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## FIDE Trainers' Commission (TRG)

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**Date: 29.09.2018**

**Subject: FIDE-TRG Meeting (64<sup>th</sup>)**

**Batumi, Georgia - 15:00-17:00**

**Hotel Sheraton**

FIDE Trainers' Commission (TRG) - Council

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(Armenia)

| <i>Meeting Program</i> |  |
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| <i>15:00-16:00</i>     | <i>Analysis of TRG's activities</i>    |
| <i>16:00-16:30</i>     | <i>FIDE-TRG Awards 2017 - Ceremony</i> |
| <i>16:30-16:50</i>     | <i>Questions - Discussions</i>         |
| <i>16:50-17:00</i>     | <i>Chess Evolution - Presentation</i>  |

Dear Respected Captains, Coaches and Trainers,

We would like to thank you for your attendance and we do hope that we will be able to answer all your inquiries and questions, concerning our Commission. We would like to make it clear that TRG is a FIDE supporting Commission, which deals with matters that concern training activities and has an advisory role, as per FIDE Statutes.

We feel that it should be no political interest in this room and we kindly ask to avoid anything that it can be connected with the coming FIDE elections. Also, we will not answer any financial matter/question, as this can be addressed to the FIDE Treasurer, as per FIDE Statutes.

Our presentation is focused in our served period, from August 2014 till September 2018, when we were appointed by the FIDE Board in our positions. But we will try to present also some things from previous periods since early 2009, when TRG was reformed.

Here we would like to thank for his services Councillor Mr. Uwe Boensch, who had to withdraw from his position due to health reasons and he was replaced by Councillor Mr. Sami Khader, in late 2017.

FIDE-TRG Site: <http://trainers.fide.com>

## **A. Secretariat Responsibilities**

*TRG, via its Secretary as the main coordinator, operates on the following subjects:*

- 1. Follows the official trainers' list and past seminars and updates and corrects them every month, sending a copy to the FIDE lists.*
- 2. Follows the financial part of it; prepares the invoices for FIDE and noting the payments.*
- 3. Prepares the annually budget, analysing the various projects and follows their development from the start till the end.*
- 4. Prepares the quarterly payments of all trainers and other persons involved to the TRG projects (payments tables, bank accounts, badges, diplomas, pins, trophies, etc).*
- 5. Contacts various authors for the TRG on-line surveys and takes care of the project in its financial part as well.*
- 6. Prepares the (nearly monthly) Internet Meetings and Minutes and the various subjects to be examined.*
- 7. Prepares the quarterly subjects and reports for the EB, PB and the GA, which should be extensively detailed and well-supported.*
- 8. Prepares the entire Seminars' prospectuses and the various obligatory documents for them. Updates the instructive and detailed guide of contacting the seminars which is uploaded in TRG site. Also, follows the seminars while on progress and corrects all files before finishing.*
- 9. Prepares the annually program of seminars and other affiliated activities and informs the affiliated federations. Note that every year TRG organises 35-45 seminars.*
- 10. Prepares the FIDE invoices for each seminar and take care of the Lecturers' payments.*
- 11. Prepares the letters for the affiliated federations (189) each time that TRG has to post books, diplomas or any other material concerning TRG.*
- 12. Follows the entire procedure of posting the material to be sent (books, diplomas, etc).*
- 13. Prepares all seminars' certificates and takes care that the participants receive them.*
- 14. Cooperates with publishers, cover-designers, proofers and other parts when it has to deal with TRG printed or pdf books.*
- 15. Prepares the contracts of the authors and other parts for the TRG printed or pdf books.*
- 16. Prepares the annually FIDE-TRG Awards regulations and follow its development till the end. Also deals with the statuses (ordering and purchasing) and the general procedure and the publicity of the project.*
- 17. Cooperates with the affiliated federations' official contact Head Trainer for resolving various training subjects.*
- 18. Takes care of the daily mailings and answering to any question or resolve matters within 3-4 days maximum.*
- 19. Prepares all subjects that TRG announces in TRG site and update them in a very regular base; around twice monthly.*
- 20. Follows and edits the project 'Recommended TRG Books' which is an important tool and an answer to every day question of all trainers and trainees.*
- 21. Participates (if asked) in nearly all FIDE EB, PB and GA, following the procedures and get informed in related TRG subjects, supporting FIDE's policy and plans.*
- 22. Cooperates with all FIDE parts and governing officials, for resolving various matters and creating the procedures of all TRG subjects, following FIDE policies.*
- 23. Prepares the annually lists and invoices for all the affiliated federations and their trainers for their 4-year licenses.*
- 24. Prepares and edits the trainers Personal Card (in the style of a Credit Card), with data and photos and send them to the affiliated federations.*
- 25. If asked, collects fees in the name of FIDE, around the world.*
- 26. Cooperates on the project FIDE Academies, assisting and improving them.*

