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Turin, Italy
27 May – 5 June 2006

Minutes

Arbiters' Council

Steinitz Room
29 May 2006

Chairman: Mr. Panagiotis Nikolopoulos

Secretary: Mr. Dirk De Ridder

Present: Sergio Pagano (ITA), Andrzej Filipowicz (POL), Igor Vereschagin (RUS), Werner Stubenvoll (AUT), Escafre Stephana (FRA), Dias Carlos (POR), Alybaev Djekshenbek (KGZ), De Sio Francesco (ITA), De Vivo Christian (ITA), Juan Gomez (MEX), Claude Birtz (LUX), Franca Dapiran (ITA), Ashot Vardapetian (ARM), Pavez Votruba (CZE), Serafin Chuit Perez (CUB), Klaus Deventer (GER), Mahdi Abdul Rahim (UAE), Michel Piguet (SUI), Marcelo Hermida (ARG), Gerry Walsh (ENG), Gary Bekker (AUS), Mladen Bratocevic (CRO), Yap Choow Tun (BRU), Ramon Nicolas Barrera (ARG), Christoffel Ady (LUX), Dhafer Madhloom (IRQ), Dalia S. Ameen (IRQ), Abdul Kareem Al-Othary (YEM), Almog Burstein (ISR), Sergio Nanni (ITA), Anrda Cimina (LAT), Robert Wheeler (JAM), Allan Herbert (BAR), Lindsey Bellhouse (BAR), Gismalla A.Y. Elwadi, Gerardo Anaya Rodriguez (CUB), Tose Alfuna (CUB), Juan Savier Hernandez (PUR), Edyar Murrey Ortiz (PAN), Eduardo Rwera Mulero (), Polihroniade Elisabeta (ROM), Pahlevanzadeh Mehrdad (IRI), Mordechay Shorek (ISR), Aubrel Kappel (SUR), Carol Jarecky (IVB), Buonolore Giuseppe (ITA), Irina Kayumova (UZB), Karol Pekar (SVK), Hesham Elgendy (EGY), Songok Lee (KOR), Chung Eunkyung (KOR), Giovanni Mascia (ITA), Rumen Angelov (BUL), Zdravko Nedel (BUL), Mikko Markkula (FIN), Uvencio Blanco (VEN), Ruslana Mochalova (BLR), Assanov Bolat (KAZ), David Sedewick (ENG), Webster Kafumbwe (ZAM), Roaul Abrahamsson (NOR), Stewart Reuben (ENG), Jeivs Menz (ESP), De Greiff Boris (COL).

1. Opening

- Chairman Nikolopoulos welcomed all members of the committee and observers. 17 of the 24 committee members are present.
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4. Title applications for FA and IA

A number of federations are sending in the applications very late without the necessary appendices. In some federations one can only apply for the FA or IA title if the applicant is a national arbiter in his federation. From 1 July 2005 an applicant for IA first has to achieve the FA title: it is not possible to become a FA and an IA in the same congress (question of Mr. Sedgwick). Mr. Vereshchagin requests that the number of GM and/or IM are added to the FA and IA summaries while this is not in the FA or IA requirements.

All applications were scrutinized by Mrs. Nikolopoulos, De Ridder, Markkula and Stubenvoll; their recommendations were accepted.

There is no time restriction between the FA and IA application.

2 3. Arbiter seminars

Mrs. Serafin Chuit Perez, Herbert Allen, David Sedgwick and Takis Nikolopoulos briefly report about the arbiter seminars organized during the last year. These seminars offered the possibility to achieve the FA directly when passing an exam with a minimum score of 80 %.

2 4. Regulations for the training of arbiters

The committee appointed in Dresden Congress made a draft which will be distributed to all federations to be commented.

In future it can be made an obligation to follow such seminar in order to become a FA. Mr. Sedgwick requests that the Council checks with the federations which requirements they have to become a national arbiter. Mr. Filipowicz says that a seminar is obligatory for each arbiter. For next year a pool of questions has to be made and the minimum percentage to pass the exam has to be decided. In some federations the exam to become a national arbiter is of such high standard that it may be equivalent to a FA-norm. It is mentioned that strong chess federations in general have a good arbiter education whereas weaker chess federations have lesser facilities.

Seminars will be organized by FIDE (for example at the occasion of the World Youth Championship) and the continents.

The activity of arbiters can be checked when all tournament reports are sent in using the new format.

Given the discussion a questionnaire will be sent to the federation asking them

- what kind of arbiter course they organize
- what are the requirements for the exams
 - whether refreshing courses are organized
 - how they measure the arbiter activity level
 - which promotion system they have
 - whether the national arbiter title is valid for life
 - whether they wish their national arbiter course to become a FA norm
 - whether they wish to have the requirement to become a national arbiter before becoming a FA

The seminars have to be organized in one of the FIDE languages. A list of lecturers will be made by Mrs. Nikolopoulos, De Ridder, Markkula and Stubenvoll. This list will be submitted to the Executive Board and General Assembly for approval.

