

75th FIDE CONGRESS
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21-31 October 2004
Sol Antillas Hotel

Committee/Commission: CACDEC

Chairman: I.Gelfer/A. Herbert

Date: 23/24 October 2004

Venue: Sala Menorca

Present: M. McDermott (GCI), G. Altanoch (MGL), A. Kostyev (RUS), K. Msukwa (MAW), J. Stallings (USA), W. Kelleher (USA), S. Agrahari (NEP), V. De Asa (FIJ), D. Levacic (FRA), S. Islam Miah (BAN), E. Barumba (UGA), G. Borg (MLT), C. Eichab (NAM), A. Treu (SUR), Y. Kukuzov (TJK), B. Tilenbaeva (KGZ), F. Campomanes – Honorary President, I. Leong – Development Commission Chairman, M. Elhaj – Continental President, M. Schinis (CYP), J. Vega – Continental President, D. Buthali (BOT), Y. Ramsingh (TRI), G. Bekker (AUS), O. Bunni (NIG), S. Fancy (PNG), S. Press (PNG), I. Babu (KEN), P. Ngarambe (RWA), R. Barrera (ARG), C. Abundo (PHI), N. Afeka (KEN), A. Scalfi (ITA), Z. Khilji (PAK), A. Salim (PAK), D. Madhloom (IRQ), D. Perera (SRI), P. Singe (KEN), E. Abdalla (LBA), E. Mohammed (LBA), L. Mazouz – Verification Commission Chairman, R. Jones (ENG), J. Mukabi (KEN), O. Nakapunda (NAM), H. Metzger (GER), O. Esau (RSA), D. Perera (SRI), S. Agyahari (NEP), M. Siba (SUR), M. Pahlevanzadeh (IRI), A. Majid (MAS), M. Jamshedy (AFG), A. Saleem (USV), M. Murphy (USV).

Co-Chairmen Mr. Gelfer and Mr. Herbert welcomed Honorary President Mr. Campomanes, The Continental Presidents for Africa and America, Commission Members and observers.

Financial problems of the last year continue to hamper the ability of CACDEC to perform its work, but the situation has improved with the disbursement of funds from the World Championship Prize Fund three months ago and the transfer of 500, 000 USD by the FIDE President.

Mr Gelfer stated that when CACDEC was formed the intention was to support chess activities and not to fund Federations.

Honorary President Mr. Campomanes recounted that under his administration 20% of the World Championship Prize Fund was deposited to a separate CACDEC Fund to finance the activities of the commission. However, this was later merged into the FIDE General Fund.

Development Commission Chairman Mr. Leong encouraged delegates from CACDEC Federations to raise the matter at the General Assembly for a specified share of the FIDE budget which should be funded by a reserving a percentage of the World Championship Prize Fund. Continental President for Asia recommended that a specific amount be requested and that this should be subject to other priorities.

Ms. McDermott (GCI) requested that the Commission support more seminars and that the proceeding of these seminars be more widely disseminated. The FIDE web Site could be used as a forum for this.

Mr. Buthali (BOT) suggested that it was time for CACDEC to develop a holistic plan linked to its four year cycle of office.

Mr. Agyahari (NEP) gave a brief review of the development of chess in Nepal under very difficult financial circumstances. He disagreed with Mr. Gelfer's position on assistance to Federations and felt that to help Federations will help activities. He also indicated that the chess sets promised to Nepal in 2003 were never received and that they needed direct support for coaches.

Mr. Gelfer assured Mr. Agyahari that the situation relating to the sets would be investigated and that he was discussing with Mr Koya from India to send a coach to Nepal.

Mr. Kostyev (RUS) recommended that CACDEC Educational Centres to develop teachers to teach chess be formed.

Mr. Altanoch (MGL) express concern about the bad financial situation of FIDE and the fact that there was no correlation between the cuts in FIDE funding and those of CACDEC. The charging of the 100 € registration fee at this Olympiad was very bad for many poor Federations and was a big burden.

Mr. Msukwa (MAW) briefed the meeting on chess in Malawi. He recommended that CACDEC should monitor progress of Federations especially those about to be excluded. He also pleaded for Malawi to be included in CACDEC.

Mr. De Asa (FIJ) expressed dissatisfaction at the organizers charging some delegates at the congress registration fee twice. He had personally been charged 200€ and requested that CACDEC should make a case for waiving this fee.

Mr. Gelfer confirmed that at a meeting held with the organizers it was agreed that this double charging was not to be done and Mr De Asa should seek a refund from the organizers.

