

TITLE APPLICATION

IT2

The following federation SWISS hereby applies for the title of: Grandmaster (minimum level 2500) International Master (2400) _____ Woman Grandmaster (2300) _____ Woman International Master (2200) _____ To be awarded to:

family name: <u>EKSTROEM</u>	first name: <u>Roland</u>
FIDE ID Number: <u>1302302</u>	date of birth: <u>22/5/56</u> place of birth: <u>Stockholm</u>
date necessary rating gained: <u>2nd half 1998</u>	level of highest rating: <u>2540</u>

Titles can be awarded conditional on reaching the required rating at a later date (see Title Regulations 1.50c for the procedure to be followed in this case). Herewith certificates (IT1s) and cross-tables for the following norms

1. name of event: <u>Open Bad Wiessee</u>	location: <u>Bad Wiessee (GER)</u>
dates: <u>27/10/00 - 5/11/00</u>	tournament system: <u>Swiss</u>
average rating of opponents: <u>*1)</u>	total number of games played: <u>9</u>
points required: <u>*1)</u>	points scored: <u>7.5</u>
number of games to be counted: _____ (if not all)	
(after dropping games): points required: _____	points scored: _____
number from host federation: <u>5</u>	number not from own federation: <u>9</u>
number of opponents: total titled <u>5</u> GMs <u>4</u> IMs _____ FMs <u>1</u> WGMs _____ WIMs _____ WFMs _____	rated <u>8</u> unrated <u>1</u>

(not as norm)

2. name of event: <u>2nd Indiv. Europ. Chess Ch. ship</u>	location: <u>Ohrid (MKD)</u>
dates: <u>01/06/2001 - 15/06/2001</u>	tournament system: <u>Swiss</u>
average rating of opponents: <u>2566</u>	total number of games played: <u>13</u>
points required: <u>7.0</u>	points scored: <u>7.0</u>
number of games to be counted: _____ (if not all)	
(after dropping games): points required: _____	points scored: _____
number from host federation: <u>1</u>	number not from own federation: <u>13</u>
number of opponents: total titled <u>13</u> GMs <u>13</u> IMs _____ FMs _____ WGMs _____ WIMs _____ WFMs _____	rated <u>13</u> unrated <u>0</u>

3. name of event: <u>17th Europ Team Champ. ship</u>	location: <u>Novi Sad (SRB)</u>
dates: <u>22/10/09 - 30/10/09</u>	tournament system: <u>Team</u>
average rating of opponents: <u>2569</u>	total number of games played: <u>7</u>
points required: <u>4.0</u>	points scored: <u>4.0</u>
number of games to be counted: _____ (if not all)	
(after dropping games): points required: _____	points scored: _____
number from host federation: <u>1</u>	number not from own federation: <u>7</u>
number of opponents: total titled <u>7</u> GMs <u>6</u> IMs _____ FMs <u>1</u> WGMs _____ WIMs _____ WFMs _____	rated <u>7</u> unrated <u>0</u>

Attach another form IT2 if there are more supporting norms.

total number of games 29 (minimum 27) special comments _____

*1) see special considerations on next page

name of Federation official _____ date 25/07/2010

signature Heinz Vidian

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Special considerations (for Qualifying Commission)

Although the result of Bad Wiessee, 2000, is strictly spoken not a valid norm itself - mainly due to the fact that there was apparently no rating floor at that time – we would like to draw your attention to the following details:

Result of Bad Wiessee, according to regulations of that time:

1 unrated with 2000, Ra = 2363 → to low for a norm
(P.S.: The unrated player [Deues Erik] came into the succeeding list with 2130...)

According to regulations from 2003 (maybe since 2001?):

1 unrated with 2250	Ra = 2391	→ ok for norm with 7 out of 9	[Art. 1.46d]
1 raised to floor 2250	Ra = 2399	→ same as above	[Art. 1.46c1]

(Norm even exceeded by 0.5 point!)

Conclusions:

- The result would have been a normal (performance-)norm, exceeding by 0.5 points, according to later regulations (2001? Or 2003 at the latest).
- It looks at least strange, that a result should have been much 'better' in later times. It was also almost impossible (having an opponent of 2000) to get a necessary Ra of >2380, and this in a strong open with 26 Grandmasters! Even with this 2000 rating the performance itself would have been clearly over 2600.
- It seems that this 'problem' has been solved soon afterwards (2001?) with the creation of the 'Rating Floor'. (It is mathematically proven that a win against a low rated player can have a negative effect on the total performance.)

Considerations in the whole context

Even when not accepting Bad Wiessee 2000 as a norm itself, the following arguments should be taken into account:

- The norm result of Ohrd, 2001, Individual European Championship, was reached with having 13(!) grandmasters as opponent! Such a result, realised at the Olympiade would have been rewarded with the title directly. The level of an Olympiade at that time would have been about the same. (Later, such a result was upgraded to a norm with a value of 20 games, what would also be sufficient.)
- Looking at all 3 results together, the overall performance out of these 29 games has been reached against a respectable number of 23 grandmasters!

Due to all these considerations, the Swiss Chess Federation estimates it appropriate that the title should be awarded to Mr. Ekström.

25.7.2010/Heinz Vifian, Rating Officer SUI