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Executive Board Minutes

0.0 Welcome

President of the German Chess Federation Alfred Schliya welcomed the Executive Board members and delegates to Dresden on behalf of the German Chess Federation. He said that in 3 years the Chess Olympiad will be held here and hoped to see everybody back in Dresden in 2008. He wished all the delegates and observers a nice stay and fruitful deliberations.

President Ilyumzhinov expressed on behalf of FIDE, gratitude to the German Chess Federation, municipality of Dresden and the Organising Committee of the 2008 Chess Olympiad for hosting the Executive Board meeting and expressed certainty that the event in 3 years will be a success.

0.1. Obituaries.

FIDE mourned the passing in the preceding year of friends of FIDE among whom we remember:

- GM Arnold Denker (USA)
- WGM Maria Albulet (ROM)
- GM Leonid Shamkovich (USA)
- IA Vladimir Dvorkovich (RUS)
- FM Jordan Kuzev (BUL)
- FM Egon Ditt (GER) – former FIDE Vice President
- Mr. Delfin Burdio (ESP) – former President of IBCA
- IA Lanfranco Bombelli (ITA)
- IA Jose Luis Barreras Merino (CUB) – Honorary Member of FIDE, former President of the Cuban Chess Federation.

1. Report of the President.

President Kirsan Ilyumzhinov presented his annual report.

He extended his most sincere gratitude to the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany, Lord Mayor of the city of Dresden Ingolf Rossberg, the leadership of Saxony, the Organising Committee of the 2008 Chess Olympiad and the German Chess Federation, who have done everything possible for the Congress participants to feel at home.

He said that there were a number of serious issues to be discussed by the Executive Board, among them the Prague Agreement and World Championship cycle are of great importance for the chess community.

After the FIDE Congress in Calvia we have experienced some very important

events. The 13th World Champion Garry Kasparov has announced his retirement and in doing this one of the greatest chess careers is over. The President extended on behalf of all the Congress participants, his thanks to the greatest chess player of all times, and for his enormous contribution to the development of theory and popularisation of our favourite sport.

The main work for FIDE has been to organize the World Championship. We have followed the Prague Agreement, the document that was signed by both Kasparov and Kramnik. Serious intentions were expressed by Spain, Russia and Italy, but the most active were the Organisers from Argentina, San Luis province. As a result, on 21 April 2005 the President signed a contract with the Governor of the San Luis Mr. Alberto Rodriguez Saa. The Argentinean Organizer has transferred all the money according to the contract, the details will be provided by the Treasurer in his report.

The World Chess Champion Tournament will take place from 27 September to 16 October. The President introduced and welcomed the delegation from San Luis, led by H.E. Alberto Rodriguez Saa to the Executive Board meeting.

The President expressed his thanks to the Latin American continent for their great interest to organize top-level chess tournaments. He expressed his confidence that that this work would attract partners from other continents as well and result in greater activity for chess. The President extended his invitations to the Presidents of the Latin American Federations, to come and visit San Luis during the World Championship.

The President also expressed his view that after the new World Champion has been crowned in San Luis, we must consider the possibility for the Champion to agree to play a match against GM Kramnik. This can be a good move for the sake of chess. The new World Championship Cycle will start after the Tournament in San Luis, Argentina. When we have the new World Chess Champion, we hope to end all the previous discussions as to who is the strongest player in the world.

In July the President had a meeting with the Governor of the Sverdlovsk region of Russia Mr. Eduard Rossel. Ekaterinburg is a modern large city, and for the last 3 years it has been the venue for top female chess tournament. A principal agreement to hold the Women's World Chess Championship in the city of Ekaterinburg, Russia, from 10 to 27 March 2006 has been reached. The venue is announced to be Atrium Palace Hotel. By this period, the second part of the Congress centre will be ready. The prize fund is 500, 000 USD and the organizing budget is 300, 000 USD. The contract will be signed in the next days and the FIDE share will be transferred. The President thanked Vice President A. Selivanov for his vital contribution.

FIDE is in the final stage of negotiations regarding the World Chess Cup. As

previously announced, the Cup will take place in December 2005. Currently 3 options are under consideration. An official announcement can be expected in the nearest future, when we will be in a position to announce the venue and dates. There is a strong interest from the Khanty Mansiysk Region of Russia, where 90% of oil and gas is produced. There is also a possible bid from Myanmar, expressed orally, but by the end of September all issues will be finalised and the players will know the venue and the exact date.

