

INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE OF SILENT CHESS I.C.S.C. BOARD REPORT FOR THE YEAR 2005

I.C.S.C. Board

As at 01.01.2005 the I.C.S.C. Board consisted of the following members:

President	:	Mr. M. Visco	Italy
Vice-President	:	Mr. B. Nüesch	Switzerland
Secretary	:	Mr. P. Gardner	England
Treasurer	:	Mr. M. Freund	England
Board Members	:	Mr. M. Lusic	Croatia
	:	Mr. S. Salov	Russia *

** It was agreed at Malente 2004 that Mr. Salov's services as ICSC Board Member would no longer be required.*

I.C.S.C. held a Board Meeting in Graz, Austria. Members of the Technical Committee were also invited. A lot of important issues were addressed, and we also had the pleasure of having representatives from Slovakia, Mr. Peter Pastor and Mr. Ladislav Svicka to discuss the coming ICSC Europa Cup Club Team Championships in Piestany, Slovakia.

An action plan was drawn up each ICSC Board Member for 2005 to ensure that they keep active throughout the year. It was learned that the cost of having a Full Board meeting was deemed too expensive – M. Lusic suggested using deaf club premises from now on to keep the costs down to a minimum.

I.C.S.C. Events

The ICSC Europa Cup Club Team Championships in Piestany attracted a record number of entries – 16 teams. It was the first time women were included in this competition. The organisation was most superb, and everything was beautifully organised. Mr. Karol Pekàr was the FIDE Arbiter International and did an excellent job. "Kashtan" of Kiev retained the title.

Following Russia's withdrawal to host the 2nd Asian Individual Championships, Almaty of Kazakhstan stepped in and once again, the event proved successful. We welcomed Kyrgyzstan once again, and Pakistan were due to send several representatives (13) but withdrew due to visa problems. The Asian Individual title has gone to the player Nauryzgaliev Amangeljdy of Kazakhstan. Mr. M. Freund was the ICSC representative and held the 1st ICSC Asian Congress. He found the Kazakhstan organisers very efficient and cooperative.

I.C.S.C. Bulletins

I.C.S.C. Bulletins continue to flourish, with plenty of interesting articles.

FIDE Chess Olympiads

There were preliminary discussions as to whether I.C.S.C. should enter teams for the 37th FIDE Chess Olympiads in Turin, Italy in May-June 2005. Mr. Gardner reported from his meeting with the FIDE Disabled Chess Commission Chair, Mr. Gerry Walsh, that the FIDE Secretary's proposal of eliminating disabled teams from the Chess Olympiads would be defeated. It was agreed that M. Visco would undertake the responsibility of entering two ICSC teams.

Correspondence

Mr. G. Malaspina (Italy) has informed the ICSC Board that he would no longer continue with the task of ICSC Webmaster in monitoring the ICSC website from January 2006 onwards

Obituaries

It is with regret that the following have departed to the skies:

1st February 2005 – Herman Grüdelbach (Netherlands) aged 63. He was involved in the organisation for the 1996 World Individuals in Rotterdam, and participated in the ICSC Congress.

31st August 2005 – Theodor Krumscheid (Germany) aged 85. He had represented Federal Republic of Germany in ICSC Congresses for many years, and was awarded the ICSC Gold Medal.

18th August 2005 – Günter Wöller (Germany) aged 83. He had represented Germany Democratic Republic in ICSC Congresses for 9 times, and was awarded the ICSC Silver Medal.