

WPF Report

1st Jan to 31st Mar, 2019

Scoring Software: A lot of discussion was had on the scoring software present at the 2016 World Championships and the situation behind its purchase and usage. In the end, the information received from communications with Mr. Sir, the maker of the software, were a bit late and the 2019 Organizers decided to go with designing their own methods for scoring at the 2019 edition. The discussion for what to do with the existing software is on hold until the German version is seen and some more discussion will be done on this in Germany at the Board Meetings.

Potential Pakistan Member: An approach was made from a Pakistani company Mind Explorer to be a WPF Member. The people of ME were curious about youth development and WPF Processes. After lengthy discussions, it was decided that they would look into our vast GP content to prepare their students and ready a team potentially to compete from 2020.

Hns Eendebak: The WPF was intimated of the unfortunate passing of Hns Eendebak, one of our respected puzzlers who was a former member of the Board and Chairman of WCPN. The news was conveyed on all platforms and messages of condolences were sent to Hns's family and WCPN members through Rene Gilhuijs. Messages remembering Hns are still appreciated and will be shared forward.

WPF 2018 Puzzle Set Passwords: Passwords were shared for the archived 2018 sets, including the 2018 WSC, the 2018 WPC and the 2018 ASC.

Publishing Reports on the WPF Website: A few members asked for this. The reports are now available on the WPF Website here -

<http://www.worldpuzzle.org/archive/reportsquarterlyreports/2019/>

Canadian Membership: Dave Baines approached the WPF with an application for Canada to be a full member again. The WPF approved this, but then Dave and the rest of the Canadian team decided to take the multiple Personal Memberships approach again instead.

What is a Sudoku Panel conveyance: Tom started a forum on the UKPuzzles website to do some polling on Sudoku variants. Information about this was shared to members and also shared in Sudoku GP Round 1 emails to all participants.

Sudoku & Puzzle GP:

There were many suggestions from participants about changing schedules and having longer submission allowance and so on. These were all discussed and the GP Admin Karel was informed of the things which would be good value add-ons in order of priority.

Financial Aid:

The WPF Financial Aid Criteria was shared to all members. India applied on the basis of long distance travel needs and Latvia applied within the newer member category. The WPF Board awarded 1500 EUR to India and 1000 EUR to Latvia. This was balanced with the two countries' membership fees for the year and the remainder was sent to them.

Personal Membership Interests: There were approaches from solvers from the following countries for Personal Membership which has been followed up on, but without response from the applicants –

Sri Lanka

Kenya

Kazakhstan

Denmark

Togo

Portugal

Of these, the person from Togo wanted to represent a larger area of Africa. This request was denied as the WPF only offers country wise membership, but the possibility of Togo being a member was pursued, until responses dried up.

The Asian Sudoku Championship:

The 2019 edition of the Asian Sudoku Championship was held successfully in the Philippines. The hosts co-ordinated with the WPF to get maximum participation for the event and also consulted on scoring related matters during the tournament. The competition prize ceremony was held at a shopping mall to maximize outside viewership and had good media coverage. A lot of youth participants were present, all the way down to an Under-8 category. The results are posted here:

<http://www.worldpuzzle.org/championships/championshipsasc/asc2019-pampangal/>

Discussions have moved forward for the 2020 edition of the event to be held in India in Hyderabad. The details of this will be shared at the GA in Germany so that all Asian countries may know about it.

WPF Website:

Efforts were made to get the database and other accesses to make easy migration possible to the new Website when that gets designed.

Miscellaneous additions:

- The organizers of WSPC 2019 shared their invitation letter after a mailing list of updated members and personal members was shared to them.
- An approach was made by a media personality to contact a top WPC solver, and an attempt was made to connect them which was declined.
- Puzzle GP Director Wei-Hwa checked about whether WPC Instruction Booklets are in the public domain to use the examples in the GP booklets. We discussed it a little and decided it was safer to change the example.
- Several approaches of interested solvers were redirected to their respective Member contacts. One request for publicizing of a person's book was denied as it was not relevant to WPC style puzzles.
- Discussions started towards the end of this quarter for scheduling of the GP Finals in Germany.

- There was an issue with display of information from the Kenken organization stating that they are members of the WPF in certain countries. This was quickly rectified and the information was corrected.