FIDE has established a regular dialogue with the Association of Chess Professionals. The President thanked the Deputy President Georgios Makropoulos, who is in permanent contact with the ACP. There have been 2 sessions of meetings so far and considerable progress has been made regarding bilateral cooperation. During the discussions, both sides have reached a better understanding on several very important issues such as; players' contracts for the World Championships, time control etc, the official attire of the players for the events. We are firm in our intention to continue the dialogue. The results of the meetings are published both on the FIDE and ACP websites.

During the last one year and a half we have made a big step forward in the improvement of our daily work, the general management and the secretariat functions more effectively. The Treasurer will present the financial results in his report. A list of the services of the Elista FIDE office has expanded, the website has become much more interesting, and there has been a tremendous amount of work regarding the ratings calculations. The President mentioned specially Mr. Stewart Reuben of England, Chairman of the FIDE Organisers' Committee, as well our Rating Administrator Casto Abundo of Philippines. In his opinion we should continue the efforts to improve our professionalism and make sure that all the aspects and necessary requirements for organizing FIDE official events, are stated clearly in our tournament regulations. We should never have the repetition of the Calvia and Belfort incidents. After the recent World Youth Championship in Belfort, FIDE received dozens of letters with serious complaints from the participants and their parents.

The President praised the work of the Trainers' Committee, headed by GM Yuri Razuvaev. He expressed his confidence in the work of the Trainers' Academies in Berlin and Singapore. With the proper supervision from our side, this work can bring a considerable positive impact to FIDE both in political and financial senses. As estimated by the General Secretary Ignatius Leong, FIDE should expect an income up to 60, 000 euro from issuing trainers' licenses. The start of the Academies' work is very important for many people who earn their living as chess trainers. That is why we should all think how to make these structures most effective.

The President was happy to inform the Congress that the conflict situation with Vice President GM Zurab Azmaiparashvili, which took place during the closing ceremony in Calvia, has been resolved in a positive way. Thanks to the help of

the chess community and the professionalism of Vice President Morten Sand, an out of court agreement was reached. FIDE has supported GM Azmaiparashvili from the very start of the incident. We are happy that all has been settled in the spirit of our motto – We are one family.

Further the President was pleased to note that the Lausanne Court of Sports Arbitration has rejected all claims against FIDE, brought forward by GM Vadim Milov from Switzerland, in respect of the World Chess Championship 2004 in Tripoli, Libya. He also emphasised that the court states very clearly that FIDE cannot be responsible for the immigration laws in the organizing countries.

The President thanked Treasurer David Jarrett for his effectiveness, which helps to make our budget grow annually. Our budget is open and transparent for all. He noted that for the last 10 years FIDE has not been involved in any financial or corruption scandal, while the IOC, UN and some large International Sports Federations are going through such difficult situations.

As we all know next year in Turin, Italy, there will be FIDE Presidential elections, in June. The President declared his readiness to participate in these elections, because he felt his duty to fulfil the obligations undertaken in the start of his tenure, such as knockout World Championships, and current World Chess Cups. The President went on to inform that he has received full support of the leadership of Russia. Together with the support of all the federations, he announced the start of his presidential electoral campaign. For the best interest of FIDE, he was open to receive all proposals and suggestions from federations, delegates and individuals. All this material will be considered for the preparation of the Presidential programme.

Last but not least, the President informed the Congress that he is conducting talks with a major company for the purpose to raise the amount of 1, 000, 000 USD for the development of children's chess.

The President thanked all Executive Board members for their understanding and activities.

We are one family.

2. Financial Report

2.1. Report of the Auditors.

Annex 1 is Report of the FIDE External Auditors, Messrs. Ernst and Young.

Mr. Jarrett said that this financial statement of FIDE for the period 1st January to 31st December 2004 is in a slightly different format from before.

2.2. Treasurer's Report.

Annex 2 is Treasurer's report, supplementary notes and explanations.

Annex 3 is Proposed amended Financial Regulations.

Annex 3a is Proposed Amendments of FIDE Auditor.

Accounts for 2004

Treasurer David Jarrett presented his report. He said that first part is the report for 2004. He said there is surplus against budget of 250,000 CHF and overall surplus of 880, 000 CHF. He said that there had been a few years with deficit but we are back to the point of 4 years ago with sufficient money to function normally.

