



## **Zone 1 General Meeting 2019** **Vilnius, Lithuania**

### **Zonal Director Report** **on activities for Year 2018**

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Dear Mr President, EU Officials and Delegates,  
Here is my report on Zone 1 (Europe) activities for 2018.

#### **Financial Matters**

A new Finance Director is Jan Vosselman from the Netherlands. He was appointed on April,3, 2018. For his report and notes see appendix 1.

#### **Auditor**

A new Auditor is Paul Scott from Wales. He was appointed on September,20, 2018. For his report and notes see appendix 2.

#### **Tournaments**

##### **EU Team Championships**

The Final of the 10th ETC started on June,1 2017 with 13 teams.

Up to the moment 612 games of 624 are finished. Leading teams are Italy, Germany and Slovenia (all have "+6"), followed by Switzerland ("+5"), Portugal, Russia and Spain (all with "+4"). TD is IA Thed Klauner from Luxembourg.

The semifinals of the 11th ETC started on June,1 2017 with 32 teams divided in 3 groups. Three best teams of each group qualify for the final. TD is IA Karel Glaser from Czech Republic.

Group 1 consists of 11 teams. 433 games of 440 are finished. Leading teams are Lithuania, Scotland and Bulgaria.

Group 2 consists of 10 teams. 353 games of 360 are finished. Leading teams are Germany, Slovakia and Wales.

Group 3 consists of 11 teams. 434 games of 440 are finished. Leading teams are Austria, Poland and Ukraine.

## **EU Individual Championships**

### **Finals**

The Final of the 69th EU Individual Championship is played on server. It started in December of 2015 with 15 players. After three and a half of a year the tournament is completed. A new European Champion is Delizia, Costantino from Italy. The second place goes to Lithuanian player Samerdokas, Alfredas. Churkin, Mikhail Mikhailovich from Russia takes the third place. TD is IA Valery Myakutin from Russia.

The Final of the 70th EU Individual Championship is played by postal mail. It started in September of 2017 with 15 players (12 of them are from Germany). 92 games of 105 are finished. TD is IA Joop Jansen from Netherlands.

The Final of the 71st EU Individual Championship is played on server. It started in December of 2017 with 17 players (7 of them are from Russia). 127 games of 136 are finished. TD is IA Valery Myakutin from Russia.

### **Candidate's Tournaments**

This year (March 2019) we started 7 sections with 13 players in each group (totally 91 players). It is a new record of activity at this stage. A number of participants raised by 26 to be compared with year 2018. The most active countries are Germany with 23 players and Russia with 15 players. TD is IA Marco Caressa from Italy.

New European server and postal championship (since 2014) statistics:

Stage / Year	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019(01-06)
WS Candidates	4	5	5	5	5	7
WS Semifinals	18	14	12	17	15	TBS in Sept
WS Preliminaries	34	27	27	25	25	11
WS Open	66	49	62	54	56	27
Postal SF	9	4	6	6	5	2
Postal Open	21	9	6	9	6	3

### **EU National Teams Postal Cup**

A team tournament played by postal mail. It started in December of 2015 with 9 national teams of 4 players. 140 games of 144 are finished. Leading teams are Italy, Germany, Russia and France. TO is Sergey Grodzenskiy from Russia, TD is Mariusz Wojnar from Poland.

### **EU Postal Cup Final**

A team tournament played by postal mail. It started in March of 2016 with 6 club teams of 4 players and finished on May,18 2019. Prize winners are Germany-B, Germany-A and Vitiazi (Russia). TO is Sergey Grodzenskiy from Russia, TD is Wojciech Krzyzanowski from Poland.

### **Chess 960 Team Cup for Europe**

The second edition of Chess 960 Team Cup started in February 2017 with 12 national teams divided in two semifinal groups. Top three teams from each Semifinal qualified to the Final.

Play in the Final started in March of 2018. Up to the moment 114 games of 120 are finished. Leading teams are Russia, Slovenia and Ukraine. TO is Sergey Grodzenskiy from Russia, TD is Andrey Pavlikov from Russia.

### **Friendly match “One country vs Rest of Europe”**

As it was agreed in 2011 such a match “One country vs Rest of Europe” would be organized annually.

Previous matches (finished and ongoing) statistics:

Start date	One country	Boards	score	Winner
2011-12-19	Ukraine	66	76.5-56.5	Ukraine
2012-12-15	Russia	100	120.5-79.5	Russia
2014-03-17	Germany	265	281.5-248.5	Germany
2015-03-01	Italy	127	109-145	Rest of Europe
2015-12-31	Czech Republic	119	129.5-106.5	Czech Rep.
2016-12-15	Poland	70	70.5-65.5	Poland
2017-09-30	Germany (postal)	60	43.5-35.5 Germany leads	
2017-10-31	France	50	51.5-44.5 ongoing	France
2018-11-01	England	136	133-86 Rest of Europe leads	

Implementing proposals approved at ND meeting at ICCF Congress in 2018 following events were organized.

### **EU Amateur Cup**

By proposal of Zonal Director a new multi staged tournament was introduced for players rated below 2000. The main idea of such a tournament is to let players who love cc but are not too strong at chess to compete for a Trophy. There are 180 players to take part in the tournament at preliminary stage. Play started in February of 2019.

### **EU Individual Championship at chess 960**

By proposal of Zonal Director a new individual championship at chess 960 was introduced. The first championship attracted 60 players from 20 European countries. Exactly half of them are Titled players. Play started in June of 2019.

### **EU Werner Stern Memorial**

To pay a permanent tribute to the memory of a great player in the history of European and World postal correspondence chess Werner Stern who was the only player to have won the European Championship twice, by proposal of Dr. Uwe Staroske it was organized a Werner Stern Memorial played by postal mail. Initially it was intended to organize a strong tournament with prize fund of 600 Euro for players rated 2400+, however only 2 (!) players including 1 from Canada (!) accepted an invitation. The tournament is now played with 13 players and it is of category 5. TD is Joop Jansen from Netherlands. This tournament showed us that there is no real interest in postal play at high level (2400+).

By proposal of Zonal Director it was also agreed to let players who prefer playing on the server to pay tribute to Werner Stern as well. An open tournament on the server attracted 169 players from 22 European countries including 69 titled players. All players were divided in 13 groups of 13 players. The winner of each section is qualified to the main Final, with players placed 2 to 4 qualified to consolation Finals.

### **Proposals**

No proposals were received taking in account of 2019-040 proposal to eliminate all Zones of ICCF. The situation is going to be discussed at EU Zonal meeting on Tuesday August,19.

### **Zonal Director Election**

The election depends on decision approved or disapproved on 2019-040 proposal by the Congress.

### **Appreciations**

Finally I would like to thank all cc friends who actively worked as Tournament Organizers and Tournament Directors.

Thank you all.

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