

The perspective plan of chess development in Moldova for the next 10 years

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Chess are very popular among the people of Moldova, especially among the youth, children and pupils.

The competitions held in our country became mass events and the number of chess players is growing every year. Over the last 6-7 years the chess players of Moldova reached high results on the international arena. For the first time in the chess history the pupils of Moldova chess school Almira Skripchenko and Cristina Moshin won the title of World and European champion among the girls under 16 and 14. For the first time in world history of chess Almira Skripchenko won the zonal tournament for the World Women's Chess Championship.

Our young chess talents Irina Bulmaga, the World Champion among the girls in 2007, and Diana Baciuc, who won the bronze medal in the World Youth Championship 2008, continued Almira Skripchenko's relay. The victory of our grandmasters Victor Bologan and Viorel Iordachescu in the Zonal Championship in Minsk testified that Moldova has grandmasters of high international level.

Chess movement of Moldova has in its ranks nearly 50 000 chess fans. There are more than 20 world-known international grandmasters and masters among them.

The chess players of any country, not just our tiny Moldova, can be proud of such results.

In order to improve the further chess development in our country, the Presidential Board of Chess Federation of Moldova approved the perspective plan of chess development in Moldova for the next years. The plan has been developed and proposed by the General Secretary of the Chess Federation Fyodor Skripchenko.

1. To restore the program "chess in schools" and the training of children in primary schools. It was conducted in all schools in Chisinau and other cities and regions of the republic since 1966. And in 1982 the Ministry of Education of the Moldavian SSR officially included chess in school curriculum.. The program "chess in schools" was approved by the International Chess Federation FIDE and recommended for implementation in other countries around the world.

The introduction of chess in school curriculum in our republic and the opening of specialized chess school for children in Chisinau were the solid foundation and a base for training chess talents who brought the world fame to our country.

2. It's necessary to open chess schools and organize chess teams in the sports schools in Cahul, Soroca, Orgeeve, Ungheni, Calarasi, Ialoveni and in other cities and regions.

3. To restore the action of chess groups of higher sporting chess skills in Chisinau, which have been functioning during the former Soviet Union system.

4. To create the conditions for functioning chess circles in schools in Moldova so that the children could constantly play chess and improve their skills as in schools of Kalmykia, where annually many thousands of pupils are taught the game of chess and where the leading young chess players of the world are brought up over the last years.

5. We should create sports clubs under Ministries and departments as in many European countries, including Romania; hold regular championships of Moldova between these sports clubs teams.

6. To open chess department at the Physical Institute with an additional specialization "chess trainer" as in Moscow, Minsk, Tashkent and other universities. The resolving of this issue will

provide an opportunity to train skilled chess trainers.

7. It is necessary to solve the issue of regular chess equipment supply of our country at the national level. It will allow each family to buy a chess set and teach their children to play chess. First of all, chess develop children's logical thinking and analytical skills and teach children to search and select the correct decisions and what is equally important chess help to reveal child's personality. And these qualities are very valuable and useful in each child's life. In the U.S. businessmen invest millions of dollars to the development of chess in schools program. It's well known that businessmen do not like to waste their money, but this money is being spent on the education of future generation of the entire nation!

8. To create computer centers under the Central Chess Club and Chess CYSC № 7; to formulate programs for the scheduled training of high proficiency sportsmen and for the creation of theoretical database. It would be extremely difficult to teach international level masters without computer centers and soon that would be hardly possible.

9. It is necessary to establish state or social supporting fund for leading chess-players of our country under the Chess federation or the Central Chess Club. This would enable them to get the necessary salary for their work and stimulate to work hard on improvement of their sportsmanship and to play with dignity on the international arena defending the sport honor of our country. Thus we will keep the leading sportsmen in our country; otherwise they would leave for other countries in search of financial security for their families. These conditions are set up in most countries of the world where there are the leading Grandmasters.

10. For the good organization and holding of sports events and tournaments in our country, for participating in the World and European Championships, the European Cups and the World Chess Olympiads the Chess Federation of our Republic should have an annual budget of at least 1.5 million lei.

11. It's necessary to have a chess magazine or newspaper that would become the voice for the promotion and popularization of chess in our country.

12. It's necessary to renew the heading "Chess for All" on TV, which existed in the USSR for many years. Such TV headings exist in many countries around the world.

13. The Department of Youth and Sport of Moldova should restore its calendar of sports activities for such chess competitions as the team championships among sports associations and government departments in cities and regions. This will serve the further introduction of chess in the life of the people of our country.

14. The Chess Federation of Moldova and the leading chess players of our country deserve the state financial support for their sport achievements on the international arena. Not many kinds of sport in our country can be proud of such high performance on the international arena like chess. And if chess players do not receive this support in the coming years, we would lose a lot.

15. During the chess in schools program in Moldova, the achievements of our players on the international arena will be increased, and our leading chess players, both men and women, will be able to fight for the title of world champions on the equal terms and the achievements show that it is possible for our chess players to become the strongest in the world.