

**FIDE Congress  
Tallinn, Estonia  
Executive Board  
7-8 October 2013**

**MINUTES**

**0.1. Obituaries.**

We mourn the passing in the preceding year of friends of FIDE among whom we remember:

Noureddine Tabbane (TUN) – former FIDE General Secretary

IA/IO Peter Parr (AUS)

Chen Zude, Former President of Chinese Chess Association (CHN)

IA Lembit Vaheäär (EST)

IA, GM Lothar Schmid (GER)

GM Peter Dely (HUN)

IA David Sivan (ISR)

IA Vlady Vaisman (ISR)

Narcisco Rabell-Mendez, Former FIDE Deputy President (PUR)

WGM Margareta Teodorescu (ROU)

IA Albert Latash (RUS)

GM Igor Kurnosov (RUS)

IM Ilhan Onat (TUR)

GM Robert Byrne (USA)

FM Max Fuller (AUS)

WIM Vesna Rozic (SLO)

IM Rodolfo Tan Cardoso (PHI)

**1. Report of the President.**

President K. Ilyumzhinov presented his annual report.

Dear participants and guests of the Executive Board. Let me once again on behalf of the Presidential Board thank the Government of Estonia, Estonian Chess Federation, Ministry of Culture of Sports and the management of the hotel for the opportunity to hold our meeting here. We are in a country with rich chess traditions, where a chess player, great Paul Keres is featured on a five-krona banknote. His 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary will be celebrated in 2016. In the center of Tallinn, in a chess club there is a special exposition dedicated to P. Keres. We recall that Tallinn was one of the candidates for the Chess Olympiads 2010. The Estonians despite difficult economic conditions, they several steps to promote chess, including “Chess in School” in several places. For example, GM J. Ehlvest wrote a book which should reach the table of every primary school child, and become a part of a chess curriculum.

I would like to report on the activities of our Board and myself for the year since the Istanbul 2012 General Assembly. We fulfilled our programme in 100%. I have visited 42 countries, among them Azerbaijan, Armenia, UAE, Mongolia, Switzerland, Ukraine. In each trip I plan to meet Presidents, Prime-Ministers, Ministers of Education and Sports and Presidents of NOCs. There have been several landmarks in our programme. In March London hosted the unpredictable and, unprecedented in its heat, Candidates tournament. I would like to congratulate M. Carlsen who won in this most difficult

struggle and won the right to play for the title against the current World Champion V. Anand, in a match which will be held in Chennai, 7-28 November 2013. The London tournament will always remain in the chess history. It was followed by people from 206 countries. I would like to thank the main sponsor, the state oil company of Azerbaijan, Socar. We also organized the World Cup in Tromso, Norway, which was won by GM V. Kramnik and a runner-up GM D. Andreikin, both from Russia. It was a very interesting event and I would like to thank the Organisers and the Norwegian CF for this, I think the Organising Committee got enough experience useful for the organization of Chess Olympiad next year. 6 stages of men's Grand Prix were organized: London, Tashkent, Zug, Thessaloniki, Beijing and the last stage just finished in Paris. The qualifiers for the Candidates tournament are, the ex-World Champion V. Topalov of Bulgaria and GM S. Mamedyarov of Azerbaijan. As for our cooperation with Agon, both events in London took place with their active participation and its President A. Paulson, managed to succeed in several aspects, i.e. chess casting held during the London Candidates. He cooperated with Pentagram company, a leader in chess design, on a new design of chess pieces, you can find these on sale at the Harrods in London. Mr. Paulson also had negotiations with Microsoft, Google etc. We are working towards bringing corporate sponsorship into chess and we think that during the match in Chennai, several important agreements will be signed. Large companies need much more time to prepare such detailed contracts. Kaspersky laboratory, Samsung, Renova or Rosneft, which is the largest oil company in the world. We signed an agreement with them regarding their sponsorship of our Chess in Schools programme. The Renova group was a sponsor of one Grand-Prix tournaments and now they are considering becoming a sponsor of children's chess programmes. We are in a process of signing an agreement with Bloomberg TV regarding a weekly chess review programme. As for women's chess, a lot has been organized for them. We brought sponsors to chess tournaments for women. Two women's championships were organized, in Khanty-Mansiysk, where a WGM from Ukraine A. Ushenina won the World Championship, but she lost two weeks ago to a Chinese GM Hou Yifan in a title match. There have been three stages of Women's GP, in Geneva, Dilijan and Tashkent. The two last ones were won by GM Humpy Koneru and I would like to thank and congratulate the AICF for this. Following the decision of the General Assembly in Istanbul, on the 20 November 2012 we signed the contracts with the Ministry of Youth and Sports of Azerbaijan for the organization of World Cup 2015 and Chess Olympiad and Congress 2016 in Baku. The prize fund of the World Cup increased by 25%. I would like to thank Messrs. Makropoulos and Gelfer and CEO Borg for their active position in defending FIDE interests in this negotiation. Therefore, the total budget for the two events will be 15 mln euro. As I was informed, in Azerbaijan, the Government signed a corresponding decree and a transfer of 1 mln 400, 000 euro of prize fund has been made to FIDE and a bank guarantee for 1 mln euro for the Chess Olympiad 2016. In 2015 there will be first European Summer Games, and we will be able to use the infrastructure of these Games for our chess competitions. Two weeks ago I met H.E. E. Aliyev, President of Azerbaijan, who once again expressed his personal support to chess tournaments organized in this country and we had a look at the design of a chess palace to be erected in the centre of Baku, and we hope that our chess events will be held in this beautiful building on the Caspian shore in Baku.

I have also had two meetings with the Georgian Prime-Minister B. Ivanishvili, the Minister of Sports Z. Kipiani and his Deputy, GM Z. Azmaiparashvili. Following our first meeting, the Government reserves provided 200, 000 USD for the Tbilisi Chess Academy. In August 2013, we opened the branch of an international chess academy, attended by the Government officials and Women's World Champion N. Gaprindashvili. The academy will have its own new building soon. In December 2012,

Beijing successfully hosted the inaugural SportAccord Mind Games. There I met the Presidents of other IMSA members, international federations of go, bridge and draughts. In May 2013, the SportAccord Convention was held in St.Petersburg, where I received a proposal to become the President of IMSA, which I accepted, and I was elected. The headquarters of IMSA are situated in Lausanne, in the International House of Sports of the IOC. Therefore now FIDE is leading all mind sports recognized by the IOC. Last year we signed a sponsorship agreement for Chess in Schools programme with the Rosneft, where several dozens of countries were involved. Events were held in London, Beijing, Manchester, Geneva, Al Ain etc. In Al Ain together with the first World Cities Championship they organized trainers' seminar. I would like to thank Chess in School Commission, its Chairman Ali Yazici for their great work. More than a million USD was spent for this programme. Soon we will sign several agreements on this programme with other companies.

The Chess in Schools and chess as a school subject is a top priority in the agenda for all my visits. In Lithuania, in Vilnius, as a result of my meeting in the Ministry of Education, a memorandum was signed with the Ministry of Education and their National Chess Federation to support a legal initiative for the Chess in Schools project. In Kyrgyzstan, the largest parliament faction also came forward with an initiative to introduce chess into the school curriculum. We also discussed in Geneva, together with the Neva Foundation of Timchenko Family, to organize in February 2014 a European Youth Chess Festival with the participation of UN. Deputy Secretary General, Mr. K. Tokay, will kindly provide his premises in the UN offices in Geneva for this purpose. Some private sponsors of Geneva Canton as well as authorities are ready to sponsor chess events there.

In January in Armenia, Tsakhadzor, in the 2013 1<sup>st</sup> quarter PB meeting, chess in schools was an item of the Agenda and it was an honour for us as the President of Armenia H.E. S. Sargsian reported on this issue. As a result, we organized an international Ministers of Education conference in London, at the end of January. It was attended by 190 countries. The report of the Armenian Minister of Education was one of the top and most interesting in the event. You can download it from our website. I would also like to thank the Ukrainian CF and its President V. Kapustin for their contribution to Chess in Schools programme. In Ukraine the Parliament decided to celebrate an International Day of Chess. During my personal meeting with the President H.E. V. Yanukovich, I once again heard the governmental support for chess initiatives in Ukraine.

I already mentioned the Al Ain Tournament, and once again would like to thank Asian President, H.R.H Sheikh Sultan bin Khalifa al Nahayan. For his initiative to organize a new tournament, World Cities Championship. In April we together inaugurated a wonderful Chess Center in Sharjah, where the Asian Junior and Girls U-20 Championships were held. This is a real Chess Palace built with the support of Sharjah Emirate, where there are premises for a regional branch of FIDE.

Two years ago, you would recall, we announced a programme for the erection of chess palaces to be built in various countries of the world. There was a certain skepticism that this will not be possible to carry out this programme, but Sharjah and some other places are evidence that we are capable to do it. To date the chess centres are being built in such places as Kazakhstan, Azerbaijan, Turkmenistan, there is an agreement in London, Paris, Armenia and other countries.

Lately FIDE has been actively supporting IBCA and IPCA, and their events. I participated in the Alma-Ata, where a Championship for deaf players was held. And I personally think that the EB members should consider further assistance to such events. On the 20<sup>th</sup> of October in Dresden, the World Championship will start and I will go there to attend.

We have to decide on the venue of the Candidates tournament, in March 2014. There is a great interest to this event after the success of the London tournament. And the bids which are received by FIDE, show that the bidders actually increase the prize fund for the event.

In November FIDE will be organising the title match between Anand Viswanathan and Magnus Carlsen in Chennai. I think FIDE had made a correct decision, when awarding this event to Chennai. As you recall, two years ago India has been given such an option provided that the prize fund will not be less than in the Moscow match Anand-Gelfand. The bid was approved and the Government of the State decided to come forward with a proposal. We are expecting to meet with the Minister of Education of India during the match, to sign an agreement as I was told by several members of the Indian Government that they are agreeable regarding chess in Schools programme implementation. This will mean a considerable increase, as the total amount of school children in the schools of this country is 600 mln persons.

During the match in Chennai, the AICF has provided a programme of parallel tournaments, and they will organize dozens of them, and more than 5,000 school children will participate in such tournaments at the same time.

So I would like to thank for our joint activities, the Board members, Executive Board members, Presidents of National Federations. There are two top priorities for us today and for the next year – this is Chess in Schools programme, its continuation and promotion of chess, my maximal contribution during my visits to all countries, that we should secure the support of National Olympic Committees and National Sports Federations. We should raise status of NFs in many countries, and I succeeded with this in several countries, via signing the bilateral agreements with FIDE and their respective Ministries of Sports and NOCs. Our second priority is interaction and collaboration with the IOC. Last month they elected a new President – Dr. Thomas Bach of Germany. He is friendly towards FIDE. I have met him on several occasions last year prior to the elections, including Moscow, the meetings were attended by Mr. Freeman and other Board members. It was agreed that should Dr. Bach be elected, FIDE's interaction with the IOC will be very active. On his request, we had several letters of support signed by NOCs in his support. FIDE is preparing a bid to the IOC Executive Board to include chess into the programme of the Winter Olympics. This month in Lausanne I will have a meeting with the IOC on this topic.

