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## ICCF CONGRESS 2019

### REPORT OF THE TITLE TOURNAMENT COMMISSIONER

#### 1. WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

##### **1.1 WCCC Finals**

The Final of the 29<sup>th</sup> WCCC ended on 25/09/2018. GM A. S. Dronov (RUS) is, for the third time, the World Champion; GM J. Oskulski (POL) was the runner-up, while GM L. Ljubičić (CRO) and GM H. Neto (POR) shared the third place.

The Final of the 30<sup>th</sup> WCCC, started on 20/06/2017, is steadily progressing: only 7 games are still running.

The Final of the 31<sup>st</sup> WCCC was started on 20/06/2019, with 17 players from 12 different countries; the TD is IA Ian M. Pheby (ENG):

##### **1.2 WCCC Candidates' Tournaments**

The Sections of the 37<sup>th</sup> WCCC (started in 2017) are steadily progressing.

The 2018 Sections (38<sup>th</sup> WCCC) were started on 20/09/2018 (3 Sections with 39 players); the TD is IA Juan Albert Martello (ARG).

The 2019 Candidates' Tournament (39<sup>th</sup> WCCC) has been announced and will start on 20/09/2019.

##### **1.3 WCCC Semi-Finals**

The Sections of the 41<sup>st</sup> and the 42<sup>nd</sup> WCCC (started in 2017 and 2018) are steadily progressing.

The 2019 Sections (43<sup>rd</sup> WCCC) were started on 20/06/2019 (8 Sections with 104 players); the TD is IA Valery Igorevich Myakutin (RUS).

## **1.4 WCCC Preliminaries**

The Sections of the 41<sup>st</sup> and the 42<sup>nd</sup> WCCC (started in 2017 and 2018) are steadily progressing.

The 2019 Sections (43<sup>rd</sup> WCCC) were started on 20/03/2019 (10 Sections with 130 players); the TD is IA Laurent Tinture (FRA).

## **2. LADIES' WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS**

### **2.1 LWCCC Finals**

The Final of the 11<sup>th</sup> LWCCC, started on 20/12/2017, is steadily progressing, with 80% of the games already finished.

### **2.2 LWCCC Semi-Finals**

The Semi-Finals of the 12<sup>th</sup> LWCCC, started on 20/12/2017, are steadily progressing, with 94% of the games already finished.

## **3. OLYMPIADS**

### **3.1 CC Olympiads Finals**

The Final of the 19<sup>th</sup> Olympiad (played by post), started on 20/06/2016, is steadily progressing, with 96% of the games already finished.

The Final of the 20<sup>th</sup> Olympiad (webserver), started on 1/09/2016, is quite over: only one game is still running. The winner is Germany, the second placed is Russia and the third placed is Spain.

### **3.2 CC Olympiads Preliminaries**

The three Preliminaries of the 21<sup>st</sup> Olympiad (webserver) have already finished.

## **4. LADIES' OLYMPIADS**

No tournament is ongoing.

## **5. NORM TOURNAMENTS**

### **5.1 "Old" norm tournaments**

9 GMN Sections with 117 players were started in 2018 (in 2017 the GMN Sections were 8). There were 80 different players (many players entered more than one Section) from 34 countries.

19 MN Sections with 248 players were started in 2018 (in 2017 the MN Sections were 15). There were 195 different players (many players entered more than one Section) from 39 countries.

## **5.2 “New” norm tournaments**

On December 2018 the new structure of Norm Tournaments (8 different types of tournaments) was launched.

These tournaments had initially a large success, but the number of entries decreased in the successive months.

Six months are a too narrow period to have a complete opinion about these new tournaments; therefore I suggest to keep them without any change for the next year and to discuss some possible improvement at 2020 Congress.

I enclose a file with the figures of the new Norm Tournaments in the first six months of 2019.

## **6. NEXT NORM TOURNAMENTS TO BE STARTED**

### **6.1 WCCC Final**

The Final of the 32<sup>nd</sup> WCCC is planned to start on June 2021.

11 players with a valid qualification who had asked to play in the 31<sup>st</sup> Final couldn't be accepted. 5 other players decided to defer their entry. At the moment there are 19 players with a valid qualification for the 32<sup>nd</sup> WCCC Final (only 17 admitted players!).

Therefore, having asked the ICCF President and the World Tournament Director for their opinion, I propose to start the 32<sup>nd</sup> WCCC Final on June 2020.

### **6.2 WCCC Candidates' Tournaments**

The Candidates' Tournament of the 39<sup>th</sup> WCCC will start on 20/09/2019; the TD will be IA Juan Alberto Martello (ARG).

The Candidates' Tournament of the 40<sup>th</sup> WCCC is planned to start on September 2020.

### **6.3 WCCC Semi-Finals**

The Semi-Finals of the 44<sup>th</sup> WCCC are planned to start on June 2020

### **6.4 WCCC Preliminaries**

The Preliminaries of the 44<sup>th</sup> WCCC are planned to start on March 2020.

### **6.5 Ladies' World Championships**

The Final of the 12<sup>th</sup> LWCCC and the Preliminaries of the 13<sup>th</sup> LWCCC are planned to start on December 2020, unless the Congress will decide to dismiss gender tournaments.

### **6.6 Olympiads**

The Final of the 21<sup>st</sup> Olympiad and the Preliminaries of the 22<sup>nd</sup> Olympiad (both played by web-server) are planned to start at the beginning of January 2020.

### **6.7 Ladies' Olympiads**

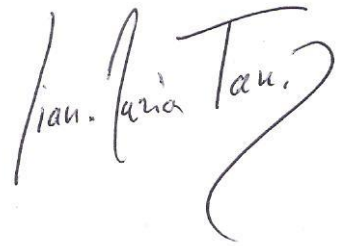
Next Ladies' Olympiad are planned to start in the first trimester of 2020, unless the Congress will decide to dismiss gender tournaments.

## **7. THANKS**

As usually I want to thank all “my” Tournament Directors for their dedicated and difficult work. A special “thank you” is especially due to Frank Geider, Tom Biedermann and Austin Lockwood for their continued patience with me and my repeated requests!

Amici sumus!

Torino, 03/07/2019.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Jan. Maria Tau." The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.