

Chess in Schools Commission Meeting – Baku, Azerbaijan

8th September 2016

Chairman: K. O'Connell (IRI)

Secretary: S. Tserendorj (MGL)

Present: I. Amarnath (IND), D. Hatmisari (INA), A. Kostyev (ISCU), Y. Borsuk (BLR), A. Jallow, L. Requera (PUR), H. Albitar (SYR), D. Jordan (GER), B. Marinello (USA), R. Rivello (ITA), A. Dzwonkowski (POL), U. Vogel (NAU), R. Smith (TTO), G. Font (HUN), G. Wastell (AUS), E. Smart (RSA), A. Ogt (PAK), S. Simango (MOZ), S. Polgar (FIDE), F. Jablonsky (SVK), C. Moura Netto (BRA), O. Nakapunda (NAM), Y. Rakotomaharo (MAD), P. Ameru Elikem (GHA), N. Pees (DGT), M. Ngagama (MLW), M. Huba (SVK), L. Ncube (ZAM), J. Junquiera (ANG), E. Nshikokola (ZAM), K. Msukwa (MLW), M. Murphy (ISV), S. Belayneh (ETH), G. Assefa, E. Benitez (PAR), Chihade Abou Nemri (LIB), L. Ebbin (BER), K. Weldegebriel, E. Teu..., A. Tkrehaymanot, M. Castro Solano (CRC), R. Al Susi (PLE), P. Truong (USA), A. Herbert (BAR), B. Messaoudi (TUN), M. Pilinci (ALB), F. Gonzalez (VEN), M. El Boollaleh, B. Wanjala (KEN), S. Khader (JOR), J. Wilkinson (JAM), H. Cruz (STP), B. Heddia Abdellatep (TUN), I. Glek (GER), Z. Mohamed (TUN), D. Cross (POR), A. Burstein (ISR), I. Cisse (SEN), T. Luther (GER), R. Ngaramba (RWA).

Apologies: Hadi Karimi (IRN), Christos Pilalis (GRE), Tshepo Sitale (BOT); Anna Harazinska (POL), Vlad Ungureanu (ROM).

The FIDE CIS meeting was held in Fairmont Hotel, Baku during the 42nd World Chess Olympiad.

Mr K.O'Connell, Chairman of CIS chaired the meeting. Secretary of CIS Mr Tserendorj Sainbayar, Councillors of CIS Mr Bernardo Roselli and Ravindra Dongre, also Deputy Chairman of High Education & Research Mr Alexander Kostyev were the speakers.

60+ interested participants took part in this meeting.

The Chairman gave detailed information about Annexes 33 and 35 of GA Agenda and the Secretary made broad information on Annex 34.

There were comments and questions from many of those present, including representatives from Ethiopia, Jamaica, Nauru, Russia, Slovakia, USA, US Virgin Islands. Questions included:

- **Number of countries where chess introduced as compulsory subject in all schools?**
ANSWER: Armenia (2011), Poland (2017), Gujarat (India), Tamil Nadu (India) among others (see CiS data at cis.fide.com for further information).
- **Distance learning and physical seminars?**
ANSWER: Online Universities & distance learning is best way to enable students to study efficiently at their own pace and to save travel and other logistical costs. Study materials will be available on the web and title exams should be through physical seminars (much shortened).
- **School Instructor title and other CIS titles difference from TRG titles?**

ANSWER: TRG material is primarily aimed at 'chess players' for delivery by a professional chess trainer, i.e 'vertical' improvement and success oriented as a competitive chess player, on other hand CIS materials are intended for delivery to the mass by school teachers, to create more chess loving people, i.e. we can say it is 'horizontal'. Chess for children's education not kids for chess! Total of 108 School Instructor title holders in 2015 & 2016.

- **Teachers with experience and chess players to become SI?**

ANSWER: in order to run the CIS program smoothly and successfully we should concentrate working to increase the number of professional teachers or educators to teach chess.

- **Materials available on cis.fide.com?**

ANSWER: We have FREE materials on CIS web in main languages such as English, French, Spanish, Arabic, Russian etc.