FIDE Treasurer will report on financial situation later on the Agenda. But I would like to report on the exact amounts I and my partners brought to chess events this year:

6 Grand Prix stages – more than 3 mln euro

3 Women's Grand Prix – 750,000 euro

Candidates tournament – 700, 000 euro

Small Nations Tournament – 10, 000 euro

TOTAL – 4, 550, 000 euro

Chess in Schools for this year – 750,000 USD

Russia – 500, 000 USD (Rosneft sponsorship)

World Rapid and Blitz Championship – 750,000 USD

Women's World Championship – 1 mln USD

And other events – 275,000 USD

TOTAL –more than 10 mln USD

Accordingly, FIDE was receiving from all these tournaments according to the respective tournament regulations, its share.

There is less than one year until next General Assembly in Tromso. There will be Presidential Elections in Tromso. My colleagues in Board and some Presidents of National Federations were asking whether I will participate in these elections. Honestly, I have not had any wish to run. I had frank discussions with G. Makropoulos, I. Leong, Geoffrey and others. Since 1995 for 18 years I have been working for chess as President. Of course I do not feel fatigue; I fly every other day, with a record of 108 countries last year. I am asked by some friends how I keep this shape, and I advise everyone to play chess. It is a big issue for me whether to run or not next year. 18 years took my toll on my health, my time, and money from my family budget for chess. It is more than 70 mln USD from my pocket for chess in Kalmykia, Russia and world. I am grateful to my friends, who brought me to chess in 1993-1994, Kalmykia has become the first region in 1993 where chess was introduced into school curriculum and 100% kids play chess. And for the last three years the level of academic performance of Kalmykia has been one among 5 top in Russia. And my years of joint experience of being President of Kalmykia and President of FIDE give me a right to tell my colleagues that from my personal experience, kids who play chess are doing well in school. Therefore wherever I am, I will promote chess in schools in all countries and provide good advice and support. In 1994 I was asked to finance FIDE and the Russian CF, and with my personal funds I organized 13 Russian Individual Championships, 7 for men and 6 for women. My friends, the then President of the RCF M. Baikin, A. Makarov, World Champion G. Kasparov, came to Kalmykia in 1994 and asked me to help financially. I do not have any regrets. Thanks to Kasparov, Karpov and Makarov, I came to chess. For me it was minus 70 mln USD, but I do not regret and I am ready to spend more. I am ready to continue working in the future. I know that there are other proposals, and I am asked about my position and who I support. You know, all the years my activity was transparent and open for everyone. For all these years the Board members and delegates we have not had any single corruption scandal. If in any sports Federations we always read about such scandals because of mismanagement of funds, our budget is always open, you can find it in the Internet. I thank to all FIDE Treasurers, Messrs. W. Iclicki, D. Jarrett and N. Freeman. It was my pleasure to work with all of them. And they advise me on how to spend five USD on the FIDE telephone bill less, and we declare that FIDE is the most transparent and open organization. I think this is my personal and our joint achievement. Since the early 90s FIDE was a bankrupt. I recall in 1995 when we came to the office with Campomanes, there were arrears for more than 1 mln in FIDE books. The situation has been changed. We have no problem of two champions, two federations, we have one Champion, one system and one World Championship cycle, recognized by the IOC. It is our joint achievement, political and economic stability, when we know the calendar for five years in advance. We have potential bidders for some events, for example Chess Olympiad, until 2022. So I think that from this aspect, that when in 1995 delegates asked me to unite chess world and bring money, I succeeded in doing this. If we all think that this is past and we need a new leader, and a new stage, I will fully agree with you. I have never desperate to keep my position as FIDE President. If it is necessary I can resign this very moment and give my office to another candidate. I will just save my money and my time. I do not want FIDE to go back as in the 90s and have again political struggles and fights, as during last period of Campomanes' rule. I know that there are presidential candidates who had already created their offices and started financing their campaigns. I am against such way of handling this, we should not be spending the coming year in deciding who we will vote for, for me, for Mr. Jones etc. It will damage our stability in chess movement. Therefore when I am asked whether I will remain or not in FIDE, as this Presidential campaign means a lot of expenses for trips and other expenses. I think that this money should be spent on chess movement, Chess

Federations and chess in schools programmes. As a chess family, we are one family, we have to decide everything together, inside the family. This is the lesson taught to me by Florencio Campomanes. I want money to be kept within FIDE and not spent for the crazy presidential campaigns. I am ready to give a cheque for 1 mln USD and give it to the Treasurer Mr. Freeman for school chess development. I challenge the other candidates to follow my example. If 1 mln USD will be collected by Mr. Freeman from each of the candidates, I can then increase and spend 5 mln USD. Therefore whoever gives the most amount for school and youth chess programmes, he should be a real presidential candidate. Then we will openly see who sincerely wants to develop and help chess. Therefore, dear delegates, I would like to thank you once again for your trust and our joint work during this year since the last Congress.

I would separately, last but not least, mention the Russian CF and its Chairman of the Board, I. Levitov, who raised sponsorship for their tournaments. The Alekhine Memorial held in Paris and St. Petersburg in Russian Museum, Tal Memorial, World Chess Championship match held in Tretyakov Gallery, it was an unique but progressive approach, to combine chess and arts. In Tashkent, the Grand-Prix stages are being held in Arts Gallery, museum. In Versailles, the day before yesterday, it was agreed that next year a chess tournament will be organized in the main Versailles palace, in the Napoleon hall. Therefore FIDE will always support such an initiative.

Officially I will say today, following my last night's discussions, that I will run but with many reservations and limitations, if another candidate gives more money for development of school chess, we can decide without any useless presidential campaign. Do not think that if I leave this position, I will leave chess. Wherever I will be, till the end of my active life and my life, I will always be actively supporting chess. As my family says, FIDE and chess is some kind of illness for you, and will stay with you forever.

I will thank the President of the Estonian Chess Federation and the Government of Estonia for your support. I apologise that I was too frank in saying some things, but we consider ourselves a family, therefore we always discuss such things within the family. Honorary Vice-President V. Zakarian asked Mr. Ilyumzhinov whether he will run or not.

Mr. K. Ilyumzhinov replied in the affirmative.

## **2. Financial report.**

Treasurer, Mr. N. Freeman presented his report.

### **2.1. Report of the Auditors.**

2014 Budget was discussed and approved.

[Annex 1](#) is audited accounts.

[Annex 2](#) is commented accounts.

[Annex 3A](#) is proposed budget for 2014.

Mr. Freeman drew the attention to a surplus of 230, 000 euro. Major change in the expenditure is the increase of the Commission's budgets, especially for the Development Commission – up to 400,000.

Mr. N. Freeman proposed from the next year to pay honorarium to Commission members:

2,000 for Commission Chairmen,

1,500 for Commission Secretaries

1,000 each for the core Councillors

He said that it is a small honorarium, the work these people do deserves a lot more, but he believes that now FIDE is in a position to thank those who work for what they are doing.

Mr. N. Freeman said that otherwise all is in line what was planned and next year we will be helped by the Olympiad and the match to be held same year. He said as usual, he is overbudgeting for expenses and underbudgeting for income, his budget is conservative. He said that last year the expenditure was lower than expected and the income was higher. He said that it is quite difficult with expenses to budget and we do not know what the figures will be at the end of the year, with entry fees and tournament registration, for example. Therefore he prefers to be conservative rather than aggressive. He also said that in respect of the WCOC, he never budgets them as it is not possible to see how much they will spend but usually this Commission brings a lot more than they spend.

Mr. I. Gelfer said that he always congratulates the Treasurer on a well-prepared and conservative budget. He also said that the income from the WCOC goes straight to FIDE.

Mr. T. Sielicki asked about the CIS budget, he said that the Chairman declared that all the money would go through FIDE and not through some private sponsor or company, and the figure in the budget is 108,000, and whether this is a final figure or not in the light of the expected amounts to come to FIDE thanks to the Presidential campaign.

Mr. N. Freeman said that again the people have misunderstood. He said that the amount of 108,000 is coming from FIDE budget. If the President or Mr. A. Yazici or whoever raise more money, again it depends on a sponsor, and again this will be paid through FIDE at the end of the day. He said that all the money that FIDE received from Rosneft, was paid through FIDE. They sent it to Global Chess first because they had an agreement and Global Chess sent it to FIDE. FIDE made the payments on the instructions of CIS Chairman. So if there is more money, and let's hope Poland can raise more money for us, all this will be paid through FIDE. It is up to a sponsor, who they want to sign an agreement with, we cannot say No to a sponsor if they want to do it in a slightly different way.

Mr. A. Yazici said he fully agreed with Mr. T. Sielicki and hoped he got the Verification Commission report. He added by saying that there are various activities under the umbrella of the programme Chess in Schools with various sponsors and sometimes President gives money for such missions. But here we mean that whatever money is for the CIS FIDE Commission, it is spent through FIDE. Therefore the Commission cannot control any other accounts used for this purpose.

Mr. I. Leong asked whether honorariums include Elected Commissions.

Mr. N. Freeman replied in the negative.

Mr. C. Abundo said that on behalf of his Commission members, Elected Commissions should be included in the honorariums. He said what they are being discriminated.

Mr. N. Freeman said that philosophy was and Mr. I. Leong would agree to this, that these are elected Commissions and people might say that this might interfere and these Commissions should give us nice reports. He said that maybe at the next General Assembly people might decide otherwise, but I do not want people to say that FIDE is bribing Ethics, Verification and Constitutional Commissions, even though the amount of money is so small that it would be stupid to say that.

Mr. A. Yazici disagreed and concurred with Mr. C. Abundo that if a decision is taken openly, nobody could say anything about this, as they were elected under these Regulations.

Mr. N. Freeman said that if anyone is ready to propose on behalf of these Commissions, we can vote on this here and amend the budget accordingly. He said that the elected Commissions representatives should not participate in this vote.

**Executive Board unanimously approved the proposal of Mr. C. Abundo that Elected Commissions be also included in the honorariums.**

Mr. N. Freeman said that this will not affect the budget figure as it was budgeted higher.

[Annex 4](#) is fees paid to PB members.

[Annex 4A](#) is fees paid to Continental Presidents.

ECU President was requested to provide the information about his salary.

Mr. N. Freeman also informed the Board on a situation on the investment column in the budget. He said that despite Mr. Kasparov's belief that any money that FIDE does not spend, ends up in a Bermuda triangle, this money stays in the accounts at the year end.

**Executive Board unanimously accepted the budget and Treasurer's report.**

#### **2.1.1. Proposed amendments to Financial Regulations.**

[Annex 5](#) is proposed amendments to Financial Regulations by Treasurer, Mr. N. Freeman.

#### **2.2. Permanent Fund report.**

[Annex 6](#) is report of the Permanent Fund Administrator Mr. L. Brunner.

**Executive Board accepted the report.**

#### **2.3. Verification Commission report.**

[Annex 7](#) is Commission's report.

[Annex 67](#) is the report presented in Tallinn.



