



MINUTES of the 30th I.C.S.C. CONGRESS held at the Congress Centre, Estoril, Portugal on Thursday 10th June 2010, commencing at 09.20 hours.

Present were the following:

I.C.S.C. Presidium:

President	Michele Visco	(Italy)
Vice-President	Bruno Nuesch	(Switzerland)
Secretary-General	Phillip Gardner	(England)
Board Member	Yuri Sobolev	(Russia)
Treasurer	Michael Freund	(England)

I.C.S.C. Honorary President / Society of Friends of I.C.S.C.

Honorary President	Gerrit Westerveld	(Netherlands)
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Honorary Vice-President:

Honorary Vice-President	Rudi van Perlstein	(Netherlands)
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Archives Commission:

Member:	Luciano Biaocco	(Italy)
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I.C.S.C. Country-Members:

AZERBAIJAN	(AZE)	Akif Hajiyev
BULGARIA	(BUL)	Veselin Georgiev, Nikolay Ninov
CROATIA	(CRO)	Darko Svec, Marijo Lusic
ENGLAND	(ENG)	Barry David, Alasdair MacLeod
GERMANY	(GER)	Holger Mende, Karl-Werner Broska
HUNGARY	(HUN)	Tamas Fenyves
ITALY	(ITA)	Olga Nazarova, Mirko Pasquotto
INDIA	(IND)	José Edattukaran, Darshan Kshirsagar
KAZAKHSTAN	(KAZ)	Burul Begakhmet, Maxim Rozhov
LITHUANIA	(LTU)	Egle Marcinkeviciene
NETHERLANDS	(NED)	Hans Johannesen
POLAND	(POL)	Krzysztof Michalczyk, Tomasz Guminski
PORTUGAL	(POR)	Joao Alberto Ferreira
RUSSIA	(RUS)	Olga Kozyreva, Pavel Parfenov
SCOTLAND	(SCO)	Ian Carmichael, John Christie
SERBIA	(SRB)	Rade Cimesa, Dragan Moldovanovic
SLOVAKIA	(SVK)	Ladislav Svicka
SWITZERLAND	(SUI)	Gregor Maier, Samuel Aebersold
UKRAINE	(UKR)	Ivan Kulakov, Yuriy Zuev
UZBEKISTAN	(UZB)	Dilbar Karimova, Mukim Karimov

03. ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE I.C.S.C. SUB-COMMITTEES (09.38 hours)

03.1 ELECTION COMMITTEE

The following delegates were appointed to sanction the voting powers of the delegates:

Hans Johannesen	Netherlands (Chief)
Darko Svec	Croatia

03.2 FINANCE COMMITTEE

The following delegate was nominated to audit the ICSC financial papers:

Tamas Fenyves	Hungary
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However, there were no validation papers from his country. Fenyves indicated the possibility of an electronic mail arriving within a few minutes but this was met with disapproval from Ukraine. The ICSC Secretary-General was willing to check the email during the first break of this ICSC Congress, and this was given the go-ahead by all.

Croatia suggested that all emails should use a correspondence copy (c.c.) to the ICSC Board members as to avoid a repeat of this occurrence.

03.3 ICSC MINUTES TAKER

The following delegate was both nominated and appointed for the role of ICSC Congress Minutes Taker:

Ilan Dwek	England
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04. CONFIRMATION OF THE I.C.S.C. DELEGATES VOTING POWERS (09.19 hours)

It was announced that confirmed number of official votes was 48 votes, the breakdown being:

ICSC Delegates	(22 countries x 2 votes):	44 Votes
ICSC Board	(4 members x 1 vote):	4 Votes

Of the 22 country-members present, 19 had sent in correct forms. No forms were handed in from both Portugal and Hungary whilst Bulgaria had only used a letter instead of the standardized ICSC form. However, they were granted voting powers with the consent of the country-members.

Four voting cards were issued to all delegates, the significance of each colour being:

Green:	Yes
Red:	No
Yellow:	Abstained
White:	Question

05. ADMISSION OF NATIONAL ASSOCIATIONS / FEDERATIONS (09.56 hours)

Two applications for affiliation to the ICSC were submitted by the following countries: ISRAEL and SPAIN

POLAND

There was a request for approval of the name change of organisation from this country.

ISRAEL

Mr. Rafael Pinchas was delighted to join the ICSC family in Estoril, having brought a party of 6 men and 3 ladies. He highlighted the fact that Israel was first represented in 1974 at the ICSC Congress in Denmark. It was voted unanimously (48-0) that Israel should now be accepted as an official country-member of the ICSC, effective January 1st, 2011.

