

# INTERNATIONAL CORRESPONDENCE CHESS FEDERATION



Office of the Zonal Director for World Zone

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## Report of the World Zone to the ICCF Congress, 2019

### Vilnius, Lithuania

Dear Colleagues and chess friends,

It is my pleasure to report the activities of the World Zone (WZ). As you all know, the creation of the WZ was approved during the Congress in Albena, Bulgaria in August 2017, and it began operation January 1 of 2018. The formation of the WZ included the previous zones NAPZ (Zone 3) and CADAP (Zone 2) – but also new federations plus some transfers.

### Zonal Leadership and Structure

The structure for the WZ is as follows:

**Director:** Jason Bokar

**Deputy Director:** Gino Figlio

**Finance Director:** Gino Figlio

**Tournament Director:** Juan Martello

**International Development Officer:** Hermann Roesch

**Auditor:** Ferdinand Burmeister

With additional help from many people from the National Federations that make up the WZ.

Our Webpage is updated and maintained by Gino Figlio and can be found here:

<https://iccfworldzone.com>

The current list of countries/federations that make up the WZ are as follows:

ARG Argentina

AU Australia

BRA Brazil

CAN Canada

CHI Chile

CUB Cuba

ECU Ecuador

GUA Guatemala

HKG Hong Kong (Congress will vote on the dismissal of HKG in Vilnius)

JPN Japan

MEX Mexico

NZL New Zealand

NCA Nicaragua

PAN Panama

PER Peru

TUR Turkey

USA U.S.A.

VEN Venezuela

The newest member to the WZ is Australia. We welcome National Delegate Garvin Gray and all the players from Australia to the WZ.

I would like to personally thank the Board of the World Zone for all the good work and efforts. We continue to develop new ways of providing Correspondence Chess to our zone, notably through exciting tournament offers including the standard promotion events and the WZ Individual Championship, but also the new World Zone Cup. It will be played in three stages, preliminaries, semifinals and final with a \$1000 cash prize to the winner. In addition, a Team Championship is being planned!

The first WZ Individual Championship Final started on 31 December 2018, and had 2 GMs, 1 SIM, 4 IMs, 8 CCMs from 10 different countries for a Category 7 event.

# Financial Director Report

Gino Figlio

Performance		
<p>GROSS REVENUE</p> <p>\$2,060.20</p> <p>Previous Year: \$977.60</p> <p>↗ 111%</p>	<p>NET REVENUE</p> <p>\$2,060.20</p> <p>Previous Year: \$977.60</p> <p>↗ 111%</p>	<p>NUMBER OF ORDERS</p> <p>211</p> <p>Previous Year: 138</p> <p>↗ 53%</p>
<p>AVERAGE ORDER VALUE</p> <p>\$9.76</p> <p>Previous Year: \$7.08</p> <p>↗ 38%</p>	<p>NUMBER OF ITEMS SOLD</p> <p>274</p> <p>Previous Year: 170</p> <p>↗ 61%</p>	<p>TOTAL OF REFUNDS</p> <p>\$206.80</p> <p>Previous Year: \$148.20</p> <p>↗ 40%</p>

As can be seen in the graphic above, we have steadily and greatly improved our financial standing (even at mid-year) compared to the previous year. The current financial situation is sound.

## Tournaments

*Managed by Juan Alberto Martello*

Current and ongoing tournaments include:

### ***World Zonal Promotion Events***

WZ Promotion – Open Class : 15 groups

WZ Promotion – Higher Class: 13 groups

WZ Promotion – Master Class: 3 group

### ***World Zonal Championships***

Preliminaries of the WZ Championship: 6 groups

Semifinals of the World Zonal Championship: 6 groups

Candidates of the World Zonal Championship: 2 groups

Final – WZ Championship: 1 group

### ***Our Tournament Directors:***

IA Jorge Deforel (ARG)

Michael Freeman (NZL)

David Hernández Molina (CUB)

Andrew Leonard (USA)

IA Corky Schakel (USA)

Alex Relyea (USA)

Wilbur Tseng (USA)

## **Auditor Report**

Ferdinand Burmeister has completed the audit of the 2018 fiscal year. All is in order. He will audit the 2019 accounts in January 2020:

*“I conducted my audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in United States of America. Those standards require that I plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. I believe that my audit provides a reasonable basis for my opinion.*

*In my opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of The World Zone as of December 31, 2018, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles in United States of America.”*

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Once again, I would like to thank our team for all their efforts and look forward to an exciting remainder of 2019 and to the future!

With warm regards,

GM Dr. Jason Bokar, August, 2019