**Executive Board accepted the report.**

#### **2.4. Reconfirmation of the FIDE Auditors.**

**Executive Board reconfirmed Ernst & Young Athens as FIDE external auditors.**

#### **2.5. Discharge of the Treasurer.**

**Executive Board discharged the Treasurer and thanked Mr. Freeman for his work.**

### **3. Affiliations and Exclusions.**

#### **3.1. Affiliations.**

##### **3.1.1. National Federations.**

[Annex 8](#) is an application of the Tanzania Chess Federation.

[Annex 9](#) is an application of the Saudi Arabia Chess Federation (recommended by the Presidential Board for acceptance).

[Annex 10](#) is an application of Federacao Timor-Leste de Xadrex.

**Executive Board approved the applications and welcomed new members to the FIDE family.**

#### **4. Administrative matters.**

##### **4.1. Proposed restructuring and amending of the Handbook.**

[Annex 11](#) are proposals of Mr. D. Jarrett.

**Executive Board approved the proposals.**

##### **4.2. Electoral Committee.**

Ms. Ank Santens, Chairman of the ELE Commission for this year's Extraordinary General Assembly, said that the work of the Commission is going very well and thanked the FIDE Secretariat and especially Ms. Aysa Mondrunova for her excellent work.

##### **4.3. FIDE Offices.**

**Mr. N. Freeman reported about the activities of the Athens and Elista offices.**

It was also noted that Mr. G. Borg is in discussion with the IMSA in respect of the Lausanne offices.

###### **4.3.1. Athens Office**

Mr. Freeman advised that Mr. G. Mastrokoukos now worked as an adviser to FIDE and that Athens Office was taking on an assistant to the Accounts Department.

#### **4.3.2. Elista Office**

#### **4.3.3. Moscow Office**

Mr. B. Balgabaev presented his report ([Annex 63](#)).

**Executive Board approved the change of the address of the office and the report.**

#### **4.4. CNC.**

Mr. G. Makropoulos presented his report.

#### **4.5. Agon.**

Mr. G. Makropoulos informed the Executive Board about its activities.

### **5. Commissions.**

#### **5.1. Central Board of Commissions.**

Mr. I. Leong presented his report ([Annex 58](#)). He said this is a new Commission and it should be included into the Handbook.

**Executive Board accepted the report.**

#### **5.2. Qualification Commission.**

Mr. I. Leong presented his report ([Annex 62](#)).

[Annex 12](#) is proposed Regulations on Registration and Licensing of the players.

[Annex 13](#) is Agenda for the Commission's meeting.

[Annex 14](#) is Summaries of over-the-board title applications.

[Annex 62](#) is the Report of the Qualification Commission meetings in Tallinn.

Mr. G. Makropoulos asked about provisional flag and FIDE flag, whether we can just have one flag. He asked for the clarification.

Mr. I. Leong said for many years FIDE has a provision of FIDE flag to help players to participate in the events, due to political reasons, which are beyond the control of the players or beyond the control of National Federations. He said a provisional flag would be used for those who have internal problems within Federations, not to mix two of them.

Mr. G. Makropoulos said based on this proposal, it was not possible that we have different flags to allow players to play. Recently there has been a problem.

Mr. I. Leong said that this was discussed and the Commission unanimously agreed that

only FIDE can decide which flag can be used, not Continents.

Mr. G. Makropoulos proposed to authorise the Presidential Board to study the proposal about one-hour rating.

Mr. I. Leong agreed.

On the second day [Appendix to Annex 62](#) (appendix to the QC report) a separate proposal for the rapid, blitz and bullet rating for over-the-board and online zone was presented. It was just received.

Mr. A. Yazici said that Messrs. Kaloumenos and Muradian from the QC were working on this proposal this is the reason it came just now. He said this is along the lines of the discussion at the last session of the QC meeting.

Mr. N. Faulks, QC Secretary, spoke from the floor, drawing attention to the fact the Appendix to the QC report was unsigned, and asking whether anyone in the room knew who had written it. He said to him this is a rogue document, it just appeared. He said as a QC Secretary, he knew nothing about it. He said that the document speaks about rating regulations for online arena, and asked how there could be rating regulations, when there are no playing regulations in this respect. He said the QC has not seen it.

Mr. A. Yazici thanked Mr. N. Faulks for his comment and said that he was responsible for the playing zone arrangements on behalf of FIDE and its Presidential Board, but he was not a QC member. He said that this has been prepared by the members of QC. He reminded Mr. N. Faulks about their discussion at the QC meeting. He said this document had nothing to do with Chess in Schools Commission. He said that this document should be presented to the Executive Board and it had already been accepted in general lines that the playing zone should be started after the Executive Board meeting. He said this zone cannot be started without any rules.

Mr. G. Makropoulos proposed that the document should be accepted as a basis, and the Executive Board authorises the Presidential Board to study and if there is any problem, to make necessary amendments if necessary, with the inputs of the QC members. He also said that he was present at the QC meeting and said that this document should be presented at the EB so the playing zone could start working so this paper was expected and he would not know who from the QC was working on this paper. So if QC cannot present this, the Board should do this. He said the principle has already been in the QC report. There is no reason to fight about this. He said the inputs by Mr. N. Faulks would be welcome by the Presidential Board.

Mr. N. Faulks then asked why was not QC permitted to look at the document.

Mr. G. Makropoulos said he had no idea as he was asking in the QC meeting to produce this document but this is not the ground to start fighting.

Mr. N. Faulks said there was no point in looking at the document as it had been printed.

Mr. G. Makropoulos said that then he was supposed to do it when asked at the meeting.

Mr. I. Leong said that the QC appointed a two-man Committee (M. Kaloumenos and S.

Muradian) to help this playing zone to prepare the regulations. He also said that the Chairman should understand that rating or other regulations are meant, we must give some time before they actually take effect. The recommendation is for the playing zone to start and for the Presidential Board to make any changes if found necessary.

**Executive Board accepted the proposal of Mr. G. Makropoulos.**

**Executive Board accepted the QC report with the amendments noting that the QC Secretary N. Faulks has not seen the presented Addendum before it was distributed.**

### **5.3. Arbiters' Commission.**

Mr. P. Nikolopoulos presented his report ([Annex 54](#)).

[Annex 15](#) is Agenda with Annexes for the Commission's meeting.

[Annex 16](#) is Summaries of the arbiters' title applications.

He said that the first time the recommendations were put on the arbiters commission site in advance so that Federations could see them and provide additional information in case they needed.

He drew the attention to some amendments to the regulations, there is a new definition "arbiters of national levels".

He informed the Board about all other new things and changes and a full range of the Commission's work during the year.

The Arbiters' Manual will include everything regarding the Arbiters, Laws of Chess, all regulations. He thanked all those who helped in the preparation of the manual. It will be updated before July 2014 and if FIDE agrees we can print books as separate books to distribute at the Tromso Olympiad 2014.

Mr. W. Kastner from Austrian Chess Federation asked about arbiters' education.

Mr. P. Nikolopoulos replied that this is a matter for every Federation to decide and arrange their system of educating as it wants.

**Executive Board accepted the Commission's report.**

### **5.4. Trainers' Commission.**

Mr. M. Khodakovsky presented the report ([Annex 41](#)).

[Annex 17](#) is Commission's report.

[Annex 18](#) is the titles to be approved by the Executive Board.

Mr. M. Khodarkovsky said that there was a first Razuvaev Memorial, in memoriam of the 1<sup>st</sup> Chairman of the Trainers' Commission.

There was also a wide range of activities done by the Commission during the year.

**Executive Board noted that the decision will be taken by the Presidential Board on the point about the Academy in Annex 41.**

**Executive Board accepted the Commission report, with this exception.**

#### **5.5. Technical Commission.**

Mr. A. Filipowicz presented his report ([Annexes 44 and 53](#)).

[Annex 19](#) is Technical Commission report with Annexes.

He said that the Guidelines for Disabled players will be added to their regulations.

He said that they propose to remove Armageddon game. They proposed instead blitz games until the very end.

They propose to use an increment from move 1 in the title matches and candidates' tournaments, thus unifying all regulations.

Mr. G. Makropoulos proposed to get this as recommendation to the Presidential Board and the WCOC will deal with this, in their recommendation. He said there were many points where he agreed with the Technical Commission, so the WCOC will work out the proposals.

Mr. A. Filipowicz agreed.

Mr. I. Leong commented on the proposal on how many games should be broadcast on the Internet. He said that this should be commented by Events Commission as different tournaments have different budgets and requirements.

Mr. G. Makropoulos said this should also be a recommendation for a further study, with inputs from various Commissions, and it will be referred to the Presidential Board.

**Executive Board accepted the Commission's report, except the points pointed out by Mr. G. Makropoulos and Mr. I. Leong.**

#### **5.6. Rules and Tournament Regulations Commission.**

In the absence of Mr. G. Gijssen, Mr. S. Reuben presented the report ([Annex 50](#)) and the draft of the Laws of Chess ([Addendum for Annex 50](#)).

##### **5.6.1. Proposed Changes in Laws of Chess.**

[Annex 20](#) is Agenda for the Commission's meeting.

Mr. I. Gelfer asked the Commission to confirm that the Laws of Chess will come into effect starting from July.

Mr. S. Reuben replied that as all the regulations can also have immediate effect, in case of an emergency and gave an example of cumulative Fischer mode (1993).

**Executive Board accepted the report and Laws of Chess.**

**5.7. Constitutional Commission**

Mr. C. Abundo presented his report ([Annex 66](#)).

Mr. N. Freeman asked on point 6 of the report, for clarification whether it comes from the Commission or Mrs. Santens and ELE. He said that this should be discussed.

Mr. G. Borg said lots of people sent the proxies from their personal email addresses, even Presidents of Federations, and they were accepted of course, based that they were sent to the FIDE office. All the names were thoroughly checked, every single email was checked also. He said there is no specification in the Electoral regulations regarding the email address it should be coming from.

Mr. C. Abundo said the provision in their report said such a proxy should be sent back to the Federation's email.

Mr. G. Makropoulos proposed that this should be taken out, as with the strict deadlines we have, it would be a chaos.

Mr. G. Borg said that the ELE will also be recommending the definition of the word "Head" and this should be put inside the Statutes.

**The Board accepted the proposal of Mr. G. Makropoulos.**

**Executive Board accepted the Commission's report with an amendment.**

**5.8. Swiss Pairings Programmes Committee.**

Mr. C. Krause presented his report ([Annex 56](#)).

[Annex 21](#) is Agenda with Annex for the Committee's meeting.

Mr. C. Krause explained the work of the Commissions and plans for the future.

A new programme should be endorsed – Java programme from Italy, for pairing.

He also explained their proposal of handling of wrong results in Swiss tournaments.

Mr. G. Makropoulos said this was a very important change.

**Executive Board accepted the Commission's report.**

**5.9. Development Commission.**

Mr. A. Herbert presented his report ([Annex 60](#)) and an Appendix to the report.

[Annex 22](#) is the Commission's report.

Mr. A. Herbert explained two key points, one relates to the award of the World Youth Traveller Grants for the 2013 World Youth Chess Championships. The other thing was that we did have some discussion about promotion of greater activities among level 3-5 Federations. We proposed this and this is in the report. We decided in principle about refinement about financial regulations, which will be in the financial regulations presented, which were made prior to the discussions. I will follow this up with the FIDE Treasurer.

