested that the Solving Committee should investigate the possibility of reducing the required number of solvers.

Ukraine presented an offer to host the ECSC 2012 in Kyiv, April 20-22, which was accepted by the Assembly. Valery Kopyl emphasised that nowadays an entrance visa for Ukraine is required for citizens of very few European countries.

8.4 World Chess Solving Championship (WCSC) 2011

The Director Milan Velimirović announced the results of the 35th WCSC, Jesi:

Teams (20 in total)		Individual (83 solvers)	
1. Poland	164 pts.	1. Kacper Piorun (POL)	83 pts.
2. Great Britain	154 pts.	2. John Nunn (GBR)	80 pts./288 min.
3. Serbia	152 pts.	3. Piotr Murdzia (POL)	80 pts./319 min.
4. Ukraine	151 pts./650 min.	4. Arno Zude (GER)	77 pts.
5. Russia	151 pts./656 min.	5. Eddy Van Beers (BEL)	76 pts./314 min.
6. Finland	148	6. Jorma Paavilainen (FIN)	76 pts./323 min.
		7. Vladimir Podinić (SRB)	75.5 pts.
		8. Georgy Evseev (RUS)	75 pts.
		9. Andrei Selivanov (RUS)	74 pts.
		10. Volodimir Pogorelov (UKR)	72 pts./320 min.

As only one woman and 7 junior solvers took part in the WCSC, there were no official results in these categories. But as 11 seniors from 10 countries participated, results for the seniors section could be announced: 1. Marcel Van Herck (Belgium), 2. Harri Hurme (Finland), 3. Marcos Roland (Brazil).

8.5 WCCT Committee

- a. On behalf of the Spokesman Uri Avner, who was unable to attend the session, Harry Fougiaxis reported to the Assembly that the Committee had discussed the French proposal to include a section for retros in future WCCTs and considered it reasonable in view of the popularity of proofgames, as confirmed by the recent FIDE Albums. However as some of the committee members wished to discuss the matter further with their countrymen before expressing an opinion, the Committee recommended that the decision be postponed until next year.
- b. The 9th WCCT is currently running as scheduled. 42 countries have registered for the tournament and two clarification documents have been issued so far.

8.6 WCCI Committee

- a. Mike Prcic, the director of the 2007-09 WCCI, reported to the Assembly that the championship had been finished in line with the tight schedule. Most of the entries were received by email, the judges were all on time in their work, and the full scores were displayed on the WFCC website. He mentioned that a protest has been submitted by Ukraine (cf. section 8.6b). The President thanked Mike Prcic for his prompt and efficient work.
- b. A protest by Ukraine was submitted against the points given by one judge to some compositions. A "tentative reply" to the protest was prepared by the Presidium and discussed in the Assembly. Marjan Kovačević remarked that he can see no way to accept the protest as there is no formal procedure provided for such cases. As there was general agreement with the proposed reply, the "tentative reply" was accepted with a few modifications as the official answer to the protest (cf. [ANNEX 1](#)). Valery Kopyl stated that he accepted the decision of the majority.
- c. Contrary to the Album Committee (cf. section 8.7d), the WCCI Committee supported the Austrian proposal that compositions with at least 8 points be automatically included in the FIDE Album.
- d. The Spokesman Marjan Kovačević reported to the Assembly that the 2010-12 WCCI will be directed again by Mike Prcic. The Committee had considered some modifications to the rules in order to make a further reduction in the overall time needed to finish the championship. These include the requirement to submit entries only by email and a modified system for judging. Consideration was also given to the question whether to allow, or even request, participants to submit a set of both published and original compositions.

In the ensuing discussion, various aspects of the proposed modifications were considered.