SPAIN

Mr. Guillermo Moreno Sanchez indicated his country does wish to re-join the ICSC after a long absence – the year of 1992 was the last time they had participated. Spain was reformed in 2008. It was voted unanimously (48-0) that Spain should now be accepted as an official country-member of the ICSC, effective January 1st 2011.

POLAND

The ICSC Secretary-General has received notification from the Polish Deaf Chess Association to change their name to the Polish Olympics Deaf Sports, as well as appropriate papers and Statutes. Michalczuk had encountered problems in gaining sponsorship especially in 2007 hence the new organizational name would be a better attraction.

Broska (GER) explained that there two separate organisations fighting and as a member of EDSO, he was aware that the Polish Deaf Sports Federation (PDSF) is currently linked to both the EDSO and ICSD. Michalczuk felt this was a separate issue for the new organisation would focus more on chess. Carmichael (SCO) reminded that the two federations were in dispute and they should write to the ICSC to confirm the name change. Lusic (CRO) asked for clarification on which body is representing chess. Michalczuk reminded all that it was just a name change, and that the organisation would still be the same. The Polish Deaf Sports Association had been involved with the ICSC since 2006, and all documents had been submitted to the ICSC.

The ICSC Secretary-General gave assurance that their protocol had been most appropriate. However unknown to him, Portugal had been receiving forms from the Polish Deaf Sports Federation and it had become clear that the Ladies team representing Poland at the ICSC Olympics was paid for by the PDSA whilst the Men's team was paid for by the PDSF!

It was voted (15-0, 22 abstained) to accept Poland's name change.

HUNGARY

A notification had not been forwarded by the Hungarian Deaf Sports Federation (HDSF) that that they would be representing deaf chess in Hungary. Tamas Fenyves (HUN) reported that the HDCF had ceased to exist and the chess would now be represented by HDSF. He had been appointed as delegate for HDSF. The ICSC Secretary-General asked for the documents to support this, but Fenyves did not have any supporting papers with him.

Lusic (CRO) proposed that, in view of Fenyves' long standing support to ICSC, he should be given ample time to provide all the paperwork for 2011. Broska (GER) reminded the need to follow the ICSC Statutes and suggested that delegates should prepare well in advance prior to future ICSC Congresses.

06. ADDITIONS TO THE 30TH ICSC CONGRESS AGENDA (10.30 hours)

One addition was introduced to the 30th ICSC Congress Agenda:

Item 16: Any Other Business

07. CONFIRMATION OF THE 29TH CONGRESS MINUTES (10.31 hours)

I. Kulakov (UKR) complained of the late release of the ICSC Minutes; it had given them far too short notice to organise a translation to their language. And he politely requested for ample time next time round. The ICSC President apologized for the misfortune, explaining the ICSC Secretary-General's heavy workload.

The Minutes of the 29th ICSC Congress held at St. Gallen, Switzerland 2008, were accepted with a 45-0 voting majority, with 3 abstained.

08. I.C.S.C. BOARD REPORTS 2008-2009 (10.50 hours)

08.1 ICSC BOARD REPORT 2008

Mende (GER) queried on the ELO rating involving the Russians; the ICSC President explained that after the 2008 ICSC Congress, he had been alerted that the FIDE ratings of some Russian deaf chess players had been "fixed". And he followed this up with the RDCF Arbiters who had had confirmed that four players' FIDE ELO ratings had been found to be false, so they were suspended from the ICSC ratings list.

The ICSC President then added that a Commission had been set up with the following committee, Sergey Salov (GER), Ilan Dwek (ENG) and Marijo Lusic (CRO), to investigate the matter in view of setting up proposals for action.

Kulakov (UKR) asked for clarification on the four ICSC players and summed up his views that the Russians should be given the opportunity to respond to the allegations. And Parfenov (RUS) highlighted Russia's comments on the following FIDE ELO issues.

The 2008 ICSC Board Report was accepted with a 37-0 vote with 11 abstained.

(There was a 30-minute interval at 11.19 hours for refreshments – the Congress resumed at 11.49 hours)

Parfenov (RUS) suggested that the ICSC Commission Report should be part of the 2010 Board Report, and asked for a report to be sent out to all members.

08.2 ICSC BOARD REPORT 2009 (12.04 hours)

There were no issues raised for so much had already been discussed. The 2009 ICSC Board Report was accepted with a 48-0 vote.

09. FINANCIAL REPORTS OF THE I.C.S.C. (12.07 hours)

09.1 FINANCE COMMITTEE

The ICSC President regretted that only one Finance Committee member had been appointed to audit the ICSC Accounts: Tamas Fenyves (HUN). Fenyves reported that he had inspected the books in thorough detail and deemed them 100% in order.

