

Annex 49

78th FIDE Congress – Antalya – Turkey

Meeting of Chess In Schools Committee (CISC)

12th November 2007, 15.00 – 17:00 hrs

Chairman: Prof. Uvencio Blanco (VEN)

Present: M.Murphy (ISV), I. Leong (SIN), K. Osmanovic (BIH), E. Hernandez (ESA), H. Karimi (IRI), G. Borg (MLT), V.Tsorbatzoglou (GRE), H. Reimova (TKM), M. Quintana (MEX), L. Ebbin (BER), L.Ncube (ZAM), N. Freeman (BER), P.Dawson (BAR), I. Glek (GER), E. Van Dijk (NED), Y.Razuvaev (RUS), N. Druzhinina(RUS), P.Bazan (ARG), F. Salino (ARG), A. Kostyev (ISCU), A. Vasse (NED), V. Pekka (FIN), L. Mazouz (GER), S. Garcia (CUB).

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1.- A word of welcome

The president Blanco welcomed the participants and appreciated the presence of Mr- Ignatius Leong, Mr. Lakhdar Mazouz, Mr. Allan Herbert, Mr. Geoffrey Borg, Mr. Lewis Ncube, and our coordinator Mr- Jorge Vega. Members of the Commission: Dr. Alexander Kostyev (secretary), IM Kemal Osmanovic and Mrs. Margaret Murphy.

2- Minute of Silence for the passing away of IM Jorge Laplaza

Mr. Blanco invited the audience to pay a minute's silence for the death of IM Jorge Laplaza (ARG), one of the most prominent leaders of chess school in the world and an active member of this committee' s.

3.- Report of President – Activities 2007 – by Prof. Uvencio Blanco

After, Prof. Blanco presented a brief of the most important activities developed during the 2007, related to work of the Commission of Chess in Schools FIDE. Noting that we have made emphasis in working meetings with the directors of the national federations interested in starting projects of scholastic chess such as Bolivia, Colombia, Nicaragua, Panama, Peru, Puerto Rico and Dominican Republic, among others. Mr. Blanco also described what the Venezuelan Government has been concerning school chess: the "National Strategic Project Chess Schools" through which have been formed over 86,000 instructors creating nearly 11,500 chess clubs, conducted over 1,000 tournaments, simultaneous displays and school activities attending nearly 1,750,000 children. Furthermore, Mr. Blanco spoke of the establishment of the "National League of Chess School" from year 2008. Mr. Leong commended the comprehensive development of activities of the Commission. Approved (See Attachment).

4.- Structure of the Commission on Chess in the Schools

The current structure of the Committee is as follows: Chairman: Prof.. Uvencio Blanco (VEN); Advisors Permanent: Mr. Dabilani Buthali (Africa), Mr. Jorge Vega (America), Sheikh Sultan Bin Khalifa Al-Nehyan (Asia) and Mr. Boris Kutin (Europe). Secretary: Dr. Alexander Kostiev (RUS). Presidents: Mrs. Margaret Murphy (Americas), IM Kemal Osmanovic (BIH), Hisham Al-Taher (Asia) and

one to be opened in Africa. Coordinators Working Groups: Dr. Tim Redman (USA) in Educational Research and Chess;. Solon Pereira (BRA) Developing Talent Ajedrecístico and Lic. José F. Suárez (ESP) on titles and recognitions. Mr. Leong took the opportunity to inform the general structure of the various working committees of FIDE will be modified in 2008 with the aim of improving their performance.- Approved

5. Web page - CISC

Mr. Blanco submitted a proposal made last year to the Presidential Bureau of Elista that is essential for the growth and strengthening of the Commission, the starting of a Web page that represents the policy regarding the FIDE chess in schools. He justified its establishment by the volume and diversity of users: professors, researchers, students, organizers, etc.. Mr. Borg recognizes the importance of this media and suggested that the site be linked to FIDE.com. The president said that although the page is produced by the Commission, in Spanish language and English, it will be linked to the FIDE website. Approved.