Supplementary notes and explanations are given and a comparison to have an idea regarding the expenditure. The move to Athens saved a considerable amount of 200,000 CHF a year including the costs of Troika.

Positions with Federations are improving. However, there are a considerable number of small Federations, which do not find it easy to pay to FIDE. And sometimes it is difficult to speak to them and find them. The other issue is the CACDEC Federations. A lot of money has been paid to them in the last 7 years and now we have to make sure that the money we are spending is more meaningful. The full budgets of Committees and Commissions could not be met in 2004. He said that the Chairmen should also present a business plan and try to raise money to cover the expenses for their proposals, and in such a way we can find more revenues and assets.

Prof. Jungwirth said the reports by Mr. Jarrett are full of transparency and along with the report of VC we really have full and excellent information about financial situation of FIDE. He is grateful for that. There are points, however, positive and negative. Positive – that expenses for the Secretariat have decreased with the move to Athens, he noted the expenditure for telecommunication decrease. He also said that in the whole it is a positive fact that contribution to Continental Championships from FIDE is very high and finally our budget is completely balanced due to the enormous financial contribution of President Ilyumzhinov, which allows us to live quite well. We should be grateful for this. On the other hand, many small Federations are saying that FIDE is expensive, but FIDE does a lot of work. So he proposed to try everything possible to find solutions. In the Verification Report there is a proposal to try to get insurances for certain cases, such as Milov case. He also said that even though the Milov case is won, FIDE has to pay a certain amount. The question of finances of Triumvirate is still on the table. He repeated that after Mr. Omuku stopped his work for FIDE the idea was to get a successor as

an Executive Director and now the 3 gentlemen are working, who do a good job, but however it is an expensive solution. He supported the idea that in Turin Congress an Executive Director be appointed, among these 3 or from other candidates. The Director should account to the Assembly as well about his work for FIDE. We should have a clear situation starting with Turin, in this field. He reiterated that the financial transparency is a big progress compared to a situation of several years ago.

Mr. Jarrett said that the costs of Mr. Omuku while being ED were comprised of his salary and other things paid on his behalf which totalled to 180, 000 CHF. The cost of Triumvirate is together 150, 000 CHF. Also, Mr. Omuku had his telephone bill paid and now the Triumvirate pay their telephone bills from their stipends, which is not a salary, but a payment where you pay some of the bills.

He said that regarding the travel of Mr. Omuku was 80, 000 CHF a year, and the Troika has 50, 000 CHF a year. Hospitality is also a much smaller figure now. So, in total 3 people who do the job of 1 person and it is much cheaper. He disagreed that the Triumvirate expenses are too much.

Mr. Kelleher said everyone agrees that the Triumvirate is doing an excellent job, but noted that Mr. Jarrett's reply was a bit of campaign. He reconfirmed that after Turin we will go back to a traditional Executive Director way of working.

Mr. Makropoulos said that there is a clear decision made last year and this is a temporary solution, and that is why he cannot understand raising this issue again. He said that the productivity now shows that this temporary solution was right. He said that we have to agree that we are saving money and we are working hard and effectively according to the results of our work. He said that for the first time in the last 3 years FIDE succeeded to secure 3 million USD in prize money. He said that he is of the majority who believes that FIDE has to be financially independent and we are on the right way.

- **Executive Board approved the financial report for 2004.**

Accounts for 2005.

Mr. Jarrett said that these figures are at 3 August 2005. He said that in the actual budget for the first 2 quarters we are on the right side and are going very well. The expenditure shows that we are under the budgeted amount. He said that the expenditure might be more but looks promising. We might face a problem when we come to Turin, as it might be difficult to send the audited accounts for 2005 with the Agenda. The problem is at the end of the year that many organisations finish their accounts. He would consult with the Auditor in order to provide audited accounts by Turin.

Mr. Cardoso asked why the income from administrative fees, rating and tournament fees decreased in 2005.

Mr. Jarrett said that there will be more income for other 2 quarters and hopefully turn the negative figures into pluses.

Dr. Rajscanyi said that there is no serious problem and drew the attention of the Board that if we look at the income and expenditure of the year, there is still some deficit mentioned. Just a warning to the future.