09.2 STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS 2008

The ICSC Treasurer reported a small surplus of 19 Euros due to heavy spending especially on the FIDE Olympiads. Kulakov (UKR) queried on the high spending on the 2009 Accounts but the ICSC Treasurer requested that he should adhere to the 2008 Accounts. Pinchas (ISR) was happy to support the Account but requested in the future to publish and attach with the Statement of Accounts the list of the country-members which paid/unpaid their ICSC subscription fees annually.

There were no further issues raised, and the 2008 Statement of Accounts was accepted with a 48-0 vote.

09.3 STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS 2009

The ICSC Treasurer reported a twelve months of activity with a healthy income. Regarding Kulakov's comments, ICSC had maintained a profit of 1,313 Euros. The cash had already been deposited into the bank account. The ICSC Secretary-General clarified that there is money in the bank account as well as the cash box. Broska (GER) supported Fenyves' audit yet he would have welcomed a more detailed report. Johannesen (NED) highlighted that the mention of Euros was actually in the ICSC Treasurer's report.

There were no further issues raised, and the 2009 Statement of Accounts was accepted with a 48-0 vote.

10. REPORTS OF I.C.S.C. EVENTS 2008-2009

10.1 14TH ICSC WORLD INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIPS, ST. GALLEN 2008 (12.21 hours)

Maier (SUI) reported a smooth preparation in the running of the event and a sound teamwork having received some good support after encountering initial problems with accommodation. But it was resolved in time prior to the event. He was delighted to have received excellent support from the ICSC. In all, there were over 60 participants including deaf-blind players. He was also pleased to have made a donation of 1000 Swiss Francs to the Society of Friends of ICSC.

He ended his report by saying that he has now good memories of the 2008 St Gallen event, and hoped that those who had attended would share the same sentiments.

There were some concerns raised:

- a) Johannesen (NED) - Hotel food in rather small quantities
- b) Svicka (SVK) – No communication at all regarding the tour on the day of the ICSC Congress – all Slovakian players including Svicka had paid but

Svicka himself had to attend the Congress. He requested that the refund should go to the ICSC.

Maier responded that he understood Johannesen's concerns but he was lucky to have this hotel at short notice for the same price. As for Svicka's comments, he explained that the fee for the trip had been heavily subsidised.

- c) Pinchas (ISR) wanted the report to include a financial summary for future reference. Maier apologized for not having one with him. The ICSC President requested a simple fiscal report to be sent to the ICSC Secretary-General. Maier responded by agreeing to the report but stressed that the account had not quite yet been closed, and the surplus would be used for the future development of young deaf chess players in Switzerland. The ICSC Secretary-General reminded all that reports of ICSC events should have been received in advance prior to the ICSC Congress, not in the morning as was in the case of the Swiss delegate and a financial report indicating either a profit or loss margin from the event. The ICSC Treasurer thanked Maier for the most generous 1000 Swiss Francs donation (equal to 613 Euros) to the Society of Friends of ICSC.**

Switzerland's report was ACCEPTED by all with a unanimous 48-0 vote.

10.2 38th FIDE OLYMPIADS, DRESDEN 2008 (12.33 hours)

The ICSC President reported a total number of 13 participants for the most prestigious event. The coach journey would take an average of 40 minutes from the hotel to the playing venue. Of the 152 countries, the Men's had finished 79th whilst the Ladies had finished 71st overall. Lusic (CRO) asked what amount had been spent daily, and stressed the importance of the players not paying anything out of their pockets. The ICSC President responded that each participant had been given 50 Euros to spend on essentials. Parfenov (RUS) requested an interpreter for all future Olympiads, and if possible, free of charge. The ICSC President was in full agreement for effective and essential communication.

The ICSC President's report was ACCEPTED by all with a unanimous 48-0 vote.

10.3 19th EUROPA CUP CLUB TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS, HAMBURG 2009 (12.41 hours)

Mende (GER) reported a very smooth organisation with a good turnout. As credit was due to the late Helmut Heins, everybody appeared happy and the atmosphere was generally friendly.

The ICSC Secretary-General insisted on a written report in accordance to the ICSC Statutes. It would be usual to impose such a penalty but not in this instance (given Heins' death). Therefore a report would be required to avoid a repeat of such problems in 2011.

Svicka (SVK) complained on the lack of food provision, hardly considered adequate especially when players finished their games late. Mende regretted this misfortune.

Germany's report was ACCEPTED with a 46-0 vote with 2 abstained.

