

# Chess in Schools presentation to PB meeting in Sochi 2014

At the start of the new mandate for 2014-2018, we wish to inform the PB of our main plans for this period and to seek your approval and support for them.

Given the experience of the last four years, and following preliminary discussions with Commission members (past, present and future), we foresee a number of changes to the way that we implement chess in schools projects. The most important of those changes are covered in this presentation.

## **CiS100 PROJECTS**

The biggest change here is that we will implement a 'pay by results' system. In the past, federations have made their plans and we have paid for them, but with neither carrots nor sticks. Few of the plans have come close to producing the numbers of chess learners that were anticipated. For 2015 and beyond, financial support will be tied to results. Thus, a federation that plans to start a project for 100 school classes of 30 children that should create 3000 new players will need to demonstrate a success rate of at least 50% to justify financial support.

## **2014 HIGHLIGHT – EREVAN CONFERENCE**

Probably the most important chess in schools conference ever, it brought together delegates from all over the world, including five from Africa. The highlight of the highlight was the presentation of the Armenian research conducted during the three years, one complete cycle, since the introduction of their introduction of chess in the compulsory curriculum. At last, we have a methodologically sound study that demonstrates what most of us knew (but could not prove) – teaching chess in school has clear educational and developmental benefits.

## **FIDE SCHOOLS CHESS CHALLENGE**

This new project will be introduced in 2015. It combines the best elements of two successful existing formats: the UK Chess Challenge, originated by Mike Basman 30 years ago and which attracts 60,000+ players, most of them new, each year, and Sweden's Schack4All which has been running about five years longer and which involves about 24,000 children each year. We plan to roll this out in one of two ways, according to whether or not we have appropriate sponsorship; if we do not, we will use a self-financing method which is the basis of the UK Chess Challenge.

## **ACES**

In March 2013, Kirsan Ilyumzhinov signed an agreement between FIDE and ACES Europe for the creation of European CiS Towns as part of the European Towns of Sport Award. The initial 2013-2015 project will conclude with the final in Turin next summer. I will be in Brussels in November to agree details for a 2015-2018 follow-up.

## **FURTHER COOPERATION FIDE-NATIONAL FEDERATIONS**

As more and more national federations follow the example of Algeria, Ireland, Lebanon, Mauritius, Trinidad & Tobago and others in implementing their own national titles, so we should recognize and support those initiatives as follows.

### **FIDE CHESS IN SCHOOLS COMMISSION**

- supports national federations with free PDF versions of teaching materials
- provides online support materials for federations, FSCL, FSCT, NSCL, NSCT
- provides online exams for FSCL & FSCT
- maintains database of FSCL & FSCT
- awards FSCL & FSCT diplomas
- FSCL & FSCT awards for life (one off fee €50 & €30 respectively)

#### *FIDE School Chess Leader (FSCL)*

recognizes someone who coordinates groups of schools and or groups of teachers;  
workshop leader for NSCL

Online exam (multiple choice)

#### *FIDE School Chess Teacher (FSCT)*

teacher knowing pedagogical, social, psychological and sociological aspects of school chess teaching

- existing national chess teacher title
- attendance at national chess workshop
- online guidance appropriate for exam preparation
- online exam(multiple choice)

### **NATIONAL FEDERATION STRUCTURE**

This is at the discretion of each national federation, but we recommend a template :

- award NSCL& NSCT titles
- support & coordinate workshops for NSCTs
- support NSCLs, NSCTs and schools to find equipment

#### *National School Chess Leader (NSCL)*

- support & coordinate chess activity in a specified part of that country
- workshop leaders (for NSCTs who want FSCT)
- promote chess
- find new schools
- find new NSCT candidates

#### *National School Chess Teacher (NSCT)*

- parents or teachers (or anyone interested in teaching chess in schools)

- do not need to be chess players
- no workshop, no exam
- need basic guidelines: few pages only -
- how to run chess club
- planet chess (choice 12 languages) for basic moves

## BUDGET 2015

Following discussions with FIDE President in Yerevan, it was thought a good idea to present the new budget showing some increase over and above the actual (expected) 2014 spend (€195,000).

CIS BUDGET 2015

	BUDGET	ADMIN	DEVELOP	EXPENSES
Materials for country projects	60000		60000	
web development	0			
web support	13000	10000	3000	
Communication, content creation & management	30000	20000	10000	
Chairman expenses (mostly travel)	30000			30000
Travel - others	18000			18000
Translation	38000		38000	
Contract payments (inc loans) to FEDS	0			
Conferences	6000		6000	
Meetings	5000	5000		
Seminars/Workshops/Teacher training	22000		22000	
ACES CiS Towns	15000		15000	
Promotion	12000			12000
HE & Research	20000	5000	10000	5000
Event/Research Project with Disabled Commission	10000		10000	
Africa tablet project	10000		10000	
Sponsor				
online content	5000		5000	
misc	0			
contingency	5000			5000
	299000	40000	189000	70000
% of budget by ADMIN/DEVELOPMENT/EXPENSES		13%	63%	24%
ECU 2015 budget figures for comparison		26%	41%	33%

## RESEARCH

We continue to build up a high calibre team of internationally renowned academics for our Higher Education & Research sub-committee created in 2012. The leading lights are Prof. Caner Açıkada TUR - Indiana University (previously Dean @ Hacettepe University, Ankara), Alexander Kostiev RUS - head of chess Dept., Russian State Social University, Moscow (also President of International School Chess Union), Malola Prasath IND - Director for Research, Foundation for Learning Research in Chess, Chennai and Prof. Roberto Trincherio ITA - Università degli Studi di Torino ('University of Turin'). We have promising leads for additions from Brussels, Japan and UK.

We are also working with GM Thomas Luther of the Disabled Commission on combining a world event for young disabled players with a research project of great interest to university academics.

### **BETTER WORKING RELATIONSHIP WITH TRG**

Following discussions with TRG Chairman in Batumi, I am hopeful that there will be constructive joint work by the two commissions, especially on the interface between our area of expertise (teaching and education, resulting in the creation of many chess beginners) and that of the TRG (coaching and improving existing chess players). It is important that we develop a plan for a smooth transition, maximizing not only the number of new players, but the number who continue to play, which can only be to the benefit of TRG, national federations and FIDE. We agreed to set up an inter commission committee of two members from each commission to progress this; committee to be set up this year (after Sochi).

### **COMMISSION COMPOSITION**

Finally, please approve the membership of the new Commission:

Chairman: Kevin O'Connell EU-IRL

Secretary: Sainbayar Tserendorj AS-MGL

#### **Councillors :**

- Tshepo Sitale AF-BOT
- Bernardo Roselli AM-URU
- Hadi Karimi AS-IRI

#### **Members:**

- 1 Jawher Ben Fredj AF-TUN
- 2 I want to include someone from India, but Ravindra Dongre declined to be a Member.  
I am hoping AICF will suggest someone, but they still have not, failing which:

Cristobal Vega AM-PRO

3 Philip Ameku AF-GHA

4 Christos Pilalis EU-GRE

5 Kgaugelo Mosele AF-RSA (Africa Pres nominee)

6 Rohan Waithe AM-BAR (Americas Pres nominee)

7 Jamal Al-Midfa AS-UAE (Asia Pres nominee)

8 Vlad Ungureanu EU-ROM (Europe Pres nominee)

9 (w) Sophia Rohde AM-USA

10 (w) Hou Yifan AS-CHN (last, but very far from least!!)

Kevin O'Connell

CiS Commission Chairman

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