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PRESIDENT REPORT

Dear Delegates,

At this moment two years have passed and it is clear that America has increased its presence in all the fields our Conferation covers, but is not the time to relax but to work harder and to reach new goals in the forthcoming years.

As Continental President I am proud to say that a very nice work has been done by all our National Federations in spite the known economic situation which affects most of our members. Please accept all of you my congratulations.

In the competitive matters we have doubled the number of official tournaments, the new Regional Youth Festival as well as the Men and Ladies Subzonals for Zone 2.3 did not exist in former time, the same can be said about the Universities Championship, but the most important thing to be said is that at the time being there is a friendly fight between our members in the bidding of all our events, this fact guerantees all our tournaments.

Concerning finances, we went a step forward when this year we requested and obtained the financial autonomy from FIDE: although this step means a hard strain over our Treasurer and Continental Office, allowing us to reduce the entry fees in Continentals, Zonals and Subzonals tornaments, also regarding the extra player's fee in the Pan American Youth Festival and made us able to fix up a very low entry fee at the Regional Festivals. I want to express my gratitude to Mr. Allan Herbert, CCA Treasurer, for the superb work done, to Mr. David Jarrett for all the help given and to all our members who helped in this task. Also and in spite of being written in our financial regulations that an anually membershipis is to be invoiced to all National Federations, the Continental Board has decided not to apply it in this period.

Moeover the autonomy gave us the opportunity of refunding the CCA events organizers with the 20% of the cashed entry fees, inmediatly and in cash.

Regarding CACDEC support we got this year USD 20,000 after languishing on a long period, this appart of an allocation the USVI Federation received. On this matter I want to thank again Mr Herbert, now as CACDEC Co-Chairmen for the support given. This activities had or shall be given in our CACDEC Federations, with special interest to the Caribbean ones.

The Continental Office works all days of the year with only one secreatry on duty, although I consider myself as a full time President. There is a fluid communication between the Office and the National Federations. The only problem we have faced was the CCA website, where some problems arose, in this moment I have contracted a new web master and a new server and I hope at the moment this report should be read the problem shall be over.



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During this two years and sticking to the fact that is much better to know the Federation's needs personally I have visited Colombia, Venezuela, Argentina, Uruguay, USA, Guatemala, El Salvador, Coste Rica and Brazil. I also have visited several provinces in Mexico, lobbing for sponsorship, specially Villahermosa City where a nice installation is being built that might become a reginal training centre.

As FIDE Presidential Board member I assisted to the first and second quarter PB meetings and submitted there several proposals that will be considered in this GA, at the PB meetings several other proposals were presented and I consider that they have to be studied thinking always in the Continent's interest and also the better handling of FIDE. I stongly consider to keep our actual Zone structure, come what might, and the qualificarory system due to it. For the first time 10 arbiters from America have been invited to the Olympiad and I am very satisfied with this appointments.

Last but not least I should like to notice the most important goal we have reached: a united Continent from Behring to Cape Horn, the time of a splitted America is over, the time of different language splitting is over and now the Northen and Southern Federations are engaged in the same task.

This has not been my work but yours and I am only able to say a word: thanks.

Mexico City, October the 11th, 2004.

Jorge Vega Continental President for America