He also said they would start negotiations with the Tromso Olympiad regarding allocation of the travel grant included into their bid, as this is an important process as Baku also has this in their bid and so whatever would be agreed with Tromso, would set a precedent going for. Mr. Herbert said that this would take a couple of months and one of the Presidential Boards before the Olympiad would have to accept the methodology.

Mr. N. Freeman asked the approval of the Executive Board for him and Mr. Herbert to continue and negotiate the rebates. He said the aim is to encourage activities in level 4 and 5 countries, which is very poor. He said the rebate is low, especially in the Olympiad years, where Olympiad fee would take up most of it.

**The Executive Board approved.**

Mr. N. Freeman said that an Appendix to Annex 60 is a proposal of Mr. I. Gelfer on what he would be proposing to the Norwegians. This is more for your information as this was not a final document. So comments if any, should be going to Mr. I. Gelfer or Mr. Herbert.

**Executive Board accepted the Commission's report.**

**5.10. Chess in Schools Commission.**

Mr. A. Yazici presented his report ([Annex 59](#)).

[Annex 23](#) is Commission's report.

Mr. A. Yazici thanked the FIDE President for his support, especially mentioned in his report. He said that 49 Federations were supported with the sponsorship from Rosneft and also, we increased the number with 5 this year.

He underlined that the Commission is something to give children the advantage of learning chess as other school disciplines. Therefore the training of the teachers is not the same as trainers' education. We created a new title – School Instructor and also, in 2013, following the objection of the Trainers' Commission, we revoked the title. Now the Trainers' Commission reconsidered their position, and CIS is saying that they need this title. So they ask the Executive Board to approve this title again.

Mr. A. Yazici said we will use women's ex-World Champions as celebrities to promote our activities in various countries. He said they are positive and support the programme. He thanked everyone for their support.

Mr. A. Kostyev presented a proposal to have Chess in School seminar during the

Moscow Chess Festival the next year, he also said the title of Chess Instructor would be very useful.

Mr. G. Boxall congratulated the Commission for enormous amount of work of the Commission and said in the Verification Commission Minutes say that the amount of money spent by the Commission was examined by his Commission in details. He said it was not clear in the Commission meeting, was the priorities allocated by the Commission regarding the expenditure of the money. Therefore they recommended that the Commission produces a summary of the funds use in relation to 600, 000 USD.

Mr. A. Yazici said that he did not hear till 48 hours ago, but this had been produced and provided to Mr. G. Boxall. He said that he was not feeling very good as only his Commission was asked for this. He was ready to answer for any expenditure in his Commission. He said for the future, every Commission should produce such a summary.

Mr. T. Sielicki said his question was similar to the question of Mr. G. Boxall. He said the budget of CIS is not in the budget of FIDE. He said he realised that apart from the budgeted amount, the other amounts were channelled through other bodies, like Global Chess. He said the request from the Verification Commission means that they were unable to see how these funds were distributed. He said we should post factum request a pro forma accountability report from the Commission regarding 2013, some rules for 2014. We heard from the FIDE President that Chess in Schools is the most important thing, but he also underlined and we take it for granted from him, that transparency is paramount. He disagreed with Mr. A. Yazici and said that this Commission is not like others, it is the most important and this is where most money is being spent. He said that this had to be taken in a much better way, especially that the auditors could not account for this.

Mr. N. Freeman said that Mr. T. Sielicki was mixing years and he meant 2013, when said 2014. He said that the CIS budget for last year was raised by the FIDE President himself with Rosneft. It was money purely for CIS and it was reported back to the Rosneft, and Mr. Borg can confirm this. In the FIDE office we have all the payments, and we do not know which amount was for a manual, which was for seminars, we do not know this exactly. He underlined that the monies which were written off, are the monies spent by FIDE before the Rosneft money came in. It was agreed by the Presidential Board in Al Ain. These were two pilot projects, originally they were supposed to be three, with Sweden also included. Rosneft money has nothing to do with these projects, that is why FIDE had to write them off.

Mr. A. Yazici said the comments by Mr. T. Sielicki were not correct. He said the budget was not as he said, it was raised. The money came to FIDE. He said he never spent any money, except than FIDE money, except my pocket money, which I did not invoice to FIDE, all expenses were done from the FIDE account. He said for the next year, it was not 60, 000 but 108, 000. If President raises more money, it will go to the FIDE budget. The question here is not straight, if the items in the summary, one by one, listed by an accountant and Treasurer, should be grouped. He said it was not a good manner, to prepare this, in advance. It would have taken us 20 minutes to prepare this. We have nothing to hide. He said he would not understand why this question in the part of Verification Commission and Chess in Schools Commission, as this was their job and we could discuss that at the meeting.



Mr. S. Danailov asked the income from Slovakia is 273 euro and from Slovenia is 289 euro, and the loan to FIDE is more than 87, 000. He said when I asked this question in Yerevan PB to the Chairman of CIS, the answer was I do not remember exactly, but it was about 30 or 40, 000 euro. But there is a big difference between these figures.

Mr. A. Yazici said I did not remember at the time, as we had some premium members at that time. At the end the CIS material was spent in these countries. So this money was spent by Federations, it is maybe this money came to our account. He said I am very proud to spend money on our Federations.

**Executive Board accepted the Commission's report and noted that the summary of expenses will be published on the CIS website.**

#### **5.11. Women's Chess Commission.**

[Annex 24](#) is Commission's report.

**In the absence of Ms. S. Polgar the report ([Annex 51](#)) was approved by Executive Board.**

#### **5.12. Social Action Commission.**

Ms. B. Marinello presented her report ([Annex 52](#)).

[Annex 25](#) is the Commission's report.

Ms. B. Marinello presented her team as this was the first year of the Commission.

Dr. H. Elgendy will produce a report on chess and Alzheimer.

This will be a very good addition to the Commission.

There will be a world conference on this issue in June 2014 in New York. The money will be raised in the USA.

Mr. D. Buthali said regarding the last sentence in Annex 25, he said the Commission should try to resolve the issues internally before coming to the Ethics Commission. He recommended some attempts should be made to resolve issues within the Commission itself.

The Board agreed.

Mr. G. Makropoulos thanked Ms. B. Marinello for her great job.

**Executive Board accepted the Commission's report.**

#### **5.13. Social Projects Commission.**

Mr. D. Lima presented his report ([Annex 49](#)).

[Annex 26](#) is the Commission's report.

Mr. G. Makropoulos thanked GM Lima for his great job also.

**Executive Board accepted the Commission's report.**

#### **5.14. Chess for Disabled Committee.**

Mr. T. Luther presented his report ([Annex 61](#)).

[Annex 27](#) is the Committee's report.

Mr. T. Luther said that the new World Championship for Disabled will be held this year, in Dresden, it will be organised every second year. They are open for talks regarding possible organisation of this event. In Tromso, disabled teams will participate, and the Commission would support them.

Mr. G. Makropoulos thanked GM T. Luther for his great job in this Commission.

**Executive Board accepted the Commission's report.**

#### **5.15. Medical Commission.**

Dr. J. Bellin presented her report ([Annex 55](#)).

[Annex 28](#) is Agenda for the Commission's meeting.

[Annex 29](#) is a press-release by SportAccord.

Dr. J. Bellin said that all goals were set up previously, had been achieved. Full compliance with WADA code is done, all published on the FIDE website. All doping tests in 2012 run smoothly and statistics is also attached. In the current year so far we had encountered no problems.

She said that the Medical Commission supported the social projects and they were ready to cooperate and they had discussed the way forward.

Mr. N. Freeman said that we used to have lots of questions regarding the functions of the Medical Commission and we have to thank Dr. J. Bellin that now people know what this Commission does and the job she does.

**Executive Board accepted the Commission's report.**

#### **5.16. Ethics Commission.**

Mr. R. Rivello presented his report ([Annex 69](#)).

Mr. R. Rivello said the Commission had public and non-public parts of the meeting. The investigatory chamber is the one which has to be appointed to do this job. He said this will be a very strong step forward. This is a suggestion for the Presidential Board to suggest and evaluate.

Mr. R. Rivello said Federations receive great advantages according to the new Statutes. He said yes Federations were afraid, and it was true in other sports, the Federations were forced to accept and in FIDE it was an option, the advantages being first if they ban a player, and this is not appealed, this decision has a direct effect in other

federations, which means a player cannot play in all FIDE tournaments and events. From our point of view it is a restriction of our competence, which is much better for us, as we receive too many cases, we are professionals in our job and amateurs here.

Mr. R. Rivello apologised and said we have just a few meetings and it is very difficult to do well our job. Not all cases were decided. There were 24 new cases in 2012, 15 were admissible, in 2013 we received more than 20 and registered 10 among them. Sometimes evaluation is very difficult, e.g. Batmanny tournament, where witnesses give opposite declarations. We could not impose real sanctions on such witnesses and for this purpose we need a system to improve on cooperation between National Federations and FIDE, we need a prosecution organ, in particular, regarding cheating and anti-cheating.

Mr. A. Yazici thanked the Ethics Commission for a warning to him for protecting FIDE interests. He said he did not accept this. It was not my decision that I received a warning for. This was a decision that arbiters from seven countries were not accepted in the Olympiad. He asked if the German member of the Ethics Commission was part of this decision or not.

Mr. R. Rivello said that our Commission was the least popular as they only give bad news to people. Usually when you are criticised for a decision, it means you made a good decision. He said he was sure that for this very decision, the Commission would be criticised by all parties. He said that in this case the task was to establish principles and the sanction is a very mild one. He said Mr. Alt asked to abstain himself from taking this decision. His request was rejected as in other cases, when he was the first one to reject a request of the German Federation, in another case. Mr. R. Rivello said the Commission membership is just five persons, quite frequently only three of them were able to attend meetings and it was difficult not to include all participants in our decisions. From a formal point of view, a national member of the Commission could refuse to take part in the decision, but they have so many cases recently and there were cases where it would impossible to decide otherwise. Maybe the Commission membership should be increased.

**Executive Board accepted the report with Mr. A. Yazici voting against.**

#### **5.17. Events Commission.**

Mr. B. Kutin presented his report ([Annex 57](#)) and Mr. T. Tsorbatzoglou presented a new project.

FIDE Events Commission presented the new edition "FIDE Identity Manual & Sponsorship Guidelines" - a professional marketing tool which will provide more information to the Organizers and will give a new dynamic to FIDE World Championships.

The Manual is developed in co-operation with "M-Spirit", a company operating in creative services, branding and events' promotion.

In the same meeting FIDE Events Commission in co-operation with the Italian association "Chess Projects ASD" and the famous Italian fashion company "Eleonora Scaramucci" presented prototype designs for players, arbiters, officers and managers.

[Annex 30](#) is Agenda with Annexes for the Commission's meeting.

[Annex 31](#) is list of IO titles to be approved by the Executive Board.

[Annex 32](#) is Mr. B. Kutin's proposal in respect of the celebration of the FIDE 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

[Annex 68](#) is a letter from the Vilnius Chess Federation.

Mr. B. Kutin said there was a new member in the Commission, as some of the members were not very active. He also introduced the position of FIDE Technical Delegate.