## B. Administrative Responsibilities

### 1. FIDE-TRG Seminars

During this period, TRG conducted 153 seminars in 85 federations and 5 via internet, for a total of 158. Here is a table with the distribution per year, per Continental Presidency and internet:

| Year         | Total       | Africa        | America       | Asia          | Europe        | Internet     |
|--------------|-------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|
| 2014         | 7           | 3             | 0             | 2             | 2             | 0            |
| 2015         | 47          | 2             | 10            | 17            | 18            | 0            |
| 2016         | 33          | 5             | 2             | 8             | 18            | 0            |
| 2017         | 31          | 6             | 5             | 8             | 9             | 3            |
| 2018         | 40          | 8             | 4             | 14            | 12            | 2            |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>158</b>  | <b>24</b>     | <b>21</b>     | <b>49</b>     | <b>59</b>     | <b>5</b>     |
| <b>%</b>     | <b>100%</b> | <b>15.19%</b> | <b>13.29%</b> | <b>31.01%</b> | <b>37.34%</b> | <b>3.16%</b> |

*Seminars' Federations:* Albania (2), Algeria (2), Andorra, Argentina, Austria, Azerbaijan, Barbados, Belgium (2), Bolivia (2), Bosnia & Herzegovina, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei, Cameroon (2), Chile (3), China (2), Colombia, Croatia (4), Cuba, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Ecuador, Egypt, Ethiopia, Fyrom, Georgia (3), Germany (2), Greece (7), Hong Kong, Hungary, Iceland (2), India (6), Iran (2), Iraq, Ireland, Israel, Italy (4), Jordan (3), Kenya, Kosovo, Kyrgyzstan, Latvia, Lesotho, Malaysia (6), Maldives, Malta, Mauritania, Mexico (2), Mongolia (3), Montenegro, Nepal, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Norway, Oman, Panama, Philippines (2), Portugal, Puerto Rico (2), Qatar (2), Romania, Russia (3), Senegal, Serbia (2), Singapore (3), Slovakia, Slovenia (2), South Africa (2), Spain (4), Sri Lanka (2), Swaziland, Switzerland, Syria, Thailand (2), Trinidad & Tobago, Tunisia (6), Turkey, Uganda (2), Ukraine, United Arab Emirates (6), Uruguay (2), USA, Uzbekistan and Zambia (2).

*Seminars' Towns:* Abu Dhabi (2), Addis Ababa, Algiers, Amman (3), Ankara, Athens (2), Auckland, Baghdad, Baku, Bangkok, Barcelona, Batumi (3), Belgrade, Benasque, Bhubaneshwar, Bishkek, Blankenberge, Brunei, Budva, Buenos Aires, Bunrraty, Cairo, Cakovec (2), Colombo (2), Concepcion, Copenhagen, Dakar, Damascus, Davao City, Djebra, Doha (2), Dubai, Durban, Durres, Escaldes-Engordany, Eupen, Francistown, Gauteng, Genoa, Germering (2), Gijon, Guatape, Guayaquil, Guwahati, Gyor, Hambourg, Hammamet (3), Hong Kong, Iquique, Iraklion, Jagodina, Kampala (2), Kassandra, Khanty-Mansiysk, Kota Kinabalu (2), Kuala Lumpur (4), La Paz, Larestan, Larnaca, Lisbon, Livingstone, Ljubljana, Lviv, Male, Mamaia, Managua, Mansa, Maribor, Maseru, Mbabane, Mexico DF, Mohali, Monastir, Montevideo (2), Moscow (2), Muscat, Nairobi, New Delhi (3), New York, Nouakchott, Ohrid, Olbia, Oran, Padron, Panama, Pattaya, Perugia, Pocos de Caldas, Poprad, Porec, Port of Spain, Porto Carras, Prague, Prishtina, Qormi, Ramat-Hasharon, Reykjavik (2), Rhodes, Riga, San Juan, San Sebastian, Santa Cruz, Santiago, Sarajevo, Sharjah (3), Singapore (3), Solothurn, Spoleto, Stavanger, Tabasco, Tagaytay, Tashkent, Tehran, Tirana, Tunis, Ulaanbaatar (3), Varadero, Walserberg, Yaounde (2), Zagreb and Zhuhai (2).

