

74th FIDE Congress
Trainers Committee
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Report

Chairman: Mr. Ignatius Leong (Developing Commission Chairman)

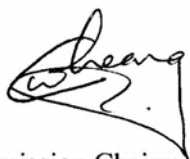
Present: H. Metzging (GER), Goran Antunac (CRO), A. Treu (SUR), Yasodananda K Areti (BAR), S. Marjanovic (SCG), Vladimir Tukmakov (UKR), Marandi Khosro (IRI), A. Kostyev (ISCU), Jonas Baderras (LTU), T. Redman (USA), A. Curado (POR), I. Gelfer ((ISR), Asanov Bolat (KAZ), Dabilani Buthali (BOT), Lewis Ncube (ZAM), M.S. Yousufzai (AFG), G. Qaderi (AFG), G. Anaya (CUB), L. Schmid (GER), S L Harsh (IND), P.T. Ummer Koya (IND).

Mr. I Leong called the meeting to order and conveyed the apologies from chairman and secretary for not being able to attend the meeting and requested Dr. Areti (BAR) to take the minutes.

1. Berlin Academy: Mr. H Metzging reported that the Berlin Academy will officially open on 15th Dec 2003 at noon and their Minister would inaugurate it. They are planning to have the first seminar on 25th – 29th Feb 2004. He requested the FIDE training commission to give guidelines towards the participants to be invited and the contents of the program. He is not clear as to if the documents approved at Istanbul are still valid. A lot of discussion had taken place and after considering various suggestions the chairman agreed to coordinate with training Commission and German Federation to make details available. He has also requested various Federation and Grand Masters to give him their input as to the syllabus, training levels etc. to help him coordinate the program details.
2. ASEAN academy: Mr. Leong reported the activities of the ASEAN (Association of South East Asian Nations) Academy. They will be organizing a training course under the auspices of International Olympic Committee from 7th to 14th Nov 2003. IM Nikola Karaklaich will provide training. About 30 coaches are expected to participate. The syllabus is targeted for Middle and lower levels. At present, the Academy has a syllabus for 200 lessons of 90 min each.
3. Guidelines for Financial Assistance: Annex 21 was presented. Mr. Leong felt that considering the current FIDE financial position these guide line can be taken up at next years meet..
4. Training Centers in Africa and Americas: The chairman reported the recommendation for three Centers in America (Caribbean, Central America and South America. And three Centers in Africa (north, central and Southern Africa). He has indicated that the request from Zimbabwe is under consideration.
5. Chess Education Centers in Dallas and Moscow: Mr. A Kostyev and Mr. Redman reported on the systems being practiced or aimed at in Russia and USA. Mr. Kostyev reported the establishment of Chess Schools under the name of Anatoly Karpov. Mr. Redman has reported about their attempts to introduce chess in schools in USA. Their approach at the University of Texas at Dallas would be directed at chess centre looking at the research aspects. He emphasized the need for scientifically approved methodology to establish that Chess education in schools improves the overall performance of students.

6. Training programs: no further discussion took place as it was already discussed during the first item in agenda
7. Guidelines for application of titles of Chess Instructor & Trainer. Mr. Leong pointed out that the requirements for Chess Instructor are already available in FIDE Handbook. But no applications were received in last 6 years. He pointed out that there is great potential in this area which is not tapped. Mr. Leong said that he would ask Training Commission to establish clear guidelines. He reported that the secretary has just given him a list of 26 names to be considered for senior trainers. The Chairman and the committee members felt that this should be considered after establishing clear guidelines.
8. Membership in Trainers committee: The chairman felt that attendance by the members is usually good every other year during Olympiads or election years. This should not be so. He suggested that he would recommend to the FIDE President to restructure the Trainers' Committee to suit various levels of training. The chairman suggested the following members to be included in the Trainers' Committee in addition to the existing members. 1.) I. Gelfer ((ISR) 2.) T. Redman (USA) 3.) A. Kostyev (ISCU) 4.) Vladimir Tukmakov (UKR) and 5.) Goran Antunac (CRO) and this list were approved.

Chairman thanked the Attendees.



Ignatius Leong
Development Commission Chairman