

IPCA Congress
Białowieża, Poland,
Report on the Committee for Chess for Physically Disabled
25 July 2003

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Chairman: Tadeusz Bieluczyk

Present: Tadeusz Bieluczyk (Poland), President of the IPCA, Sergey Koshlakov (Russia), IPCA President of Europe zone, Rudolf Kolesnikov (Ukraine), vice-President, Elvira Maletz (Poland), secretary general

National representatives: B. Bieluczyk Poland, M. Pukkila Finland, T. Tocklin Finland, A. Svjatocho Bielarus, H. Zemajtis Lituania, L. Rehurek Czech Republic

Proceedings' Schedule: 1. Election for the IPCA secretary

Mrs. Elvira Maletz of Poland has been unanimously elected for secretary general of the IPCA.

2. Budget and funding administration –change of the IPCA banking account

The committee agreed that here in Poland all IPCA funds shall be deposited. The choice of bank should correspond to the nationality of presently active IPCA president

3. Health condition criteria for the participation in the IPCA tournament:

Unanimous agreement on the eligibility of the players has been reached. The committee agreed upon the eligibility for participation in the IPCA events is closely related to the following preconditions, i.e. wheelchair players, individuals with severe impairments of lower extremities, persons with lower limb(s) amputated above the knee-joint may participate in the IPCA events for men and women.

4. Organising principles for the IPCA events

Eligibility criteria include: the lack of any architectonic barriers, availability to common facilities for disabled individuals, 250 Euro entrance fee, 9 rounds played in 9 days.

The Congress delegates advised simultaneous and what is even more significant parallelly played open, so-called integrated tournament. That matter was then formally acclaimed. Referred to women players who still constitute the chess minority, less stringent rules for the time being shall be obeyed.

5. Organising IPCA World ~~2004~~ Championship of the IPCA in 2004 (certain suggestions for organizers)

IPCA events such as: Olympiad, World Championship, Europe Championship, World Cups are to be supported financially up to 50% of the value, provided that prompt FIDE transfers of appropriate funding is obtained by the IPCA. The only planned by the IPCA Congress chess events may be supported by FIDE grants. It was agreed that championship competitions should be played on the first half of 2004, preferably in the springtime. Offers from potential and reliable organizers should be submitted by 15.10.2003 and sent on the postal address of the IPCA president.

One main event per year is to be supported by the IPCA.

6. Choosing players for World Olympiad in Spain

Membership team criteria for Spain Chess Olympiad for IPCA-associated participants include: (a) results of the last chess Olympiad and the World Championship

(b) referred to the composition of the men's team it was stated that 3 wheelchair players + 3 players with severe walking difficulties may be substituted for 6 wheelchair individuals

(c) 2 players from one country is acceptable policy

(d) ref. to the composition of the women's team 1 wheelchair + 3 individuals was approved

(e) all nominated main players and substitutes should confirm their financial abilities (deadline 15.08.2004) to cover necessary expenses related to the leave for Spain.

(f) assistants of players should cover their all expenses related to round trip and stay in Spain Olympiad

7. Other financial matters

Reimbursement is only possible for well documented organising purposes

At the closing of the proceedings all the participants expressed words of surprise and/or disappointment for absence of Czech, Slovak nad Croatian players in IPCA Olympiad

Prezydent IPCA

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Secretary general

signed *E. H. J.*