11. I.C.S.C. REPORTS (12:48 hours)

11.1 ICSC ARCHIVES COMMISSION REPORT (12.48 hours)

The ICSC Secretary-General reported that he had met up with Anthony Boyce on the day prior to flying for Estoril, and had received plenty of information and proposals but it was too late to include the proposals for this Congress. Lusic (CRO) suggested a brief explanation; and it was agreed to put the report in short summary mode.

To date, Boyce had done sterling work such as:

- a) Archiving the papers, according to their years;
- b) Securing volume bound bulletins;
- c) Scanning original photos;
- d) Converting Oscar Punschke's smoke-ridden papers into "very poor" condition.

He added that Boyce would be stepping down in 2014 thus a replacement should be made, and also a discussion on whether the archives should remain in England. Pinchas (ISR) stressed the important matter such as inclusion of famous deaf chess players who have figured prominently as winners of their respective national championships among the hearing such as Boris Verlinsky (RUS) and Yehuda Gruenfeld (ISR). The ICSC President asked for both Duilio Collutiis (ITA) and Renato Pereira (POR) to be also considered but the ICSC Secretary-General indicated that archives are purely aimed at organized ICSC Events and Congresses from 1949. Boyce had accepted a souvenir memento of Verlinsky from Lir Muratov (RUS) but this would not be classified as an ICSC archive.

Westerveld (ICSC) reported that he still has sufficient stuff from ICSC especially bulletins and will give first priority to the ICSC Archives Commission.

Fenyves (HUN) suggested receiving email ICSC Bulletins in future rather than the printed version. But Gardner stressed that Boyce had wanted originals of any form of ICSC archive rather than copies or faxes.

Two proposals were raised:

**Proposal 1: Boyce to continue his work as an ICSC Archivist
ACCEPTED with a 44-0 vote (4 abstained)**

**Proposal 2: Boyce to continue collecting photos and posters, but with "written" consent from each country-member.
ACCEPTED with a 48-0 vote**

11.2 The SOCIETY OF FRIENDS OF I.C.S.C. (14.14 hours)

The ICSC Treasurer welcomed the presence of Gerrit Westerveld at the ICSC Congress, and reported a very healthy balance. Switzerland's most generous donation had seen the Society of Friends of the ICSC Fund exceed 7,000 Euros. The total balance now stands at 7,278 Euros.

Gerrit Westerveld (NED) briefly reported that he had been collecting extra cash from various deaf people himself. The ICSC Treasurer applauded Westerveld for his efforts and also thanked both Lithuania and Germany for donations in 2008 and 2009.

The ICSC Secretary-General explained that it is a separate fund set up to help some countries who might have some dire economic straits. He encouraged countries to approach the Society of Friends of ICSC for funding if deemed needy.

The Society of Friends of ICSC Accounts for both 2008 and 2009 were accepted with a 48-0 vote.

10.3 ARCHIVES I.C.S.C. WEBSITE (14.17 hours)

The ICSC Webmaster, Luciano Baiocco (ITA) reported on the steadiness of the ICSC Archives Website, and then spoke of the current website structure and the links relating to the news, results, pictures, etc.

12. PRESENTATION OF AWARDS FOR I.C.S.C. MEDAL HONOURS (14.19 hours)

The ICSC President handed out Diplomas, medals and titles to the following recipients:

Bronze Medal:	Egle Marcinkeviciene Gennady Pushkarev Olga Nazarova	(Lithuania) (Kazakhstan) (Italy)
ICSC International Master:	Vladimir Klasan	(Serbia)
ICSC International Grandmaster:	Alisher Anarkulov	(Uzbekistan)

13. PROPOSALS AND MOTIONS (14.29 hours)

(See Appendix B for motions)

13.1. Motion 1 (RUSSIA)

Parfenov (RUS) gave a full explanation of this proposal, and indicated that a sole club in one country should pay 40 Euros. Marcinkeviciene (LTU) was unhappy with the increase for some countries might not secure sponsorship in contrast to other countries. Russia may have more clubs so it might benefit greatly from this proposal.

Parfenov suggested some flexibility on smaller countries, and would have no objection if they pay only 20 Euros. Svicka (SVK) expressed concern for Slovakia is indeed a small country with only 1 club and would not be happy to pay the full proposed amount. Parfenov reinforced the flexibility rule. Pinchas (ISR) asked whether the ICSC Statutes mention the amount of fees charged and where the collected fees should go to. Parfenov indicated that the money should go towards the ICSC Administration costs. Carmichael (SCO) supported Slovakia's concerns, and Michalczuk (POL) was unclear about the number of teams especially those teams entering for the Open team event. Parfenov emphasized that country-members should be encouraged to try and get as many clubs, hence a financial motivation.

