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To The 75th FIDE Congress

Report of The International School Chess Union

On ISCU initiative FIDE Congress-2003 announced the year 2005 “**The Year of School Chess in FIDE Countries**”.

In order to execute this decision ISCU in cooperation with National Chess Federations of Greece, Turkey, Spain and famous school chess enthusiasts prepared several proposals concerning establishment of three World Championships in 2005.

- a) **World School Chess Individual Championship.** It will a big tournament of School Champions in different age groups. It will be provided in Greece (town of Kallithea), April 22– 30.
- b) **World School Chess Teams Championship.** This is the name for the tournament of school chess teams form FIDE countries. Teams composition: 3 boys and 1 girl not older than 14 years old; they all should be pupils of one and the same school. This Championship will take place in the second half of July 2005 in Turkey (town of Eskishehir).
- c) **World Children Chess Clubs Championship.** The tournament of children clubs on the world level is organized for the first time. Each children chess club may send its team of 4 boys and 2 girls not older than 16 years old to take part in this tournament in Spain (town of Calvia, Majorca Island).

Each of the mentioned above tournaments will be established at the best level, for they are prepared by the well-known chess managers: **Theodoros Tsorbatzoglou**, the manager of many Youth World and European Championships (Greece), **Ali Nihat Yazuci**, President of Turkish Chess Federation, **Kemal Zengin**, Principle of Atayurt Schools (Turkey), **Antonio Rami**, FIDE Olympiad Director (Spain). Well-known companies–sponsors, official representatives, and state structures are involved into the preparation of these events.

Carrying out the **International Congress “School and Chess”** will be the final event in the “Year of School Chess”.

We appeal to the delegates of 75th FIDE Congress to provide events in their countries devoted to “The Year of School Chess”. We also ask the delegates to make everything possible in order representatives of their countries (School Champions, School Chess Teams, Children Clubs) could take part in the final events of “The Year of School Chess”.

One more field of activities of International School Chess Union is enlarging the membership of ISCU and establishment of official branches of ISCU in different countries.

In particular, the official branch of ISCU was established in **Romania**, it received state registration and was opened as juridical person. The head of this ISCU branch is **Elisabeta Polichroniade**, International Grandmaster, Honored Member of FIDE.

Extremely important educational initiative in the field of chess pedagogics occurred in Russia. First the **Chair of Pedagogics and School Chess Word Organization** was

opened in the Russian State Social University and then “**Anatoly Karpov School Chess**” was opened under the umbrella of the Chair. In March 2004 ISCU, the Social University and Anatoly Karpov Chess School under the patronage of Ministry of Education of the Russian Federation provided **The First Chess Olympiad among school-leavers**.

Only those school-leavers chess players who wanted to become chess teachers in future were invited to take part in the Olympiad. The program of the Olympiad included chess tournament, chess history quiz and competition of reports “Chess in my life”. According to the results of the Olympiad the winners became the students of free-of-charge day department of the Social University (Chair of Chess) without passing entrance exams. Today 25 chess players are the students of the Chair of Chess in the Russian State Social University now. There are 4 International Masters and 8 FIDE Masters among them. The students study the courses of chess pedagogics, teach chess in schools and are being taught to be professional coaches.

Due to this Olympiad Ministry of Education of the Russian Federation issued a decree “**About chess education in the System of Education in Russia**”.

In future in the framework of FIDE Committee “Chess in Schools” International School Chess Union is going to continue working in the field of organization of different festivals for school champions, school chess teams, children clubs, as well as carrying out Conferences for chess teachers, discussion of chess textbooks and providing coaching assistance in teaching pupils to play chess.

Yours faithfully,



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