**International Director’s Report**

The past twelve months has seen the impact of Covid-19 having a continuing if lesser impact on OTB events in the world.

This has led to international OTB competition be restricted with WCU members experiencing often complex and short-term travel regulations.

That said, despite the difficulties, the WCU has been represented in several overseas events

Between September 25th and October 5th 2021, both Mark Adams and Anthony Hughes competed in the 2021 European Individual Seniors Championship (50+) in Sardinia and finished with a score of 4/9.

Mark was seeded 20/36 and Anthony 26/36.

Wales sent a team consisting of Grzegorz Toczek, Jason Garcia, Allan Pleasants, Lee Davis and John Weatherlake.

Wales were seeded 39/39 and they finished in 39th place on 7.5/8 with a bye in Round 1.

Individually, Greg finished on 2/8, Allan 2/7, Jason 1/7, Lee 0/6 and 0/4.

Greg also played in the World Rapid in Warsaw, Poland between 26th and 28th December 2021 ending up with 3.5/13.

Finally, I would like to pay tribute to a stalwart of Welsh Chess, Iolo Jones, who sadly passed away in 2021.

A member of the famous team that competed so well in the Nice Olympiad in 1974, Iolo was a very dangerous opponent and wonderful company as a member of he many teams he played in on foreign soil, whether it was Olympiad, Seniors or European Club Cup.

He is very sadly missed by all who knew him.