- **Translation into different languages and support from CIS?**

ANSWER: The budget cut is main issue CIS can't expand translation to more languages or even maintain all those that we have. We are looking for Federations and individuals to take own initiative to translate CIS materials in their own native language.

- **Possibility of CIS support in providing giant chess sets, boards?**

ANSWER: Not at all with budget CIS has at present. The advice will be use your own resources to promote chess. Giant chess boards and pieces can be made by the children themselves in class, giving them a real sense of pride in and ownership of the material. EYS program even doesn't need chess pieces only a big chess board required to teach young children.

The participants congratulated the Chairman for his hard work in implementing the Early Years Skills Program and expressed their support and interest to support CIS projects.

The Commission meeting was followed by a meeting of the CiS Council (see Addendum to this Annex).

Report by CiS Secretary Sainbayar Tserendorj



Kevin O'Connell, Chairman CiS FIDE



Baku, 8th September 2016

Addendum to Annex 74

CiS Council meeting – Baku 7 September 2016

Present: Kevin O’Connell (Chairman), Sainbayar Tserendorj (Secretary), Ravindra Dongre (Councillor), Bernardo Roselli (Councillor), Alexander Kostyev (observer).

Apologies for absence: Hadi Karimi (Councillor), Christos Pilalis (Councillor), Tshepo Sitale (Councillor).

1 Budget; 2 Seminars; 3 World & Continental Schools; 4 School Instructor; 5 FIDE Student Member; 6 First Saturday; 7 Early Years Skills; 8 Reports; 9 Changes to Commission.

1 BUDGET

Council expressed great disappointment at the negative implications of the slashed budget for 2017 (€28,000). That paled into insignificance in comparison with the apparent position with the 2016 budget and payments. Chairman had agreed a 50% cut to the 2016 budget, although the financial year was well under way and many commitments had already been made, on the understanding that unspent funds from the Rosneft sponsorship could be used (as was the case in 2014 & 2015) to cover translation costs (on top of the €40,000 budget) while alternative arrangements to find benevolent translators were put in place. To be told now that there are no such funds and that the 2016 budget has already been spent (because translation costs have been taken inside the €40,000, rather than into the separate part) is disastrous. The ramifications are alarming – people will be left out of pocket, others unpaid and the SM (Student Member) scheme is in danger of sudden death with knock-on ramifications (the 1657 PSMs who have each paid their subscription of €10 will surely be unhappy when they do not receive what they have paid for).

2 SEMINARS

School Instructor seminars were held in Geneva (SUI) and Cap Aurora Jupiter (ROM) – see below for title qualifiers – another application has been received and one more is expected before the end of the year.

Council discussed and unanimously approved that World Schools and Continental Schools events must include a CiS Seminar.

3 WORLD & CONTINENTAL SCHOOLS EVENTS

Council discussed and unanimously approved the following three items:

- a. World Schools and Continental Schools events must include a CiS Seminar.
- b. All Heads of Delegation must have a CiS title or fulfil the seminar at the event.
- c. These events must also host a CiS meeting.

In general, these items should take effect from January 1, 2017. The President of the International School Chess Union Alexander Kostyev expressed his opinion that they could already be included in this year’s World Schools Individual Championships in Sochi, Russia, in December. Mr Kostyev confirmed this the following day.

4 SCHOOL INSTRUCTOR (SI)

Council approved new 2016 Title holders (35):

Seminar Geneva SUI(18): Yohan Benitah FRA, Eric Delpin SUI, Clovis Vernay FRA, Matthias Gallus SUI, Frédéric Bielik BEL, Nicolas Duport SUI, Mégane Miralles FRA, Yves Du Bois SUI, Thomas Frauchiger SUI, Bouchra Miralles SUI, Loïc Miralles FRA, Abraham Sakhnowsky SUI, Michel Moret SUI, Nataniel Hofer SUI, Steven Macfarlane FRA, Pierre-Yves Jaquet SUI, Ludovic Burckhardt SUI, Claudio De Franchi SUI.