Concerning the possible inclusion of original compositions in the WCCI, the Assembly deemed it important for all details to be clarified during the meeting, so that composers might know the exact requirements well in advance. Several models were considered and pros and cons were examined in a fruitful discussion. Particular issues with regard to the overall concept of the WCCI, especially the handling of originals, were addressed; it was the common feeling of the Assembly that the proposal was not yet ready for a decision. Consequently the question of including original compositions in the WCCI was postponed until next year.

The proposed revision of the judging system basically comprises two aspects: selecting judges among the most successful composers of the previous WCCI according to a predefined scheme, and disregarding the highest and lowest score for each composition. After discussion, the Assembly accepted the changes (21 in favour, 10 abstentions, no one against) as indicated in [ANNEX 2](#).

8.7 FIDE Album Committee

- a. The Spokesman Kjell Widlert gave an overview on the current status.

The 2001-03 Album was published in May 2011.

For the 2004-06 Album all judging has been finished; the indexing and translation work is going on and has already been completed in two sections. It is foreseen that indexing will be finished by the end of this year and it is planned that the manuscript will be ready for printing by mid 2012.

The closing date for submitting entries to the 2007-09 Album was 1.3.2011. By now, all judges have received the problems and are working.

Selection of directors and judges for the 2010-12 Album is intended to take place at next year's meeting. The announcement of the album is scheduled for the end of 2012, with a closing date around autumn or winter 2013.

- b. The Spokesman reported to the Assembly that the Album Committee is in favour of electronic submission of entries for the next album (2010-12), provided the test phase of the presently available interface (cf. Computer Matters Committee report, section 8.9) works well. Paz Einat was appointed by the Assembly as a supervisor for the test phase.
- c. Editing and printing of future albums: Kjell Widlert reported to the Assembly that the cooperation between the editor (Denis Blondel) and the printer (bernd ellinghoven) is currently not working well. As there is little communication between them, bernd ellinghoven had informed the Committee that he was not sure about the printing of the next album; he currently understands that he will presumably not be the printer.

In the ensuing discussion, Yakov Vladimirov proposed including a Russian-language index in the album. Ilja Ketris said that it would be nice to have such an index. The President observed that it would not be easy to introduce a new language, but the possibility will be considered for the future.

- d. The Album Committee was not in favour of the Austrian proposal suggesting that WCCI entries scoring at least 8 points should be automatically included in the album. One of the drawbacks of the proposal comes from the intended changes to the WCCI judging system, which may lead to a situation in which the same judges will repeatedly judge the WCCI (as they are the most successful composers in the respective sections). The Committee was also of the opinion that the number of problems which would not have to be (re-) considered by the album judges will not be dramatically high, whereas the much larger remainder of the problems may be sent in to the album anyway. The album judges would not get much motivation from studying many mediocre to average compositions without seeing the top-class ones.

In view of the different opinions of the FIDE Album and WCCI Committees, the Assembly in general agreed to postpone a decision and reconsider the Austrian proposal in 2012.

8.8 Qualifications Committee

The Committee proposed the award of composing, solving and judging titles as follows:

International Master of the FIDE for Chess Compositions to: Yuri Bazlov (Russia), Michael Herzberg (Germany), Leonid Makaronez (Israel), Daniel Papack (Germany) and Andrei Vysokosov (Russia).

FIDE Master for Chess Compositions to: Peter Hoffmann (Germany), Grigory Slepian (Belarus), Dragan Stojnić (Serbia), Karen Sumbatyan (Russia), Sergiy Ivanovich Tkachenko (Ukraine), Viktor Volchek (Belarus) and Igor Yarmonov (Ukraine).

International Solving Grandmaster of the FIDE to: Kacper Piorun (Poland) and Ladislav Salai Jr (Slovakia).

International Solving Master of the FIDE to: Marko Filipović (Croatia).

FIDE Solving Master to: Araz Alammadov (Azerbaijan), Omer Friedland (Israel), Martynas Limontas (Lithuania), Alexander Mišta (Poland) and Andrei Petrov (Russia).

