Fédération Internationale des Échecs World Chess Federation

FIDE Trainers Commission (TRG)

80th FIDE Congress 2009

REPORT

August 5th, 2009

Dear Mr. President,

The new Council of the FIDE Trainers Commission was formed in April 2009, under Chairmanship of GM Adrian Mikhalchishin. As we felt not quite happy with the variety of problems that were growing up from earlier years, we started to work hard in order to solve those problems that way so we could help to improve the status of Trainers worldwide and, of course, to create a further good name for FIDE.

During the five past months, we were able to hold four meetings (see Annexes), were we worked harmoniously on several of subjects and we discussed and proposed important matters to PB and GA for approval. In those telemeetings we succeeded on the following:

- We formed a five-member Council and a nine-member Advisors Council, according to FIDE decisions, achieving a maximum of transparency and flexibility.
- We prepared and described plans for the 2009-2010 chronicle periods.
- We created a sub-website www.getchesstraining.com, which was incorporated in the FIDE website. There we announce regularly our activities and proposals. There will be some changes in the near future, according to your decisions.
- We prepared and presented to the Treasurer a reliable and well-thought budget for 2009. Further details will be examined during the FIDE Congress between the Treasurer and our Secretary, as some matters must be revised.
- We created and prepared a 'FIDE Trainers Awards' regulations and procedures and we even worked on proposing the Jury and the final results.
- We collected valuable info for FIDE Academies.
- We created a guideline for Academies' endorsement.

- We controlled, planned and executed several FIDE Trainer Seminars all over the world (Iraq, India, Switzerland, and Turkey).

- We prepared and worked on the procedures, which must be followed on the correct order of procedure, application and execution of a FIDE Trainers Seminar.

- We cooperated with CACDEC and ARISF, assuring a free of charge FIDE Trainers Seminar (for CACDEC federations) annually for the next four years during each World Youth Chess Championships. This year we will start with the Antalya Seminar (13-20.11.2009).

- We checked and proposed new Academies to FIDE (Spain, Slovakia, etc).

- We created a valuable and correct 'Trainers Database', including the financial part, which was not clear until now. That was a huge work, which lasted for four months and we had to dig deeply enough to find out all the details of the past five years. An approval by GA is in need.

- We proposed the creation of a common Training Syllabus to be published by FIDE, by presenting all the needed details (plan, themes, contracts, authors, etc).

- We worked on various proposals in order to turn the Trainer Titles into an 'important necessity' for the chess world.

- We worked on various regulations and proposals on the role of the Captains.

- We worked on the evaluation of Educational Computer Programmes.

- We held meetings, informing trainers, among others in Rogaska Slatina and Pardubice.

- We prepared and published Obituaries for honorary TRG members and respected trainers.

- We informed about FIDE important events, PB and Congress.

- We proposed to re-open the 'Direct Approval' for FIDE Trainer Titles and we prepared the needed written procedures.

- We proposed change of the Reserve Players in the Teams Events.

- We worked on various plans for Youth Summer Camps.

- We worked on various other subjects, concerning the FIDE Trainers all over the world.

- We officially answered quickly and efficiently in a written form on any question raised by any FIDE federation, trainer or a chessplayer.

Dear Mr. President,

We believe that we have made a good work during this period of time, but we feel that the road is long and we have to work harder and more effective, cooperating harmoniously with other FIDE Commissions, Federations and Trainers.

Most of our members will not be able to be present at the FIDE Congress due to distance and financial problems, but our Secretary will be there to answer on any question you might raise and to inform you (and any FIDE delegate) on any subject you feel like it.

Please, keep in mind that our first two telemeetings' Minutes (09.04.2009 and 30.04.2009) were examined in the June PB, so in the Congress our last two telemeetings' Minutes (06.06.2009 and 24.07.2009) should be discussed.

Among others, the results and the announcement of the FIDE Trainers Awards 2008 should be approved. General Secretary holds all the important info, provided by TRG.

Finally we must mention the valuable help, which was offered to TRG on various subjects, by the following persons:

1. FIDE Deputy President Mr. Georgios Makropoulos.
2. FIDE General Secretary Mr. Ignatius Leong.
3. FIDE Vice President Mr. Zurab Azmaiparashvili.
4. FIDE Vice President Mr. Ali Nihat Yazici.
5. FIDE Treasurer Mr. Nigel Freeman.
6. FIDE Executive Director Mr. David Jarrett.
7. FIDE CACDEC Chairman Mr. Allan Herbert.

We would like to thank them all.

