

78TH FIDE CONGRESS 2007
Antalya, Turkey

Development Commission

13 November 2007

15.00 -19.00

Chairman: L. Ncube (ZAM)

Present: I. Leong (SIN) – FIDE General Secretary, A. Herbert (BAR) – CACDEC Chairman, A. Kostyev (ISCU), P. Dawson (BAR), H. Reimova (TKM)- Women's Chess Committee Chairperson, Y. Razuvaev (RUS)- Trainers' Committee Chairman, P. Valitalo (FIN), M. Quintana (MEX), N. Freeman (BER) – FIDE Treasurer, G. Walsh (ENG)- Chess for Disabled Committee Chairman

The meeting was called to order at 15.20 hrs.

Chairman welcomed members of the Development Commission and indicated that this would probably be the last meeting of the Commission under the current format. The restructuring of the Commissions as mandated by the Presidential Board had been concluded and would be presented to the Executive Board for approval.

1. CACDEC COMMOSSION REPORT HIGHLIGHTS

- i) The CACDEC Committee Chairman, Mr Allan Herbert reported that his report on the proposed development goals for the period 2006-2010 was well received and the CACDEC Committee meeting exhaustively discussed the report.
- ii) The CACDEC Committee Chairman informed the meeting of the need to assist some Federations in the transmission of Rating Reports. This assistance would include identifying technical resources to help in the preparation of reports.
- iii) The assistance of junior development programmes by introducing a CACDEC Youth Travel Grant for the best placed performers at the Continental Youth Championships in the Americas, Asia and Africa. The pilot for the grant programme was introduced at the 2007 Pan American Youth Championships in Colombia.
- iv) A FIDE survey reported that 53 countries that were members of the UN/IOC but were not members of FIDE. Of these 50% were from Africa, 35% from Asia (mostly Oceania) and 15% from the Americas (mostly the Caribbean)
- v) The impending restructuring commission was discussed and the CACDEC Chairman hoped that under the new structure the vision and goals of CACDEC would be maintained.

2. TRAINER'S COMMITTEE REPORT HIGHLIGHTS

- i) The meeting was informed that there was an urgent need for a trainer to act as a Technical director for the Distance Learning Programme for the development of junior squads as programmed by CACDEC. This requirement would also be mirrored in the development programmes for the Chess in Schools Committee.
- ii) The meeting observed that there were still an unacceptably low number of women being developed for trainer and arbiter roles in chess. The Chairman of the Trainer's Committee felt that this was hampering further development of young girl chess players. He however expressed the desire to work with the Committee on Women's Chess to push for a minimum of 20% women trainers and arbiters in FIDE events.
- iii) The Chairman of the Trainer's Committee, Mr. Yuri Razuvaev informed the meeting that he was currently in discussions with an International Olympic Committee (IOC) University in Budapest to develop a Trainers Programme which would lead to the award of an IOC Diploma in chess training. An emphasis would also be made to encourage the accelerated development of women trainers.

3. INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL CHESS UNION REPORT HIGHLIGHTS

- i) The President of International Schools Chess Union, Mr. Alexander Kostyev informed the meeting that the organisation had continued with its expansion programmes in schools chess by holding the World Schools Championships and the World Team Schools Championships. He however indicated that he felt that more could be done in encouraging participation amongst school teams as only 29 countries had taken part in the team event in the Czech Republic in 2007.
- ii) Mr. Kostyev commended FIDE General Secretary Mr. Ignatius Leong for the development of the Asian Schools Championships. He also informed the meeting that there was a possibility of a schools tournament in the Cape Town city of South Africa in the near future.
- iii) Mr. Kostyev also encouraged the development of new projects to enhance chess in the education system by utilising the upcoming FIDE on-line training facility.
- iv) The meeting was also advised that the Singapore and Berlin Academies would be central to the on-line educational chess training programmes.

4. COMMITTEE ON WOMEN'S CHESS REPORT HIGHLIGHTS

- i) The Chairperson of the Committee on Women's Chess, Mrs. Halbagt Reimova, informed the meeting that the Committee had embarked on a programme to provide a trainer to enable Afghanistan prepare to send a team to the Dresden 2008 Chess Olympiad. This programme was expected to take up US\$ 3,000 of the allocated budget of US\$ 5,000.
- ii) Mrs. Reimova expressed concern about the number of women in playing and administrative roles in chess. The Committee was advocating for a more proactive stance by FIDE to encourage a

higher level of participation so as to achieve the IOC recommended level of 20% in decision making bodies of International Sports Federations.

- iii) Mrs. Reimova recommended that in order to assess the progress towards the set goals the monitoring of women participation of women's teams at Olympiads, rated female players in each federation, women arbiters, women coaches and women trainers should be instituted.
- iv) Mrs. Reimova also requested the assistance of various committee and commission members in the drive to ensure that the improvement of women participation in chess activities is quickly achieved.

5. COMMITTEE FOR DISABLED CHESS REPORT HIGHLIGHTS.

- i) The Chairman of the Disabled Committee, Mr. Gerry Walsh reported that the European Chess Championships for the disabled which were held in the United Kingdom were a success. The highlight of the event was the performance of a player from the Czech Republic who achieved a performance rating of 2550 with a score of 8/9. The player however just missed out on an IM norm by a few points.
- ii) Mr. Walsh was currently following up on the provision of equipment for disabled players with DGT. The issue of developmental costs for the equipment was an issue that needed clarification and Mr. Walsh is expected to discuss this issue and related matters with Mr. Albert Vasse of DGT.
- iii) Mr. Walsh also informed the meeting that previous misunderstandings within the European Disabled Chess Association had been resolved.

There being no further business the meeting was declared over at 16.45 hrs.



L. Ncube
Chairman