6. Activities CISC 2008 - "The Year of Africa"

The Commission, in accordance with the policy of promoting the chess in schools in the world, has decided to proclaim the year 2008 as "The Year of Africa". The first approach will be done through a series of conferences in South Africa, Botswana, Kenya and Zambia. Mr. Ncube appreciated the Commission's proposal to support chess growth in Africa. The Commission also aims to develop a number of other special events such as the I Congress of "Chess and Virtual Education" in San Luis-Argentina, the I Congress on "Chess and Mathematics " in Caracas-Venezuela, the I Continental Chess Championship School in Brazil, the International Seminar on "Chess in Initial Education" in Merida-Venezuela and the Second Congress on "Education and Chess" in Bilbao-Spain, among others.

7,- Activity ISCU – by Dr. Alexander Kostiev

Mr. Kostiev reported information related to the International Scholarship Chess Union (ISCU), of which he is chairman. Mr. Vega gave clarification regarding the operation of ISCU in different continents, particularly in America where his work was unclear and in conflict with some official activities in the region. Mr. Kostiev said that his intention is not to conflict with FIDE Americas but collaborate with school chess tournaments in the region. The CISC approved ISCU activity in 2007 year on the field of organization World Schools Individual and Team Championships. Also, CISC, recommended to ISCU more closely cooperative with this Commission and the work of the presidents of the continental Africa, America, Europe and Asia. And, CISC, fully supports the proposal of Committee of Trainers for arranging the FIDE Chess On-line System of Education.

8. Special presentation by -Mrs. Margaret Murphy (CISC America)

Mrs. Murphy described the activity done in the Virgin Islands. She indicated her interest to support the work in America.

9. Special presentation II-GM Igor Glek (World League of Chess Tournaments)

GM Glek described the activities of his organization WLCT which provides assistance to the Commission, He said that "WLCT (web-site www.chess-events.org) is a quite young organization which unites at the moment about 20 organizers of chess tournaments and events – mostly from Russia (including such well-known events like Moscow Open, Voronezh Open, Vladimir Open, another open and round-robin competitions) but also from Ukraine, Germany, France, Belgium etc. WLCT proposes the sponsors support for your chess tournaments, friendly matches, other chess events for chess clubs, federations, schools etc. WLCT organizes chess friendly matches, meetings, competitions between clubs, schools, universities, companies etc. WLCT supports chess experts and fans by travel (visa, tickets, accommodation etc.) WLCT worked out some projects which should to improve the motivation of the players (of different ages and rating categories) and professional level and image of chess and chess experts. Some of this projects (for example "World Grand-Prix series for every age and rating categories") were discussed already with Mr. Ilyumzhinov as well as with presenting here Mr. Borg, Mr. Leong and Mr. Kostyev. One of our projects is friendly match between the school children of Berlin and Moscow which will take part next week in Berlin. From Moscow side there are the children of some private school. And some days ago in Moscow by Angola's Embassy an international tournament took part where some children from the private Moscow's school were present. I'd like express the point: there are lot of chess lovers and fans from Russia and other countries of the former Soviet Union where chess was traditionally very popular. Many of businessman and politician are chess fans. They are ready to invest some money supporting chess in their countries and around the World. So we have already some good sponsors and we could have even more I believe if we could better cooperate. WLCT is giving especially attention to youth and school chess.... Please visit WLCT web-site www.chess-events.org. The next days we will publish here the questionnaire regarding WLCT and WLCT's projects development – we hope that answering our questions your ideas and proposals will be help surely for democratization and better cooperaton of chess organizers and finally also will help to solve the number of actual chess world's problems".

10. Special presentation - Fernando Salino and m r.Pedro Bazan of University of La Punta - Argentina)

Mr- Salino has presented the work from the University of "La Punta" - Argentina, from the year 2005 through the program "Chess in Education Home" activity which involves a significant number of children the Province of San Luis. Recently, while doing the Continental Championship Female 2007, we were able to develop a series of conferences aimed at the formation of new instructors chess school. Equally, we must report that the University of "La

Punta" as the government of St. Louis, will support the realization of the International Congress on Education and Virtual Chess "in May. Subsequently delivered books and information materials on the program.