The ICSC Secretary-General explained that most country-members did not usually bother sending in qualifying results prior to the Europa Cup in advance, but it cannot be assumed that they have only one club. And he would be giving his support to the proposal.

Russia's proposal was ACCEPTED (13 for, 4 against, 28 abstained).

13.2. Motion 2 (RUSSIA)

Parfenov (RUS) wanted to shift the responsibility of all competitions to the Technical Committee so that it could check, verify and validate results.

Russia's proposal was ACCEPTED (42 for, none against, 2 abstained).

13.4. Motion 3 (RUSSIA)

Parfenov (RUS) explained the purpose of the motion; it was felt that it was necessary to reflect the FIDE as the convener of ELO Ratings. Marcinkeviciene (LTU) was unsure about the need to do so, but Parfenov stressed that it is the FIDE who performs the actual calculations and lists the Ratings not the ICSC who only has to submit the results. Lusic (CRO) responded that the ICSC does not have the professional capacity to do the Ratings, and since he respected the reasoning behind Russia's proposal, he asked not to forget the efforts of the lower rated ELO players. Svicka (SVK) felt that the FIDE tended to be rather oppressive towards the lower-rated ICSC players. Parfenov disagreed, and explained that the results are being used to show rankings and strengths of players. A few years back (i.e. 2006), there used to be the two columns of ICSC and ELO ratings, and this required a lot of hard work. So it would be best to leave it to the FIDE to calculate the Ratings from ICSC tournaments.

The ICSC President outlined the importance of FIDE in relation to the ICSC in respect of gradings, and suggested FIDE Ratings to include the word "Deaf". This was supported by Russia, and the ICSC Secretary-General supported this proposal in principle, and asked for tighter controls for there might be deaf players unheard of in the ICSC.

Russia's proposal was ACCEPTED (38 for, 6 against, 2 abstained).

13.4. Motion 4 (RUSSIA)

Parfenov (RUS) stressed the need to change / update the Statutes at least one month later on the ICSC Website not 2 years later as has been the case on one occasion. Pinchas (ISR) suggested a 2-3 month flexibility rule to allow ample time for he had felt that one month was being unrealistic. Kulakov (UKR) supported this, and suggested a maximum of 3 months. The ICSC President gave an example of the 2008 Minutes; it had taken 8 months to complete. So perhaps it was being unrealistic. Lusic (CRO) reminded that the ICSC Board's time is voluntary so suggested making it 6 months. This was supported by Marcinkeviciene (LTU) unless Russia could find someone else do it more professionally. Mende (GER) queried about the A5 Statutes booklet; Parfenov felt that the ICSC website offered more flexibility.

The ICSC Secretary-General agreed that the ICSC Minutes should have been done in good time for the longer it took to complete, the more opportunity for errors. He was unsure of the wisdom of publishing such Minutes on the ICSC website for such errors would be spotted by the public. He preferred to keep them private within the ICSC remit. Pinchas (ISR) suggested that, like in the organisation of the ICSD (International Committee of Sports for the Deaf), the three month time span would be an ideal one. Hence Israel would be supporting Russia's proposal. Guminiski (POL) asked for better clarification for several suggestions had already been made. Broska (GER) insisted on no amendment to the original motion. The ICSC President agreed with Germany's ruling and asked for a vote.

Russia's motion was DEFEATED (Yes – 2, No – 35, Abstained – 7).

13.5. Motion 5 (RUSSIA)

Parfenov (RUS) stressed that two years of waiting for the ICSC Congress Minutes had been unacceptable, and is quite flexible with the time limit of 3 months. He added that Russia would be willing to consider a maximum of six months as to give country-members ample time to study the Minutes and prepare motions / proposals.

Russia's motion was DEFEATED (Yes – 9, No – 31, Abstained – 4).

13.6. Motion 6 (RUSSIA)

Parfenov (RUS) wanted ICSC reports to be published on the ICSC website within three months for he felt that the country-members were rather deprived of information. This would enable them to keep up-to-date with the goings-ons.

Pinchas (ISR) suggested the word “publicized” to be changed to “published” on the motion as shown on the Power point.

The ICSC Secretary-General expressed his concerns on this proposal for such meetings are confidential. Parfenov agreed, but welcomed summary extracts or notes rather than in detailed form. Carmichael (SCO) felt that the ICSC Bulletins gave sufficient information on such news, and disputed the need of such Board meeting reports.

