

## Minutes

### Commission for Women's Chess

16 October 2011, 17:00-19:00

**Secretary:** Martha Fierro

Attendances: Uvencio Blanco (VEN), Ruth I Haring (USA), Ignatius Leong (SIN), Dina Chen (TPE), Herbert Allan (BAR), Stoislavljevic Sava (SER), Sitale Tshepo (BOT), Emelia Ellapen (RSA), Sophia Rhode (USA).

## Commission for Women's Chess (WOM) projects held on 2011

### Castle Camp Scholarship

The WOM received for the second consecutive year the "Castle Camp Scholarship". This year the scholarship was awarded to WFM Danitza Vasquez from Puerto Rico. Danitza is a dedicated and motivated 12 years old girl and this unforgettable experience enhanced her chess knowledge, strength and motivation. The Castle Camp was held on June in Atlanta, United States. It consisted in one week of intensive training with Grandmasters and a participation in the GrandPrix Castle Open Tournament, where Danitza had the opportunity to play against strong players. We want to thank Castle Camp for the great support!



WFM Danitza Vasquez and GM Varuzhan Akobian

## Caissa Award

For the second straight year, the WOM elected the best player of 2010. The winner was Reigning Women World Champion GM Hou Yifan from China and it was decided by the votes received. GM Yifan will be awarded a statue and prize money.



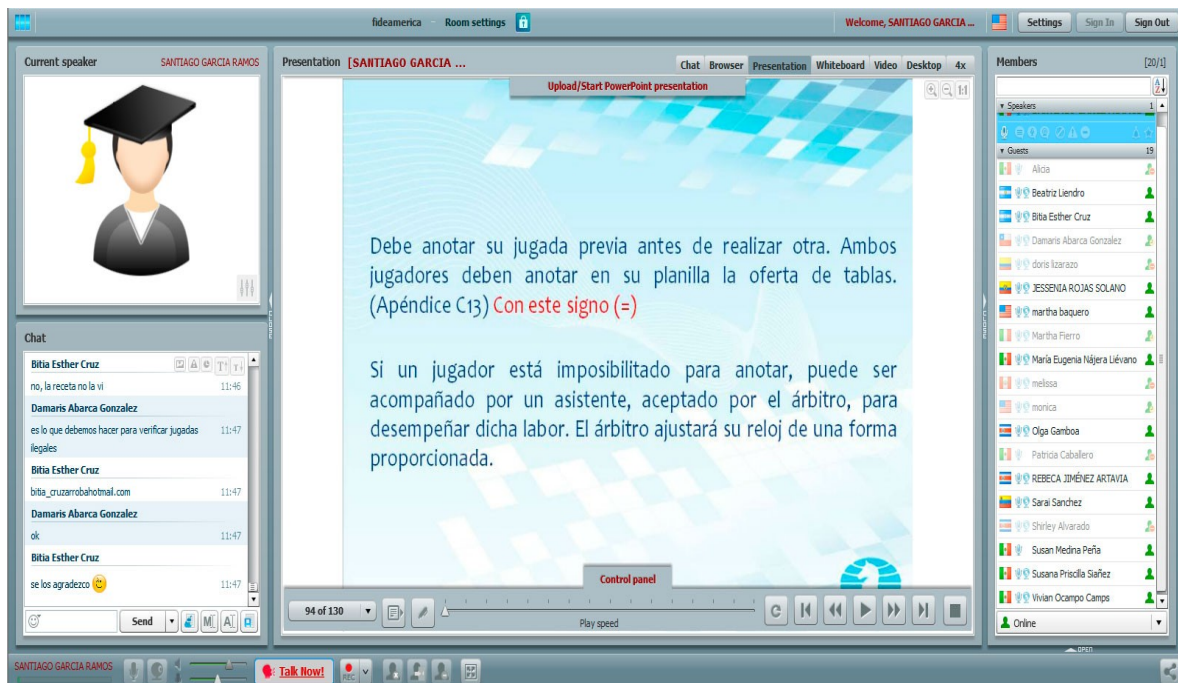
Women World Champion GM Hou Yifan

## I Online Seminar for Arbiters

The WOM wants to support and encourage women arbiters by giving them opportunities to be the main arbiter in World Class Events. Why?

