

**To the President of the WFCC
Mr. Harry Fougiaxis**

**Delegates
63rd WFCC International Congress**

OPEN APPEAL

Dear Mr. President of the WFCC!
Dear delegates of the WFCC International Congress!

I, Ferhat Karmil, master of FIDE chess composition, owner and founder of the site ChessStar.com, I am writing to you with a proposal for the regular holding of the World Cup on the composition of chess compositions on the website ChessStar.com - item "A".

I am also sending two proposals for the work of the WFCC - items "B" and "C".

A) The IX FIDE World Cup-2021 is undoubtedly a prestigious competition:

https://www.wfcc.ch/competitions/composing/fidewcc_2021/

However, with all its advantages, as the collective discussion on the Internet networks showed, a number of fundamental shortcomings were identified. I will write about these shortcomings below, but now I want to introduce to you the site ChessStar.com so that you have a clear idea of why it is important to hold World Cups using our capabilities.

At the moment on the website www.chessstar.com a universal Internet platform has been developed that allows in practice to take advantage of all the advantages in conducting any complexity of composing contests online, including anonymous contests.

Website ChessStar.com is the only chess composition website where registered chess composers can design their compositions in real time in their "Personal Account" and send them to various competitions, with the possibility of editing their works during the competition period.

There are two types of registration on the site: "Standard" and "Anonymous".

When registering a user "standard", the user's first name, last name, country of residence and email address are known, and he/she can take part in both annual contests of the site and in other, various contests (anniversary, memorial and others), with different dates.

When registering a user "anonymously", the login is issued to the anonymous user automatically. This type of registration allows users to participate only in anonymous contests, with limited access to some sections of the site. The author's personal data is unknown to anyone.

After the final results of anonymous contests, this user is given the opportunity to enter his valid data (first name, last name, country of residence and email address) and he/she is notified about this, both in the newsletter and in the message in the "Personal Account". Personal data (first name, last name, country of residence and e-mail address, which is necessary to identify the author) are transferred automatically to their works as soon as these users enter their data and confirm the data entry by clicking on the "Save" button. The judges' report is drawn up within the time specified in the terms of the competition and is published on the website, in the news. Section: results of competitions:

https://www.chessstar.com/news/composition/sections_news.php?SECTION_ID=465 .

Anonymous users are automatically deactivated after they save the entered data in the "Personal Account", due to their irrelevance.

The "Anonymous" registration button is active if an anonymous contest is relevant.

On the ChessStar website for anonymous users, any number of registrations is possible.

We have already successfully conducted one anonymous contest "Fazilet-100MT" (https://www.chessstar.com/competitions/anonymous/others/others.php?SECTION_ID=1583) in 2020 and we are holding the second anonymous contest "RASIM-100MT".

A new functional related to the animation of moves was introduced on the site in 2021. It is already working and mastering by chess composers.

At the beginning of 2022, we will add English language as well as other genres, such as cooperative, self mats, and so on, i.e. all genres specified in the terms of the World Cup competition will function on the site.

Moreover, we also offer a newsletter, thanks to which subscribers, and we have more than 800 of them, will be able to receive the latest news, and there is also an opportunity to use videos in English and Russian in advertising, which we have already started publishing on our YouTube channel: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCxfKpKJfvaRZmMOc3_Siowg

Further. The functions of the site moderators will include exclusively the administration of the site. All possible problems on the site will be solved by the site. Since backup is performed daily on the hosting where our site is hosted, there can be no question of any data loss.

The status in holding such a tournament as the World Cup, of course, remains the same.

The site administration will be fully accountable to the organizers of the tournament during its holding.

And now I will describe the identified shortcomings during the World Cup in recent years.

It is important to note that the method of conducting this competition is outdated and has outlived itself, it is high time to use new technologies, in particular the possibilities of Internet resources, where many processes that take a lot of time and effort "in manual mode" take place automatically. See for yourself.

1. The participants of the World Cup send their works to the director, who knows all the author's data! This is already a violation of anonymity, since none of the participants is immune from the fact that their data will not be known to interested third parties, meaning both the organizers of the contest and the judges! Moreover, it is a very time-consuming job for the director to sort through all the compositions, then depersonalize them and send them to the judges and so on! This takes a lot of time and effort, as reported above.

2. When judges receive competitive works from the tournament director, it can be very difficult to meet the tight deadlines set by the terms of the competition for the preparation of a judicial report at the proper level. Hence the superficiality in the judicial reports.

3. The organizers of the World Cup take part in their own competition. This is not very correct in relation to the participants of the contest and to the judges in whose sections their works take part.

4. There is no possibility for the contest participants to freely edit their contest works.

What is the advantage of hosting the World Cup on the website ChessStar.com ?

1. There are no contest directors ("intermediaries" between the participants of the anonymous contest and the judges).

2. It is not possible for the organizers of the contest and the site administrators to determine which of the submitted works may belong to one or another author.

3. All users see the published contest works on the site pages.

4. Any of the contest participants can edit their works and correct them online during the period specified by the terms of the contest.

5. The simplicity of forming participants works in the "Personal account", with their subsequent submission to the contest, thanks to a special program, both in text format and with the help of animation moves.

6. The time of publication of the author's works on the site is almost instantaneous, since when sending a composition to the contest, the moderator immediately receives a message about the received composition.

7. Judges can immediately review, check for predecessors or select tasks and sketches for preliminary award.

8. Easy registration, logins are granted to registered users automatically in the form of CS-N (where N is any integer).

9. Participants have the option to publish the competition problems and studies so that the publication could see only judges of their sections, and each of the contestants could only see his/her

work, they want to edit in the competitive period. All published works will be visible after the preliminary results.

As you can see, everything is simple and transparent. There is no bureaucracy associated with the receptions of compositions, then their depersonalization, followed by sending to the judges. Everything is done on the site in automatic mode!

We guarantee that no data will be lost, and we are fully responsible for holding such a contest on the site.

The site administration and its management, including myself, will be accountable to the organizers of the World Cup for the duration of the competition, as reported above.

Spending World Cups on the ChessStar website can save both time and money!

Moreover, we offer all international competitions on our website under the auspices of the WFCC! We have all the conditions for holding any contests.

In my opinion, the proposed format of the competition will allow subsequent Cups to be held at a higher technical level, eliminating these shortcomings.

B) Due to the fact that recently there has been a situation where the attitude of some chess composers goes beyond elementary etiquette, I propose to create a WFCC ethics commission, which will have all the powers in terms of preventive and administrative measures.

C) I also propose to create an arbitration commission, whose rights and duties will include the appointment of judges for the World Cup and other competitions held by the WFCC, consideration of complaints from participants of these competitions, and so on.

Regarding the selection of referees for the World Cup, the format of public discussion of candidates is also possible. Namely, at the preliminary stage, the delegates of the countries propose the candidacy of an arbitrator by sections (it does not have to be the arbitrator of their country). And then the list is put to the vote of delegates who can vote for one arbitrator, except for the candidate nominated by this delegate. At the same time, the delegate must first obtain consent from the candidate for judging.

I would like to emphasize that if you, dear Mr. President of the WFCC and delegates of the WFCC International Congress approve this appeal, regarding point A), all agreements between the site ChessStar.com in my person and the WFCC in the person of the President will be supported by legal and organizational mechanisms that create guarantees for the fulfillment of all our obligations. The requirements of the European Law on Personal Data (GDPR) will also be met.

I ask you to publish my APPEAL on the WFCC website and the WFCC Congress website, as well as to consider my proposals by the Congress delegates.

Sincerely, Ferhat Karmil,

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Batumi, Georgia, 03/10/21