2 5. Miscellaneous

The Morocco arbiters' case will be discussed on May 30 at 10 AM by Mrs. Reuben, Elgendy, Mahdi, Markkula, Nikolopoulos, De Ridder, Jarecki, Hassan en Ismael Karim

A flag will be introduced in the FRL indicating a banned or expelled player.

The procedure for an appeal in a tournament should be to sign under protest in order to have a right to appeal. In some cases an appeal is not allowed when the score sheet has been signed.

Takis Nikolopoulos
Chairman

Dirk De Ridder
Secretary

International Arbitrator Title Applications
(included in the Agenda)

No	NAME	FED	APPR.	NOTES
1.	Fiori, Mauro	ITA	YES	-
2.	Lombardi, Rafaëlle	ITA	YES	-
3.	Al-Hammadi, Hassan Malallah	UAE	YES	-
4.	Jameel Ahmed, Awad	YEM	YES	-
5.	Safi, Mohammad	SYR	YES	-

FIDE Arbiter Title Applications (included in the Agenda)

No	NAME	FED	APPR.	NOTES
1.	Scarella, Enrique Manuel	ARG	YES	-
2.	Ribeiro, Pablito Robert Baioco	BRA	YES	-
3.	Sigrist, Alex	BRA	NO	Only 3 norms (Tourn. 3 and 4 count as one because of same dates)
4.	Ramos Morales, Lazaro Rafael	CUB	NO	Only 3 norms (Tourn. 1 and 2 count as one because of same dates)
5.	Camell Jane, Josep Maria	ESP	YES	-
6.	Kolk, Marek	EST	YES	-
7.	Narva, Jaan	EST	YES	-
8.	Olde, Hendrik	EST	YES	-
9.	Dimitrov, Christo	FRA	YES	-
10.	Hernandez, Gerard	FRA	YES	-
11.	Dr. Moritz, Holger	GER	YES	-
12.	Davide, Roberto	ITA	YES	-

FIDE Arbiter Title Applications
(not included in the Agenda)

No	NAME	FED	APPR.	NOTES
1	Announ, Nasreddine	ALG	YES	-
2	Rebaine, Hamid	ALG	YES	-
3	Morales Zorilla, Enrique	COL	YES	-
4	Ivancic, Mate	CRO	COND.	On FRL
5	Freyd, Laurent	FRA	YES	-
6	Siguredsson, Pall	ISL	NO	Only 3 norms (tourn. 3, 4 and 5 count as one because of same dates and playoff)
7	Al-Haddad, Husein Essa	QAT	YES	-
8	Jovanovic, Mirjana	SCG	YES	-
9	Popovic, Dragan	SCG	YES	-
10	Dari, Halil Hilmi	TUR	YES	-
11	Guven, Hasan	TUR	YES	-
12	Hazendaroglou, Tyfun	TUR	YES	-
13	Kulles, Gurel	TUR	YES	-
14	Tuluze, Ugur	TUR	YES	-
15	Ucarkus, Erdem	TUR	YES	-
16	Esteban, Victor Miguel	ARG	YES	-
17	Ruiz Peyre, Nicolas	ARG	YES	-
18	Behja, Mouhsine	MAR	YES	-
19	Bravo, Antonio	POR	YES	-
20	Rocha, Sergio	POR	YES	-
21	Mohamed, Abo Nar	EGY	YES	-
22	Taghian, Mohammed	EGY	YES	-
23	Maghrabi, Ibrahim	EGY	YES	-
24	Mosa, Gomaa	EGY	YES	-
25	Musa, Omer	SUD	YES	-
26	Fernandez-Diaz-Mascort, Miguel	ESP	YES	-
27	Reinaldo Soto, Alvaro	ESP	YES	-
28	Boshy, Mohammad Moaaz	SYR	YES	-
29	Khankan, Abdulhamid	SYR	COND.	On FRL
30	Rezaei Ghaleh, Ahmad	IRI	YES	-
31	Musa Ali, Alireza	IRI	YES	-
32	Bajarani, Ilgar	AZE	YES	-
33	Mammadov, Ibrahim	AZE	YES	-
34	Wheeler, Robert	JAM	YES	Caribbean Seminar
35	Koppel, Aubrey	SUR	YES	Caribbean Seminar
36	Mehmood, Mohd	IND	YES	-
37	Seifullin, Saken	KAZ	YES	-
38	Espindola Moran, Daniel Rey	MEX	COND.	On FRL