Mr. Jarrett replied that there is a budget deficit of the year, which arose from the Congress of last year approving an extra payment to CACDEC and also payment to Continental Championship. He said hopefully there will be some additional funds available, but there is a potential deficit by the end of the year. He also said that Asian President asked that the previous incumbents of office in the All India Chess Federation should again be requested to return the Asian Championship prize fund.

- **Executive Board noted the financial report for 2005.**

Executive Board tasked the Treasurer to send the request to the previous incumbents of the All India Chess Federation office.

Proposed amended Financial Regulations.

Mr. Jarrett said that there had been issues, which were never included in the Handbook. Last year changes were made and the Executive Board approved them and recommended to the General Assembly, but were not approved. He said that practically, we should have a working set of financial regulations. He said that for the Financial regulations need the final approval in Turin further to this year's meeting. The new proposals are highlighted in the text. Those, which are in italics, are not new, but they are ones, which are from previous General Assemblies, which were not carried forward to the Handbook on the website. The issue of currency is also included, and the proposal is to change to Euro instead of CHF.

He drew the attention of the members to changes in the Financial Regulations. Number 18.3. is about World Youth. This is a major event and we should look at it from a long-term budget and make sure that it provides enough income. But when a country makes a bid, it might be difficult to achieve and then our income might drop a lot. He said that extra players in this event bring the most income. He said that we should guarantee some income from extra players for World Youth. He proposed that the bidding country should guarantee entry fees of 60, 000 euros minimum and they can do it by deposit fee or bank guarantee.

Mr. Herbert commented that all of the fees for the World Individual are in

USD. He also asked after a battle on membership fees last year, what is the situation regarding their fees.

Mr. Jarrett said that the currency is according to the Regulations, but this should be reconsidered. He also replied that the General Assembly accepted the schedule for membership fees and it will be followed. He said that this was clearly set out last year.

Mr. Herbert supported the proposal for the World Youth Championship. He said that the failure in this event has severe implications.

Dr. De Ridder said that regarding 10.2 there was a discussion to have a uniform reporting format in QC and Titles and Ratings. He proposed to start from July 2006 and those who do not want to comply should be charged extra. He said this would be easier for the Elista office and the decrease of cheating in tournaments.

Mr. Jarrett welcomed this proposal.

Mr. Reuben said under 12.1 that the (Woman) Category player should be deleted from the Regulations.

Mr. Jarrett said that this category was included in Qatar in 1999, but it is not in the Handbook. He had no objection to proposal as no awards had been made.

Mr. Jarrett said that the Financial Regulations will be applied from 1 January 2006. The General Assembly will express its opinion as well in 2006. The invoices will be sent in euros in January 2006.

- **Executive Board approved the financial regulations and recommended for approval by the General Assembly including the amendments of FIDE Auditor.**

2.2.1. Exclusions.

FIDE Treasurer said that there are 6 Federations for temporary exclusion: Bahamas, Burundi, Ghana, Ivory Coast, Mozambique and Zimbabwe. There is a provision they can be readmitted if they pay within 90 days before the next General Assembly.

- **Executive Board approved.**

2.3. Permanent Fund Report.

Annex 4 is Report of the FIDE Permanent Fund, by Permanent Fund's Administrator Lucas Brunner.

- **Executive Board noted the report of the Permanent Fund.**

2.4. Report of Verification Commission.

Annex 5 is Verification Commission Report.

Annex 6 is Minutes of Verification Commission meeting.

Mr. Lakhdar Mazouz presented his report. He said that costs are more effective and reduced. There is more control on the expenses. However, on the budget side FIDE should put more concentration on its preparation, execution and have a medium to long-term budget. He also said that as Internal Auditor, he is in permanent contact with the Treasurer, in case something has to be changed or improved.

Mr. Abundo said on *Annex 5*, 2.2.1, there is increase of the cost of the Elista office. He said he is not part of this increase, and this is salary increase from 100 USD to 250 USD. He said that it should be mentioned that it was approved by the FIDE President. He said that the information be available. He also thanked Vice President Sand for his work with the Elista FIDE office.

Mr. Vega said that concerning point 2.4 in *Annex 5* that Americas have met their obligations and reported to the Development Commission and CACDEC. All receipts have been delivered to the FIDE Treasurer.

Mr. Mazouz said that this was done after *Annex 5* had been prepared.

