

Commission for the Disabled – FIDE Commission (DIS)

Meeting, Athens 14-8-2015

Present: Thomas Luther, Margaret Murphy, Jamie Kenmure, Nikolaos Kalesis, George Mastrokoukos, Hesham El Gendy, Nigel Freeman

## FINAL DECISIONS/SUGGESTIONS

### **1) Tournament Conditions**

The commission will examine the conditions that FIDE rated tournaments should offer to disabled players and prepare a detailed proposal for the 2016 FIDE GA.

Nikos Kalesis will prepare the draft proposal.

### **2) Chess clocks & sets**

Upon request of the Qualification Commission and the Technical Commission, the Commission for the Disabled (DIS) will publish on the FIDE website a notice to interested chess clock companies to get their clock certified for visually impaired players.

Thomas Luther and Nikos Kalesis will prepare the announcement.

Regarding chess sets, DIS will buy 9 sets for visually impaired players (small, medium and large, x 3 for each category) after Margaret Murphy and Jamie Kenmore will examine the market prices.

### **3) World Chess Championships for the Disabled in 2017**

DIS will ask the Dresden organisers if they are willing to host again the event in 2017. If not, DIS will prepare a bidding procedure with a deadline of 31 December 2015.

For 2019 and afterwards, DIS will prepare a bidding procedure for each event two years in advance. The event will be held every 2 years (2017, 2019, 2021, etc.)

A grant of 5,000 euros is approved for the 2015 World Championships in Dresden, from the commission budget.

#### **4) Official acronym of the commission**

“DIS” is approved as the official acronym of the FIDE Commission for the Disabled.

#### **5) Paralympics**

Jamie Kenmure will prepare a letter for the National Chess Federations encouraging them to contact their National Paralympic Committee for supporting chess.

#### **6) Education seminars**

Jamie Kenmure will prepare a letter to the National Chess Federations encouraging them to hold events/seminars for promoting chess for the disabled.

#### **7) Commission meeting in 2016**

DIS will hold its 2016 meeting in Tallin, Estonia from 1 to 4 June.

#### **8) Social Media**

DIS will activate again the Facebook page to promote its cause with title “Chess for the Disabled - FIDE Commission (DIS)”.

#### **9) Fundraising**

DIS will research the possibility of creating a foundation with the purpose of establishing a specialized entity under the aegis of FIDE, to gain access for fundraising and grants for DIS projects.