The Board approved that Mr. Fernando Arabal would be a speaker at the celebration of the 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary of FIDE.

**The Board approved the proposal of Vilnius.**

**Executive Board accepted the Commission's report.**

#### **5.18. Journalists' Commission.**

Mr. G. Makropoulos presented his report ([Annex 70](#)).

He said that the Commission was established in Istanbul General Assembly. They started working, with the main aim to help journalists who attend FIDE events, to obtain discounts in hotels etc. Second aim is to create one pool of journalists, accredited with FIDE, who are aware with international Code of Ethics, try to educate some journalists. Now it is difficult as anyone who can write in Internet, calls himself a journalist. There should be lines drawn for everyone who writes about chess events. The report contains analysis and proposals.

Mr. G. Makropoulos invited everyone who would like to join this Commission, contact them.

**Executive Board accepted the Commission's report.**

#### **5.19. Anti-Cheating Committee.**

Mr. I. Gelfer presented the report ([Annex 65](#)).

Mr. I. Gelfer said since the world was created, people were cheating. This is probably part of human nature. But for several years, there was a trend of electronic devices used to cheat, which is threatening the reputation of our noble game. FIDE decided to fight against it.

He said the Anti-Cheating Committee is created for this purpose. He said this is a mutual FIDE-ACP project and we were working together. There had been two meetings in Paris the previous week. Prof. Ken Regan who is an expert in this field, is helping us, he will be responsible for statistical side of this subject. This body will be dealing with all kinds of cheating, the main issue is electronic cheating. The work has just started. There is an initial document, which will be studied, the recommendations will be presented at the General Assembly in Tromso, with a legal basis, with definitions,

means, new instructions for arbiters etc etc. Experts from all over the world are being consulted.

Mr. I. Gelfer outlined a road-map for the Committee's work.

There might be some changes in Laws of Chess, and regulations.

If anyone is caught, the sanctions will be harsh.

Mr. R. Rivello said as Ethics commission, we are deeply involved in the matter of cheating. We should use what we already have. He drew the attention to the existing possibilities, one of them is in Chapter 8 of the Statutes, which is a possibility to create an investigatory chamber of 3 persons, competent on some specific teams. Ethics Commission proposes to create this by the Presidential Board, to collect evidence, investigate and report to the Ethics Commission, on anti-cheating and on a related issue - fake accusations.

He said he read many declarations on many sites, he said that a large majority of so-called experts do not read FIDE Statutes or jurisdiction. He said that recently there had been many judgements in many countries by sports Commissions, unfortunately when they reached the step with a real internal judge, they were invalid. He said the Feller case judgement was the only one which survived the check by an ordinary judge.

Mr. R. Rivello drew the Board's attention to another important tool – sharing the national and international sports jurisdiction. He said unfortunately no Federation has used this so far. He said it was necessary to give a full appeal competence to the Ethics Commission.

He said that during last months they received many complaints regarding cheating and anti-cheating. He said all complaints were dealt with by his Commission.

Mr. I. Gelfer said the work has just started. This is not going to be the bodies to accuse or go to the court. We will build a structure and make recommendations that the case should be brought to the Ethics Commission. When we finish the work and in one stage, we will consult Mr. R. Rivello and his body, there will be cooperation between the two bodies.

Mr. G. Makropoulos said they will be preparing this for you and they will not be taking work from the Ethics Commission.

He said there was a problem with the Federations, who have not really recognised the authority of your Commission. He said the Federations are afraid. In other sports organisations they are forced. We are also forced to recognise the authorisation of CAS. He said we should maybe change this, otherwise the system would not be working according to our idea how it should work.

**Executive Board accepted the report which will come into force immediately after the Tromso General Assembly.**

## **5.20. Commission on World Championship and Olympiads.**

- 1. FIDE World Cup 2013 ([Annex 45](#) - Chief Arbiter's report)**
- 2. FIDE World Cup 2015**
- 3. FIDE World Championship Match – November 2013**
- 4. FIDE Candidates matches 2014**

5. **FIDE Grand- Prix series 2012-2013**
6. **FIDE Women's Grand Prix series 2013-2014**
7. **FIDE Women's World Championship Match 2013**
8. **FIDE Women's World Championship 2014**
9. **FIDE World Team Championship 2013**
10. **FIDE World Team Championship 2015**
11. **FIDE World Team Championship 2017**
12. **FIDE Women's World Team Championship 2015**
13. **FIDE Women's World Team Championship 2017**
14. **FIDE World Rapid and Blitz Championship 2013**
15. **FIDE World Rapid and Blitz Championship 2014**
16. **FIDE Women's World Rapid and Blitz Championship 2013-2014**
17. **World Chess Olympiad 2014 – Tromso, Norway**
18. **World Chess Olympiad 2016 – Baku, Azerbaijan**
19. **World Chess Olympiad 2018**

Mr. G. Makropoulos presented the recommendations ([Annex 64](#)). He said the Russian Chess Federation sent several proposals last month and several changes were made in regulations, and some of them go directly to the Presidential Board. From Olympiad 2016, there will be an increase of sector arbiters from 6 to 8.

Mr. R. Rivello is expected to comment on the way FIDE should proceed with Mr. Feller if he does not return the money and the medal. The FIDE lawyer agrees with this.

Sofia rules to be introduced to the next World Championship title match.

Regarding Grand-Prix, in case there are no six contracts for tournaments, we will change for four events. The first year there will be three in a year (following the proposal of the Russian Chess Federation), with a prize fund of 120, 000 euro.

Mr. I. Gelfer added that in 2014 an agreement was reached with the Tromso Organisers, that it would already be implemented, to have 8 sector arbiters. The number of match arbiters will be increased from 120 to 150 people.

Mr. T. Sielicki commented that in future any clashes of the FIDE events with continental events should be avoided.

Mr. G. Makropoulos agreed and requested that Mr. T. Sielicki coordinates with Mr. Leong the dates for the coming years.

**Executive Board accepted the recommendations.**

**Executive Board accepted the Commission's report.**

#### **5.20.1. FIDE World Cup 2015.**

The event shall be held in Baku, Azerbaijan, dates to be confirmed.

#### **5.20.2. FIDE World Championship Match 2013.**

The event will be held in Chennai, India, 7-28 November 2013.

Mr. D.V. Sundar thanked FIDE and Mr. I. Gelfer in particular, to make sure everything is in place, on behalf of India and AICF. He also mentioned the wonderful support of the Tamil Nadu State Government and the Lady Minister who had shown enormous interest in promoting all sports and chess in particular. After the visit of the FIDE President, she introduced chess in the state schools. He said that we should all pray for the success of the match and let the best player win it.

Mr. G. Makropoulos voiced the request of one of the Norwegian TV channels who want to broadcast the match, to seek the support of the Organisers in meeting their request and finding a reasonable financial solution for this, as they could reciprocate with inviting Indian site to work in Tromso for the Chess Olympiad.

Mr. D.V. Sundar replied that he would see what he could do.

### **5.20.3. FIDE Candidates' Matches 2014.**

The dates should be 12-30 March 2014.

[Annex 33](#) is a declaration of interest from the city of Khanty-Mansiysk.

Mr. N. Freeman briefed the Board and said that there has been declaration of interests from Khanty-Mansiysk and Bulgaria, because the right to award the events belongs to Agon. FIDE wrote to both of them asking to prove that you are serious, please provide bank guarantees, the former provided it and Bulgaria wrote back and said that it was complicated to get a bank guarantee so quickly in Bulgaria and requested if they could send a letter from the President as before. We wrote back and said that as far as we understand it is the Prime-Minister in Bulgaria who controls the budget, so we would be happy to accept a letter from him. He said this happened three or four days ago and they should get a little bit longer to produce the letter or ideally the bank guarantee, as we would much prefer to have a bank guarantee rather than a letter. If a letter from the Prime-Minister is received, at least we will keep that they expressed the declaration of interest for the Candidates matches. He said that the Bulgarian offer is much larger than the Khanty-Mansiysk one, almost double. He also said that there was no deadline as it was Agon who would decide and we were talking with Agon about it but we were willing to give some time more to the Bulgarians to produce one or the other and then we will see after that.

Mr. I. Gelfer said that he understood what was said about Agon and officially Agon had the rights for this tournament, however, he warned that there were only five months before the event. He was afraid that if we delayed our decision, we might lose the organiser as if we postpone more and more we might lose Khanty-Mansiysk, and from his experience in FIDE, letters were only letters, with all respect to the Prime-Minister of Bulgaria. He suggested that the Bulgarians should be given by the end of the month to produce a letter of guarantee and I would very much like that they produce it as their offer is much better. But if not, with all the sorrow, he proposed not to wait any longer.

Mr. I. Levitov said that there had been an original deadline of September 20<sup>th</sup>, then it was prolonged to the deadline of October 4<sup>th</sup> and now it was October 7<sup>th</sup>, and Mr. I. Gelfer proposed to postpone till the end of October, if we move it again and again...He said with all due respect to the great proposal by the Bulgarian Chess Federation, no

more postponements should be allowed for this. He said if we lose Khanty-Mansiysk, we will start again change the dates and it will be all over again, and we will get all harsh words from the chess world. He said, why not to decide on this issue here.

Mr. I. Gelfer said however, that it would not be fair for the Bulgarian side because there was no deadline, it was just a negotiation, and we should give them some time. He proposed to wait for two weeks for a bank guarantee from Bulgaria.

Mr. N. Freeman said that there actually had been a deadline and Bulgarians replied within it requesting to provide a letter from their Prime-Minister. We did not tell them that we were accepting this as a bid or anything else. But they were supposed to send us this in order to show their interest. Mr. I. Gelfer is actually prolonging the time more than FIDE and Agon wanted to, as they said the Bulgarians should produce the letter in the next two or three days, otherwise the event goes to Khanty-Mansiysk. Then if the Bulgarians would send a letter from the Prime-Minister showing their seriousness, we would anyway tell them to produce the bank guarantee in the next week, by October 20<sup>th</sup> approximately, if not, the event would go to Khanty-Mansiysk.

Mr. A. Yazici said he understood we are not authorised to make a decision.

Mr. B. Kutin said that FIDE should be cautious and reminded the Board about the situation with a bank guarantee from Mexico within the deadline and much more money only by promise in a previous event. He said we had one formal bid with a bank guarantee and after that we received a much better financial bid from Argentina, promising much more money, we were waiting and waiting, at end having lost the organiser.

Mr. I. Levitov asked who could make a decision about the venue of the event.

Mr. G. Makropoulos said this moment, with the situation we have in Agon, we could make a decision, negotiating on behalf of them at this moment.

Mr. S. Danailov said that it was not clear at the beginning about the bidding procedure, it was not a clear bidding procedure just a letter of interest. He said he asked Mr. N. Freeman whether the prize fund should be included and he received a reply that anyway, you will be asked later, so please do it. And we did everything according to the procedure. He said that in such a short time, it was not so easy to prepare such bank guarantees. He said they asked to produce a letter from the Prime-Minister. He said that in 2010 for the Anand-Topalov match they also sent a letter from their Prime-Minister and it worked perfectly. He said the Bulgarian Federation never failed with any payment to FIDE for any event and everybody knows this. He said no one could doubt their intentions or their word. He agreed that there should be a deadline, but it should not be a two-days deadline. He said the letter would be sent by the end of the week.

