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To FIDE Office

Concerning: 1st World School Chess Championship 2005 (Halkidiki, Greece, 22-28 April, 2005)

ISCU President's Report

In accordance with the decision of the 73rd FIDE Congress and following the International School Chess Union Proposal the year 2005 has been announced "The Year of School Chess in FIDE countries"

World Championship among school champions (Greece, Halkidiki, April 22-28) was the first event of the Year of School Chess. The Organizing Committee has been preparing this competition for two years (Co-Chairmen: Alexander Kostyev and Theodoros Tzorbatzoglou). ISCU on the instructions of 74th FIDE Congress worked out Regulations for World Championships among school champions and school teams. These proposals were discussed, corrected and approved of by "troyka" (I.Gelfer, D.Jarrett, G.Antunac). Then the Organizing Committee distributed invitations to all national federations.

Co-Chairman of the Championship Theodoros Tzorbatzoglou attracted many donating organizations and fundraised €10 000 as prize fund. He had the web site worked out. The site contained main and additional information concerning the Championship, lists of participants, greetings from ex-World Champion, Ambassador of the UN Children Foundation (UNICEF) Anatoly Karpov.

In general, the competition was organized very well (see appendixes) but faults can also be mentioned.

- A) Lack of logos of FIDE, the Championship, ISCU, “Year of school chess”.
Absence of FIDE anthem on the Opening and Closing ceremony.
- B) Diplomas of the Organizing Committee were of poor quality (cheap paper, black-and white in colors). The Organizing Committee made a decision to print high-quality diplomas and to exchange them in Dresden at FIDE Congress where representatives of 19 countries will be present.

A participant, coaches, teaches, organizers and parents exchanged opinions and made the following conclusions and recommendations:

1. World Championship among school champions is a very important and useful event for school chess popularization in all FIDE countries.
2. This kind of competitions is to be held regularly and in different countries. In particular, representatives of Chess Federation of South Africa expressed their desire to become organizers of one of the World Championships among School Champions.
3. Appropriate and well-made form of composition of age tournaments. Boys and girls play together. This adds special coloring to the tournament.
4. The main prize awarded for the first place in each age tournament should be the only one. But there also should be a special prize to the strongest girl in case a boy takes the first place in that very age group. And otherwise, if the first place takes a girl, the strongest boy should be awarded a prize. (A girl was the winner in Halkidiki in age group B16 this time). Organizing Committee is responsible for the establishment of such prizes.
5. It is necessary to award the Champion and the World Champion in age groups with diplomas just at the very Closing Ceremony. Such diplomas can be brought to the tournament by FIDE Representative to Closing Ceremony or they can be printed by Organizing Committee beforehand.
6. Tournament control in the age group B8 should be decreased. It is recommended to establish 60 minutes for a game per partner plus 30 seconds should be added for every move starting from the first one. It is recommended to make 90 minutes per partner time control in other age groups with addition of 30 seconds for the move.
7. The formula “Anyone who wishes to take part in the World Chess Championship” is considered to be preserved for the following three years for the sake of popularization of the tournament. In the future the number of participants from each country should be limited.

Summary:

1. The first experience of holding World School Chess Championship can be regarded successful.
2. ISCU applied to the Greece Chess Federation with proposal to become an organizer of the Second World School Chess Championship and to delegate

all authorities for the organization to the Club “Galaxios” in April 2006 in Hakidiki.

Yours faithfully,
Alexander Kostyev,
ISCU President



A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "AK", is written to the right of the ISCU seal.

Appendix 1. Detailed report of the Chief Arbiter of the tournament IA Takis Nikolopoulos

Appendix 2. List of participants per county and category

Appendix 3. Final Standings

1st WORLD SCHOOL CHESS CHAMPIONSHIPS 2005

Halkidiki, Greece

22 – 28 April 2005

CHIEF ARBITER'S REPORT

The 1st World School Chess Championships were held in the Olympic Conference Center of Porto Carras Hotels, in Halkidiki, Greece, from 22 to 28 April 2005.

The organizers of the event were the A.M.O. "GALAXIAS" Chess Club, the Chess Union of Clubs of Thessaloniki and Halkidiki and the Greek Chess Federation.