Seminar Cap Aurora Jupiter ROM (17): Iosif Gavril Baratosi ROM, Radu Catalin Chirila ROM, Dan Cimpoiasu ROM, Lidia Coadă MDA, Valeriu Coadă MDA, Ioan Costiuc ROM, Radu Danut ROM, Dariana Gabriela Didiliuc ROM, Ana Margareta Alexandra Dobre ROM, Gabriel Dobrescu ROM, Raluca Marina Dulgheru ROM, Marin Mavrodin ROM, Adrian Dumitru Popescu ROM, Christiansen Sava ROM, Teodor Adrian Stanescu ROM, Constantin Turlea ROM, Sorina Voinescu ROM.

Bringing total of SI title holders to 108.

Council approved development of agreement (see Annex 35) with FEDA (Spanish Chess Federation) for distance learning course and seminars 'SI+Docente' that will result in simultaneous award of SI and the FEDA Docente diploma, its outline and planned method of introduction.

Council approved development of the same SI+Docente with FIBDA & FIDE America (see Annex 35).

Council approved the discussions that have begun with AIDEF to develop a cooperation along the same lines as that with FEDA/FIBDA/FIDE America that will result in an SI+AIDEF course and seminars with simultaneous award of SI and an AIDEF (or federation) diploma.

Council noted the complaint of Claudiu and Bianca Prunescu in relation to the Geneva seminar and its organizing body Fédération Genevoise d'Echecs (FGE) that had been forwarded to the FIDE Secretariat in July and that this would be an agenda item at the AGM of FGE on 15 September. Council also noted associated correspondence.

Council passed amended and corrected forms and noted that consequential amendments would be required following on from the proposals in Annex 35, in particular for SI courses delivered by distance learning. The main change is the introduction of two different seminar application forms (one for FIDE federations, the second for other organizations) since the previous single form had been the cause of confusion and protracted efforts to get the form completed correctly by applicants.



FIDE Chess in Schools Commission (CiS)
FIDE School Instructor Title (SI)
SI Seminar Application Form
By FIDE Member Federation

Applicant National Federation	
e-mail address	
mailing address	
Authorized Official (name)	
Authorized Official (position)	
Endorsing continental President	(*)

(*) **Attach confirmatory email of Continental President.**

The Applicant accepts:

- 1. To conduct the seminar in accordance with *FIDE-CiS Regulations – School Instructor Title* which Applicant acknowledges having received and accepted.**
- 2. To pay all costs directly relating to the seminar - venue, lecturer fees and ancillary costs as agreed between the Applicant, the lecturer(s) and others.**
- 3. To pay the title award fees for successful participants.**



Seminar Details	
Country	
City/Town	
Street address of seminar location	
Dates (YYYY.MMdd - YYYY.MMdd)	
Daily schedule	
Number of participants	
Seminar fee charged to participants	
Proposed Lecturer	
Assistant(s)	

Applicant's signature	
Name	
Date (YYYY.MMdd)	
Stamp	

Please return the application (scanned JPG or PDF) to: si@fide.com with copies to cis.secretary@fide.com & cis.chairman@fide.com





FIDE Chess in Schools Commission (CiS)
FIDE School Instructor Title (SI)
SI Seminar Application Form
by Organization not a FIDE Member Fed.

Applicant organization	
e-mail address	
mailing address	
Official (& position)	
Endorsing National Federation	(n1)
Authorized Official (name)	
Authorized Official (signature)	
Authorized Official (position)	
Endorsing continental President	(n2)

(n1). It is essential that the National Federation be aware of the event and either 'approve' or, at least, not disapprove. Attach their confirmatory email.

(n2). Attach confirmatory email of Continental President.

The Applicant accepts:

- 1. To conduct the seminar in accordance with *FIDE-CiS Regulations – School Instructor Title* which Applicant acknowledges having received and accepted.**
- 2. To pay to FIDE *in advance* the FIDE Seminar fee for each seminar participant.**
- 3. To pay all costs directly relating to the seminar - venue, lecturer fees and ancillary costs as agreed between the Applicant, the lecturer(s) and others.**
- 4. To pay the title award fees for successful participants, or to provide written confirmation from an authorized official of the Endorsing National Federation that it will do so.**

Seminar Details	
Country	
City/Town	
Street address of seminar location	
Dates (YYYY.MMdd - YYYY.MMdd)	
Daily schedule	
Number of participants	
Seminar fee charged to participants	
Proposed Lecturer	
Assistant(s)	



Applicant's signature	
Name	
Date (YYYY.MMdd)	
Stamp	

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FIDE Chess in Schools Commission (CiS)

FIDE School Instructor Title

CiS regulates the FIDE School Instructor title.