Russia's motion was DEFEATED (Yes – 14, No – 22, Abstained – 10).

13.7. Motion 7 (ISRAEL)

Pinchas (ISR) could not find the wording “Olympiad” in either the ICSC Statutes or Regulations, and wanted immediate change for the Estoril event as it is already being called the ICSC Deaf Chess Olympiad.

Michalczuk (POL) pointed out that this proposal had already been submitted and approved at the previous ICSC Congress (St Gallen 2008) but the changes were never made by the ICSC Board.

Israel acknowledged this and then withdrew its motion.

13.8. Motion 8 (ISRAEL)

Pinchas (ISR) suggested using the acronym name of FIDE on the ICSC posters for the two main purposes: 1) to publicity show our immense respect for FIDE and to acknowledge FIDE's continuing support for ICSC; 2) as a way of gaining more support, exposure and sponsorship for future events from FIDE.

Ferreira (POR) warned of the possible damage of the sponsors' possible democracy from support to potential sponsorship from FIDE which may not suffice. Pinchas responded by saying that Patronage would be looked as a token of respect for FIDE – not necessarily an angle for sponsorship. Broska (GER) advised approval from FIDE before using their name and logo on ICSC posters. Marcinkeviciene (LTU) pointed out that it is the ICSC who are organising the event, not the FIDE, but if it was the FIDE who help organise events, then the proposal would make sense. Parfenov (RUS) suggested consulting FIDE first to discuss whether we could use their logo and suggested deferring this to the next ICSC Congress. Carmichael (SCO) felt there was no reason for this proposal for ICSC is affiliated to FIDE and there are flags of both ICSC and FIDE in this Congress hall. Pinchas acknowledged

the flags present, but the aim was to use the FIDE logo for propaganda purposes. He explained that since ICSC is now 61 years old, only 30-35 countries are affiliated to ICSC, a mere proportion. So there is a need to attract African, Asian and Latin American countries to join the ICSC family.

Ferreira (POR) understood the reasons for their proposals and could see no problems with using "FIDE" but disagreed with the word "patronage". Karimova (UZB) supported the proposal for she was already aware of FIDE's readiness to cooperate. Lusic (CRO) felt that, in view to the Russian ELO scandal, ICSC should strive to improve relations with FIDE. Pinchas agreed with Germany's recommendation to seek FIDE advice and approval; should they refuse then ICSC would respect their decision.

Israel's motion was ACCEPTED (Yes – 24, No – 3, Abstained – 19).

13.9 Motion 9 (ISRAEL)

Pinchas (ISR) proposed a new word change in the ICSC Statutes to make better sense of the English – see ARTICLE v4 (g) (v). He explained that the old word "information" would be misleading.

The ICSC Secretary-General supported this proposal, and joked that since Pinchas had spotted 43 errors up to date, he hoped that there would not be 43 proposals for the next Congress!

Israel's proposal was ACCEPTED with a 48-0 vote.

13.10. Motion 10 (ICSC)

Sobolev (ICSC) explained that, in addition to the usual voting numbers for both the country-members and Board members, he had felt that the Honorary Presidents and Honorary Members should each be awarded one vote in recognition of their past long services.

Johannesen (NED), speaking on behalf of the two Dutch citizens being the ICSC Honorary President and ICSC Honorary vice President, did not feel the need for such voting powers. They would prefer to abstain from having to vote. However, Pinchas (ISR) was of the opinion to support the proposal to allow the ICSC Honorary Presidents to have the voting rights privilege because of the past ICSC President's valuable and long service, vast experience and expertise in the affairs of the game of chess and ICSC. So, this way we would recognize and benefit from the immense contribution the past ICSC president had done to the build up and progress of the ICSC and it also should be seen the ICSC as one happy and united family. Broska (GER) recognized the stalwart support and applauded their regular attendance in ICSC Congresses but felt that they should not be given the liberty to vote.

The ICSC Board's proposal was DEFEATED by a 22 vote majority (Yes – 4, No – 26, Abstained – 14).

14. ELECTION OF ICSC OFFICIALS 2011-14 (16.16 hours)

14.1. ICSC President 2011-2014

There were two candidates for the ICSC Presidency but Yuri Sobolev (RUS) withdrew his candidacy for he felt strongly that the ICSC should go from strength to strength.

The ICSC Vice-President, Bruno Nuesch (SWI), took over the Chair, and asked Michele Visco (ITA) if he would be willing to stand for a third term. Visco then confirmed his availability to continue his existing role. Nuesch then thanked Sobolev for his prompt decision.

