

6th INTERNATIONAL SOLVING CONTEST (ISC)

SUNDAY JANUARY 24th 2010

The International Solving Contest next year will take place on **Sunday January 24th 2010**. The event is happening simultaneously in all participating countries.

There will be two sections: one for the experienced solvers. In this section solvers can obtain rating points. The second section is intended for weaker, inexperienced solvers and for youth.

As delegate you have to appoint a local controller who can be trusted on the responsible task of organizing this contest in your country. If you find it appropriate this contest may be organized in more than one location in your country. But for each location a local controller must take the responsibility. **It is absolutely required that the local controller must dispose of an e-mail address.** The delegate will thus indicate this e-mail-address.

The contest will consist of two rounds with six problems each, i.e. for each round a 2 \neq , 3 \neq , n \neq , EG, h \neq and s \neq . For each round, the solving time is two hours. To prevent possible irregularities it is essential that the start of the contest must be at the same time in each country. This means CET (Central European Time) at 11 hr. Local time must meet this CET. Between the two rounds a break is foreseen of minimum 0,5 hr and max 1,5 hr, at the option of the local controller.

The local controller will receive between 16th and 19th January 2010 the following Word-format documents **by e-mail**:

- For each round, a sheet with the problems.
- For each round, a sheet for writing the solutions.
- For each round, a sheet with the solutions and their marking.
- A form for summarizing the results.

The task of the local controller is:

- The organizing of the local contest. Note: It is allowed that countries have a combined organization.
- Participants may also be of a different country.
- The announcement in local magazines.
- The invitation of the local participants.
- The reproduction of the various sheets for the solvers.
- The checking of the solutions and point-giving.
- Announcing the provisional results to the solvers, ultimately on January 29th 2010.
- The handling of possible claims, which should reach him by January 31st 2010.
- The e-mailing of the results. This must reach the central controller **by e-mail** not later than on February 2nd 2010.
- The mailing of the original solving sheets to the central controller, no later than the February 3rd 2010 (postmarked).
- The solving sheets may also be scanned and sent to the central controller by e-mail. This is recommended to save time (and money for you).**
- The local controller should keep a photocopy of the original solving sheets to ensure a back-up.
- The post-address is: Peter Bakker, W. de Zwijgerstraat 24, NL-2983 TS Ridderkerk
- The e-mail address is pabchess@cs.com
- The delegate and the local controller will send a copy of all e-mails to Axel Steinbrink and Ward Stoffelen. Their e-mail-addresses are: : axel.steinbrink@gmx.de and ward.stoffelen@versatel.be

The central controller checks the markings and distributes the final result to the various local controllers and to the delegates not later than February 27th 2010. Appeals to be sent to the central controller not later than March 13th 2010. After handling possible appeals, the central controller will present the results and his report to the subcommittee (Chairman Uri Avner) by March 30th 2010. After review the results will be presented on the PCCC-website by April 30th 2010.

The final results of this contest will take the form of **individual ranking**. No ranking per country will be provided by the central committee (although any country may do this for itself).

The name of the locally appointed controller must reach the central controller by e-mail no later than December 15th 2009.

Thank you for your cooperation,

Peter Bakker
Central controller ISC 2010