Mr. Perera (SRI) states that while he appreciated the difficult situation of FIDE Finances, he was unhappy by the behaviour of FIDE in temporarily excluding his Federation for owing SF 5 000 when FIDE owed Sri Lanka SF 8 000 refund for a CACDEC seminar it held.

Mr. Perera was very concern about FIDE's intent on helping organizers by charging Federations for accommodation at Olympiads when many Federations have difficulty in even find the airfares to get to the Olympiad.

Mr Levacic (FRA) queried is it was possible under CACDEC to have bi-lateral arrangements to help Federation. He said the French Federations was will to assist and want to know how it could.

Mr . Borg(MLT) wanted the issue of hidden charges raised at the General Assembly and was very unhappy with the Executive Board Decision in 2003 to charge 25€ per day per player for board. The proposal to raises fees at this Congress will be very bad for many CACDEC Federations and need to be rejected.

Mr. Borg reiterated the need for a strategy for CACDEC and that the financial needs should not be mixed with technical.

UTD CACDEC Scholarship

FIDE Co-Chairman Mr. Herbert reported that there had been no news from the South African Federation on whether Johannes Mabusela was successful in passing the SAT and TOEFL exams and Professor Redman indicated that UTD was not in receipt of his application.

Mr. Stallings (USA) said that the candidates for the new President of the University were on campus this week and if a candidate is not forth coming immediately, there is a real risk that the scholarship will be lost. There are now 20 Universities in the USA giving scholarships for chess but mainly for US students. It was UTD's hope that if successful more Universities would copy the CACDEC Scholarship.

Mr. Campomanes hoped that the entire project can be supported by the US Chess Federation and the American community, and that there would be no need to provide support from the limited CACDEC funds.

Mr. Esau (RSA) said that he was not aware of the problems with the South African candidate not meeting the application deadlines and it was agreed that he would meet Mr. Herbert and Mr. Stallings to resolve the issue today.

CACDEC Academies

Mr. Gelfer recommended that an effort be made to establish more FIDE accredited Academies. To date FIDE has supported two academies in Berlin and Singapore and the proposal is to support a third in India. There was a great need for teachers and trainers. It was proposed that as a condition for accreditation, new Academies should offer assistance to trainers from CACDEC countries, neighbouring it.

Mr. Gelfer proposed to provide support to CACDEC Trainers intending to attend the Berlin Academy Course by offering 50% discount on the cost of Certificate Fee. Continental President for Africa Mr. Elhaj stated that the proposal did not go far enough and that there should be support for board as well.

Continental President for Americas Mr. Vega promised to present a plan to establish an American Academy.

Revision of CACDEC List

Mr. Gelfer gave a brief history of why the list needed revising.

The data compiled to help with the revision of the list (Appendices A and B) was developed by Mr. Kevin Kreenidge, an economist from Barbados and was presented by Co-Chairman Allan Herbert.

After much discussion it was agreed that it would be impossible to make a decision without giving the Continental Presidents a chance to consult their Federations. Continental Presidents were tasked

with preparing their recommendations for the 2005 Executive Board and a final decision taken at the 2006 Congress.

2005 Budget

Mr. Campomanes reminded that given the economic situation, Federations need to rely on greater self-help and inspiration.

Mr. Gelfer proposed that for 2005 priority should be given to:

- a) Distributing Sets & Clocks
- b) Supporting participation of players to attend tournaments
- c) Visiting Federations to meet Sports Officials
- d) Supporting events
- e) Seminars including host CACDEC Seminar at World Youth
- f) Providing Trainers

Mr. Metzging said a few words about Germany's Olympiad bid and guaranteed that there will be no charging of registration fees to Federations or board. He also inform the meeting of a programme by the German Government where Federations can apply to the German Embassy in their country for equipment. This application should be copied to the German Federation so they can follow it up.

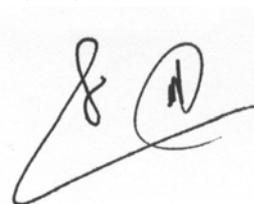
Mr Levacic reminded the meeting of the French Federation's offer assistance.

It was agreed that a meeting would be held between the CACDEC Co-Chairmen, the Development Commission Chairman and the Continental Presidents at 10:00 p.m. to draft a budget for 2005. Another meeting would be convened tomorrow at 9:00 p.m. to review the draft.

Allan Herbert
Co-Chairman

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Israel Gelfer
Co-Chairman

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