With kind regards,

The Chairman		The Secretary
Adrian Mikhalchishin		Efstratios Grivas
Member	Member	Member
Uwe Boensch	Peter Long	Michael Khodarkovsky

Annexes

1. TRG Minutes 09.04.2009.
2. TRG Minutes 30.04.2009.
3. TRG Minutes 06.06.2009.
4. TRG Minutes 24.07.2009.

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FIDE Trainers Commission (TRG)
3rd Telemeeting (06.06.2009)
Minutes & Decisions

1. Rogaska Slatina Meeting: The Chairman informed on his meeting at the city of Rogaska Slatina, in May 2009 (attached letter - 01-TRG-Rogaska Slatina 2009-Minutes) and on the TRG's announcement made in various Internet sites (attached letter - 01-TRG-Info-Commercial). The Council approved the contents.

2. Obituaries: Unfortunately two respected trainers passed away recently, Mikhail Podgaets and Alexander Panchenko. The Council approved the obituaries, which were uploaded on TRG's website (attached letter - 02-TRG-Obituaries).

3. FIDE Trainers Awards - Update: Council's proposal for the panel of FIDE Trainers Awards is:

PROPOSED PANEL OF FIDE TRAINERS AWARDS
1. Ignatius Leong (Singapore) – FIDE General Secretary
2. Zurab Azmaiparashvili (Georgia) – FIDE Vice-President
3. Ali Nihat Yazici (Turkey) – FIDE Vice-President
4. Susan Polgar (USA) – FIDE Co-Chairman Women Commission
5. Uwe Boensch (Germany) – GM/FST
6. Miguel Illescas (Spain) – GM/FST
7. Smbat Lputian (Armenia) – GM/FST

SUBSTITUTES
1. Florencio Campomanes (Philippines) – FIDE Honorary President
2. Aleksandr Beliavsky (Slovenia) – GM/FST
3. Silvino Garcia (Cuba) – GM/FST

4. Trainers Titles – Direct Approval Re-opening: We received an application form the Bolivian Chess Federation, concerning a potentional trainer title for Mr. Feruffino (Bolivia). Unfortunately we cannot accept it, but we have to think seriously to re-open a short period of direct approval titles for a limited number of trainers (attached letters - 03-TRG-Bolivia-Feruffino-1 & 2 & 3).

5. FIDE Trainers' Seminars 2009: The Council was informed about the following Seminars. Directors of Academies/Seminars must fill up the draft forms (applications) and send them to TRG for final approval:

N	Town	Country	Dates	Lecturers
1	Sulaimaniyah	Iraq	27.05-01.06.2009	Long Peter (MAS) Hassan Khaled (EGY)
2	Berlin	Germany	25.06-30.06.2009	Boensch Uwe (GER)

3	Indianapolis	USA	05.08-07.08.2009	Khodarkovsky Michael (USA)
4		Switzerland	07.08-12.08.2009	Mikhalchishin Adrian (SLO) Boensch Uwe (GER)
5	Porto San Giorgio	Italy	01.09-08.09.2009	Mikhalchishin Adrian (SLO) Grivas Efstratios (GRE)
6	Antalya	Turkey	13.11-20.11.2009	Mikhalchishin Adrian (SLO) Grivas Efstratios (GRE)

It must be noted that the Iraq Seminar which was excellently handled by Mr. Peter Long and Mr. Hassan Khaled, was a great success for the TRG, as no less than 47 participants attended it (attached letters - 04-TRG-Iraq Seminar 2009-Report). It may be of interest that the seminar was the first international sports event held in Iraq for six years! Another first for chess!

The Council will inform FIDE on the payments (attached letter - 05-TRG-Iraq Seminar 2009-Payments). Also, the Trainers Archives were updated (attached letter - 06-TRG-Title-Holders).

We also got some valuable info on Libya's FIDE Academy through FIDE Secretary Mr. Igantius Leong: City: Tripoli, Director: Mrs. Khadija Zohdi, Contact: Lopeenus@yahoo.com, Title: Hay Alzohour.

On Porto San Giorgio Seminar the program and other details were prepared (attached letters - 07-TRG-Porto San Giorgio 2009-President 1 & 2 and 07-TRG-Porto San Giorgio 2009-Program).