- **Executive Board approved the report of the Verification Commission.**

2.5. Discharge of the Treasurer.

- **Executive Board approved Treasurer's report and discharges the Treasurer from his obligations.**

2.6. Appointment of External Auditor.

Mr. Jarrett said that it is a normal procedure to be followed.

- **Executive Board confirmed the reappointment of Messrs. Ernst and Young, Greece.**

2.7. Budget for 2006.

Annex 7 is Proposed Budget 2006.

Mr. Jarrett said that the budget was produced on the basis of normal income and expenditure and recommends that extraordinary income we receive be dealt with by the Presidential Board for the use of activities. He said we need to see if some of this money has to be put aside as reserve.

Mr. Arns asked why the staff costs for 2006 are shown to be increased.

Mr. Jarrett said that the budget includes the cost of the future Executive Director.

Mr. Jarrett also said that the stipends and costs of Triumvirate go down in the budget.

Prof. Jungwirth asked about Continental Championships next year.

Mr. Jarrett said that Continental Championships next year are not supported by FIDE, as they are not part of the World Championship cycle.

- **Executive Board approved the proposal of Mr. Jarrett and the budget for 2006.**

Section A: Administrative Matters.

3. Affiliations and Exclusions.

3.1. Affiliations.

Annex 8 is the application of the Chess Federation of Palau.

Annex 9 is the application of the Chess Federation of Sierra Leone.

Mr. Jarrett said that in 1999 and 2000 we agreed that any new member should have a financial scrutiny before they are approved, as we do not want the new members to be temporarily excluded because of their dues. However, since we don't want to stop new memberships, he proposed to give such federations 3 months to pay their initial membership fees and to establish financial relations with the Treasurer.

Mr. Abundo said that we should ask Palau to change the name of the Federation.

Mr. Buthali said that in case of Palau, they do have a real Federation. His major concern is that their federation does not have a proper constitution and this might be a problem for FIDE. He said that any Federation that applies should have governing statutes, to show their seriousness.

Mr. Sand said that we agree on principle. In case of Palau, FIDE should assist and communicate with them and give advice regarding constitution and regulations. He said that he and Mr. Jarrett will communicate with Palau.

- **Executive Board approved the proposal of Mr. Jarrett.**
- **Executive Board accepted the Federations.**

Section B: Technical Commission

Annex 10 is Technical Commission Report with an Appendix (testing procedure for electronic clocks).

Annex 10a is List of testers of electronic clocks to be endorsed

Commission Chairman Mr. Stubenvoll presented his report.

Deputy President Makropoulos said that a list of 10 specialists was created and requested that the Presidential Board has to choose 3 specialists. And in case of an appeal, the Board will choose another 3.

Mr. Stubenvoll said that regarding item 1, following the decision in Calvia, the final position should be according to match points, and they propose to start with the new system in Dresden. It is not decided yet how to solve tiebreak, this will be finalised in Turin after more examinations.

Mr. Makropoulos said that in Europe the system was not correct; the example was the recent European Championship.

Mr. Stubenvoll agreed and said that the procedure shall be checked before Turin.

Mr. Gijssen said that in the Minutes it was decided about 4 modes for the clocks.

Mr. Stubenvoll said that the meeting said that the usual modes are to be mentioned.

Mr. Gijssen said that the modes should be added.

Mr. Stubenvoll said that the modes can be added.

Mr. Gijssen said that Silver clock was approved. He pointed out that the button on the top of the clock was discussed. The producer Dr. Jordan promised to improve it. He said that the clock is not a final version of the clock. The final

version has to be tested.

Mr. Makropoulos proposed to have a decision here, subject to some final test after receiving the final version of the clock. He proposed three Arbiters to check the clocks: Messrs. Vega, Nikolopoulos and Leong to receive these clocks and test them. On their expertise, the clock can be endorsed. He asked for a clock to be delivered to the Arbiters free of charge.

Mr. Gijssen said that it would not be fair to charge the company according to the Technical Commission meeting.

Mr. Makropoulos said that only in case the clock is rejected, we would ask the company to pay the fee.

Mr. Gelfer proposed that in case the clock is approved within 3 months, there will be no charge. If it is rejected and approved only next year, then they will have to pay.

Mr. Stubenvoll said that the same procedure should be for other clocks.

