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General Assembly - Minutes

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Friday, 10th October 2025, 4 pm

Grand Bellagio Convention, Batumi, Georgia

05.11.2024

AGENDA

- 1) Opening and attendance
- 2) Approval of minutes
- 3) Report of the President
- 4) Report of the Treasurer
 - a. Budget 2024
 - b. Budget 2025, 2026
 - c. Funds, Sponsors
- 5) Report of the Auditors and Approval
- 6) Mitropacup
- 7) Projects
 - a. Mitropa Chess Academy
 - b. Erasmus »Mind in motion«
- 8) Applications and Proposals
- 9) Elections of Board-Members
- 10) Other matters

PARTICIPANTS

Austria	Michael Stöttinger
Croatia	Branimir Jukic
Czech Republic	Peter Pisk
France	Eloi Relange
Germany	Ingrid Lauterbach
Hungary	Zoltan Polyanszky-Tamasi
Italy	Marco Biagioli
Slovenia	Nina Rob
Switzerland	Peter Erisman
Slovakia	Eva Repkova

Minutes: Walter Kastner



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1. Opening and attendance

Marco Biagioli welcomes the presidents and delegates to the General Assembly of the Mitropa Chess Association (MCA), has the attendance list drawn up, and confirms that a quorum is present.

FIDE President Arkady Dvorkovich and ECU President Zurab Azmaiparaschvili are warmly welcomed as guests and deliver greetings on behalf of FIDE, the ECU, and the hosts.

Dvorkovich refers to a letter from the MCA and agrees that, in the future, a participant of the Mitropa Cup will be placed on the “short list” for nominations to the World Cup.

Both guests then leave the assembly.

2. Approval of the minutes

The minutes of the previous General Assembly are unanimously approved.

3. President's report

The written report by Marco Biagioli was distributed together with the invitation and agenda.

See the report: <https://cloud.chess.at/index.php/s/9XYSdg2FHBCGMcJ>

Biagioli additionally addresses an incident at the 2025 Mitropa Cup, in which players of the host country gained access to the room of Hungarian female players. This incident has been submitted to the FIDE Ethics Commission and is under review there.

Biagioli reports on two letters sent to FIDE, both of which have remained unanswered.

The first letter concerns FIDE decisions that were to be discussed following a meeting of the Mitropa countries in Vienna in January 2025:

- a) major changes to the long-standing tournament regulations,
- b) participation of teams from recognized organizations in the Olympiad,
- c) fair play rules.

See the letter to FIDE: <https://cloud.chess.at/index.php/s/W7SGYnsgaoe2txf>

The second letter requested a World Cup spot for the Mitropa Cup winner. A direct place is not possible, but FIDE President Dvorkovich confirmed at the opening that he would include a player nominated by the MCA on the “short list.”



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Regarding the 2025 Mitropa Cup incident, there is also a general statement from the German President Ingrid Lauterbach and a report from the Hungarian side. President Zoltan Polyanszky-Tamasi does not wish to dramatize the case but would like to see a quicker resolution in the future.

Biagioli also outlines the current status of the submitted Erasmus project "CHECKMATE."

4. Report of the Treasurer

See:

- A) Budget 2024: <https://cloud.chess.at/index.php/s/zkNNa9sajmAkCsq>
- B) Budget 2026: <https://cloud.chess.at/index.php/s/NsxTcMmFABCDwdH>

At this point, the proposal to increase the entry fee for participation in the Mitropa Cup from 250 euros to 500 euros is discussed. This increase was already discussed in principle at the Vienna meeting but must be approved by the General Assembly.

The proposal is adopted as well as the budget 2026 with one vote against (France) and one abstention (Hungary) and will take effect starting with the 2026 Mitropa Cup, which marks the beginning of a new cycle.

5. Auditors' report and approval

The auditors' report is unanimously approved.

See the report: <https://cloud.chess.at/index.php/s/d4FTxt9s9BsSDiM>

6. Mitropa Cup

The proposal to update the regulations for the Mitropa Cup is discussed and revised during the meeting. The updated version is approved with nine votes in favor and one abstention.

See the updated proposal: <https://cloud.chess.at/index.php/s/FwRki4EmCXBCymP>



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7. Projects

Biagioli briefly reports on the Mitropa Chess Academy, which generates approximately 1,000 euros in income for the MCA, as well as on the Erasmus project "Mind in Motion."

Link: <https://www.mitropachessacademy.eu/>

8. Motions and proposals

Kastner presents a draft for quality standards for the Mitropa Cup. The proposal is based on the ECU standards and has been adapted for the Mitropa Cup.

The draft will be circulated with the minutes for further discussion. Federations are invited to submit their comments and suggestions. These will be incorporated, and the final version will be proposed for approval at the next opportunity.

See proposal quality standards: <https://cloud.chess.at/index.php/s/9CleWPitWmsgMbm>

9. Board elections

Nina Rob and Luigi Maggi are not available for re-election as Vice President and Treasurer, respectively. Biagioli thanks them for their work during the past term.

The following nominations are submitted:

- * Marco Biagioli as President
- * Walter Kastner as Treasurer
- * Eva Repkova (nominated on site) as Vice President

All three nominations are approved with eight votes in favor and two abstentions (Italy, Slovakia).

10. Miscellaneous

There are no further matters.

Biagioli closes the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

With kind regards,

Marco Biagioli
President

Walter Kastner
Treasurer