In total, since 2004, TRG has conducted 298 seminars and since another five have been announced by the end of 2018, will overpass the magical number of 300!

### 2. FIDE-TRG Certified Trainers

In FIDE there are registered 189 federations and TRG has succeeded to certify trainers in 183.

The federations without a certified trainer are 6: British Virgin Islands, Burkina Faso, Cambodia, Djibouti, Guernsey and Timor-Leste.

Since 2004, TRG has certified approximately 6.600 trainers. And since this year (April), we have updated and improved our seminars' schedule, material and examinations, to keep-up with the updated demands.

Also, we have to note that we have received by today (2009-2018) 272 FST Applications. From these we have accepted the 169, we have rejected the 31, we have given (instead) FT to 66, while 6 we rejected for both FST & FT.

### 3. FIDE-TRG Academies

The project of the world net of FIDE Academies started approximately on 2010 and by today 72 Academies has been registered. From them, 7 have been deleted, due to financial (or other) reasons, so the actual number by today is 65 Academies, spread in 37 federations:

| Year         | Status   | Total     | Africa    | America   | Asia      | Europe    |
|--------------|----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| 2010-2018    | Existing | 65        | 22        | 11        | 16        | 17        |
|              | Deleted  | 7         | 4         | 1         | 0         | 2         |
| <b>Total</b> |          | <b>72</b> | <b>26</b> | <b>12</b> | <b>16</b> | <b>19</b> |

*Academies' federations:* Angola, Argentina, Bahrain, Belarus, Botswana (3), Brazil, Bulgaria (2), Ecuador, Egypt, England (2), France, Gabon, Georgia, Germany (2), Greece (3), Hong Kong, Iraq, Italy, Jordan, Kenya (2), Kyrgyzstan, Luxembourg, Malaysia (2), Mongolia, Mozambique, Oman, Pakistan, Russia, Saudi Arabia, Singapore,

South Africa (4), Thailand, Tunisia (8), United Arab Emirates (3), USA (8), Zambia and Zimbabwe.

Deleted Academies' federations: Egypt, England, Greece, Ireland, South Africa, Tunisia and USA.

## **C. Projects-Programs**

### **1. FIDE-TRG Trainers' Awards**

As per year since 2009, TRG is conducting the annually FIDE-TRG Trainers Awards on 6 categories and the Hall of Fame. The process ends by middle of June and the results/awards are presented/approved/awarded in the coming FIDE Congress.

An Experts' Panel of 7 selected persons vote and decide for the outcome. For the year 2017, TRG announced the Regulations to 25 selected Publishers on October 2017, on FIDE & TRG sites on start of January 2018, while it was send as well to 4.000 e-mails and all federations. The Awards are running for 10 years (2008-2017).

For the year 2017 TRG noticed complains, concerning the nominees and the absences of selected Captains-Trainers. TRG wishes to abstain from such views which concerns political views and condemns the un-supported opinions.

The 2017 Awards Ceremony will take place on 16:00 and we kindly ask you to support our project.

### **2. FIDE-TRG Online Training Program**

TRG has conducted a six-months training online program twice per week with selected federations (10 from Asia - Brunei, Fiji, Hong Kong, Jordan, Lebanon, Malaysia, Pakistan, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Thailand \* 13 from Africa - Botswana, Ethiopia, Lesotho, Libya, Madagascar, Mali, Namibia, Senegal, Somalia, South Sudan, Swaziland, Tanzania, Zimbabwe \* 4 from Americas - Antigua, Bahamas, Netherlands Antilles, Suriname) with well-known trainers. The program was conducted in the first half of 2018.

