

THE CHESS FEDERATION OF KOSOVA
Prishtina, on August 12th, 2002

INTERNATIONAL CHESS FEDERATION (FIDE)
Mr. Emmanuel OMUKU, Executive Director

Hereby we (the Chess Federation of Kosova), submit the official application for the membership to FIDE.

We think that our National Chess Federation fulfills and complies with the requirements, either for a full membership status, or for a provisional one, but at least for an associate membership status.

Perhaps you are familiar that Kosova is under United Nations Interim Administration Mission. The Chess Federation of Kosova on the other hand was registered in UNMIK, and finally on April 20th, 2000 was licensed by The Department of Sports of UNMIK for promoting the sport of Chess in Kosova. Hence, The Federation was recognized by this Department of UNMIK under section 3 of the UNMIK Administration Direction 2000/18.

Our Federation has adopted its statutes, where it is stated that our Federation acknowledges and observes Statutes, regulations, resolutions and decisions of FIDE. Our Federation also follows FIDE motto "Gens Una Sumus" and it carries out its activities on the basis of FIDE Laws of Chess, its rules and regulations.

The Chess Federation of Kosova was founded on July 1st, 1991. Federation aims at organizing, popularizing, developing chess sports and increasing its membership among all the categories of the population of Kosova, despite their gender, language, race, religion, political opinion, social or ethnical origin, etc.

The Federation is engaged in cultivation of good relations between people (its members), urging for tolerance, Olympic ideals, peace, solidarity, friendship and fair playing the game of chess at all levels and forms of organization.

The Federation since its foundation has organized the chess activities among all the categories of people of Kosova. Unfortunately, it had to stop its activities during the war in Kosova 1998/1999, but resumed them in the second half of 1999.

This Federation, since its foundation has been an independent national federation. It has organized all individual and team championships of Kosova, but unfortunately the winners (champions) could not compete outside Kosova, either in Zone tournaments, in European competitions, or in the Chess Olympiad.

Besides, as we have got in Kosova over one million youngsters, so we have felt the necessity for our youngest generations (chess players) to take part in European and world tournaments of their age.

We have over thousand members (active chess players), among them one international master and a dozens of either FIDE masters or national masters. We have some talented children who look forward to get the chance to compete in the international arena.

Looking forward for a positive answer, I remain

Respectfully,
Mehmet Gërguri,
President of The Chess Federation of Kosova

To: His Excellency Mr. Kirsan Ilyumzhinov, FIDE President

From: Mehmet Gërguri, President of the Chess Federation of Kosova

Date: 14 August 2003

Subject: Application for Full or Provisional, or even Associate Membership

Dear Sir,

On behalf of the Chess Federation of Kosova, I am applying once again for Full or Provisional Membership to FIDE. Since our last application last year, there has happened many positive developments, which we are convinced that go in favour of our ambitions to join the great chess family – FIDE.

-We (president and vice-president of CFK) visited the Bled Olympiad and took the opportunity to meet most of the delegates of FIDE informing them with the chess developments in Kosova.

We also attended as observers the proceedings of the FIDE Congress. At the end on suggestion of Mr. Boris Kutin we met the President of the Yugoslav Chess Federation, Mr. Bozidar Ivanovic. And at the very end we had great pleasure of meeting Your Excellency.

-In meantime we organized two very interesting chess tournaments (in Mitrovica and in Gjilan), encouraging especially participation of minorities.

-In May 2003 we were honoured with the kind visit of Mr. Boris Kutin, European Continental President.

-Our club chess champion has been invited to take part in the European Club Cup 2003 in Crete (Greece), while a sixteen-year boy is going to take part in the European Youth Championship in Budva (Montenegro), etc.

In our chess clubs as well as in other sports of Kosova there are included many sportsmen from abroad. I would like also to inform that one of Kosova sports federations, the Table Tennis Federation of Kosova was admitted to The International Table Tennis Federation in the Annual General Meeting held in Paris on 21 May 2003.

