



International Correspondence Chess Federation

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ICCF CONGRESS CARDIFF 2015 REPORT OF THE WORLD TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR

Dear Delegates, Officials, and Friends of ICCF,

I am pleased to submit the World Tournament Director's report.

1. Tournaments

1.1. Direct Entry 10th Webserver Anniversary Tournament

Following the success of the Direct Entry 5th Webserver Anniversary Tournament started in 2011, the Direct Entry Commissioner Ian M Pheby (ENG) proposes the organization of an International tournament to mark the 10th anniversary of the Direct Entry Programme.

- Entry by DE only for DE Federations only
- 3 stages: Preliminaries, Semi-final, and Final
- 10 moves / 30 days, conditional moves available
- Rated; Title norms possible
- Prize fund: 1,000 Euros.
- Registration starts on 5th November 2015
- Registration closes on 5th March 2016
- Preliminary stages will start on 5th April 2016 (the 10th anniversary of DE Programme)
- Arrangements for Semi-final and Final stages will be announced in due course and will depend on the total number of entries.

1.2. Tournaments proposals

(See Appendix I)

2. Calendar of Events

The Calendar of Events will be diffused after the congress.

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

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Frank Geider
ICCF World Tournament Director

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 that according ICCF Tournament Rules (Paragraph 12.2, 12.3, 12.4 and 12.8) :

12.2 - Applications for ICCF recognition of international tournaments must be submitted to the World Tournament Director (WTD) who has delegated authority to approve such tournaments, or give recommendations to Congress. The WTD should report to the next Congress on all approved applications for formal ratification and inclusion in the Minutes.

Where, in the opinion of the WTD, there could be a potential problem (for example, involving a breach of these guidelines or another ICCF member federation) he will have the right to refer the application to the next Congress for debate and possible approval. Approvals of applications for multiple tournaments/groups from any federation may be subject to a referral to the Congress if the WTD considers it appropriate.

12.3 - Applications for invitation tournaments should be submitted at least 6 months before the intended start date of the tournament and all approvals granted will lapse if a tournament has not been started within 6 months of the approved start date. In such a situation, a renewed approval application is required and invitations should not be issued until renewed approval has been granted.

12.4 - Applications for open tournaments must be submitted to the ICCF World Tournament Director (WTD) at least four months before it is due to start. It should not be advertised until ICCF approval has been formally confirmed. The WTD will consider the number of similar events which are planned concurrently and any ICCF open tournaments that are due to start, before giving formal ICCF approval.

12.8 - All approval requests must include details of the prizes offered, and the Source of the prize fund. Where a federation has previously met problems paying prizes promptly, it will be a condition of approval that the entire prize fund be deposited with ICCF prior to the start date. In these circumstances, the deposited monies will be invested securely and any interest accrued will be credited to the national federation, and the ICCF Financial Director will be responsible for the prompt payment of all prizes. All other financial details (appearance fees,...) must be included in the request sent to the WTD.

AUSTRALIA:

Australian Masters 2016 (AUS)

ICCF Webserver,
Invitational tournament
Cat. X
11 players
Start Date: 1 July 2016
Entry fees payable by untitled players
No prizes money
TO: Brian Jones (AUS)
TD: IA to be determined

Australian Candidate Masters 2016 (AUS)

ICCF Webserver
Invitational tournament
Cat. IV
11 players
Start Date: 1 July 2016
Entry fees payable by untitled players
No prizes money
TD / TO: Brian Jones (AUS).

Australian Masters 2015 (AUS)

Already approved event in Sydney Congress 2014 (change in blue)

ICCF Webserver,
Invitational tournament,
Category *IX or X*,
10 players,
Start Date: 1 July 2015
No entry fees or prize money
TO: Brian Jones (AUS).

Australian Candidate Masters 2015 (AUS)

Already approved event in Sydney Congress 2014 (change in blue)

ICCF Webserver,
Invitational tournament,
Category III *or IV*,
10 players,
Start Date: 1 July 2015
No entry fees or prize money
TO: Brian Jones (AUS).

ENGLAND:

Charles Rich Memorial (ENG)

ICCF Webserver
Invitational tournament,
Category III-V,
15 players,
10 moves in 50 days,
Start Date: December 2014 or January 2015,
TD: I/A Neil Limbert (ENG).