Schedule:

The 1st round started on Friday 22nd April at 17:00. There were two double rounds, on Sunday 24th (3rd at 10:00 and 4th at 17:00) and on Tuesday 26th (6th at 10:00 and 7th at 17:00). The last round started at 10:00 on Thursday 28th April and the closing ceremony was on 16:00.

Playing hall:

The playing hall was the Olympic Conference Center of Porto Carras Hotels. It was good, with adequate conditions of light, air conditioning and with enough space to allow spectators inside.

All facilities (bar, W.C.) were available very close to the hall.

The Organizers provided free water for all players and spectators in the hall.

System of playing:

There were held five separated championships in-group of ages Under 8, Under 10, Under 12, Under 14 and Under 16. Boys and Girls were playing together but according to the regulations there was priority for pairing between girls in the same score bracket.

The system of the games was the Swiss and the Swiss-Manager program was used for the pairings. International ELO ratings were taken into consideration, where it was possible (in the categories Under 12, Under 14 and Under 16).

Time control:

The time control for the first 40 moves was 1 hour 30 minutes, followed by 15 minutes till the end of the game, with an increment of 30 seconds per move, starting from move 1, for each player.

Participation:

196 boys and girls from 19 countries from all over the world participated in the 1st World School Chess Championships.

The participants per country were as follows:

GRE: 87, RSA : 34, IND : 13, RUS : 11, ENG : 11, POL : 9, USV : 6, GER : 5, AZE : 4, ISR : 3, UKR : 3, FIN : 2, MDA : 2, COL : 1, HUN : 1, INA : 1, ROM : 1, SIN : 1, USA : 1

The participants per age category were:

Under 8: 26, Under 10: 35, Under 12: 47, Under 14: 43, Under 16: 45

Arbiters:

The list of the Arbiters was as follows:

Chief Arbiter: IA Pan. Nikolopoulos (GRE)

Deputy Chief Arbiters: IA Gerry Walsh (ENG)

IA Elisabetha Polyhroniade (ROM)

Arbiters: N. Ornithopoulos (GRE), S. Mimikos (GRE), I. Konstantinidis (GRE) and K. Vafiadis (GRE).

Pairings Committee and Tournament Director: IA Viron Tsorbatzoglou

Appeals Committee Chairman: Alexander Kostyev , ISCU President.

All Arbiters were appointed by the Organizers and were good. I had a good cooperation with all of them. They all showed sufficient knowledge of the Laws of Chess and of the regulations, excellent knowledge in handling the electronic clocks and great responsibility in doing their duties, proving that they are capable to work in such high level, as the World School Chess Championships.

No appeal was submitted.

Bulletins:

Every three rounds a bulletin was published and distributed to all delegations and principals, for free, including a big number of games of all categories.

More bulletins were available on sale.

Technical equipment:

Electronic clocks and boards from DGT were used for the games. The latest model of DGT clocks was used (DGT XL).

Accommodation:

All players and accompanying persons stayed in Porto Carras Hotels (Sithonia (4*) and Meliton (5*)). The conditions provided by the hotels were very good.

Opening and Closing Ceremony:

The Opening and Closing Ceremonies took place in the playing hall.

Cups and medals were given to the winners (for general standings and for girl standings separated in each age category and for teams' standings too).

The World Champions were also given a special prize by the Organizers (5 days stay in the Meliton Hotel (5*) with full board).

The sponsors of the event offered to the younger players (categories Under 8, Under 10 and Under 12) toys and mind games.

All players received certificate of participation by ISCU.

Organization:

The Organizing Committee and its Chairman Mr. Theodoros Tsorbatzoglou did an excellent work and showed a great ability in organizing a chess event of such level.

Mr. Alexander Kostyev, President of ISCU, was present in the playing hall during the whole event and helped very much in the big success of the event.

In the parallel events of the Championships were included a meeting with accompanying persons of the players (parents, coaches etc), which was held by Mr. Kostyev and where subjects about chess in schools over the world were discussed, and a simultaneous game with 15 participants of the World Championships, which was given by GM D. Mastrovassilis, as well as excursions to Thessaloniki and sightseeing.

Conclusion:

The 1st World School Chess Championships in Halkidiki Greece were organized on a very high level and they were a great success.

All requirements mentioned in the FIDE Handbook for organizing a top-level chess tournament were fulfilled.

All participants (players, coaches, principals etc) were satisfied and had only positive comments for the event.