In Kosova there were organized some very important international sports tournaments such as Prishtina Marathon, etc.

At the end, let me express my deep concern and belief that by taking into consideration and approving our application, you will give your precious contribution to further development of chess life in Kosova, especially among children and young people.

Respectfully,
Mehmet Gërguri, President
The Chess Federation of Kosova



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QUESTIONNAIRE for national Federation applying for FIDE Membership

Attention: *The Chess Federation of Kosova (CFK) is applying for a status of Full or Provisional Membership Chapter 01(1.2,1.3) and Chapter 02 (2.2) or even Associate Membership, as specified in Chapter 02 of FIDE Statute, Section 2.9 Associate Membership (GA '93).*

1. Exact name of the chess Federation: *The Chess Federation of Kosova.*

Year founded : *1st July, 1991*

2. Postal address: *The Chess Federation of Kosova, c/o The House of Sports, Prishtina, Rr. "Agim Ramadani" nr. 43, Kosovo.*

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5. What is (are) your national language(s)? *Albanian (English and Serbian)*

Which of the following FIDE languages* do you prefer and what is your

second choice? 1. *English* 2. *German*

* *English, French, German, Spanish, Russian, Arabic and Portuguese are FIDE languages. FIDE Minutes are published in English.*

6. How many individual members (players) do you have? **1372**

How many competitions for individuals did you have last year? **23**

How many of these were for players under 16 years of age? **6**

Name your National individual champion: ***Myrtez Hondozi, National Kosova Master.***

7. How many affiliated clubs do you have? **36.**

How many team competitions do you organize in a year? **14.**

8. Are you the only national organization for chess in your country? **Yes.**

Name others (if any): ***There is not any other.***

9. Name your player(s) with FIDE titles (if any): ***Bedri Sadiku (IM), Afrim Fejzullahu (FM). We have dozens of Kosova national masters.***

10. What is the name of your official chess magazine (if any and please enclose a copy)?
Currently we do not have any.

11. Will your Federation have the opportunity to take part in the activities of FIDE (for example, to organize international tournaments, send representatives to official FIDE competitions)? **Yes.**

12. Do you receive any government support? **Yes.**

If yes, give details, stating cash subsidy given last year or recently? ***Approximately 17.000 €.***

What government department is in charge of chess? ***Ministry of Culture, Sports and Youth of the Government of Kosova.***

13. Does your country have a National Olympic Committee that is affiliated to the International Olympic Committee? ***We have NOC since 1992, but the Committee has not affiliated to IOC yet.***

14. What is your relationship with your National Olympic Committee?

Very good and correct.

15. Do you receive any subsidy from your National Olympic Committee? *No*

If yes, give details, stating cash subsidy given last year or recently?

16. Are there restrictions on membership in your Federation (on national, political, racial, social or religious grounds or on account of sex)? *No*.

17. Does your Federation acknowledge the Statutes of FIDE and develop activities in accordance with the Statutes? *Yes*.

18. Is your country an independent state with its own constitution? *It is under United Nations Interim Administration with a Constitutional Framework.*

If not, is it fully autonomous in the administration of sport? *Yes*.

Is your country a member of the United Nations, or do you have an Observer status in the United Nations? (If so, state year) *Not yet, but it is under United Nations Interim Administration.*

Does your country have a national flag and national anthem? *Yes, we have, but if it is disputed by anyone, we are ready to play under United Nations' flag (because we are under UNMIK), or even International or National Olympic Committee, until our status shall be defined.*

19. Are there in principle restrictions for issuing visas to foreigners? *No*.

20. Do you have a copy of your Federation Statutes or Constitution? *Yes, we have.*

If yes, please forward a copy with this questionnaire. *We are sending it translated into English.*

Are your Statutes approved by your government? *Yes*.

If so, by which government entity? **Ministry of Culture, Sports and Youth of Kosova.**

National Chess Federation Authorized Official :

Name : *Mehmet Gërguri*

Position : *President*

Signature :

Date : *14th August 2003*