### **3. FIDE-DEV-TRG Olympiad Captains Program**

The program is sponsored by DEV and TRG is doing the handling and it is running in every Olympiad since 2010. Selected federations by the Continental Presidencies are provided with a Captain/Coach, for which the air-ticket and the fee are sponsored. In Baku Olympiad DEV-TRG provided 14 Captains, while in the Batumi Olympiad the number was upgraded to 32 (Captains, Coaches & Trainers).

### **4. FIDE-TRG Free Books Program**

Starting on 2010, TRG supports the certified & licenced trainers with educational books (printed or pdf with cover), which can be a real help in their work. Note that most book-covers are designed by the artist Nicolas Sphicas - sphicasn@gmail.com - [www.chess.gr/sphicas](http://www.chess.gr/sphicas) [www.logicalchess.com/info/graphics/sphicas](http://www.logicalchess.com/info/graphics/sphicas) or Efstratios Grivas and the editor is Efstratios Grivas. Furthermore these books are not for sale but are given for free to certified & licenced trainers and federations. The books produced so far are 37. Unfortunately, we have noticed that many federations are not providing their trainers with this material and we would like to ask for your assistance in this painful matter.

### **5. FIDE-TRG Free Surveys Program**

TRG prepares a new (or two) survey in the end of each month, by a well-known trainer. The survey is uploaded on the TRG site, for free downloading. The project is on its 9<sup>th</sup> consecutive year!

### **6. FIDE-TRG Cooperations - IOC-ARISF**

TRG cooperates with various FIDE Commissions, mainly with DEV, WOM, CiS and SAC. But also with a branch of the IOC called ARISF, which usually provides financial support for an important seminar during a huge FIDE event, as an Olympiad or a World Youth.

### **7. FIDE-TRG Meetings**

TRG operates an annually live meeting (2015 - Sharjah - UAE \* 2016 - Lviv - Ukraine \* 2017 - Budva - Montenegro \* 2018 - Amman - Jordan). In these five-day meetings, TRG offers a free seminar as compensation for the federation's expenses. A bi-monthly internet meeting is conducted as well and all decisions/proposals are uploaded in TRG's site.

### **8. FIDE-TRG Internet Site**

TRG is operating its official site (<http://trainers.fide.com>) in which uploads nearly daily everything connected to its activity. The webmaster is the TRG Councillor Mr. Jovan Petronic.

## **9. FIDE-TRG-USA-KCF Millennials' Match 2017**

*TRG conducted with great success in 2017, the first ever official match U.17 & U.14 between the World and the USA. The organisation was a great success and it involved FIDE, the USA Chess Federation, the Kasparov Chess Foundation and the St. Louis Chess Club. A relative book (both in English & French) was produced and sent for free to all federations & trainers.*

## **10. FIDE-TRG Certified & Approved Books Program**

*TRG has started a program of certified & approved books of various publishers. Any publisher is welcome to nominate its book in the program and in case of an approval he can print the FIDE logo (and the approval) in the book. The cost for the publisher is on 1 euro per sold copy. TRG's first two co operations was with the company 'Chess Evolution' for the series 'The Modern Endgame Manual' and the company 'ChessCastle' for the 'Monster Your Endgame'.*

### **D. Various**

#### **1. FIDE Ethics Commission**

*We feel that we have 'created' an important new service to our certified & licenced trainers - our success to present and be accepted for resolution to the FIDE Ethics Commission of the case of Grivas CIA (FIDE Academy) vs Mongolian CF (FIDE Federation), concerning an unpaid contract.*

*As this case was accepted in favour of Mr. Grivas, we are confident that our trainers can ask for similar treatment in conflicts with national federations or affiliated FIDE organisations. We feel that this is an important step for the trainers and their rights.*

#### **2. Captains/Trainers in FIDE Events**

*As per FIDE-TRG Regulations, all Captains & Head of Delegations must be certified & licenced during all FIDE events. In the Olympiads of 2016 & 2018 we were able to perform this duty. Especially for the 2018 Olympiad we created an automatic stop in the official Registration Site, which stopped anyone who hadn't a licenced title to be registered. We had over 160 'tries' which we resolved in the best way for all sides.*

*But we do hope that with everyone's help to be able to perform it in every official FIDE event. In Europe we are going well, but sometimes we are lacking 'cooperation' with other contingencies.*