Finally, the Antalya's Seminar will be the first one of a common cooperation between the TRG, the CACDEC and the ARIF/IOC. For the next four years (2009-2010-2011-2012) in every WYCC, a TRG Seminar will be held. The total fund for each seminar will be 7.000 Euros (included on TRG Budget 2009 - see previous minutes) and it will be sponsored by ARISF (Association of Recognised International Sports Federations), which cooperates with IOC and CACDEC, on equal parts (50%). The program was already prepared (attached letter - 08-TRG-Antalya 2009-Program).

6. Evaluation of Educational Computer Programmes: The Committee (see previous minutes) work on this subject under the chairman Mr. Uwe Boensch.
Mr. Peter Long is kindly assisting and informed the Council that:
He sent preliminary report to organisers with copy to the Chairman and he was waiting for comments before giving an officially report.
On software evaluation, Mr. Mohr has asked him to look at the Slovenian online teaching program for schools but it is not a ready product - in sample mode - apparently also being discussed with Global Chess/FIDE and with the Chairman as a consultant.
Convekta (ChessOK) has also proposed that we look at a number of their products and he will begin doing this shortly (attached letter - 09-TRG-Convecta).

None of the other members of the committee has been in contact and it is sad so many other prominent products from DGT, ChessBase, Alburt, Polgar, etc. have not been submitted for our consideration.

7. Slovakia Academy: We received from the Slovakian Chess Federation a letter for support and cooperation on a potentional FIDE Academy. We passed the info to the FIDE Secretary and we will keep an eye on the subject (attached letters - 10-TRG-Slovakia-1 & 2).

8. FIDE Executive Board: The 80th Annual Congress will be held in the period from October 11th to 19th in Kallithea, Halkidiki, Greece at the G-Hotels Complex. Invitations will be issued in due course with exact arrival and departure information. The original intention to hold the Congress in Singapore was not possible when the F1 Grand Prix in Singapore was announced for the same dates, making it impossible to obtain reasonable hotel rates for attendees.
The Council will try to organize a meeting (see http://www.fide.com/component/content/article/1-fide-news/4030-executive-board-in-greece).

All the Council's decisions/proposals will come in force after the next Presidential Board's approval.

The Chairman
Adrian Mikhalchishin

The Secretary
Efstratios Grivas

Member
Uwe Boensch

Member
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FIDE Trainers Commission (TRG)
4th Telemeeting (24.07.2009)
Minutes & Decisions

1. Decisions of June's PB: The Council was informed on the FIDE June PB decisions and the e-mails exchanged between the FIDE GS, the TRG Chairman and the TRG Secretary (attached letter - 01-TRG-PB Decisions-1). The FIDE GS summarized some things by commenting on the attached letter - 01-TRG-PB Decisions-2 (in red colour are GS's new comments and in blue colour the comments of TRG's Secretary).

2. FIDE Trainers Awards - Update: After the PB final decisions, the final draft of the Awards Proposed Guide has been prepared and send to the FIDE GS (attached letter - 02-TRG-FIDE Trainer Awards-Nominations).

3. Trainers Titles - Direct Approval Re-opening: We received an application form Mr. Daniel Lopez (Colombia), concerning a potentional trainer title. Unfortunately, as in previous cases, we cannot accept it (attached letters - 03-TRG-Lopez Daniel-1 & 2), but we have to think seriously to re-open a short period of direct approval titles for an extraordinary and limited number of trainers. So, Council's proposal is to finally proceed with this period from 1 to 31 December 2009, for a very limited number of Trainer Titles and we propose to the GA the attached 04-TRG-New Direct Titles 1 & 2 & 3, letters.

The Chairman informed that many known trainers are asking information about their applications for obtaining titles through Direct Approval, as these applications never made it to the TRG. He also informed that at the same time two Montenegro Trainers GM Kosic Dragan and IM Miljanic Boro were approved as FIDE Trainers but never got their certificates.

4. Thailand Chess Academy: We received a letter from Mrs. Binita from Bangkok IWICA Chess Academy. Council member Mr. Peter Long was endorsed to handle this case (attached letter - 05-TRG-Thailand).

5. FIDE Trainers' Seminars 2009: The Council was informed about the following Seminars. It is once more reminded that Directors of Academies/Seminars must fill up the draft forms (applications) and send them to TRG for final approval:

5.1. Magglingen – Switzerland (7-12.08.2009): We received the relative detailed info and we approved it and published it on our site and FIDE site (attached letter - 06-TRG-Magglingen Seminar 2009-Program). TRG member and lecturer of this seminar Mr. Uwe Boensch, makes it clear that all/any invoices (according to the Doha 2005 decisions) should be addressed to the Swiss Chess Federation and not to the FTA Berlin.