Athens 4-5-2005

Respectfully,

Takis Nikolopoulos
Chief Arbiter
1st World School Chess Championships 2005

1ST SCHOOL CHAMPIONSHIP 2005

FINAL STANDINGS

UNDER 8

RANK	NAME	COU	PTS	FIDE
1	Taminsyah Aston	INA	8.0	
2	Spada Fernando	USA	7.5	
3	Ruiz Joshua	COL	6.5	36.5
4	Styazhkina Anna	RUS	6.5	35.0
5	Timofeev Mikhail	RUS	6.5	34.5

UNDER 10

RANK	NAME	COU	PTS	FIDE
1	Kzakos Manos	GRE	8.0	
2	Papadopoulos Panagiotis	GRE	7.0	40.0
3	Liodakis Kostas	GRE	7.0	38.0

UNDER 12

RANK	NAME	COU	PTS	FIDE
1	Strzemiecki Zbigniew	POL	8.0	
2	Galopoulos Nikos	GRE	7.0	
3	Bulamaga Irina	MDA	6.5	37.0
4	Aplin Christer	SIN	6.5	33.0
5	Galopoulos Panagiotis	GRE	6.5	32.5
6	Sariyev Riad	AZE	6.5	31.0

UNDER 14

RANK	NAME	COU	PTS	FIDE
1	Chirila Ioan Cristian	ROM	7.5	
2	Kopylov Alexander	RUS	7.0	35.0
3	Sismanis Aggelos	GRE	7.0	34.0

UNEDR 16

RANK	NAME	COU	PTS	FIDE
1	Gounina Valentina	RUS	8.0	
2	Jafarli Alizamin	AZE	7.0	
3	Bobula Mateusz	POL	6.5	32.0/31.5
4	Mozharov Mikhail	RUS	6.5	32.0/31.0

GIRLS

GIRLS UNDER 8

RANK	NAME	COU	PTS	FIDE
1	Styazhkina Anna	RUS	6.5	
2	Bulmaga Elena	MDA	6.0	
3	Dadello Alexandra	POL	5.0	27.0
4	Markaki Sophia	GRE	5.0	25.0

GIRLS UNDER 10

RANK	NAME	COU	PTS	FIDE
1	Pershyna Lada	UKR	5.5	
2	Hnara Danai	GRE	5.0	27.0
3	Maciazek Aleksandra	POL	5.0	22.0
4	Voges Rachele-Mari	RSA	5.0	19.5

GIRLS UNDER 12

RANK	NAME	COU	PTS	FIDE
1	Bulmaga Irina	MDA	6.5	
2	Hristodoulki Antonia	GRE	6.0	
3	Gorozhankina Julia	RUS	5.0	30.0
4	Ostorwska Dominica	POL	5.0	29.0
5	Androni Konstantina	GRE	5.0	25.0
6	Tsarouha Marianthi	GRE	5.0	23.5

GIRLS UNDER 14

RANK	NAME	COU	PTS	FIDE
1	Iordanidou Zoi	GRE	6.0	31.0
2	Hasanova Turkan	AZE	6.0	28.0
3	Kopylova Natalia	RUS	5.0	23.5/22.5
4	Barbageorgopoulou Despina	GRE	5.0	23.5/21.5
5	Manelidou Maria	GRE	5.0	23.0

GIRLS UNDER 16

RANK	NAME	COU	PTS	FIDE
1	Gounina Valentina	RUS	8.0	
2	Ikonomopoulou Maria	GRE	5.5	28.5
3	Shipilova Olga	RUS	5.5	21.5

LIST OF PARTICIPANTS PER COUNTRY & CATEGORY

No	COU	8	10	12	14	16	SUM
1	GRE	11	20	26	16	14	87
2	RSA		8	7	8	11	34
3	IND	5	1	3	2	2	13
4	RUS	2	1	2	2	4	11
5	ENG	1		2	3	5	11
6	POL	2	1	3	1	2	9
7	USV	1	2		1	2	6
8	GER		1		2	2	5
9	AZE			1	2	1	4
10	ISR				3		3
11	UKR		1		1	1	3
12	FIN				1	1	2
13	MDA	1		1			2
14	COL	1					1
15	HUN			1			1
16	INA	1					1
17	ROM				1		1
18	SIN			1			1
19	USA	1					1
	TOTAL	26	35	47	43	45	196