*A sad case was noticed in the recent European Individual Championship, where the officials stopped the certified & licenced Captains/Trainers (1 per delegation) to enter the playing hall, openly stating that the risk of cheating was rather high, to put it mildly. We have only to remind to everybody that the persons with a computer access in the playing hall are not the Captains/Trainers but the Arbiters and the Organisers!*

*TRG officially reported the incident to FIDE and to ECU, strongly complaining. ECU decided in favour of TRG and that should be a guide for all FIDE events.*

#### **3. Questionnaire**

*As we do believe in communication and in opinions of our members and their federations, we have created and conducted a questionnaire during the present Olympiad. We will examine it and we will submit the results to the new FIDE-TRG Commission, which will be formed after the elections, as per Regulations.*

#### **4. FIDE-TRG New Titles**

*New FIDE-TRG titles concerning the Batumi seminar (Georgia) are approved.*

#### **5. FIDE-TRG New Academies**

*The Council examined Academies' matters as follows:*

*1. By the 'A.S.O.P. Dias' (Athens - Greece \* Annex: TRG-12-FIDE Academy Application - Greece 4). The Council endorses the application.*

*2. Private FIDE Chess Academy of Luxemburg: As decided, the matter is addressed to the next FIDE Congress in September/October. The Council endorses the application under the revised name.*

*We would like to thank you for your participation in this meeting and we do hope that it was fruitful and informative.*

*Gens Una Sumus*

*The Chairman  
Adrian Mikhalchishin*

*The Secretary  
Efstratios Grivas*

*Councillor  
Sami Khader*

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### ***Meeting Attendance***

*TRG Council: A. Mikhalchishin (TRG Chairman-Slovenia), E.Grivas (TRG Secretary-Greece), S.Khader (TRG Councillor-Jordan), J.Petronic (TRG Councillor-Serbia).*

*Observers/Participants: T. Sakelsek (SLO), R. Johnson (RWA), E. Duchovny (USA), Dr. G. Nesis (RUS), M. Petrov (WLS), B. R. Unhjem (NOR), V. Smensen (NOR), G. Nesheim (NOR), V. Jansa (CZE), J. Aagaard (SCO), R. Ramesh (IND), L. Sandler (AUS), V. Grabinsky (UKR), M. Konopka (CZE), C. Nsakanya (ZAM), R. Smith (TTO), Z. Lanka (LAT), M. Erdogan (TUR), E. Miroshnichenko (UKR), M. Oleksiyenko (UKR), O. Sulypa (UKR), M. Matlaz (SLO), M. Sebenik (SLO), K. Landa (RUS), V. Tukmakov (UKR), G. Szabo (ROU), M. Khodarkovsky (USA), I. Dorfman (FRA), P. Pisk (CZE), U. Hernandez (VEN), S. Sekhar (IND), A. Tsijli (CRC), R. Madipour (IRI), L. Blasco de la Cruz (ESP), K. Turdialiev (UZB), Ramacanjaona Andrianantnaina (MAD), T. Luther (GER), J. Hall (SWE), G. Bendana (NCA), R. Zohair (CUB), C. Riveiro (CUB), B. Marinello (USA), J. Donaldson (USA), C. Jun (CHN), C. Pesqueira (ARU), M. Socko (POL), A. F. Urban (POL), K. Duda (POL), W.Fang Kong (SIN), S. Musavian (IRI), N. Dotcic (CRO), G. Mohr (SLO), Y. Jiangchuan (CHN), Li Kaimin (CHN), L. Turlej (POL), M. Vasiliev (VIE), K. Haznedaroglou (TUR), D. Bojkov (BUL), B. Singh (IND), F. Vang (FAI), V. Braganca (FXTL), O. Romanischin (UKR), A. Neisaks (LAT), M. Kobalia (RUS), E. Kengis (LAT), A. Naiditsch (AZE), C. Balogh (HUN), A. Maksimenko (PLE), M. Matlak (POL), M. Krasenkow (POL), K. Czczepkowska (POL), B. Socko (POL), A. Stefanenko (BEL), B. Heberla (POL), W. Zawadski (POL), J. Ezzon (BAH), J. Silva (COL), J. Mezia (COL), N. Kalesis (GRE), O. Prohorov (UKR), KK Chan (HKG), C. Pesuets (ARU).*