GERMANY:**Germany Grandmasters 04-A (GER)**

Already approved event in Sydney Congress 2014 (change in blue)

ICCF Webserver,

Invitational tournament (*4 Germany, 7 other NF*),

Cat. XII,

11 players,

Start date: Spring 2015

Germany Grandmasters 04-B (GER)

ICCF Webserver,

Invitational tournament (3 Germany, 8 other NF),

Cat. XII,

11 players,

Start date: Spring 2015

Germany Advanced Masters 01 (GER)

ICCF Webserver,

Invitational tournament (6 Germany, 6 other NF),

Cat. XI,

12 players,

Start date: Spring 2015

Germany Masters 04 (GER)

Already approved event in Sydney Congress 2014 (change in blue)

ICCF Webserver,

Invitational tournament (*6 Germany, 7 other NF*),

Cat. *VII*,

13 players,

Start date: Spring 2015

Germany Candidate Master 02-A (GER)

Already approved event in Sydney Congress 2014 (change in blue)

ICCF Webserver,

Invitational tournament (*6 Germany, 6 other NF*),

Cat. *IV*,

12 players,

Start date: Spring 2015

Germany Candidate Master 02-B (GER)

Already approved event in Sydney Congress 2014 (change in blue)

ICCF Webserver,

Invitational tournament (*6 Germany, 6 other NF*),

Cat. *IV*,

12 players,

Start date: Spring 2015

Germany Candidate Master 02-C (GER)

ICCF Webserver,

Invitational tournament (6 Germany, 6 other NF),

Cat. IV,

12 players,

Start date: Spring 2015

BdF Diamant 6 (GER)

Already approved event in Sydney Congress 2014 (change in blue)

ICCF Webserver,

*Invitational tournament for Men and Ladies (6 Germany and 7 other NF),
Cat. III, Ladies Cat. XV*

13 players,

Start date: Spring 2015

BdF Smaragd 6 (GER)

Already approved event in Sydney Congress 2014 (change in blue)

ICCF Webserver,

Invitational tournament for Ladies (5 Germany and 8 other NF),

Cat. 0, Ladies Cat. IX

Elo average 2151+

13 players,

Start date: Spring 2015

Germany Grandmasters 05-A (GER)

ICCF Webserver,

Invitational tournament ,

Cat. XI - XIII,

11 - 17 players,

Start date: Spring 2016

Germany Grandmasters 05-B (GER)

ICCF Webserver,

Invitational tournament ,

Cat. XI - XIII,

11 - 17 players,

Start date: Spring 2016

Germany Advanced Masters 02-A (GER)

ICCF Webserver,

Invitational tournament

Cat. IX - XI,

11 - 17 players,

Start date: Spring 2016

Germany Advanced Masters 02-B (GER)

ICCF Webserver,

Invitational tournament,

Cat. IX - XI,

11 - 17 players,

Start date: Spring 2016

Germany Masters 05-A (GER)

ICCF Webserver,

Invitational tournament,

Cat. VI - VIII,

11 - 17 players,

Start date: Spring 2016

Germany Masters 05-B (GER)

ICCF Webserver,
Invitational tournament,
Cat. VI - VIII,
11 - 17 players,
Start date: Spring 2016

Germany Candidate Master 03-A (GER)

ICCF Webserver,
Invitational tournament ,
Cat. IV - V ,
11 - 17 players,
Start date: Spring 2016

Germany Candidate Master 03-B (GER)

ICCF Webserver,
Invitational tournament ,
Cat. IV - V ,
11 - 17 players,
Start date: Spring 2016

Germany Candidate Master 03-C (GER)

ICCF Webserver,
Invitational tournament ,
Cat. IV - V ,
11 - 17 players,
Start date: Spring 2016

BdF Diamant 7 (GER)

ICCF Webserver,
Invitational tournament for Men and Ladies ,
Cat. III, Ladies Cat. IX
11 - 17 players,
Start date: Spring 2016

BdF Smaragd 7 (GER)

ICCF Webserver,
Invitational tournament for Men and Ladies,
rated
11 - 17 players,
Start date: Spring 2016

LATVIA:

Gedimins Salmins Memorial (LAT)

ICCF Webserver,
Invitational tournament,
Cat. VI (approx.)
15 players
Start date: December 2014
TO: Artis Gaujens (LAT).
Gedimins Salmins (1933 - 2012) - ICCF IM

LITHUANIA:**Donatas Lapienis Memorial (LTU)**

ICCF Webserver

Invitational tournament in memory of GM Donatas Lapienis (1936-2014)

15 players

Cat. XII

Start date: September 1, 2015

Prize: 1st place – 300 EUR

Donatas Lapienis (1936-2014): ICCF Grandmaster, holder of the highest ICCF rating (2715) in 1989-1991. Famous Lithuanian chess coach.

ROMANIA:**Silviu Nenciulescu Memorial (ROU)**

ICCF Webserver,

Invitational tournament,

TO: SIM Miron Sferle (ROU),

TD: IA Valer-Eugen Demian (CAN).

