

Minutes
Commission of Chess Journalists
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FIDE has as one of its primary objectives, the dissemination of information regarding the development of chess around the world. This requires professional co-operation and respect between organizers, journalists, players and arbiters.

DIRECTIONS:

- 1) Ethical. Development and implementation of professional standards regarding chess journalists, especially the standards of journalistic ethics and principles. we should follow or make the rules in accordance with Status of Journalists and journalism ethics: IFJ principles <http://www.ifj.org/en/articles/status-of-journalists-and-journalism-ethics-ifj-principles>
- 2) Communicative. Creating opportunities for communication and exchange of information between Commission and chess journalists (journalists, who write about chess, photo-reporters) from different countries, as well as communication between journalists and organizers of chess events. To help chess journalists to communicate with FIDE officials. It also means to bring together people who practice journalistic and/or media activity in a member Federation of FIDE who believes in a journalistic code of Ethics and who defend the freedom of the press and freedom of access to information.
- 3) Informative. Opening and operating the Commission's website. The website will collect the standards, the international documents, information of ongoing activities and events, special information for journalists connecting to FIDE and other chess events (example: special conditions provided for journalists by the organizers as accommodation, transportation, different activities, excursions etc, information about accreditation), information about active chess journalists.
- 4) Organizational.
 - a. Development of database of chess journalists and chess websites.

b. Development of Chess Journalist ID card (20 euro per years) which simplifies the process of participation in the respective events (accreditation to FIDE events for ID card holders for 1 year). Chess Journalist ID card holder can have other advantages (receiving press-releases from FIDE events, getting access to all FIDE events during the year without need to get accreditation each time, to be aware of any special discounts for chess journalists, to get the write to use such discounts, awards for best journalists etc).

c. Development of common rules of accreditation for all FIDE events.

5) Legal. Providing informative legal support to the chess journalists, especially in the field of copyright (by informing them how to protect their rights and by helping to protect chess journalists from plagiarism and copyright infringement etc).

Commission can create a handbook for chess journalists and journalists who write or want to write about chess.

6) Controlling. Control and prevention of violations in Media, helping in protection of FIDE copyrights, chess journalists copyrights during and after FIDE and other chess events (by reporting and correcting mistakes, sending letters). Chess commission can have a permission to publish the information about those who break the copyright law and don't respect the standards of journalistic ethics and principles. Commission has the right to withdraw ID card in special cases (if chess journalist doesn't follow principals of journalism etc).

7) Encouraging. The Awards program for chess journalists (for FIDE events only) (both as a submitter and as a Judge for members). Each year the holders of Chess Journalist ID cards conducts awards program to select the top published material in a number of categories.

8) Improving. Finding the ways to improve the work of the press centre for FIDE events and if possible continental and other chess events (using new technologies, developing websites, form of press-releases, regulations of FIDE events concerning work of press center, press officer, photographers etc.)

GOALS

to support and facilitate the work of chess journalists all around the world

to take care of proper coverage of chess events

TASKS

to improve the standards of work of the press centers during FIDE and other chess events;

to create a database of chess journalists as well as all sport journalists who write about chess;

to create the membership by providing special FIDE journalist ID card and work on getting advantages for the members;

to encourage the growth of a sense of responsibility and public service among all those engaged in the profession of journalism;

to create and run the website of FIDE journalists` commission and send press-releases to chess journalists;

to help the organizers of the chess events to be in touch with media and chess journalists;

to help protect chess journalists from plagiarism and copyright infringement etc.

Responsibility and influence:

Decisions and acts of the Commission may be advisory or obligatory, depending on the jurisdiction. The Commission may adopt internal documents, which apply to its members. The Commission may also be a member of other organizations.

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Members of Commission:

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Suggestions:

From Igor Vereshchagin: to get in touch with International Sports Journalists Association.

Mehrdad Pahlevanzadeh:

to improve work of fide.com website, to create TV channel for FIDE events;

to have contact with press officers of each federation in order to have direct communication with every federation in terms of media;

we offer to FIDE free service to Display Tournament Results, Pairings and Rankings called the FIDE Live Tournament News. We need only a banner link on the FIDE home page. The project will be revenue generating through advertising income to be shared equally with FIDE.

Willy Iclicki: to create and support chess encyclopedia with full information about players and events.

Chairman Georgios Makropoulos