11. Proposals for the Cycle 2008-2010 - by Prof. Uvencio Blanco

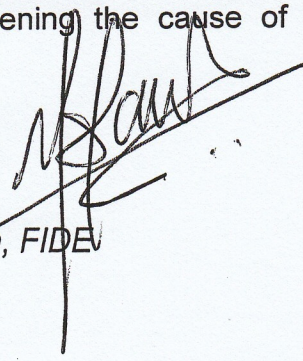
Mr. Blanco, said what in CISC our Mission is: "to promote and spread the values and social teaching chess; the teaching and practice of chess as a teaching strategy in the curricula of schools, high schools and universities, and accompany the application and development of various projects in the school chess countries affiliated with FIDE". Our Vision: "A world where children and adolescents have the opportunity to train as freethinkers beings to access the virtues chess, understood this as a right and the cultural heritage of mankind". And our principal action lines: structuring a task force to coordinate the implementation of policies in the area of FIDE chess in schools; to conduct a census of the various projects and programs of chess in schools being carried out in countries affiliated to FIDE; develop a program of visits to all the federations involved in chess in schools programme, to give priority attention and action on the federations CACDEC; to monitor and evaluate the implementation and development of proposals regarding the FIDE chess federations affiliated school; and to organize conferences, seminars and training courses, training and continuous updating in the field of chess in schools. In the Commission, our interest is focused in the generation of an universal project to popularise chess in the schools as well as to organized communities; the creation of an international program of formation, qualification and permanent update of the educational applicants to instructors or professors of chess; the proposal of the design of a project, in order to stimulate the investigation that relates Education to Chess; the promotion of supporting the young talent in chess; to provide the economical means, logistic and technological resources necessary for the better development of the proposed policies, and, the initiation of a program to assist the national federations, less developed, to facilitate the incorporation of new values to the chess of high technical level.

12. Closing remarks

The chairman thanked several communications relating to the development of various projects and programs in different parts of the world, such as the letter we sent Mr. Kutin (president of Europe) and sent by Mrs. Halbargt Reimova (chairman of the Committee on Women on Chess). He invited everyone to work very hard, and permanently, in favor of strengthening the cause of Chess School in all countries of the world.

Prof. Uvencio Blanco
Chairman

Chess In Schools Commission, FIDE



ACTIVITY OF PRESIDENT CISC 2070

| Nº | Activity | Authority / Federation | Date / Place |
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| 1 | Exposition of the activities made during the 2006 in the Annual Assembly of CCA | Al Jorge Vega Confed. of Chess of the Americas | Panama January |
| 2 | Conference on the mission of the "Commission of Chess in Schools FIDE" | Ministers of Sport of the American Council of Sport (CADE) | S. J. Puerto Rico April |
| 3 | Program of visits to National Federations of Chess. Work meeting and conference with Puerto Rico Chess Federation about projects of Scholastic Chess and events of high competition | Lic. Ariel Avilès Rodríguez Puerto Rico | San Juan de Puerto Rico April |
| 4 | Signature of Bilateral Agreements of Cooperation in projects of Scholastic Chess and Communal Chess | Ing. Julio Ferrufino (BOL) Al Gerardo Anaya – (CUB) MN Ramón Barrios (NIC) Arq. Alhan Carrera – (PAN) | Caracas May |
| 5 | Program of visits to National Federations. Conference and Work meetings with the Commission of Scholastic Chess of Colombia Chess Federation and the signature of Bilateral Agreements | Dr. Oswaldo Ceballos Colombia | Medellín July |
| 6 | Program of visits to National Federations. Conference and Work meetings with the President of El Salvador Chess Federation and the signature of Bilateral Agreements | IA Erick Hernández El Salvador | San Salvador Agust |
| 7 | Program of visits to National Federations. Conference and Work meetings with the President of Nicaragua Chess Federation and the signature of Bilateral Agreements | Dr. Guy Bendaña Nicaragua | Managua Agust |
| 8 | Program of visits to National Federations. Conference and Work meetings with the Commission of Scholastic Chess of "La Punta" University - Argentina | "La Punta University" Argentina | San Luis Setember |
| 9 | Congress of "Education and Chess" by Boris Slotnik, Jaime Sunye Neto, Jorge Bergier, Uvencio Blanco, etc. | Organizers Leontxio García & J. Fernández España | Bilbao October |
| 10 | National Seminar on "Chess In Schools for teachers of 2 nd Grade" | Valera Venezuela | Valera Noviembre |
| 11 | Meeting of Chess In Schools Commission | Antalya Turkey | Antalya November |
| 12 | Program of visits to National Federations. Conference and Work meetings with the Commission of Scholastic Chess of "Entre Ríos" Chess Federation (ARG) | Entre Ríos Argentina | Entre Ríos December |