Silviu Nenciulescu Memorial A

Cat. VIII+,

13 players (max. 7 Romanian players),

Start date: 20 April 2015,

Start fee: none,

Prizes: Trophy for first place, Diplomas for second and third places.

Silviu Nenciulescu Memorial B

Cat. IV+,

13 players (max. 7 Romanian players),

Start date: 20 April 2015,

Entry fee: none,

Prizes: Diplomas for the first three places.

Silviu Nenciulescu (1954-2014)

Chess wise National Master Silviu Nenciulescu was one of the most well-known chess players from Romania. He also had an extensive contribution as a member of the Correspondence Chess Commission, as a tournament organizer and national team captain. In recognition for his overall activity, Romanian Chess Federation awarded him Diploma of Honour in 2000.

Professional wise Chemistry Professor Silviu Nenciulescu had an outstanding teaching career at the most popular school in Pitesti, Romania. In parallel his work generated no less than 11 books and several articles.

Romanian Chess Federation – 90 years (ROU)

ICCF Webserver,

Invitational tournament,

Cat. VI+,

13 players (max. 7 Romanian players),

Start date: 20 October 2015,

Entry fee: none,

Prizes: none,

Other provisions:

- The minimum entry rating for this tournament is 2376+

- Generally, no more than 1 player from a foreign country will be selected.

In case of several entries, the higher rated player will be selected at the discretion of the organizer.

TO: SIM Miron Sferle (ROU),

TD: IA Valer-Eugen Demian (CAN).

SPAIN:

North Atlantic Team Tournament NATT-VII (ESP)

ICCF Webserver,

Team tournament, 11 teams, 8 boards,

Teams: will be later communicated,

10 moves in 50 days,

Start date: May 2016,

Not an invitational tournament (The Federations nominated the teams),

No prize fund

Magistral AEAC 2015 (ESP)

ICCF Webserver,

Invitational tournament,

Section A

Cat. XII,

15 players

Start date: October 2015

TO: Sánchez Ródenas, Antonio (ESP)

Section B

Cat. VIII,

15 players

Start date: October 2015,

TO: Sánchez Ródenas, Antonio (ESP)

Section C

Cat. IV,

15 players

Start date: October 2015

TO: Sánchez Ródenas, Antonio (ESP)

SLOVAKIA:

Peter Marczell Memorial (SVK)

ICCF webserver,

Invitational tournament,

13-15 players

Cat.: XII-XIII

Start date: April 2016

Prize fund: 3000 EUR

TD: IA Karel Glaser (CZE)

TO: Milan Manduch (SVK)

Peter Marczell (1941-2014)

Peter Marczell was a leading Slovak chess grandmaster. For many years, he represented Slovakia and former Czechoslovakia in both individual and team competitions (Olympiads,

European Championships). He was the first Slovak chess grandmaster who reached the rating 2600.

In April 2016 we'll commemorate 75th anniversary of his birth. Slovak chess players will remember him by organizing an international inviting tournament.

Alexander Horváth Memorial (SVK)

ICCF webserver,

Invitational tournament,

13-15players

Cat. IX-X

Start date: May 2016

Prize fund: 1000 EUR

TD: IA Stanislav Škerlík (SVK)

TO: Milan Manduch (SVK).

Alexander Horváth (1954 – 2013)

Alexander Horváth senior international master, was a leading Slovak chess player. He represented Slovakia in many individual and team competitions. He created and owned the well-known chess database Opening Master. He was a member of the Slovak team that won the Final of the VII.European Championship.

U.S.A.:

2016 USA Invitational (ICCF-US)

ICCF webserver,

Invitational tournament,

Tie Breaks: 1)Baumbach, 2)SB, 3)Head-to-Head

Section A

15 Players,

Cat. XII+,

Start Date: March 31 2016

Prizes USD 950, 500, 100,

Sponsor: ICCF-US

TO: Anthony Kain (USA).

Section B

15 players,

Cat. VII+,

Start Date: August 31, 2016

Prizes USD 300,

Sponsoring ICCF-US,

TO: Dennis Doren (USA).

Section C

15 players

Cat. IV+

Start Date: August 31, 2016

Prizes: None

Sponsor: ICCF-US

TO: Dennis Doren (USA).

WALES:

Welsh Congress Invitational (WLS)

ICCF Webserver,
Invitational tournament,
Cat. 0 or I,
13 players,
Start Date: 1 December 2015,
No entry fees or prize money,
TO: Russell Sherwood (WLS).

Welsh Invitational Championships (WLS)

ICCF Webserver,
Invitational tournament,
Cat. IV,V,VI players,13 Players,
Start Date: 1 March 2016
Welsh Players £5, Invited Players for Free, No Prize Fund,
TO: Russell Sherwood (WLS).