



# International Correspondence Chess Federation

## General Secretary Report to Congress

August 2019

Dear ICCF Delegates, Officials, Players, and Friends,

This year, the Lithuanian Correspondence Chess Federation, Lietuvos Korespondencinių Šachmatų Federacija, is hosting the 2019 ICCF Congress from 18-22 August 2019.

The Congress website is packed with information:

<https://vilnius2019.welshccf.org.uk/>

### Membership

#### New Member Federation Application

None

#### Suspension/Dismissal Consideration

Efforts for the past 18-24 months to establish contact with Hong Kong have been unsuccessful. The long-standing delegate (Hin Sing Henry Leung) went silent, a replacement delegate was named (Luen-wah Luk) over a year ago, but Luen-wah also has not responded to any requests to open communications. Another player, Michael Spooner volunteered to take over the federation, but when asked for details about the Federation, he claimed the process was too difficult and he promptly requested a federation flag change to Australia (his country of residence).

According to webserver records, only 4 players flying the Hong Kong flag are active on the ICCF webserver and according to the ICCF Finance Director, ICCF membership dues from 2017 and 2018 remain unpaid. I recommend Hong Kong be dismissed (Proposal 2019--018). Efforts to re-establish communications, recover membership dues, and reassess the viability of their National Federation Correspondence Federation have gone unanswered to a dismissal from ICCF is hereby warranted.

#### Congress Consideration and Discussion

Aside from Hong Kong, five other ICCF member federations are in various states of membership dues arrears:

**Chile** - 2nd year of dues non-payment. I recommend CHI be suspended, effective immediately, and if accounts are not brought current by the 2020 Congress, that CHI be dismissed.

**Cape Verde Islands** - 2nd year of dues non-payment. I recommend CPV be suspended, effective immediately, and if accounts are not brought current by the 2020 Congress, that CPV be dismissed.

**Guatemala, Russia, and Turkey** have only paid 50% of their outstanding obligations. They are officially warned that if accounts are not brought current by the end 2019, then suspension proceedings may take place.

**2020 Congress**

One Member Federation, Chess Scotland, has graciously offered to host the Congress.

Regards,

Michael Millstone  
ICCF General Secretary