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Computer and Internet Chess Committee

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11.00 -13.00

Chairman: C. Abundo (PHI)

Present: M. Quintana(MEX), P. Valitalo (FIN), I. Leong (SIN), A. Kostyev (ISCU), Y. Razuvaev (RUS)

Report

FIDE General Secretary Ignatius Leong gave apologies for the absence of Committee chairman IM Petronic and left after nominating Mr. Casto Abundo to chair the meeting.

Dr. Marcos Quintana, who holds a doctorate in computer science, suggested that FIDE exploit the new technologies offered by the **Internet for distance learning and training**. He cited software that allows the trainer to move the mouse pointer of the student over the Internet. Such technology now exists but still at a cost not affordable to the public.

Another emerging technology he mentioned is TV broadcast over the Internet which would allow coverage of chess tournaments and possibility of sponsorships.

He suggested that FIDE organize **official tournaments by Internet** with Arbiters to prevent cheating. For higher level tournaments, players would move only pieces on the board and an electronic chess clock.

It was noted that there are many different Internet chess ratings on various playing sites and that we should start FIDE Internet Ratings separate from the over-the-board Rating List. Mr. Abundo asked Dr. Quintana to draft regulations for rated play over the Internet.

GM Razuvaev suggested that FIDE promote Freestyle Chess where humans play with computer assistance. He said that Anand and Kramnik will play a Freestyle Chess match soon in Moscow.

GM Razuvaev said it is comparable to Formula 1 level of competition and suggested that FIDE look into the possibility of organizing Freestyle Chess Tournaments. He said that he would discuss more about Freestyle Chess at the Trainers Committee meeting. He said that Chess Assistant offers many tools for training over the Internet which are good for beginners and that it has been certified as a teaching tool in Slovenia and in Khanti Mansiysk.

Casto Abundo