Voting took place, and it was confirmed with a 47-0 vote (with 1 abstained) that Michele Visco should be elected ICSC President for the years 2011-14.

Visco thanked all for their support and would be relishing the prospect to work for another four years, and not to dwell too much on the past.

14.2. ICSC Vice-President 2011-2014

Phillip Gardner (ENG) was welcomed to the role of ICSC Vice-President with a 48-0 vote.

14.3. ICSC General Secretary-General 2011-2014

Krzysztof Michalczuk (POL) offered to take on the role of ICSC Secretary-General but was prepared to settle for an ICSC Board member role should anyone else show interest in this position. The ICSC President nominated Rafael Pinchas (ISR) for the position.

Broska (GER) queried on Pinchas' current nationality; the response was that he was a dual citizen of Israel and the USA. The ICSC Secretary-General thanked Pinchas for showing an interest but warned that he would need to step down from his role with the Israeli Deaf Chess Council. However Pinchas would be welcome to act as an Adviser to them.

Begkhamet (KAZ) expressed her country's delight with the nomination of Pinchas to the position as he possesses a sound knowledge of both the Russian and English Languages. This was echoed by Karimova (UZB) who knew Pinchas from his teenage years in the former Soviet republic of Uzbekistan. David (ENG) expressed concern on having a limited knowledge of the two nominees and would welcome a profile of each candidate. This was not accepted in view of the circumstances.

Rafael Pinchas was welcomed to the role of ICSC General Secretary-General with a 45-0 vote, with 3 abstained.

14.4. ICSC Treasurer 2011-2014

Michael Freund (ENG) was welcomed to the role of ICSC Treasurer with a unanimous 48-0 vote.

14.5. ICSC Board Members 2011-2014

There were three candidates for the two Board member positions:

- 1) Tamas Fenyves (HUN)
- 2) Krzysztof Michalczuk (POL)
- 3) Pavel Parfenov (RUS)

The ICSC Secretary-General had received official letters from Poland regarding the nomination of Michalczuk whilst both Fenyves and Parfenov expressed interest to join the ICSC Board. He was aware of the support given by their respective Federations except for Fenyves for he had not been notified by the Hungarian Deaf Sports Federation.

Kulakov (UKR) reminded that Lukacsovics joined the ICSC Board in 2006, and despite promises to both work and deliver; he had done very little. So he expressed some reservations for Fenyves. Fenyves said he was willing to work until 2014, if elected. Lusic (CRO) expressed concerns that Poland was the only country to back their candidate with an official letter – he was not sure if ICSC should allow the other two candidates to stand. He asked the ICSC to decide on this. Sobolev (RUS) has had discussions with Beliakov (now the RDCF President) and gave assurance that a letter of support for Parfenov will follow up shortly.

The ICSC President asked Fenyves if he had received support from the HDSF President, and the response was in the affirmative. He then asked each candidate to present a short profile:

Michalczuk (POL): 30 years involvement in sports (chess primarily), has been involved with ICSC for many years, He had been President of Poland Deaf Sports Association for 4 years, and recently stepped down.

Parfenov (RUS): Currently Vice-President of Russian Deaf Chess Federation and a participant of ICSC for a good number of years.

Fenyves (HUN) graciously offered to withdraw his candidacy.

Both Parfenov and Michalczuk were unanimously accepted as members of the ICSC Board.

15. FORTHCOMING I.C.S.C. EVENTS 2010-2012

15.1. 39TH F.I.D.E. CHESS OLYMPIAD, KHANTY-MANSIYSK, RUSSIA 2010 (17.22 hours)

The ICSC President reported that this event, scheduled for 19th September - 4th October 2010 at Khanty-Mansiysk, would have two ICSC teams of 6 men and 6 women including a captain in each team, with one official delegate (Visco). He then announced the two captains, Goran Cehic (CRO) and Olga Nazarova (ITA); the duo is doing a great job the last time round.

Cehic (CRO) announced the following players for the Men's squad:

1.	Yehuda Gruenfeld	Israel	FIDE International Grandmaster
2.	Duilio Collutiis	Italy	FIDE International Master
3.	Vladimir Klasan	Serbia	ICSC International Master
4.	Sergey Salov	Germany	FIDE International Master
5.	Pavel Parfenov	Russia	
6.	Goran Cehic	Croatia	(Captain)

Nazarova (ITA) then announced the following players for the Ladies' squad:

1.	Tatiana Baklanova	Ukraine	FIDE Woman International Master
2.	Olga Gerasimova	Russia	FIDE Woman International Master
3.	Annegret Mucha	Germany	FIDE Woman Candidate Master
4.	Natalya Myronenko	Ukraine	
5.	Anna Ryvova	Czech Republic	FIDE Woman Master
6.	Olga Nazarova	Italy	(Captain)

Pinchas (ISR) wished both teams every success at the coming FIDE competitions and suggested that they should call themselves as members of the "Deaf All-Stars Team" under the ICSC flag. The ICSC Secretary-General requested that this discussion should be best left to Item 16. of the Congress Agenda (*Any Other Business*).

