

76th FIDE CONGRESS
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CHESS INFORMATION (CHIPS)

Chairman: A. Roshal (RUS)
Secretary: C. Abundo (PHI)

Present: G. Oganessian (ARM), E. Polihroniade (ROM), A. Filipowicz (POL), G. Gijssen (NED), P. Nikolopoulos (GRE), R. Mochalova (BLR), I. Vereshchagin (RUS), S. Reuben (ENG), A. Herbert (BAR), L. Bellhouse (BAR), R. Tanner (USA)

1. Committee Chairman Alexander Roshal reported on the Chess Oscar project of FIDE and 64 Magazine.

He recalled that after the death of the founder, Mr. Jordi Puig, for ten years the Chess Oscar was not awarded until 64 Magazine revived the Chess Oscar.

He said that FIDE President Kirsan Ilyumzhinov had proposed that FIDE and 64 Magazine award the Chess Oscar together. The FIDE President himself awarded the Chess Oscar a few times.

Mr. Roshal said that for the past ten years, the winners were G. Kasparov, V. Kramnik once and V. Anand. For the past two years, Russian Vice Prime Minister Zhukov awarded the Chess Oscar.

The Chairman explained that for the last two years, voting was done also on the FIDE site and this resulted in the biggest voter registration of several thousands.

He explained the system that from the four thousand registrants, 450 voters from 75 countries were accepted and 80% were not. He said that he actively sought well known chess personalities, chess journalists and select GMs, to invite them to participate and vote. He said that there were 25 top players nominated from the previous year. Dr. Filipowicz suggested that a panel nominate top players, say 60 to 70, and only players from this list can be selected by voters. Roshal explained that previously only GMs who had played against at least 12 other GMs in the past year could be nominated.

Mr. Reuben congratulated Mr. Roshal for continuing the tradition of the Chess Oscar awards. He suggested adding an award for the women. Mr. Roshal said that he would create an 'Oscarina' for Judit Polgar to keep permanently.

The Chairman pointed out that because of the availability of chess coverage on the Internet, many journalists are not physically present in tournaments and it is difficult to meet with them to discuss the Chess Oscar voting.

Mr. Gijssen suggested contacting chess journalists directly by email and offered to ask the Dutch Chess Federation for their directory of journalists.

The Committee decided to create the directory of chess journalists on the web.

Mr. Roshal said that he was running the Chess Oscar at his own expense.

The Committee repeated its request to FIDE for an annual budget in order to finance the Chess Oscar.

The Committee further recommended that the Chess Oscar be awarded during the World Championship closing ceremony in San Luis, Argentina.

2. Mr. Abundo said that when Mr. Puig was running the Oscar, Mr. Campomanes entered into agreement with Mr. Puig to let FIDE members vote. Mr. Roshal said that this was a possibility if FIDE wanted this. Thus it would be possible for delegates and FIDE officials and commission members to vote on the Chess Oscar.
3. **The Committee decided to continue with the plan to set up a FIDE Club with its own subscriber web site.** Mr. Reuben said there was groundswell from other committees such as the Qualification Commission, to revive this idea to provide for some form of individual privileges for players.
4. The Committee noted the plan, announced at Calvia, to publish a FIDE Yearbook on disk.

Alexander Roshal (signed)
Committee Chairman