International Judge of the FIDE for Chess Compositions to: Oleg Efrosinin (Russia) for moremovers, Valery Kopyl (Ukraine) for twomovers, Dinu-Ioan Nicula (Romania) for fairies, Abdelaziz Onkoud (Morocco) for twomovers, threemovers and helpmates, Mike Prcic (USA) for selfmates, Kenneth Solja (Finland) for helpmates and Tadashi Wakashima (Japan) for fairies.

All these titles were accepted by the Assembly by acclamation.

The President informed the Assembly that the Bulgarian delegate Petko A. Petkov intends to retire for health reasons. On the occasion of his 70th birthday on 27.02.2012 and in view of his outstanding performance and life-long contribution to the development and popularisation of chess composition worldwide, the Presidium proposed nominating him as an Honorary Member of the WFCC. The proposal was accepted by acclamation.

One application for the title of Honorary Master could not be considered by the Committee because it was not submitted by the national chess federation or chess problem association of the problemist in question, and the delegate of the member country was not aware of it.

From 2012 onwards, Georgy Evseev will act as Spokesman of the Qualifications Committee.

8.9 Computer Matters Committee

The spokesman Thomas Maeder announced that Roberto Stelling will succeed him in the post from 2012 onwards. He reported to the Assembly about progress on the project for the electronic submission of FIDE album entries. The interface for entering problems into a database and for processing them as director or judge is ready and should now be tested by a group of users. The aim is to use the system for at least some sections of the next album. As it is not yet possible at the moment to enter all kinds of fairy pieces, it seems unlikely that it can be used for the fairies section. The web address is <http://dia-x.info/>

The President invited the delegates to participate in the test of the system. He pointed out that Ilja Ketris had invested a lot of work in the project and that it was essential to get more feedback.

8.10 Studies Committee

The spokesman Harold van der Heijden reported to the Assembly that the Committee had selected the study of the year for 2010 (cf. <http://www.saunalahti.fi/~stniekat/pccc/study10.htm>).

He mentioned a project for the improvement of the presentation of endgame studies which he had exhibited to the Committee. The current practice is that the thematic lines (main line, thematic tries) are mixed up with analytical variations. The proposal is that endgame studies submitted to a tourney or magazine should have a section for the thematic solution and a section for the analysis. The latter will be used to convince the judge that the study is sound, while only the thematic part will be published in the award or the magazine. Of course the analysis could be made available otherwise (e.g. on the Internet) to those who are interested. Apart from the improved presentation, this could also help to avoid claims of unsoundness, e.g. duals in an analytical line. The thematic solution, of course, should be sound (e.g. a try is thematic only when there is a unique black refutation).

The Spokesman mentioned that the committee members generally liked the proposal. He will write an article about it in EG, giving some examples.

As there is no adequate handbook about endgame study themes, Harold van der Heijden proposed that the Committee try to coordinate a team of experts willing to cooperate on such a project, as this would be too much a work for a single person. He will also write about this topic in EG.

He further pointed out that David Gurgenidze had proposed that EG should publish in each issue a page with a photo of a famous composer of the past and one of his classical masterpieces. He is enthusiastic about the idea and will take it into consideration.

8.11 Codex Committee

The Spokesman Kjell Widlert informed the Assembly that the Committee discussed the Italian proposal to add, in Annex II of the Codex, that awards of composing tournaments should be published within a pre-determined time. It seemed reasonable to the Committee that some guidelines could be provided in this respect. However the Committee felt that if such a guideline were introduced at all, it should belong to Part I, paragraph 3, where the Codex prescribes the functions of a judge and provides recommendations. Marco Bonavoglia replied that the reference to paragraph 1 was intentional, because the idea was to publish the prospective publication date of the award at the same time as the tournament announcement.

The Spokesman proposed delaying a possible amendment of the Codex until a need for further changes arises. Accordingly, the Assembly agreed to postpone a decision.

