

Foreword

In 2002, a group of chess book collectors, bibliographers and chess historians met at the house of Jurgen Stigter in Amsterdam. Among them was Ken Whyld, the well-read chess historian and collector. After his death in 2003, it was decided to name the newly created association after him. The Ken Whyld Association (KWA) has among its goals the promotion of the cooperation of its different members, as well as with public entities that develop activities with regard to chess literature, chess bibliography and chess history and to support the creation of publications in these domains and to offer the possibility to public chess collections to further manage and broaden the scope of their collections.

The KWA has witnessed a growth which was not expected at its creation and now numbers more than 180 members spread out over different countries all over the world.

During the first ten years of its existence, the KWA has developed activities related to the achievement of its aims, including annual meetings, the organization of (in)formal regional meetings in various European countries and in the U.S., setting up book exchange fairs, a website, the publication of a quarterly newsletter and supporting the publications with regard to the aforementioned domains.

Most of these activities were shouldered by members whose name should not go unmentioned: Jurgen Stigter (chairman 2003-2005), Andy Ansel (chairman 2007-2010, now deputy chairman), Bert Corneth (treasurer 2005-2007, auditor since then), Ralf Binnewirtz and Andreas Saremba. A special word of appreciation goes to Michael Negele, who has carried out the difficult tasks of secretary (2003-2007), chairman (2005-2007) and treasurer (2010-2013) with unrelenting energy. It is mainly thanks to him that the KWA is currently in such a good shape. Furthermore, the KWA could also count on the unrelenting support of Roger Klittich, the late Hans Engberts (our first treasurer), Henri Serruys (auditor) and Peter Holmgren (our first deputy chairman).

To celebrate our 10th anniversary, we thought it very fitting to make available to our members an hitherto unpublished text by Ken Whyld, which was discovered by Tony Gillam among Ken's papers. While the text (written in the early 1990s) is clearly unfinished, it is nevertheless too interesting to be left unpublished. Both Tony Gillam and Bert Corneth spent valuable time going through it, but the greatest credit should go to Ralf Binnewirtz who diligently went through the entire document, including the games at the end.

I sincerely hope that this publication heralds a successful second decennium for the KWA.

Guy Van Habberney
KWA chairman