5.2. Antalya – Turkey (13-20.11.2009): We received the (final) relative detailed info and we approved it and published it on our site and FIDE site.

5.3. Chennai – India (20-22.06.2009): We received the relative detailed info and report from lecturers Mr. Peter Long and Mr. Praful Zaveri. The Council must note that this seminar was not held according to FIDE and TRG rules that has been established lately (pre-announcement, approval, absence of FST, quite short period, etc.). But on the other hand the Council was informed by Mr. Peter Long that this was an obligation of the ASEAN Chess Academy based on decision of the PB for support of the proposed FIDE India Chess Academy to be facilitated by the FIDE GS, who was aware of the various 'problems' and helped on solving the various micro-problems. The Council decided to accept the report and results of this seminar but makes it clear that this is the last time that a seminar which is not beforehand approved will be accepted, at least as on what concerns the TRG (attached letters - 07-TRG-FIDE India Seminar-Report and 07-TRG-FIDE India Seminar-Invoice).

The TRG Council wishes to make clear to all Academies and to everyone that it might concern, that every FIDE seminar which concerns FIDE titles (all of them) must be approved before hand by the TRG Board, which also nominates the lecturers. DI and NI titles are not a clear responsibility of the federations or the regional academies - at least not anymore, but must be approved by the TRG Council. According to the regulations only FST have the right to award titles unless the Council endorse someone else beforehand (as it was happened with the Iraq seminar). The TRG had a similar case with Botswana Seminar 2008 and in Dresden meeting it was decided that every FIDE trainers' seminar should approved beforehand by the TRG.

The correct procedure for a FIDE seminar is:
a. Application to the TRG Council.
b. Approval of program and lecturers.
c. Announcement on FIDE and TRG sites by filling-up the obligatory draft forms.
d. Results to the TRG Council for approval.
e. Send the proposed invoice to FIDE.

6. FIDE Trainer Title Holders - Financial Database: The Council was informed on Secretary's quest for the creation of a full and correct Trainers List, with all the financial details included. This was asked by FIDE office and the Secretary worked for about two months in order to clarify many questions. He delivered his (proposed) work and it's up now to FIDE to clarify all these financial questions which remained unanswered. On his behalf he stated that the TRG is concerned only on the correct Trainers' List and not on the payments, which are totally on FIDE's part and responsibility and his work was based mainly on the evidents that FIDE office supplied him. The invoice of the latest India seminar was also included afterwards in his attached letter - 08-TRG-Title Holders-Financial Status.

7. TRG New Website - Online Trainers Database: The Council endorses webmaster Mr. Peter Long to cooperate with FIDE GS and FIDE Offices in order to create a new TRG website, according to the decisions of the June PB. Also, the Council feels that an online database should be created in TRG's site, where various trainers, federations, clubs, etc, will place their quest for cooperation, jobs offers,

trainers seeking, etc. The Council endorses webmaster Mr. Peter Long to investigate the subject and come-up with a practical and easy to handle solution/proposal.

8. Pardubice Trainers Meeting: The Chairman informed the Council that during the European Youth Team Championship U.18 (Pardubice 15-23.07.2009) he and the Secretary hold a meeting with various trainers who where present at the event, on 21.07.2009. He informed the participants trainers (Kleiser Gryar – Austria, Baumegger Siegfried – Austria, Mufic Goran – Croatia, Miljanic Boro – Montenegro, Mickiewicz Piotr – Poland, Murdzia Piotr – Poland, Vokler Bernd – Germany, Meszaros Gyula – Hungary, Pinter Jozsef – Hungary, Lobzhanidze David – Germany, Solakoglu Ozgur – Turkey) on TRG's activities and future plans.

9. Reserve Players in Teams Events: The Council would like to appoint to the Technical Commission to consider seriously to allow the reserve player (in team events) to play in any board that takes a day-of, instead of today's mess that destroys the colours and board medals of nearly all players.

10. Youth Summer Camps: The Chairman participate in two young talents camps in Turkey (Mersin) and in Slovenia (Pohorge). A third camp in FYROM was cancelled due to bad advertisement. Both camps were extremely successful and TRG should plan to support such summer camps in different parts of the world during 2010.

All the Council's decisions/proposals will come in force after the next EB/General Assembly's approval.

The present Minutes will be announced on TRG' website. The attached letters will not be announced till their approval by the EB/General Assembly.

The Chairman Adrian Mikhalchishin		The Secretary Efstratios Grivas
Member Uwe Boensch	Member Peter Long	Member Michael Khodarkovsky