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Sol Antillas Hotel

Committee/Commission: Chess Exhibition, Art and Philately

Chairman: L. Schmid

Date: 23 October 2004

Venue: Sala Cabrera

Present: Mr. David Jarrett (ENG), Mr. Ady Christophel (LUX), Mr. Gregorio Hernandez Santana (ESP), Mr. Robert Tanner (USA), Mr. Thanit Thamsukati (THA), Mr. Jerry Walsh (ENG), Mr. Nizar Elhaj (LBA), Cynthia Gydney (ENG), Robert Gurney (ENG), Philip Viner (AUS).

The participants of the meeting got the agenda and also the annual report of the FIDE Chess and Art Commission "Summary of the Chess Cultural Activities during the year 2003 and 2004" (both enclosed).

The Chairman of the Commission closely worked together with CCI (Chess Collectors International), mainly with Dr. Thomas Thomsen and with the Emanuel Lasker Society in Berlin. We plan to establish a museum in Berlin for all items regarding the former World Champion Emanuel Lasker, perhaps together with the Michael Tal archive. A collection of very fine chessmen and a good part of the chess library from Lothar Schmid might be added.

Furtheron we discussed matters connected with "Culture 2000" partners search for the annual project that is called Let's Play Chess! The Culture of Game in Europe (Italy). The partner would be Dr. Elisabetta Lazzaro from the Brussels office.

About Chess Philately and new cancellations Messrs. Jarrett and Christophel told about recent developments.

The last point of the discussion was the fate of the former World Champion Bobby Fischer who went to jail in Japan. There were letters written from Boris Spassky and FIDE President Ilyumzhinov to the American President Bush, but up to now without success. All chess friends will try to help in the future as well.

Lothar Schmid



Chairman