

76th FIDE CONGRESS
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CHESS ASSISTANCE (CACDEC)

Co-Chairmen: I. Gelfer, A. Herbert

Present: I. Leong (FIDE), F. Campomanes (FIDE), J. G. Quezada (MEX), K. Msukwa (MAW), A. Do Nascimento (ANG), P. Domingue (SEY), E. Price (RSA), A. Kostyev (ISCU), I. Vereshchagin (RUS), L. Bellhouse (BAR), D. Buthali (BOT), J. Vega (CRC), G. Terniger (SWE), C. Abundo (PHI)

Minutes

1. Introduction

1. Co-Chairmen welcomed the members of the Committee to the meeting. Then Mr. I. Gelfer started out with the proposal to change the direction of CACDEC policy to adapt it to the changing times. The change should include going from simply distributing money towards doing such in a more productive way and, thus, for instance helping to improve infrastructure, train people, organize seminars etc. He also stated that improvements have already been achieved in the matter of funding since Calvia, where it was decided that the FIDE budget would be divided into the proportion 40% for Africa/25% for Americas/25% for Asia/10% for CACDEC Co-Chairmen placing the decision as to how and where to spend the money in the hands of the Continental Presidents knowing best what is needed in their countries.
2. Mr Herbert added that the Calvia experiment turned out to work very well but the issue of funding of CACDEC still has to be improved and adapted further. He claimed that the treasurer of FIDE will not give out money to the federations if the money is not already in the bank.
Furthermore he reported that there was no news on the success of the African Candidate's application for the University of Texas Dallas Scholarship and that due to the change of principal at the University, the Chess Scholarship project might be cancelled by the authorities if the candidate did not meet the university entry requirements.
3. Mr Campomanes continued the discussion criticizing the absence of the Continental Presidents of Asia and Africa and declaring he expects a report on new methods and achievements of the Continental Presidents written by themselves.
He also welcomed the fact that more and more young people seem interested in becoming members of CACDEC. According to him CACDEC should aim for achieving an even greater role in the future. Concerning the budget matter he said funds in the past usually appeared to be sufficient but with the change of time funds will have to be increased.
4. Mr Msukwa on the other hand slightly disapproved of the distribution of funding by the African Continental President saying he might not be able to allocate the money within the continent rightly since he does not know exactly where it is really needed bringing up the Malawi example and the country's lack of equipment (clocks), where after Mr Gelfer promised that equipment will be provided wherever it is needed but that the CACDEC priorities should still be on other issues. Additionally, for transparency reasons he proposed reports should be written and made public to clarify on what and where the money is spent.

5. Mr Vezeshchagin spoke on the clock issue recommending that it as better to provide the cheaper mechanical clocks instead of the electronic clocks.
6. Again, the discussion came back to the scholarship issue and it was agreed that the Continents will have to correspond better in order not to lose the projects, It is therefore necessary to improve the communication structures. Mr. Price apologized for the problems with the project and promised to follow up the issue as soon as he gets back to SA to find out what happened. He also proposed giving mentors to assists students with the application process and formalities for the scholarships.

2. Budget

1. The question of how the funds allocated to the Continents were spent is a continental one and should be discussed in the continental meeting on Monday
2. It was now Mr. Vega's turn to speak. He thanked CACDEC for the allocation of money to America as no problems came up. The budget was divided in seminars according to economic needs of the countries, a Chess Academy was opened in Mexico and economic support was given to assist federations in the Caribbean and Central America.
3. Mr. Gelfer proposed the following terms:
 - funds should be used to improve infrastructure
 - not in every African/ Asian country an Academy can be opened but e.g. Singapore can serve as a good example.
 - within one month continental presidents should give reports on what money is left
4. Mr. Buthali strongly criticized absence of the two Continental Presidents and asked whether they do their job as they are supposed to.
5. Mr. Herbert praised the activities of American continental president and found himself very satisfied with his activities. In his opinion his success comes from good structures and should serve as example for other countries/ continents where this is not the case.
6. To come to speak of the money matter Mr. Vega suggested the tasks of the continental president should also be to look for potential sponsors in order to bring in money and he asked for the budget for next year to be discussed so people. have and idea of the figures. Mr. Gelfer's answer was that the budget will not be any less for next as it was this year
7. Mr. Leong mentioned that there is often no idea of how much money is spent on projects and actual amount needed for its realization. Also, for transparency reasons several months are often lost because of application process for money and confusing administrative ways but process could be transparent and other continents could make use of good mechanisms. In addition to this proposal Mr. Herbert said the FIDE website should provide site with information on what projects were supported and how much money was allocated

The proposed new CACDEC List

1. Mr. Gelfer related to the paperwork to be found in Agenda. For 25 years of existence of CACDEC only few changes had been made to the list. Proposed was that:
 - Federations which are well-organized do not need assistance of CACDEC anymore to make room for those in need of development
 - some federations collect money but no improvements can be seen, those should be excluded from CACDEC
 - : 17 Federations to be graduated out of CACDEC because of their success

- restructuring of levels: - 17 level 1, 14 level 2, 19 level 3 → federation
 - review should be reviewed regularly every once a year (proposal by Mr. Campomanes)
2. Mr. Campomanes understood some criteria to be politically judged in some cases (e.g. Iraq) and reckoned that this should be avoided. Mr. Price encountered that for countries like Iraq FIDE should establish separate section to deal with problems in countries of war as CACDEC is to help less developed countries, not countries of war. Mr. Gelfer offered to check whether Iraq is right to be put in level 1
 3. Mr. Igor Vereshchagin criticizes that some countries with rather enough possibilities to support chess financially are in the list of CACDEC. Sometimes the government could support chess but there is no wish, sometimes in very small countries there is no fan who could start any activity in chess
 4. To clarify probable questions Mr. Vega offered that the total of the Federations should meet in Turin for explanations will be necessary as of why change from levels or why appointed to specific level and what the levels mean exactly.
 5. Finally, Mr. Price made asked for clarification on the percentages shown in Pie Chart attached to the list. Mr. Herbert confirmed that this was an error and that the numbers shown were the actual total of Federations not percentages.
 6. To sum up, Mr. Gelfer stated that many hours have been spent to come up with this list, many people were asked for advice but still changes have to be made according to observations made throughout course of time. The list should serve as good basis and is to be improved, with the aim to finalise it in Turin.

Israel Gelfer (signed)

Allan Herbert (signed)