

FIDE Commission “Chess for the Disabled” (DIS) - Minutes of meeting in Tallinn, 2-3 June 2016

Present members: Thomas Luther (chairman), Nikos Kalesis, Jamie Kenmure, George Mastrokoukos.

1) Budget

DIS will prepare the final accounts in Baku. Our commission decides that we will stay in the limits of the cut FIDE budget. The FIDE Treasurer is kindly asked to review the numbers taking into account that there will be revenue coming in to FIDE from DIS starting in 2017.

2) Regulations

There was a long discussion for the regulations. The commission proceeds to several changes, in accordance with the other FIDE events, using as basis the previous regulations from the FIDE World Chess Championship for the Disabled in Dresden. Among other changes, FIDE will start generating revenue from future DIS World Championships. Final regulations will be released at the FIDE congress in Baku.

3) Name of World Junior Championship for the Disabled

The commission proposes to FIDE general assembly to change the name of the tournament from: “FIDE World Youth Chess Championship for the Disabled” to: “FIDE World Junior Chess Championship for the Disabled”. The change reflects the need for eligible young players U20 to participate in DIS events.

4) Future DIS activities parallel to DIS events

FIDE DIS commission is responsible for organizing all FIDE seminars as parallel activities during the World Championships for Disabled.

5) FIDE World Junior Chess Championship for the Disabled, Orlando 2017

The commission had a video conference with the chief organizer of the event and FIDE Vice-President Mrs Beatriz Marinello (USA). Details of the tournament and regulations were discussed. It is the start of the cooperation between DIS and the organizers for the preparations of this important tournament.

6) Projects for chess clocks, chess sets and brochures

All projects about chess clocks, sets and publishing of brochures are cancelled due to the FIDE budget cuts.

7) Reports about affiliated organizations

DIS members are informed about the current situation in the affiliated organizations I.P.C.A, I.B.C.A and I.C.C.D. All FIDE-rated events of the affiliated organizations should comply with FIDE technical regulations.

8) Fundraising and EU grants

DIS commission agrees to create a specialized non-profit foundation in the EU, under the aegis of FIDE-DIS commission, in order to access fundraising and grants for DIS projects. The proposed name is: International Organisation "Chess for the Disabled". The director will always be ex-officio the Chairman of the FIDE-DIS commission.