Mr. G. Makropoulos proposed that provided the letter would be received as Mr. S. Danailov said, the event would be awarded automatically to Bulgaria, the contract will be prepared, all financial provisions should be included and we will go on. If there was no letter by the end of the week, the event would be awarded automatically to Khanty-Mansiysk. We cannot risk by postponing the decision further. He said the Organisers in Khanty-Mansiysk are serious and organised for FIDE events with millions of euro as prize fund. He said it was not nice to keep them waiting after they from their side have



provided everything for FIDE, that maybe we could get a better deal which might not eventually happen. He agreed with Mr. Levitov that the Organisers of Khanty had done a lot for FIDE and we should not risk losing them. He said the discussion has been on for several weeks, but in view of a really large prize fund proposed by the Bulgarians, we should give them the week which Mr. Danailov was requesting.

Mr. I. Levitov said that the letter from the Prime-Minister would be of course enough, but it should contain the amounts already proposed to FIDE.

Mr. S. Danailov said that the letter guaranteed everything for the organisation according to the bid presented by the Bulgarian Chess Federation.

Mr. G. Borg said, that out of respect for the Khanty-Mansiysk organisers, we should propose a review and an option if they want to match the Bulgarian option or not. Bulgarians were given an option, but the bid of Khanty-Mansiysk was available for quite some time on the Internet. He said we should be fair to all parties.

Mr. G. Makropoulos said we were not opening a tender. The representative of the Russian Chess Federation who was present, was happy with the proposal to extend the deadline for one week, he understands that the amount proposed was very big.

**The Board approved the proposal of Mr. G. Makropoulos to extend the deadline by one week for the Bulgarian Chess Federation to provide a letter from their Prime-Minister.**

The next day Mr. V. Filipenko, Mayor of the city of Khanty-Mansiysk and President of the Khanty-Mansiysk Chess Federation made a presentation in respect of all the FIDE events which will be organised there.

#### **5.20.4. FIDE Grand-Prix series.**

Mr. G. Borg briefed the Board.

[Annex 34](#) is overall standings after five rounds.

#### **5.20.5. FIDE Women's Grand-Prix series 2013-2014.**

Mr. G. Borg briefed the Board.

Khanty-Mansiysk, Russia	7-23 April 2014
Tbilisi, Georgia	18 June – 2 July 2014
Erdenet, Mongolia	24 August – 7 September 2014

#### **5.20.6. FIDE Women's World Championship Match 2013.**

The event was held in Taizhou, China, 10-28 September 2013.

[Annex 48](#) is the report of the Chief Arbiter of the event.

#### **5.20.7. FIDE Women's World Championship 2014.**

11-31 October 2014.

[Annex 35](#) is the unofficial list of qualifiers from Europe.

A bidding process to be opened.

**5.20.8. FIDE World Team Championship 2013.**

The event will be held in Antalya, Turkey, 24 November - 6 December 2013.

**5.20.9. FIDE World Team Championship 2015.**

The event will be held in Armenia, 1-15 March 2015.

**5.20.10. FIDE World Team Championship 2017.**

The event will be held in Khanty-Mansiysk, Russia, 1-15 March 2017.

**5.20.11. FIDE Women's World Team Championship 2015.**

The event will be held in Armenia, 1-15 March 2015.

**5.20.12. FIDE Women's World Team Championship 2017.**

The event will be held in Khanty-Mansiysk, Russia, 1-15 March 2017.

**5.20.13. FIDE World Rapid and Blitz Championship 2013.**

The event was held in Khanty- Mansiysk, Russia, 5-11 June 2013.

[Annex 36](#) is Chief Arbiter's report.

**5.20.14. FIDE World Rapid and Blitz Championship 2014.**

The event will be held in Dubai, UAE, 15-22 June 2014.

**5.20.15. FIDE Women's World Rapid and Blitz Championship 2013-2014.**

The 2014 event will be held in Khanty-Mansiysk, Russia, 23-30 April 2014.

**5.20.16. World Chess Olympiad 2014.**

The event shall be held in Tromso, Norway, 1-14 August 2014.

The Board noted the information from Mr. I. Gelfer on the Tromso hotels and Mr. M. Sand of the Organising Committee.

**5.20.17. World Chess Olympiad 2016.**

The event shall be held in Baku, Azerbaijan, dates to be advised.

**5.20.18. World Chess Olympiad 2018.**

Bidding process to be opened and the decision will be taken in 2014. The bids to reach the FIDE Secretariat by March 31<sup>st</sup> 2014.

Deputy Minister of Sports of Georgia GM Z. Azmaiparashvili informed the board of the intention of his country to bid for the organisation of the event in Batumi with a full support of his country's government ([Annex 71](#)). He thanked Messrs. Ilyumzhinov and Makropoulos for their visits during 2012 and 2013. Where the FIDE President met with the Prime-Minister of Georgia. Last meeting was very successful, following this the country decided to ask for an option. He said that a joint budget will reach 15 mln euro. He said all Ministers liked this idea and supported it.

He suggested Batumi as a proposed venue, with new five-star hotels and four-star hotels. There are also proposals regarding tournament hall as well. They are looking forward to the construction of a new concert hall. Batumi organised a lot of chess events, except the World Championship match and the Olympiad. Chess will be as a state programme in Georgia for the next five years, and will be an important part in the sports life of the country.

Mr. Z. Azmaiparashvili also said they would order the special FIDE uniform presented by the Events Commission.

Mr. G. Makropoulos said that there were two other Federations preparing bids for this event.

## **5. FIDE Meetings, Tournaments and Matches.**

### **6.1. Presidential Board and FIDE Congresses.**

#### **6.1.1. 2013-2014 Presidential Board meetings.**

The 4th Quarter of the Presidential Board 2013 will be held in Chennai, India, 7-10 November 2013.

Mr. N. Freeman thanked Mr. D.V. Sundar for hosting the meeting.

It was noted that the 2014 1<sup>st</sup> quarter PB should be held in February-March and the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter – in May-June 2014, and no bids were received.

#### **6.1.2. 85<sup>th</sup> FIDE Congress 2014.**

The event shall be held in Tromso, Norway, 4-14 August 2014.

It was noted that the FIDE Presidential elections should be held during the 2<sup>nd</sup> rest day of the Olympiad, at the request of ELE as many players will be delegates. The Congress timetable should be adjusted accordingly.

#### **6.1.3. 86<sup>th</sup> FIDE Congress 2015.**

Krakow has shown an interest of holding the Congress but then they wrote that they do not have official bank guarantees.

Mr. N. Freeman requested Mr. T. Sielicki to speak to them and request to reconsider holding the event in Poland.

#### **6.1.4. 87<sup>th</sup> FIDE Congress 2016.**

The event shall be held in Baku, Azerbaijan, 20-30 September 2016, provided that the Olympiad dates are intact.

#### **6.2. World Junior and Girls U-20 Championship.**

##### **6.2.1. World Junior and Girls U-20 Championship 2013.**

The event was held in Kocaeli, Turkey, 12-27 September 2013. The venue was moved due to the dangerous situation and requests from several Federations. The Turkish Chess Federation had their sponsors in Hatay and more than hundred players were ready to go there anyway. They moved the event following the developments and the letter from FIDE requesting that the venue should be moved to guarantee the security of the participants. Nobody suffered in flights, as the venue was close to Istanbul. As a Treasurer, Mr. Freeman agreed they could keep all the entry fees for the event.

The event was very successful.

##### **6.2.2. World Junior and Girls U-20 Championship 2014.**

The event shall be held in Mumbai, India, 5-20 October 2014.

##### **6.2.3. World Junior and Girls U-20 Championship 2015.**

The event shall be held in Khanty-Mansiysk, Russia, 15-30 September 2015.

##### **6.2.4. World Junior and Girls U-20 Championship 2016.**

Bids open 1<sup>st</sup> January - close 1<sup>st</sup> March 2014.

#### **6.3. World Youth Championships U-8, U-10, U-12, U-14, U-16 and U-18.**

##### **6.3.1. World Youth Championships 2013.**

The event shall be held in Al Ain, UAE, 17-29 December 2013.

The Board noted the presentation by the Organising Committee of the event.

##### **6.3.2. World Youth Championships 2014.**

The event shall be held in Durban, South Africa, 18-30 September 2014.

##### **6.3.3. World Youth Championships 2015.**

Inspections were held at all three venues this May:

Albena, Bulgaria  
Porto Carras, Greece  
Antalya, Turkey

[Annex 37](#) is a report of Messrs. D. Jarrett and A. Surrender.

Mr. N. Freeman announced on the 7<sup>th</sup> of October that the item will be discussed the next day, as the Turkish and Bulgarians would like to make presentations. Greeks agreed eventually to do so, as courtesy. Mr. Freeman also announced that the report contained evaluation points which could be seen in the Annex 37 and explanation to them.

The bidders made their presentations accordingly.

Mr. N. Freeman said that this is the new system of evaluating events. It was agreed in Istanbul that Messrs. Jarrett and Surrender will go and evaluate the venues. They produced the report which includes the evaluation of all three bids. As the new system, the first thing we do, we see if we accept the report.

Then Mr. N. Freeman said that following the decision of the Istanbul General Assembly, an inspection was to be made with a Report, which is attached. If the Executive Board accepts the report, it will then accept the evaluation and it will mean that the event will be awarded to the bid with the highest evaluation. If the report is not accepted, then a vote should take place. He made it very clear that if the report with the evaluation is accepted, then Porto Carras will get the event. He asked to raise hands those who are in favour of accepting the report.

Mr. T. Sielicki said that since the Chair has been so efficient and we have a lot of time, a report should be voted with a secret ballot.

Mr. N. Freeman said that for accepting a report we never have a secret ballot. He said that if the report is not accepted, then a secret ballot will be held and everything has been prepared for this. Mr. Freeman then explained to Mr. Burstein again what the acceptance of report will mean.

Mr. S. Danailov said where this decision comes from, and he had no idea about this.

Mr. N. Freeman said this is a new procedure under the evaluation that we have had and in Istanbul it was agreed that these two will do the evaluation and they have done so. Let us see if it is accepted, if it is not accepted, then we go to a vote.

Mr. I. Gelfer said that it was his proposal in Istanbul to make an evaluation. He said that for such a big event, which will be split eventually. So if we made a report, and postponed the decision for a year, why did we do it, what for. I believe we have to accept the report, unless somebody thinks this report is not reliable or false, otherwise this is what we were aiming at, and it should be accepted, if no one has anything against this, this was the purpose of this move, so let's accept the report and move on. The inspectors were assigned at the General Assembly.

Mr. A. Yazici said that we decided in Istanbul and I respect the opinion of the General Assembly and I did not oppose to the proposal of Israel even I would like this to be

decided in Istanbul. Even that I am not happy with this evaluation score, for Turkish part, we have to respect our decision. I see the objection from the Bulgarian side, I respect this even I am not happy with their evaluation score. He said let's make a vote, see and we should respect the result, and if the report is not accepted, we will proceed with a vote for each bid. He also reminded that this system of evaluation is used in Europe for each event, where if one bid is 10% is better than the other, the other is automatically eliminated. He said therefore he could not understand what the ECU President and Deputy President are objecting this system.