The title is designed to be awarded to teachers who fulfil the following:

Title Description - Requirements - Award:

1. Mission:

1.1. Introducing the school student to the basic chess rules to broaden the base of chess players worldwide.

2. Qualification - Professional Skills & Requirements:

- 2.1. Teaching or will teach in a school.
- 2.2. Knowledge of psychology and pedagogy.
- 2.3. Good knowledge of chess basics.

3. Title Award:

- 3.1. By successful participation in a 15-hour CiS Seminar.
- 3.2. By accepting the FIDE seminar fee of 100 euros (if required).
- 3.3. By accepting the title award fee of 50 euros (which includes a licence to the end of the calendar year following the year the title is achieved).
- 3.4. By accepting any other participation fee.



4. Licence:

4.1 From the end of the calendar year after the year the title is achieved, the title holder will be charged a licence fee, valid for two years, of 40 euros.

4.2 Payment of the licence fee entitles the title holder to continue receiving exclusive dedicated support in the form of:

- updates of class materials
- exclusive support materials (at least twice each year).

4.3. Failing to pay the licence fee will forfeit the rights of 4.2 and the title holder will be suspended from the list of holders.

5. Financial:

5.1. The recommended estimated cost for Lecturers' fees for CiS seminars is 1,750 euros for the 15-hour seminar. That amount (1750) does not include travel expenses or board & lodging which are additional costs for the organizers.

5.2. Various other expenses (auditorium, bulletin, coffee-breaks costs) will be the responsibility of the co-organizer.

6. Material

6.1. The seminar and the examination will be based on the FIDE *Foundation Trainer Guide*, *Planet Chess* and other

materials recommended by the CiS Commission.

6.2. The teaching subjects will be mainly:

- Basics - Introduction to Chess:
 - the board
 - how the pieces move
 - attack, defence, capture, check, checkmate, stalemate
 - all the basic rules
- FIDE - What is FIDE?
- Basic Tactics, Strategy, Checkmates
- Chess Culture
- Mistakes - Teaching Mistakes
- Mistakes - Children's Mistakes
- Literature
- Pedagogy in relation to chess:
 - Educational Benefits of Chess
 - Teaching Methods & Class Organization
 - Piaget, Gardner & Holt
 - Differences Between Boys and Girls in Chess
- Psychology
- How to Organize a Chess Club & Tournament



7. Seminar

7.1. Seminars will be led by FIDE-CiS approved Lecturers.

7.2. Seminars will normally occupy 3 or 5 days (3x5hr or 5x3hr), as follows:

1	Welcome – FIDE - Philosophy
2	Planet Chess – Board – Culture - History
3	King, Rook, Attack & Capture
4	Check & Checkmate
5	Educational Benefits
6	Chess Pedagogy
7	Bishop, Queen
8	Attack & Defence
9	Knight, Pawn
10	Mistakes & Psychology
11	Basic Tactics, Strategy, Checkmates
12	Exchange Rates, Literature, Resources
13	Special Moves
14	Organization – clubs, tournaments, ratings
15	Examination

8. Seminar Evaluation

8.1. Successful candidates will need 50 marks to pass, including not less than 50% of the marks available for the written exam paper.

