

73<sup>rd</sup> FIDE Congress

Bled, Slovenia

Swiss Pairings Committee

4 November 2002

**Chairman:** C. Krauze (GER)

Present: M. Markkula (FIN), W. Stubenvoll (AUT), A. Burstein (ISR), G. Lau (MAU), A. Hamid Majid (MAS), M. Abdulrahim (MAS), S.R. Harsh (IND), P. Nimityongskul (THA), C. Jarecki (IVB), H. E. Price (RSA), C. Dvorkovich (RUS), G. Altanoch (MGL), A. Schuering (NED), F. Torregrosa (PUR), A. Yeo (SIN), Dr. D. De Ridder (BEL), M. Rexes Ramos, P. Nikolopoulos (GRE).

The Committee discussed the following issues:

1. Computer programs.

There were no new computer programs for swiss pairing submitted to the committee.

2. Crouch Swiss System

The Chairman handed out the description of the Crouch Swiss System to the attendants. The attendants agreed to discuss the special features of this system at the next meeting. It seems that this system will give the arbiters too much freedom to influence the pairings unless the parameters of the system are officially fixed by additional specifications.

3. Necessary swiss rounds at the Chess Olympiad

After discussion the committee unanimously agreed that from the view of swiss system the number of rounds at the Chess Olympiad may be reduced to 11. This number will be sufficient to determine the three medals.

4. Buchholz to be used at the Chess Olympiad regarding unplayed matches.

There are disadvantages for the opponents of teams who have had less matches due to late arrival or have missed matches due to forfeits or have won or lost matches by forfeit. The committee unanimously agreed with the proposal to count these matches with 2 points (men) and 1.5 points (women) for the buchholz of

there opponents.

## 5. Swiss systems in use

The attendants at the meeting were asked wich swiss systems they use. The upmost of them (10) use the Dutch System. Some of them are using sometimes the Lim System as alternative. The Dubov System is normally used by three of the attendants.

Chairman:

C. Krause