

75th FIDE CONGRESS
CALVIA, MALLORCA, SPAIN
21-31 October 2004
Sol Antillas Hotel

Committee/Commission: Development Commission

Chairman: I. Leong

Date: 24 October 2004

Venue: Sala Menorca

Present: G. Borg (MLT), M. Lanett (MAR), H. Dalso (DEN), A. K. Elnami (LBA), K. Msukwa (MAW), I. Babu (KEN), M. Said (PLE), M. Emhemed (LBA), E. Einarsson (ISL), G. L. Wijesniriya (SRI), S.L. Harsh (IND), D. Buthali (BOT), O. Esau (RSA), L. Bouah (RSA), G. Altanoch (MGL), A. Kostyev (RUS), A. Herbert (BAR), CACDEC Co-Chairman, M. Pahlevanzadeh (IRI), F. Campomanes – Honorary President.

Mr Ignatius Leong introduced the role of the Development Commission and the various sub-commissions such as CACDEC.

Mr Alan Herbert, Co-chairman of CACDEC, described the preliminary work done on the basis of economic and development variables. The Continental presidents would be reviewing the suggestions made in the meeting and present their recommendations. Budgets were also discussed and allocations would be made to a small central amount to cut across continents. Around 10%.

E.g. CACDEC arbiters getting the opportunity to work during Olympiads; this would require a change from current policy. A number of places would be reserved for CACDEC arbiters who have already the FIDE arbiter title. The rest of the budget would be split as follows : 40% would be allocated to Africa, 25% to Asia and 25% to America. The exact amounts would be dependant on the budget voted by the FIDE Board.

Continental presidents would set the priorities and it was important that CACDEC members speak to their presidents accordingly to draft up programmes. The discussions regarding the CACDEC lists was urgent and whilst there could be emotional interpretation of some decisions it was important to push forward immediately around 8 countries that were not on the list but should be beneficiaries of CACDEC activities.

Mr Leong explained the core principle that the Continental Presidents were more knowledgeable of the requirements of Federations in their area rather than the CACDEC commission giving the same resources to all Federations on an equal platform when the needs of each Federation were different.

Mr Herbert said that there were still some countries which did not have a Federation but had chess players. Also all Federations should be categorised according to criteria which would be used irrespective of whether the country was fully developed or not.

Mr Esau of South Africa recommended that we focus on specific areas and then move on at a later stage. We must look at issues of proximity.

Mr Buthali of Botswana said that we should have a zonal plan and one should encourage is that as much as one appreciates the quota, the Continents should have a clear visible proposal on how this could be used.

Mr Alexander Kostyev suggested that in each CACDEC area there would be training centres.

Mr Leong said that the Chess In Schools Committee had been advised of Mr Palladino's resignation and that the President would be considering a new chairperson.

Accreditation of trainers was very important as it was easy to teach chess but not so easy to teach chess correctly.

Mr Esau informed the Commission that due to the Women's committee starting at 3.00pm this clashed with the round and the meeting was only ½ an hour long. They requested if there were female trainers as a form of inspiration to other female players.

Mr Leong said that some initiatives were taken in Halkidiki such as increasing the women's teams to 4+ 1 and counter balance by reducing the men to 4+1.

Mr Leong reported a very good meeting on the trainer's committee. It was very well attended. Mr Campomanes and Ms Susan Polgar were also there. Accreditation and examinations will start and fees will be agreed upon. Trainers will have to renew their licences every four years.

Training academies will be set up all over the world. Trainers will be invited to give their ideas and these will be circulated to Federations all over the world. Minimum requirement for recognising training is 2 senior instructors.

Mr Geoffrey D Borg of Malta then gave an overview of a strategic plan that FIDE should be considering.

Addendum to the Report of Development Commission

1. New members of Commission:
Mr Damir Levacic (France) – Deputy Chairman
Mr Geoffrey Borg (Malta) - Secretary
Mr Harry Dalso (Denmark)
Mr Einar Einarsson (Iceland)

2. Trainers Committee

2.1 Additional Members:
Simen Agdestein (Norway)
Fernando Braga (Italy)

2.2 FIDE Senior Trainer – additional name is Israel Gelfer (Israel)

2.3 Budget

Publication of Training Manual (6 volumes)	SFr 40,000 x 6
Seminar for Trainers during World & Continental Youth Championships	SFr 35,000
Subsidy for one Academy each in Americas/Africa	SFr 40,000

3. Budget for the work of the Development Commission & its Committees

CACDEC	- prepared by co-chairmen	
Chess in Schools	- seminars	SFr 20,000
Women's Chess	- training	SFr 5,000
Trainers Committee	- training	SFr 115,000
Development Commission	- visits	SFr 5,000
Total	-	SFr 145,000 (excl CACDEC)

Ignatius Leong
Chairman

