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**Report of the Qualifications Commissioner
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Welcome to my report as ICCF Qualifications Commissioner.

It is my pleasure to sincerely thank all members of the QC team for their dedicated and engaged work – without the support of the members of the team the life of the QC would have been much harder. Their support, concrete input and valuable advice is always helpful.

Furthermore I would like to sincerely thank Rules Commissioner Dennis Doren for the trustful and effective co-operation.

Hans-Dieter Wunderlich has achieved 14 GM – Norms and is now exclusively at the top of the All-Time GM-Norm list – lots of congratulations on this fine and extraordinary achievement!

The team has been working on few projects and the results are presented as congress proposals:

- 2019 – 005 ICCF Medal and Certificate Awards.
- 2019 – 035 Direct Norms for the GM - Title
- 2019 – 038 Adjustment of GM Norm Requirements

The rationale of all three proposals is mentioned in the respective sections of the ICCF server.

Furthermore proposal 2019 – 034 has been submitted in co-operation with Ratings Commissioner Gerhard Binder.

I ask Congress to accept these proposals.

Since the last Congress the following number of titles has been checked, verified and awarded:

3 GM, 14 SIM, 80 IM, 260 CCM, 320 CCE, 4 LGM , 7 LIM, 6 IA (694 titles in total).

In addition to the individual awards the certificates and medals for the individual and team championships have been prepared.

This report won't bother the reader with the details of the sometimes difficult and time consuming process of checking the norms and titles – the report presents only the results.

Nevertheless I would like to stress, that the QC very often is the “last person in the value added chain”.

This implies that the QC team undertakes the utmost effort to clarify often complicated matters and cases that –sometimes- might have been cleared by preceding instances. The only approach that could be applied is to strictly follow the rules. This makes the QC team look as cheerful as the vogons

(<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Vogon>, retrieved 2019-08-06).

If you are unhappy with this, please do not blame the QC team for this. If you think, the rules shall be changed, feel free to submit a proposal to change them.

The QC clearly favours the promotion of competition over the cc board and is even more pronounced against any distortions of the game, that spoil the competition and –as a consequences – ruin the ratings and the titles system. Every player shall have the same opportunity to achieve a title and for an equal achievement players shall earn an equal award.

Those players who exceed the time limit continuously and /or various times show a maximum of disrespect to their opponents, and shatter the titles system. A player may exceed the time limit once or twice accidentally or because something serious has happened – but those players who do so for whatsoever reason for months or even years in a double-digit number of tournaments demonstrate a non acceptable

behavior.

I am aware that in principle there is little distinction between an exceeding of time limit and loosing a game deliberately. But in the cases of an etl. the player has made his or her disrespect very obvious.

There are no special applications or special cases this year.

Unlike in preceding years the QC report lists the titles (individual and teams) in a separate file – in addition to the title tournaments started and the all time GM list.

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