15.2. 20th European Club Team Championships, Liverpool 2011

David (ENG) gave a 10-minute power point presentation of Liverpool, and asked how many knew of Frank Wood, the ICSC Secretary-General back in the early years. Only four hands were shown. Questions were raised, and it was intended to include an open team section. A website of the event will be prepared for September 2010, and forms would be ready by then alongside with details for accommodation, transport and other costs.

Liverpool's bid to host the 20th European Club Team Championships was unanimously accepted with a 48-0 vote.

15.3. 2nd Asian Club Team Championships, Tashkent, Uzbekistan 2011

Mrs. Karimova (UZB) reported that, since the previous two Asian events had been held in Kazakhstan, this had inspired her to host the third one in Tashkent, Uzbekistan. She had been in touch with the Government, and stressed that the event will be held in October 2011.

Karimova then gave a power point presentation of a few slides, in which she expressed hope that there will be the presence of seven or eight participating teams in Tashkent. She thanked Ferreira (POR) for his work and cooperation and presented him a gift as a token of acknowledgment.

15.4. 15th ICSC WORLD INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIPS, ALMATY, KAZAKHSTAN 2012

Begakhmet (KAZ) gave an update of the slow but steady progress in preparing this event, indicating that one ICSC delegate should make an inspection visit in 2011 after the Asian Championships. She then served a reminder that the ICSC Bulletin had failed to include the proposed Seniors event. She had yet to determine the suitable minimum age – 55 years or 60 years. However, she needed a letter of authorization from the ICSC to pursue sponsorship from certain organisations such as sports bodies. She had delegated this over to the co-Organiser, Maxim Rozhov. Rozhov (KAZ) assured all that a visa would not be necessary to enter Kazakhstan and the airport is easily accessible from most parts of the world. The hospitality would be of high standard, and the food would either be of European or Asian culture. He then wished all a warm welcome to Kazakhstan, and would confirm the date of the event which would either be in August or September 2012.

Mende (GER) wanted an immediate decision on the age limit for the new ICSC Seniors event.

16. ANY OTHER BUSINESS (18.15 hours)

16.1. The ICSC President thanked Bruno Nuesch for his 12 years' service with the ICSC. Nuesch returned the compliment, and having served 8 years as ICSC Vice President since Lithuania 2002, he was sorry to terminate his role due to personal problems but was thrilled to welcome the new-look ICSC Board.

16.2. ICSC Archives: Sergey Salov (GER) has been pinning his hopes on a new ICSC Museum in the near future. But for the meantime, he has compiled a list of all deaf chess players who have played against FIDE World Chess Champions, the first one being Boris Verlinsky against Alekhine in 1931. He has so far managed a total of 66 games. Salov is attempting a book ready for the next ICSC Congress, and would be happy to circulate to all free of charge.

- 16.3. On the selected ICSC teams for the 39th FIDE Chess Olympiads, Rafael Pinchas (ISR) suggested calling them as “Deaf All Stars”, and asked for consideration to purchase embroidered ICSC badges for their blazers for the Olympiads. On a slightly different subject, Broska (GER) queried about the flights to Moscow for the German players. Visco responded that he would be providing all the necessary information in good time
- 16.4. Hans Johannesen (NED) was not happy with the numerous proposals presented at this Congress, and suggested that the ICSC Board should make attempts to reduce the number and limit up to a maximum of three or four proposals per country-member.
- 16.5. Joao Ferreira (POR) requested a good turnout of people for the Celebration Banquet now that the ticket prices have been reduced to 50 Euros per person.
- 16.6. The Society of Friends of ICSC: The ICSC Secretary-General urged Asian countries such as Uzbekistan and Kazakhstan to apply for funding aid towards promoting their coming events. It is hoped that other country-members from continents such as Africa or South America would follow suit.
- 16.7. 1st Chess Disabled Olympiad, Dresden 2011: The ICSC President is currently in regular correspondence with the German organizers in view of sending delegates to the meeting in Dresden, Germany in July 2010.
17. **CLOSING SPEECH BY THE I.C.S.C. PRESIDENT**
- The ICSC President declared the 30th ICSC Congress closed at 18.30 hours.