- To obtain important experience that they can later pass on to other upcoming female arbiters
- To support qualified arbiters by giving them chances to participate in world class events
- To motivate more women to become arbiters by aiming in the future to take part in world class events

In view of these points the WOM worked together with the Arbiter's Commission to organize the I Online Seminar for Arbiters in Spanish (only for women). This seminar not only gave the possibility to achieve a FIDE Arbiter norm after a successful examination but mostly fundamental was to prepare them with more knowledge. The Seminar was a total success! We broke record with 33 participants from 12 different countries.



The platform used for the Online Seminar

## Promoting Women's Chess

The WOM is working to promote chess among girls. Some important ideas to help getting more girls involved:

### World Girl's Invitational

- World Girls' Invitational Event starting in 2012.
- With the support from the Chairwoman GM Susan Polgar, the most prestigious all-girls invitational has been held since 2004 for top American girls from each of the 50 states in the United States. This event will be extended worldwide, taking advantage of excellent accommodation facilities, outstanding playing facilities, and organizational staff.
- Girls will have an opportunity to play in a strong event.



All-girls invitational

## Promoting Events

In 2010, several good-will events such as lectures, simuls, material giving were held in United States, Puerto Rico and Ecuador



Simultaneous Exhibition and material donation in Puerto Rico 2010

We know is fundamental to promote chess among girls that's the reason the WOM has programmed different events "only girls" such as simuls, lectures, blitz and seminars in three different continents: Africa, Asia and Australia to be held at the end of 2011. The events will be conducted by Former Women World Champions and selected Woman Grandmasters.

## Women Trainer Seminar

Last year the WOM with collaboration of the Trainer's Commission organized a Seminar in Atlanta, United States.

- The WOM seeks to improve and prepare more female trainers in the world.
- The WOM will sponsor for the second year a Trainer's Seminar that will be held in Africa before the end of 2011.

# WOM Meeting held on the 16<sup>th</sup> in Krakow

- Secretary presented all the events held on 2011 and the projects for 2012

## 2012 Main Projects:

- Increase the numbers of Online Women Arbiter Seminars
- Make Preparation seminars focusing on Swiss Pairing System
- Organize Women Trainer Seminars
- Promotional Events ; simuls,lectures,exhibitions,material donations and so on
- Organize the First World Girls Invitational
- Find organizer and sponsor for the 2012 World Women Blitz Championship
- Caissa Award “ Best Player 2011”
- Caissa Award “ Organizer of the Year ”

- Suggestion made by participants present in the meeting :

### 1.Publicity-Marketing Events

- WOM should concentrate in making publicity in different worldwide chess sites of all the projects, events they make
- WOM should ask organizers of all the women events to add the link of the WOM to their website before and during the competition

### 1.Improvements for the WOM webpage

- Information about the women arbiters (names , countries)
- Information about the women trainers (names, countries)
- Information about the women international organizers (names , countries)
- History about all the Women directing a national federation
- Possibility to translate the webpage in Russian

### 1.Caissa Award

- Suggestion to create an award for the best junior player of the year

### 1.World Women Senior Championship

- Discussion , ideas to change on the Women Section to ages group to 55 and 70

The General Secretary Mr. Ignatius Leong was present in the meeting, he is a very important supported and enthusiast of the WOM. Mr. Leong at the end of the meeting congratulated the WOM for the great job done in 2011.

The WOM would like to thank the President Mr. Kirsan Ilyumzhinov and the Presidential Board for all the support received.

Secretary  
Mrs. Fierro Baquero