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### **Report on the Interzonal Tournaments to the ICCF Congress of 2019 Vilnius – Lithuania**

**Mr President, Members of the Executive Board, Commissioners,  
Officials, Delegates, Ladies and Gentlemen**

It is my privilege to report on the Interzonal Tournaments since the Congress of 2018 held in Llandudno – Wales.

#### **Interzonal Team Tournaments (IZTT)**

##### *Background*

The IZTT are held every two years as a team event among the different geographical zones of ICCF. Each team consists of eight players playing at least eight games to make it possible to qualify for title norms. The purpose of these events is to play in the spirit of "amici sumus" (we are friends) and to give players in remote and less developed regions more exposure to competitive correspondence chess.

##### *Completed Tournaments*

- No tournaments were completed during this period.

##### *Started Tournaments*

- 10<sup>th</sup> Interzonal Team Tournament – 19 teams of 8 players each – single round robin.
  - Start Date: 7 April 2019.
  - Tournament Organiser: Peter Maylott (IA) of Australia.
  - Tournament Director: IM Mariusz Wojnar (IA) of Poland.

##### *Ongoing Tournaments*

- 9<sup>th</sup> Interzonal Team Tournament – 13 teams of 8 players each – single round robin.
  - Start Date: 10 March 2017.
  - Tournament Organiser: SIM Everdinand Knol of South Africa.
  - Tournament Director: Marco Caressa (IA) of Italy.

##### *Future Tournaments*

- The 11<sup>th</sup> IZTT is planned to start during the first quarter of 2021.

## **Interzonal Individual Tournaments (IZIT)**

### *Background*

A number of players from each zone are entered. These are divided into groups playing for norms and to qualify for semi finals and a final. These events (just like the IZTT) are also organised on a two year basis.

### *Completed Tournaments*

<i>Event</i>	<i>Group</i>	<i>Winner</i>
1 <sup>st</sup> IZIT Semi Final	B	CCE Alberto Pérez Lopez (CUB)
	C	George Stone (USA)
2 <sup>nd</sup> IZIT Preliminaries	A	David Cumming (SCO)
	B	Maxim Konstatinov (DEN)
	C	Stefano Lupini (ITA)
		SIM Everdinand Knol (RSA)
	D	Giraldo Menéndez Rodriquez (CUB)
	E	SIM Mauricio Rebord (ARG)
	F	Chris Lewis (USA)
	G	Barrie Mulligan (AUS)
	H	Greg Henderson (USA)
	I	Om Prakash (IND)
3 <sup>rd</sup> IZIT Preliminaries		Paul Eric Jorgensen (DEN)
	J	Romas Rutkus (LTU)
	L	Juan Eman (VEN)
	L	Rainer Tratberger (GER)

### *Started Tournaments*

- No tournaments were started during this period.

### *Ongoing Tournaments*

- 1st Interzonal Individual Tournament Semi Finals – Groups A and D – 13 players each.
  - Category 5.
  - Start Date: 30 March 2017.
  - Tournament Organiser: SIM Everdinand Knol of South Africa.
  - Tournament Director: SIM Gino Franco Figlio (IA) of Peru.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Interzonal Individual Tournament Preliminaries – Group K – 9 players.
  - Category 2.
  - Start Date: 17 June 2016.
  - Tournament Organiser: SIM Everdinand Knol of South Africa.
  - Tournament Director: SIM Michael Millstone (IA) of USA.

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Interzonal Individual Tournament Preliminaries – Groups A to K – 9 players each.
  - Category 2.
  - Start Date: 16 June 2018.
  - Tournament Organiser: Peter S Maylott (IA) of Australia.
  - Tournament Directors:
    - CCE Karel Glaser of Czech Republic
    - Jan Bart van Daatselaar of Netherlands
    - José Joaquin of Spain
    - Reto Moser of Switzerland
    - Alexander Relyea of USA
    - SIM Carlos Diéguez Vera of Cuba

#### *Future Tournaments*

- The 4<sup>th</sup> IZIT is planned to start during the first quarter of 2020.

#### **Conclusion**

I would like to conclude this report by thanking the zonal directors for their support in arranging the players that entered these events, the tournament organisers who assisted in the setting up as well as the tournament directors who are supervising the players taking part in them.

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