Mr. N. Freeman said that one of the two evaluators was chosen by Mr. S. Danailov and the other one is Mr. D. Jarrett.

Mr. N. Elhaj said that maybe it is better that one of the two evaluators take the floor and explain the evaluation and then the Board decides if they accepted the report or not.

Mr. N. Freeman replied that the report is in good detail. He also said Mr. I. Gelfer gave an explanation of the reasons for the Istanbul decision. So let's either accept or reject the report.

Mr. T. Sielicki said he fully agreed with Mr. I. Gelfer, but the report he had in hands had no evaluation and ends with a phrase, we make no recommendation. He said it was very difficult to vote on the report which ends non-conclusively.

Mr. N. Freeman reiterated that the report does include evaluation and the evaluators were not saying to accept or not.

The Secretariat clarified that an updated Annex 37 was changed on the website in the Agenda section and also distributed here before the session.

Mr. P. Klerides said having read the report and evaluation, he proposes to simply approve the highest bid.

Mr. G. Makropoulos said he did not want to speak as the report involves Greece as well as other two federations of the Board members, Bulgaria and Turkey. But it is obvious that there was an evaluation made by the two people, one was proposed by Mr. S. Danailov and the other was Mr. D. Jarrett. According to the evaluation, Greece has 149 points, Turkey has 133 and Bulgaria has 115. There is a big difference between these, and it is clear which bid is better based on these criteria. It is also clear that it is proposed that either we accept the evaluation in which case Greece is getting this event, or if the body rejects this evaluation, then we will go for a vote. He also said that in Europe, which has the same evaluation system, the bid which is much lower than the first one, is going out, which means here that normally Bulgaria should be excluded from the vote. He asked Mr. T. Sielicki if he was right. Mr. T. Sielicki said, yes. Mr. G. Makropoulos said he was not proposing this. He repeated that we should first decide whether the Board accepts the evaluation, the evaluation is clear, there is a big difference in these offers, Greece has really the best offer, so it is very simple. He asked to proceed.

Mr. N. Freeman then again asked to vote those in favour of accepting the report and evaluation by raising their hands.

Mr. H. Hamers proposed that for the future the report first is heard and then the bidders make their presentations, if necessary. He said it was quite confusing that here after the presentations have been made, many people thought there would be a vote.

Mr. N. Freeman disagreed and said that this was correct to do this the other way around as you could see all three bids and you could see if you disagree with the report, otherwise you would have no chance to disagree with it.

Ms. B. Marinello seconded the proposal of Mr. N. Elhaj that the evaluators should report to the Body giving information, before or after the presentations, but it should be that way.

**The Executive Board voted to approve the report of the evaluation team, with only Mr. S. Danailov voting against.**

**The event was awarded to Porto Carras, Halkidiki, Greece.**

#### **6.3.4. World Youth Championships U-14, U-16, U-18 2016.**

The event shall be held in Khanty-Mansiysk, Russia, 1-15 September 2016.

#### **6.3.5. World Cadet Championship U-8, U-10, U-12 2016.**

European Federations to bid. Bids to be opened on 1<sup>st</sup> January.2014 and close on 1<sup>st</sup> March.2014.

The interest from the region of Astrakhan, Russia, was noted.

#### **6.3.6. World Youth Championships U-14, U-16, U-18 2017.**

Bids open 1<sup>st</sup> January - close 1<sup>st</sup> March 2015.

#### **6.3.7. World Cadet Championship U-8, U-10, U-12 2017.**

Bids open 1<sup>st</sup> January - close 1<sup>st</sup> March 2015.

### **7. World Seniors Championship.**

#### **7.1 World Senior Championship 2013.**

The event shall be held in Opatija, Croatia, 11-24 November 2013.

#### **7.2. World Senior Championship 2014.**

The event shall be held in Kalabaka, Greece, 25 October – 6 November 2014.

#### **7.3. World Senior Championship 2015.**

No bids received.

**Executive Board approved the proposal of the Events Commission to re-open the bids till 31.10.2013.**

Presidential Board in Chennai, 7-10 November 2013 to decide on the venue.

**7.4. World Senior Championship 2016.**

Bids open 1<sup>st</sup> January - close 1<sup>st</sup> March 2014.

**8. World Amateur Championship.**

**8.1. World Amateur Championship 2013.**

The event was organised in Iasi, Romania, 21-30 April 2013.

**8.2. World Amateur Championship 2014.**

The event shall be organised in Singapore, 25 April – 4 May 2014.

**8.3. World Amateur Championship 2015.**

The event shall be held in Porto Carras, Halkidiki, Greece, 13-22 April 2015.

**8.4. World Amateur Championship 2016.**

Bids open 1<sup>st</sup> January- close 1<sup>st</sup> March 2014.

**8.5. World Amateur Championship 2017.**

Bids open 1<sup>st</sup> January - close 1<sup>st</sup> March 2015.

**9. World Youth U-16 Chess Olympiad.**

**9.1. World Youth U-16 Chess Olympiad 2013.**

The event was organised in Chongqing, China, 21-30 July 2013.

[Annex 43](#) is the report of the Chief Arbiter.

Mr. D.V. Sundar said we should keep the status of the event and should not allow club teams participate in the event.

Mr. T. Tsorbatzoglou said the Events Commission discussed this in their meeting and they were of an opinion that there should be a limit of the number of participants/teams from a host country.

**9.2. World Youth U-16 Chess Olympiad 2014.**

The event shall be organised in Astana, Kazakhstan, 6-16 October 2014.

**9.3. World Youth U-16 Chess Olympiad 2015.**

The event shall be organised in Tbilisi, Georgia, 21-30 July 2015.



**9.4. World Youth U-16 Chess Olympiad 2016.**

Bids open 1<sup>st</sup> January - close 1<sup>st</sup> March 2014.

**9.5. World Youth U-16 Chess Olympiad 2017.**

Bids open 1<sup>st</sup> January- close 1<sup>st</sup> March 2015.

**10. World Schools Individual Championship.**

**10.1. World Schools Individual Championship 2013.**

The event was held in Halkidiki, Greece, 6-15 May 2013.

[Annex 38](#) is report from the Chief Arbiter.

**10.2. World Schools Individual Championship 2014.**

The event shall be held in Lima, Peru, 11-22 April 2014.

**10.3. World Schools Individual Championship 2015.**

The event shall be held in Singapore, 25 April - 4 May 2015.

**10.4. World Schools Individual Championship 2016.**

Bids open 1<sup>st</sup> January- close 1<sup>st</sup> March 2014.

**10.5. World Schools Individual Championship 2017.**

Bids open 1<sup>st</sup> January - close 1<sup>st</sup> March 2015.

**10.6. IMSA Mind Games.**

The event shall be held in Ufa, Russia, 4-12 June 2014.

The FIDE President was congratulated for his unanimous election to the position of the IMSA President by a round of applause.

Mr. N. Freeman said we in FIDE are delighted that chess is presiding over all mind sports.

**11. Reports of Continental Presidents.**

**11.1. Report of Continental President for Europe.**

[Annex 74.](#)

**Executive Board accepted the report of Europe.**

**11.2. Report of Continental President for Americas.**

[Annex 72.](#)

**Executive Board accepted the report of Americas.**

**11.3. Report of Asian Continental President.**

[Annex 73.](#)

The Board noted that the Saudi Arabian Chess Federation will be fully approved at the next General Assembly in Tromso.

**Executive Board accepted the report of Asia.**

**11.4. Report of African Continental President.**

[Annex 76.](#)

**Executive Board accepted the report of Africa.**

**11.5. Report of Commonwealth Chess Association.**

[Annex 75.](#)

**Executive Board noted the report of the Association.**

**12. SportAccord 2013.**

Mr. N. Freeman said we attend SportAccord every year and we had a bigger stand as usual this year. The FIDE President was there the whole time. Mr. Zhukov, President of the Russian NOC, played blitz with Kirsan at our stand. There was an event in demo zone, with the GMs N. Vityugov and M. Matlakov of Russia, lots of people came and watched this. The fact is that we go to SportAccord every time, means that most sports organisations regard FIDE now as a sporting organisation.

For us it is important and useful as we interact with cities and countries during the event. For example with Quebec, they are in contact with the Canadian Chess Federation, to organise an event. We meet the IOC people, the FIDE President meets the IOC administration etc. He said he was not sure whether we need a stand every year, but FIDE should attend this conference and convention every year.

**13. 2nd SportAccord Mind Games, Beijing, China, December 2013.**

Mr. G. Borg informed the Board.

**14. Legal matters.**

Mr. N. Freeman reported to the Board. He said that we had a court case brought by the Bulgarian Chess Federation, wanting to halt the Agon contract and because under the new FIDE rules and statutes, they had to pay a deposit, they challenged the deposit as they did not want to pay it. If they had not brought a case, they would unlikely to challenge the deposit rules.

FIDE won the case about Agon exceptionally easy, this was a verbal one. Then they asked for a written comment about the deposit. At the end of the day, CAS decided that members of FIDE who voted only 6 against and 1 abstention, and one of 6 was not strong enough, they decided, that the people who voted, did not know what they were doing and said that because it was not in the original document sent to the General Assembly, they decided to strike it down.

Mr. N. Freeman said that first of all Presidential Board is quite happy about that, because it was something which was put in by Ms. A. Santens, and not by us. Our original proposal is that we should not go to the CAS at all for corporate matters. A motion will be brought forward to amend current Statutes in Tromso that on all matters that are actually in need of corporate governance, we go directly to the Swiss court. Our written comments were delivered on time, with the main basis of ours was that we did not quite understand what was going on because Mr. Danailov's lawyer was the one to make this proposal and why then he disagrees with an appointed lawyer. We based ours on the letter signed by the English, Bulgarian and US Chess Federations saying that they had instructed White and Case. Then late they presented their written comment saying that they did not instruct White and Case, who were Garry Kasparov's lawyers. If we had known, we would have made a completely different case. We are trying to find out whether in the first letters signed by the three Federations, they did instruct or they did not and whether Mr. Danailov was correct in what he said to the CAS or he was not correct. If he was incorrect, then we would be able to tell the CAS that sorry, what you have been given, is incorrect.

Mr. N. Freeman said that the the English Chess Federation, it being their predecessors, was unable to comment as did not know what their predecessors had done.

We also asked the US Chess Federation and they said that this was a lawyer-client privileged information and they cannot disclose it.

Mr. N. Freeman proceeded with the question and asked the USCF representatives whether they instructed White and Case or did Mr. Kasparov instruct White and Case, pay presumably, and not the English, Bulgarian and US Chess Federation paying, and you liked their proposals. If that was the case, you should have said so. The future action depends on whether you did or you did not. Either FIDE has a case to recover some of the costs, in case you instructed, or you did not instruct but said that you did.

Mr. N. Freeman also said that if you continue saying that this is a lawyer-client privilege, then I do not understand where this comes in, because they are not your lawyers, if you did not instruct them.