No	NAME	FED	APPR.	NOTES
1	Announ, Nasreddine	ALG	YES	-
39	Ruiz Barcenos, Oscar Jesus	MEX	COND.	On FRL
40	Cruz Bravo, Alonso	MEX	COND.	On FRL
41	Mohammed Abbas, Sami	IRQ	YES	-
42	Ibrahim, Ismail	IRQ	COND.	On FRL
43	Ali Hadi, Hussein	IRQ	COND.	On FRL
44	Baktache, Mohamed Ali	TUN	YES	-

Comments made by :P. Nikolopoulos, D.De Ridder, W. Stubenvoll and M. Markkula

REGULATIONS FOR THE TRAINING OF THE CHESS

ARBITERS

1. General.

- a These regulations comprise all the aspects concerning the training of the Arbiters and the Seminars that are organized all over the world.
- b Seminars that are not organized according to these Regulations will not be recognized by FIDE and will not be in a position to provide norms for the Arbiters' titles.

1 Organization.

- a Seminars for the Arbiters shall be organized by a respective Chess Federation or a Chess Academy or any other chess organization which belongs to this respective National Federation, following the permission and approval by FIDE. There should be an Organizing Committee of the Seminar, consisting of 3 members as follows:
 - b A member appointed by the FIDE Arbiters' Council.
 - c A member appointed by the host Federation, or Academy or chess organization.
 - d A member appointed by the host Federation's Arbiters' Council.
- a In order to organize a Seminar, the host Federation (or Chess Academy or another chess organization belonging to this Federation), shall send an application to the FIDE Arbiters' Council, at least 4 months before the proposed start of the Seminar. The application shall include:
 - a) The organizer, the dates, the venue and the schedule.
 - b) The participants (a number of the people, their Federations etc).
 - c) The topics that will be discussed during the course.
 - d) The proposed members for the Seminar's Organizing Committee.
 - e) The proposed lecturer of the Seminar (who should be approved by the FIDE Arbiters' Council) and his Assistant, who shall come from the host Federation.
 - f) Other matters in respect of the Seminar, such as any fees for the participants, the accommodation conditions etc.
 - a The Organizing Committee member who is proposed by the FIDE Arbiters' Council, shall act as the Observer. The Observer shall ensure the due application of the present Regulations in the course of the Seminar. After the end of the Seminar, the Observer shall submit a full report to the FIDE Arbiters' Council within 1 month after the Seminar's end.
 - b Within one week after the end of the Seminar, the Organizing Committee shall provide the results of the examination and submit a full report to the FIDE Arbiters' Council.
 - c On receipt of this report, the FIDE Arbiters' Council shall check the report, announce the results and forward the report to FIDE for the final approval, within a period of one month.

1 Lecturers.

- a The FIDE Arbiters' Council shall issue the list of the proposed Lecturers for the

- d Arbiters' Seminars, before the present Regulations come into force, for the approval of
 - e FIDE. This list will comprise all the International Arbiters that have served as Lecturers in at least one International Seminar for FIDE or International Arbiters, during the last 3 years.
 - f In every seminar, the course will be given by one lecturer, who shall have the title of the IA, and one assistant, also a IA title holder. The lecturer will be proposed by the host Federation and shall be approved by the FIDE Arbiters' Council. The Assistant will be appointed by the host Federation.
 - g The list of the Lecturers shall be progressive. The FIDE Arbiters' Council shall proposed any IA who has served as an Assistant in at least 3 seminars for the Arbiters, to be added to the list, following the final approval by FIDE.
- 1 Topics of the Seminars.
- a The following list of the topics is recommended to the courses for the Arbiters' Seminars:
 - b Laws of Chess (including Rapid, Blitz, etc)
 - c Tournament Rules
 - d System of Games, tie breaks.
 - e Swiss system. Pairing rules.
 - f Regulations for the rating and the over-the-board titles.
 - g Regulations for the titles of the Arbiters.
 - h Use of the electronic clocks.
 - a The proposed minimum for the duration of the Seminar is 15 hours, with each session consisting of 3 hours.
 - b All the participants of the Seminar will be provided with the materials for the course, including all the topics to be discussed.
- 1 Evaluation test.
- a After the end of the each course, the participants of the Seminar can take part in the written examination.
 - b The participants who will achieve 80% and above of the total number of points, will be considered as achieved one norm for the title of FIDE Arbiter. Only one such norm shall be used for the awarding of the title of FIDE Arbiter.
 - c The Organizing Committee of the Seminar will prepare the examination tests, assess the written documents and send a full report to the FIDE Arbiters' Council after the end of the seminar.
 - d After the end of the Seminar, all the participants will receive certificates of attendance provided by the Organizers.
- 1 Fees.
- a The Organizer can decide on a certain fee to be paid by the participants.
 - b In order to organize a seminar for the Arbiters' training, a Federation (or a chess body belonging to this Federation), shall pay an amount of 500 Euro to FIDE.