9 Statutes

The proposed amendment of the Statutes was merely a "technical" issue: The title of FIDE Solving Judge had been established in the Rhodes 2007 Meeting, but it was overlooked when preparing the new Statutes in 2010.

In a vote, the proposed amendment was accepted unanimously (26 in favour, no abstentions, no one against). The text of the updated Statutes is in [ANNEX 3](#).

10 Financial report, balance sheet, Auditor's report, budget

Thomas Maeder presented to the Assembly the financial report and the balance sheet of 30.06.2011 (cf. [ANNEX 4](#)). He indicated that a WFCC account was established in April 2011 and the funds available in the account of the previous President Uri Avner had been transferred.

The auditor Marco Bonavoglia confirmed that he had reviewed the documents and found them in order. The financial report and the balance sheet were accepted by the Assembly (28 in favour, 1 abstention).

A budget for 2011-12 (cf. [ANNEX 5](#)) was presented by the Treasurer. The support received from FIDE was reduced in view of the very high costs which FIDE had to pay in the legal case of Karpov 2010 and in fact the budgets of all FIDE committees had taken a hit this year; it is assumed that more money will be available again in the near future. The Treasurer pointed out that FIDE have asked the WFCC to include the costs of the FIDE World Cup in our budget, although the tournament is organised by the FIDE Special Project. Refund of the costs is included in the support received from FIDE. The budget was approved by the Assembly.

11 Election of Auditors

Marco Bonavoglia and Bjørn Enemark were proposed for re-election as auditor and reserve auditor respectively and they were accepted unanimously.

12 Future meetings

For the meeting of 2012, there were invitations from Japan (Kobe in September) and from Poland (Wrocław in July). In a vote, the Assembly decided to accept the offer of Japan (17 in favour of Japan, 13 for Poland, 1 abstention).

David Gurgenzidze presented an invitation to Batumi, Georgia, for the meeting of 2013. He reminded the Assembly that the last congress held in Georgia was in 1975 and was a great success. He also pointed out that there is much experience in organising major chess events and that many suitable hotels are available. The President invited the Georgian delegate to provide further details during the next year's congress.

13 Any other business

1. At the request of several delegates, the President informed the Assembly that international registration of the WFCC is currently not considered a top priority, as the WFCC is presently listed on the FIDE website as an affiliated organisation.
2. The President presented a draft logo, which is intended to be used in official WFCC documents (cf. [ANNEX 6](#)).
3. The President thanked Uri Avner for preparing the booklet with the results of the PCCC-50 composing tourney. Uri Avner briefly mentioned that all information relevant to the tourney is in the booklet. As not all composers' addresses are known to him, he proposed sending copies to the delegates, who could then distribute the booklet to their countrymen. The procedure was generally accepted by the delegates.
4. A booklet with the results of the 2nd FIDE World Cup in Composing was distributed by Yakov Vladimirov who co-organised the event with Andreï Selivanov. He said that the tourney was very successful and he thanked the director, Petko A. Petkov, who prepared the booklet in a very short time. 300 copies have been printed and are presently being distributed to the participants.
5. The President congratulated the Nederlandse Bond van Schaakprobleemvrienden (NBvS) on its 80th anniversary.
6. One delegate pointed out that many composing tourneys during the congress relate to specific types of fairy chess, whereas very few choices are offered for orthodox directmates. The President agreed with the remark, but he mentioned that no restrictions may be imposed on the tournaments organised by participants. However he suggested that the organisers should include in the programme at least one long composing tourney for #2 or #3.

14 Conclusion

The President thanked the delegates, the individual members and the spokesmen of committees for their work during the week. He congratulated the organisers from the Associazione Problemistica Italiana, headed by Marco Banovoglia, for providing excellent facilities and wonderful conditions which contributed to a very successful congress. Then he declared the meeting closed.

Harry Fougiaxis (President)
Günter Büsing (Secretary)
October 2011