Mr. F. Guadalupe said as he has become the ED on June 1<sup>st</sup> 2013 and these legal proceedings precede his position and he had no personal knowledge. He said that he spoke to the USCF President and one of the Board members who is a lawyer, Mr. Walters, who both say that this is privileged information and he personally had no knowledge on what happened.

Mr. N. Freeman asked Mrs. R. Haring as she did sign the letter. He said we lost the chance to reclaim legal fees based on this basis, and this question is very important for FIDE.

Mrs. R. Haring said that White and Case is no longer representing us and the case is

closed and this is attorney-client privileged information.

Mr. N. Freeman said that the matter was you signed the letter. He said this was being exceptionally unhelpful to FIDE.

Mrs. R. Haring said this is a fact we signed the letter and it speaks for itself.

Mr. N. Freeman said then you instructed them and we can go back to the court based on what you were telling me and say that what Mr. Danailov said to the CAS was untrue.

Mrs. R. Haring said they were not going to discuss the attorney-client privileged information.

Mr. N. Freeman said that if you did not instruct, there is no attorney-client relationship here.

Mrs. R. Haring said White and Case was their lawyer for that matter.

Mr. N. Freeman said that he was not very happy with an uncooperative response from the USCF. If Mr. S. Danailov told something to the CAS, which was wrong, you should tell us that because FIDE could re-claim the expenses for that case, it would be a good basis for that. Apparently, Mrs. Haring was the only one there who could tell us, and you are unhelpful. He said this is not a sensible reaction, the question was very simple, but by her behaviour and prevarications, the majority at the Board (Ms. B. Marinello excluded) think that the USCF did not instruct White and Case, because actually if you did instruct, you would have told us. So we have a feeling that you did not instruct and therefore it is exceptionally wrong for the three federations (Mr. S. Danailov had said he did not), to write a letter to FIDE saying we have instructed when you did not. We have of course no proof, as you are being unhelpful, but from what Mr. S. Danailov told to the CAS that it was Garry Kasparov who did it, and the Federations liked it and we agreed to support this letter. But it is completely different to say that Three Federations have instructed and signed as a Federation, or that we have liked what Mr. G. Kasparov has paid and done. We are an organisation based on Federations, we do not accept things from private individuals, then we would not have spent so much time and energy, we would deal with it and take some things on-board beforehand, but if it was a Federation who did it as we believed it. We trusted the 3 Federations, took it very seriously. If it was a proposal from an individual, we would have treated it differently. Therefore, if it was a case that you misled FIDE, I think it was wrong.

Mr. N. Freeman said Ms. A. Santens should be left out of this and should not be involved in this. He said that it is very difficult to run an organisation if Federations mislead us because we trust our Federations if they say they did something.

Mr. G. Makropoulos said it was clear for him that the USCF had misled FIDE. We had a good cooperation with Ms. A. Santens and produced good results. He said it was unfortunate the President of the USCF refused to answer and was hiding behind the words. There is a letter with your signature and there was a statement of Mr. S. Danailov in the court, saying different things. He also said that he did not believe we would be dealing with the matter in a different way and he was happy that the joint work produced good Statutes, even with the wrong way the USCF decided to present the matter to FIDE.

Mrs. R. Haring objected to the accusations. She said that she reads the documents that she signs and she had not misled anybody.

Mr. N. Freeman thanked Mrs. R. Haring for her words as it is perfect and she said they did instruct and therefore we have to question Mr. Danailov on that one.

Mr. N. Freeman said on that at the end of a long discussion in Istanbul, the then President of the French CF and Mr. Bastian from the German CF said that they would go and talk to Mr. G. Kasparov. He said that Mr. G. Kasparov replied to him that it was not his fault that FIDE had such large legal bills. Apparently he thinks that you can approach a lawyer and tell him that he should defend someone until a certain amount and then stop. Mr. N. Freeman said that Mr. Hamers checked the bills, they were large but all were proper bills. The case was very complicated and White and Case are good lawyers and we had to reply to them.

From the second case about Khanty-Mansiysk elections, people still think we have to claim the costs from these Federations. FIDE won both cases, even if they say they won one, they did not. The first part of it, Karpov 2010 Campaign, were not allowed to be there. Mr. N. Freeman said he thought that none of the 5 Federations would have agreed to be on this suite, without the guarantee that Karpov 2010 would be behind and that they would be a part of the law suite, but they were not. The outcome of the case was exactly what the Presidential Board had said, give it to the General Assembly. So the whole case was for nothing because we ended up where we started.

Mr. N. Freeman asked the President of the German Chess Federation if they contacted Mr. Kasparov officially or unofficially. Mr. Bastian replied that their position is to accept the CAS decision and they are not in a position to do otherwise.

Mr. G. Makropoulos said the Secretariat did not try to fulfil the decision of the General Assembly based on the proposal of Mr. Battesti. He said that they should officially write to Mr. Kasparov. Mr. G. Makropoulos said we should not ask questions to newly elected officials of any Federations. We know what Mr. Kasparov would reply, but the official inquiry should be sent.

Mr. N. Freeman said we did write officially to both Federations and Mr. Battesti did write back to say that.

**Executive Board authorised the Secretariat to send an official letter to Mr. G. Kasparov.**

## **15. Official Languages.**

[Annex 39](#) is the proposal.

Mr. N. Freeman said that the new proposal is most exactly what FIFA has.

Mr. N. Elhaj said for example before Arabic was a FIDE language, does it mean we cannot send any correspondence in this language so any more.

Mr. N. Freeman said, no you can but if you send it to FIDE, then you will have to translate it into English.

Mr. A. Yazici said in Istanbul we proposed and approved, was different. He said why we went back. I am sorry that if I proposed the Turkish language, and now it means that five languages go out. I withdraw my proposal and never propose again. He said then we should keep the old version. What about Russian, Arabic, Portuguese. Why is then French inside? I strongly protest against this proposal.

Mr. N. Freeman said that in Istanbul we felt that we have a proliferation of languages. Spanish and Russian are the official languages of Congress. We are trying to simplify the procedure, that if you read the original, it said that English is the official language and other official languages are described in the Statutes. He is happy to include Arabic as an official language of Congress. Very few people will be in our Congresses who do not understand English. We are open to any language, but you should provide interpreter into one of the official languages. It is expensive nowadays to find translators.

Mr. A. Yazici disagreed and said we should ask Federations' opinions. He said why is this only for Congress, it is about getting titles also, e.g. IA title. He said this should be accepted at the General Assembly rather than at the Executive Board.

Mr. N. Freeman said it was agreed in Istanbul that I should make a report here at the Executive Board. He disagreed with Mr. Yazici and said that existing regulations say everything should be in English. We are not stopping any language from being spoken, but they have to get their own translation into English. There is no need to every Presidential Board or GA to accept any new language. The procedure regarding official documents language is same.

Mr. I. Leong said you say now English is official is for businesses and announcements, and other for Congress. But for arbiters and trainers regulations or title regulations, the seminars have to be conducted in official FIDE languages.

Mr. I. Gelfer said the solution was found that you can hold seminars in any language you wish, and only the test should be in English language.

Mr. I. Leong said the other languages can only be used in Congresses. The examination should be held in English.

Mr. N. Freeman said Trainers or Arbiters can say, they have to accept any language. It is up to the Commissions, to write their own rules on what they accept or don't accept. They just do not use the word "official language".

**Executive Board accepted the proposal with the amendment proposed by Mr. Elhaj, with Mr. Yazici voting against.**

## **16. Any other business.**

### **16.1. Proposed dress-code for players and officials.**

Report to be discussed.

[Annex 40](#) is a proposal of Ms. B. Marinello in respect of the dress-code. Ms. B. Marinello to cooperate with the Events Commission.

## **16.2. DGT.**

Mr. N. Freeman informed the Executive Board that FIDE would end the contract with DGT with a proper three-month notice, and a bidding will be opened. He said that DGT agreed to this process. Messrs. A. Filipowicz and I. Leong were requested to prepare this procedure. We will give by the end of the year. Let's see what happens in this process. They might be only bidders.

## **16.3. Jewellery House of Lobortas.**

The FIDE President presented a diploma for contribution and creation of Big and Small Kaissa Cups to Mr. I. Lobortas of the Lobortas Jewellery House.

## **16.4. Honorary membership.**

Executive Board unanimously approved the award of an Honorary Member title to IA Geurt Gijssen of the Netherlands.

## **16.5. Proposal of Mr. V. Zakarian.**

Mr. V. Zakarian said last night many of our people attended the party given by Mr. G. Kasparov, where he presented his team, including respected people, including our General Secretary Mr. I. Leong, who made a speech there. He asked whether it is morally correct for a person elected as a member of K. Ilyumzhinov's team, to be now in another team. He said maybe it would be morally correct for Mr. Leong to step down from his position of the General Secretary

Mr. G. Makropoulos said this is not a matter for any decision to be taken here. This is a comment from our Honorary Vice-President.

Mr. K. Jungwirth said the situation is quite new, but however person is a part of an opposite ticket and it is clear, with due respect to Mr. I. Leong, that, morally, as Mr. V. Zakarian said, he has to step down, but this is what Mr. I. Leong has to decide himself.

Mr. I. Gelfer said there is no provision in FIDE Statutes, as Mr. K. Jungwirth said, this is a new case. So Mr. Leong cannot be forced to resign, it is no doubt. Ethically it should be left to him and he should immediately resign, otherwise it is a very strange situation, which cannot occur in any political body.

Mr. G. Makropoulos said nobody can force Mr. Leong to do anything, even if Mr. Leong decides to step down from his position as General Secretary, it would not be for reasons which people are mentioning here. Also I think there is no any moral problem for the Board if he stays as a member of the Board, this is different.

Ms. B. Marinello agreed with Mr. G. Makropoulos and said this is a democratic system, and General Secretary was elected and it is up to him to decide what he will do. I do not think there is a conflict.

Mr. C. Abundo said he had been to 30 Congresses, and I think this is very disruptive to start campaign so early, and FIDE had a deadline of three months, and even in many organizations there is a deadline. To declare a campaign one year ahead, is very

disruptive for our work. He said that at the next meeting of the Constitutional Commission we will make a proposal for the Statutes, that a campaign should not be made so early.

Mr. B. Kutin said that if Mr. I. Leong can live with this, it is ok with him. In all other points he agreed with Messrs. Zakarian, Jungwirth and Gelfer. He disagreed with Mr. G. Makropoulos that even if Mr. Leong steps down from being General Secretary, everything is in our hands, nobody will stop him, if he wants to do this. This should be his personal decision, nobody has a right.

Mr. S. Danailov said I do not see any point of this discussion and disagreed with the opinions. He said Mr. I. Leong is doing an excellent job as General Secretary and everybody is happy with his work and he is elected by the General Assembly. And this discussion is out of order. Nobody can push him to resign. He said I do not think this is ethical.

Mr. L. Mazouz said nobody can push him out, but we'd like to hear Mr. I. Leong, if he has to comment.

Mr. K. Ilyumzhinov said this is Mr. I. Leong's decision but since 1995 my position is that I can work with anybody, with any Champions.



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