

INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE OF SILENT CHESS

I.C.S.C. BOARD REPORT FOR THE YEAR 2007

I.C.S.C. Board

As at 01.01.2007 the I.C.S.C. Board consisted of the following members:

President	:	Mr. Michele Visco	(Italy)
Vice-President	:	Mr. Bruno Nüesch	(Switzerland)
Secretary	:	Mr. Phillip Gardner	(England)
Board Member	:	Mr. László Lukácsovics	(Hungary)
Board Member	:	Mr. Yuri Sobolev	(Russia)
Treasurer	:	Mr. Michael Freund	(England)

I.C.S.C. Events

The 18th ICSC Europa Cup Club Team Championships in Primorsko, Bulgaria equalled the record of 16 team entries. The organisation, UDB of Bulgaria. Must be complimented for their work - everything was beautifully organised. Mr. Nikolay Velchev was the FIDE International Arbiter and conducted an excellent job. Club "Kashtan" of Kiev retained the title for the third successive time.

I.C.S.C. Bulletins

The ICSC Vice President, Mr. Bruno Nüesch, took over the Editorial of the ICSC Bulletin, "Mitteilbunsblatt". The ICSC Secretary-General, Phillip Gardner and ICSC Treasurer, Mr. Michael Freund are to be complimented for issuing 10 periodic bulletins from October 2003 to December 2006. Two I.C.S.C. Bulletins were issued over 2007, in July and December. All country members, honorary members and subscribers and F.I.D.E. received their copies. The total number of copies circulated was 60.

General matters

The ICSC enjoyed a fruitful relationship with the SSVH (Schweizerischer Schachverband für Hörbehinderte) in preparing the World Individual Chess Deaf Championships 2008, St. Gallen. The creation of the 1st World Championships for Deaf-Blind was an exciting opportunity.

It is with regret that Uzbekistan's bid in organising the Asian Individual Deaf Chess Championship did not materialise.

The ICSC Rating saw a great rise in ELO participants – there were 121 players in all (103 men's and 18 women's) from the 22 Country-Members. This is evidence of the growing strength of the deaf chess players.

Obituaries

- Bulgaria:** Mr. Stamen Stamenov, died 16th June 2007, aged 63 years. He represented Bulgaria in the 1990 World Team Championships, Veszprem (Hungary, and also the 1980 World Individuals in Amsterdam (Netherlands). He also represented Sofia in the Europa Cup Club Team Championships on two occasions - 2003 Kiev (Ukraine), 2005 Pietsany, Slovakia (winning the Silver) and once for Plovdiv in 2007 Primorsko, Bulgaria.
- Romania:** Mr. Iosif Cosma who died 10th December 2007, aged 53 years. As President of ANSR Romania, he participated at the 2004 ICSC Congress in Malente (Germany).