

**88th FIDE Congress
Social Projects Commission
Goynuk, Antalya, Turkey
10 October 2017, 09.00 – 11.00**

Chairperson: D. Lima (BRA)

Present: S. M. Guisson, G. Borg (FIDE), M. Thabano, S. Johnsn (TRI), A. Mongiele (ISV), M. Murphy (ISV), G. Oen (USA), C. Netto (BRA), D. Jarrett (FIDE), S. Escafre (FRA), R. Haring (USA), J. Vega (GUA), M. Avdiu (KOS), R. Waithe (BAR), Y. Dogruer (TUR), I. Dobronauteanu (ROU), S. Javaheri (IRI), T. Karatekin (TUR), R. Jones (PNG), A. Herbert (BAR), K. Blackman (BAR), M. Huba (SVK)

The Chairman GM Darcy Lima welcome the participants and talk a little about all the projects we've be doing these years and after our last meeting.

It was updated the follow-up of the projects and the SPC Commission concentrate in Chess in Prisons and Chess as a tool working with Autism & Asperger syndrome & Down syndrome.

The Chess and Environment Education and Sustainability program, Chess to help integration for minority groups in society (like the Pomerans etc...), Chess and Peace, Chess as a Tool in treatment for Chemical dependence, were kept in a slow pace.

Since our Last Report on second semester of 2016 we develop and plan a series of activities.

The Chairman then asked Mr Sonja Johnson from Trinidad Tobago to share the project that started by TTCA with the prisoners there. She explained what have been done and how successful was the first step done.

On the Chess in Prisons Projects we continue to spread it and at the end of last year we paid a visit to Guatemala on October. On this 13 of October 2016 the Chairman of Social Projects GM Darcy Lima had a meeting with Rony Santos General Director of Guatemala Prison System and Patricia Roldan Ressocialization Director of Guatemala Prison System. There was agreement to implement the "Chess in Prisons" Project in Guatemala City, Guatemala in this year still starting in "Anexo B" Prison and Woman Local Penitentiary. The meeting was also attended by Lic. Alejandro Lara, President of Guatemala Chess Federation and Al Erik Hernandez, Secretary of Social Projects Commission. The projects were indeed started and the first tournament already happened and It have been organized many tournaments in different Prisons. The first was on 10th August 2017 at Granja Penal Canadá, Escuintla and till the end of 2017 there will be in 19 prisons in the Country

We did for the first time by the SPC Commission an Online match between prisoners took place. This historic online international match between prisoners from the project "Chess that Gives

Freedom" in the Municipality of Viana, Espirito Santo, Brazil, and the project in Cook County, Chicago, Illinois USA, was held on Wednesday May 17th, 2017 on the FIDE and CBX Online Platform (Chess Arena). The project in Chicago done by enthusiastic and dynamic Mikhail Korenman.

Project Manager, Alternative Programs & Education Cook County Department of Corrections and the Sheriff Thomas Dart is held in the prison complex of the American city and The Cook County Jail, which houses more than 7,000 inmates, is the largest county jail in the country began in 2012 and was carried out based on the Brazilian project "Chess that gives Freedom" after a lecturer made by the creators of the Brazilian project in which American authorities were presents.

The Project "Chess that Gives Freedom", idealized and managed by Prof. Charles Moura Netto with technical assistance of the CBX President and Chairman of FIDE Social Projects Commission GM Darcy Lima started in 2008, In 2012 won "Spirit of Sports" the International Sports Award of Best Social Project by SportAccord representing FIDE and Chess, surpassing FIFA and IOC projects and other important sports Organizations.

The match between 4 inmates of each country ended with Chicago winning by 45 to 3.5. Accompanying the match at site in Chicago were Mikhail Korenman and Jane Gubser, Psy.D. Chief of Programs Cook County Sheriff's Office. At site in Brazil GM Darcy Lima, Prof Charles Moura Netto and Secretary of Justice of Espirito Santo Wallace Tarcisio Pontes the Secretary of Justice of Espirito Santo Wallace Tarcisio Pontes and other authorities went physically to the event who was a great success. The match generated national and international media. The fact has generated national and international media highlighted in several types of media. We see some examples such as the Globo portal G1 webportal, TV, American websites and newspapers in these links.

<http://g1.globo.com/espírito-santo/noticia/internos-do-es-participam-de-intercambio-internacional-de-xadrez-com-detentos-norte-americanos.ghtml>

<http://www.gettyimages.com/event/cook-county-inmates-take-part-in-online-chess-tournament-with-brazilian-inmates-700051062?#an-inmate-at-the-cook-county-jail-compete-in-a-chess-tournament-with-picture-id684280772>

We plan to hold more online Match in 2018 and might do a competition between some prisoners in jails around the world.

We also made a visit to the Cook County prison Chicago, Illinois, USA on 18_19 of July where we share some guidelines and experience meeting there with the Authorities from the local justice System.

We also started in Honduras and Costa Rica initial procedures to implement in these two more countries. We send them data and general information about the project and we are scheduling a visit to both countries.

Regarding Chess as a tool working with Autism & Asperger syndrome & Down syndrome we still keep doing scientific research in this subject. In this meeting PHD Miss Sandra Maria Guisso will

deal with the game of chess and the autistic child: a study case. The research investigates the academic success of an autistic child after being exposed and practice of chess in a public school

Autism is characterized as observable aspects that indicates a deficit on communication and social interaction, besides repetitive behaviors and restricted areas of interest The interest by the study is because there are some questions regarding the use of games for children with autism. In this research we investigate the use of the chess game for an autistic child who attends a regular school and a special school as well (APAE).The student, subject of this research, with a diagnosis of autism spectrum disorder is 9 years old and attending the third grade of elementary school.

The child was diagnosed on June of 2014, with autism spectrum disorder, and after the Chess Program he improved a lot also learned the game of chess quickly, that is, at the same time as the other children in the classroom. According to the chess teacher, he was surprised, because in addition to learning, the child also expressed interest and opinion of the game. This observation is important because we believe that the learning process when we understand what is going on around us, relating to the object studied.

Mr Martin from Marketing Committee was happy to see that SPC commission is using data and metric to have Scientific research on all the subjects of the commission and said should be more publicized not only the work on this commission but all the work done to show how chess is a good tool for many aspects of our society.

M. Alan Herbert from Barbados said would be good that all this information would be in a small booklet so people who wants to implement these projects can do It in their country. The Chairman GM Darcy Lima said he thin is a very good idea and he promise next meeting he will have at least in two of SPC commission projects these booklets

Mr Stephane Escafre from France asked the data from the Chess in Prison Project and was surprised by the positive numbers of the project. He felt also that the Chess as a tool against autism research would be good to do a presentation on the Congress Health and Chess that occurs in June in Paris since it fits on the Congress scope.

Chairman

Darcy Lima