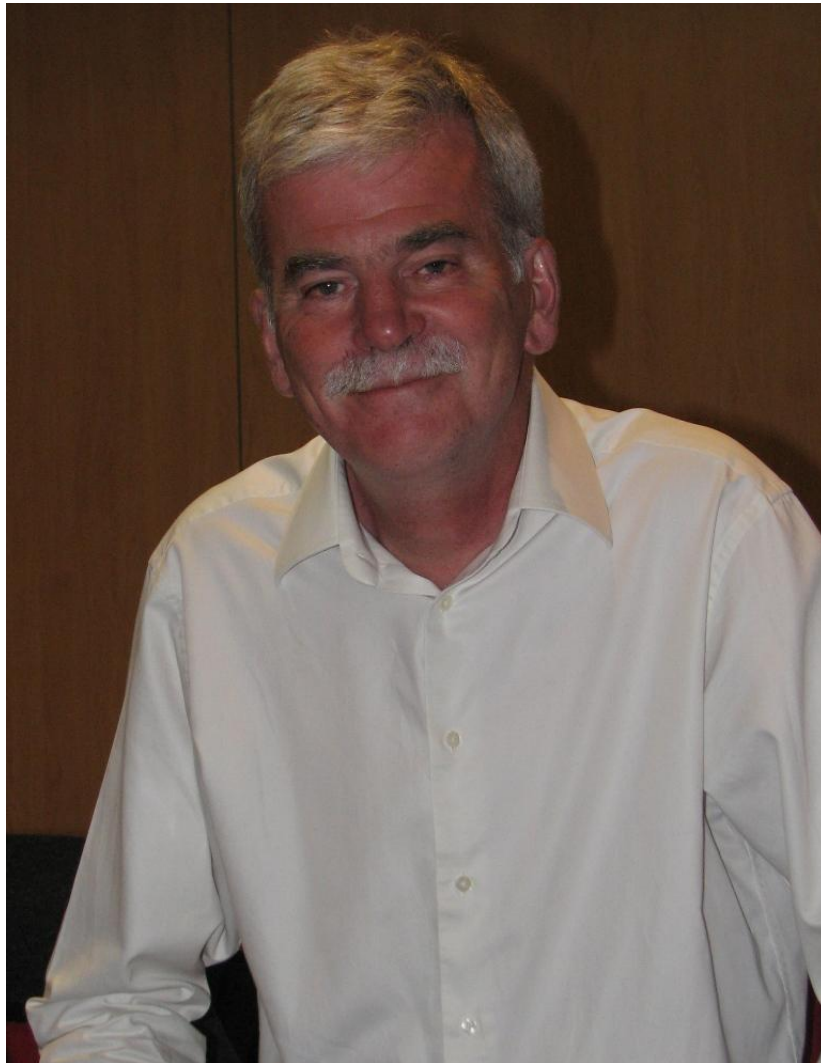


Monday 14th September

The day started with other financial matters. George Pyrich (Finance Director) addressed the meeting in relation to the outstanding fees of some Countries. He announced that interest rates will be applied to these fees as agreed by previous Congresses. It was agreed that the Finance Director will inform the Executive Board of those countries who fail to pay their outstanding fees. The ultimate penalty for non-payment will be expulsion from the ICCF. Congress also approved the proposal by the Finance Director to alter the banking arrangements which currently exist.



George Pyrich the new Finance Director ...

Congress now considered the Financial Plan which was presented by Alan Borwell. This Plan was accepted, and it was agreed that the Plan would be reviewed each year.

The Direct Entry Programme was presented by Michael Millstone (USA). It was reported that 220 new players now participate in ICCF tournaments through Direct Entry. Congress accepted the report.

Josef Mrkvicka (CZE) was accepted by Congress as the new Auditor by acclamation.



Bertl von Massow Awards - Gold medal to Carlos Flores (ESP).

Congress now considered the Qualification Commissioner's report where special applications for Titles were reviewed. Congress approved of the awarding of the following Titles:-

Grandmaster

Wolfgang Brodda (GER); Vladimir Aleksandrovich Napalkov (RUS).

Senior International Master

Gerson Berlinger (GER); Marek Kolesav (SVK); Vadim Eschenko (UKR); Kamil Stalmach (CZE).

International Master

Frank Idler (GER); Aleksey Konstantinovich Simakhin (RUS); Nikolay Andruischenko (UKR); Pavat Bjazevic (ECU); Vadim Eschenko (UKR); Frantisek Sochor (CZE); Miloslav Popelka (CZE).

Congress then approved a Special Application by CZE for World Cup XII Postal Final to be an international title event.



One of the “Good!” Guys ...

Raymond Boger (NOR) presented the Webserver report as Services Director. He detailed the major changes to the server which have occurred over the past year, and the problems that have arisen.

Alan Borwell (SCO) then reported on Webserver development.

Raymond Boger presented the website report on behalf of Mickey Blake (ENG). Mickey had been asked to produce a new ICCF website by December 2008 but unfortunately due to a number of reasons work on a new website is still in progress.

George Pyrich discussed the difficulties associated with game archiving. In particular he mentioned the problems associated with TDs of postal and email events who were unable to provide the necessary game scores.



The new Marketing Director Uwe Staroske (GER)

Eric Ruch in reporting on marketing and publication matters said that there should be greater prominence for our sponsors. Eric also reported that TDs should inform the Marketing Director of prize winners. Congress approved the Marketing budget for the forthcoming year.



ICCF President Eric Ruch

From yesterday which was forgotten ...

Bertl von Massow medals in silver were also awarded to Yoav Dothan (ISR) and Guillermo Toro (CHI).

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