8.2. Attendance will count 0-10 marks (evaluation by the Lecturer).

8.3 Teaching experience will count 0-30 marks, counting 3 marks for each year of experience.

8.4. Chess experience will count 0-20 marks, counting 2 marks for each year of experience.

8.5. Exam paper will count 0-40 marks.

FIDE Chess in Schools Commission (CiS) XXXXXXX 2016 – Registration Form

 FIDE GENS UNA SUMUS	 European Chess Union Or other Continental logo	 CHESS IN SCHOOLS	Organizer logo
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Photo

Passport type

(preferably JPG or JPEG)

Personal Data	
SURNAME	
Name (first/personal)	
Name (middle)	
Gender	
Birth (dd.mm.yyyy)	
Citizenship	
Nationality	
Residential Address	
E-mail	@
Repeat E-mail	@

Chess Data	
	FIDE-ID
	Federation
	Rating (if any)
Teaching Experience	Teacher Training – Years: _____
	Teaching NOT chess Years: _____
	Teaching – subjects, age groups & schools:
Chess Experience	Teaching CHESS – Years: _____

Council approved the addition of the following CiS Lecturers to the Panel (http://cis.fide.com/images/stories/seminars/Lecturers/lecturers_201607.pdf):

English, Shona, Ndebele and Zulu languages: IM Kudzanai Mamombe (ZIM), proposed by Zimbabwe federation President Charles Kuwaza.

Portuguese language: Charles Moura Netto (BRA) proposed by BRA President GM Darcy Lima. [Paulo Jorge Lopes da Costa (POR) was also proposed, but since there was no c.v. it was decided that no action be taken until a c.v. was received and the application then be discussed.]

Spanish language: Eduardo Arancibia (CHI) and Uvencio Blanco (VEN), both proposed by FIDE America President Jorge Vega.

5 FIDE STUDENT MEMBER (SM)

Council approved development of agreement with FEDA for FEDA to sign all Spanish juniors as SM, with the following procedure: FEDA fill in manually (via Admin) all the REQUIRED information: 1 FIDE ID, 2 FIRST NAME, LAST NAME, 3 BIRTH DATE, 4 EMAIL ADDRESS using a special FEDA email (e.g. cis@feda.org) because it is not legal for them to fill in the children's email addresses + SELECT: - Federation – Spain, - Language – ENGLISH, - Country – Spain, - sex.

This should will generate a FIDE BASIC membership card in PDF (sent to cis@feda.org) - NB - without FEDA logo (because this is the normal FIDE card). FEDA add logo at time of printing . FEDA print cards. FEDA distribute cards - in English - (with FIDE welcome letter in Spanish). FEDA maintain email group list of all Spanish Basic members (FEDA CANNOT send individual email addresses to FIDE for these children) and then FEDA sends FSMs (FIDE Student Magazine) to the members on that list. FEDA Admin changes status (via CiS Admin BackOffice) of mailing to each member from 'Active' to 'Passive' - that will avoid vast mailings of thousands of Mb of identical magazines to cis@feda.org.

6 FIRST SATURDAY PROPOSAL

A proposal had been received from Laszlo Nagy, organizer of the First Saturday tournaments to the effect that CiS students could enter his tournaments at a 10% discount to the normal fee, with an additional 10% of the normal fee for CiS.

After much discussion and some hesitation, it was decided to accept the proposal for a trial period of one year provided that a FIDE & CiS banner be displayed at the tournaments.

7 EARLY YEARS SKILLS PROGRAMME

Council approved all developments and hopes that we will be able to arrange cooperation with national federations to introduce this. After the meeting, representatives of several federations expressed interest in so doing.

8 REPORTS

Council was pleased to receive a copy of the cooperation agreement signed by the FIDE President with the Russian Oblast (administrative region) of Kaluga.

A disturbing report was received from Commission Member Jamal Al-Midfa. Council was very displeased by the content which had been decided without any liaison with CiS.

After much discussion as to the best course of action, it was decided to take up the matter with some other FIDE officials in advance of further action.



9 CHANGES TO COMMISSION

It was agreed that those who have done nothing since Tromso should be replaced, starting with: Sophia Rohde (USA) – replaced by **Anna Harazinska** (POL), Jawhar Ben Fredj (TUN) – replaced by **Jose Francisco** (Pep) Suarez Roa (ESP). It was also agreed that the Chairman could use his discretion to replace a Councillor in the event that GM Smbat Lputyan (ARM) would accept the position.

Kevin O'Connell, Chairman

Sainbayar Tserendorj, Secretary

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