Mr. Makropoulos said that for Lisa clock it might take 10 years.

Mr. Stubenvoll said for Lisa clock the report will follow shortly within 2 months.

Mr. Abundo asked whether FIDE makes any royalties on the clocks. He said that this is some chance for FIDE.

Mr. Makropoulos said that these clocks are not official, so no royalties.

- **Executive Board approved the report of the Technical Commission.**

4. Rules and Tournaments Regulations Committee.

Annex 11 is Rules and Tournament Regulations Committee Report.

Committee Chairman Geurt Gijssen presented his report. Mr. Gijssen said that in point 5 of the Minutes; he was informed that ACP now agree with this new rule. He referred to point 10 of the Minutes, and referred to Annex 10, point 2, where Mr. Azmaiparashvili informed that there was no violation of Laws of Chess. He also said that regarding point 8, the king would not lose its right to castle, but at the moment when the player has played the move.

- **Executive Board approved the report of the Rules and Tournament Regulations Committee.**

5. Swiss Pairings Committee.

Annex 12 is Swiss Pairings Committee Report.

Committee Chairman Mr. Christian Krause presented his report. Mr. Krause informed that the program from Mr. Weber was endorsed in its new version. There was a program from Mr. Ferlano from Italy, working with Dubov system; it is to be endorsed subject to future testing, before the end of September 2005.

The Olympiad pairings will be changed according to former proposals, and there will be additional testing the next 1 or 2 years, in order to have a good pairing system in the Dresden Olympiad.

- **Executive Board approved the report of the Swiss Pairings Committee.**

Section C : Qualification Commission.

6. Qualification Commission.

Annex 13 is Qualification Commission Report.

In the absence of the Chairman Mikko Markkula, Dr. De Ridder presented his report.

He made a few remarks regarding point 1, he will check the Karpov-Istratescu match, if it has been organised according to the Romanian law and regulations of the Romanian Chess Federation. The match will not be rated until we receive the necessary information from the Romanian Chess Federation.

He drew the attention of the meeting to the changes in the titles awarded (*Annexes 14 and 15*). The WGM title of Darja Kaps (SLO) is on hold. All the other titles with the norms made in the Alushta tournaments are approved.

He said that there is a proposal to check the dynamics of ratings, and Mr. Abundo would have a parallel running, but it is not possible to download, and the effect will be seen in Turin.

There is an explanation from Presidential Board regarding points 4 and 5 and the reply satisfies the Qualification Commission. Dr. De Ridder said that a system of sanctions will be worked out for the future.

Prof. Divinsky said that in his opinion, Mr. Markkula is one of the hardest most knowledgeable Chairmen in the last 52 years of FIDE. He expressed his concern that Mr. Markkula's work might be impaired. He inquired why Mr. Markkula had not received a reply from the Triumvirate and said we have to

make sure all Chairmen receive proper replies.

Mr. Sand said that Mr. Markkula probably refers to an email sent to him and said that we have to take into account what has happened in the Alushta-case. Mr. Markkula sent a very critical report of the Alushta tournaments, and it was decided to include the report to the Agenda of the Presidential Board in Doha. The Elista FIDE Office were informed accordingly and no titles were to be awarded until a decision was reached by the Presidential Board. He said that the email in question must have arrived some time after this. Sometimes emails might be forgotten and a reminder could have been sent, anyway it was not done on purpose. Of course the e-mail should have been answered as soon as possible, but still there is no reason for Mr. Markkula to react in such a way and questioning the work of the others in FIDE. The Elista Office was properly informed and the Presidential Board in Doha decided to postpone the awarding of the titles to the Dresden Congress

Prof. Divinsky said that Mr. Markkula said he had sent many letters to the Triumvirate members, and said that Mr. Markkula was upset that he was not informed for 3 weeks while he was making moves and informing people about the issue, which required the reply, which he did not receive. He said that Mr. Markkula is thinking over to resign.

Mr. Makropoulos said that the most serious point is that the Chairman was the one to open the discussion at this point regarding this tournament. At the same time, we are getting a recommendation that one of the players who got a norm in this tournament, to get the title. For the Presidential Board members, it was rather strange. That is why it was decided to hold all titles without exceptions. It was not easy to understand why Mr. Markkula on one hand was pushing FIDE to investigate, and on the other hand, he was pushing one player for a title. That is why the Presidential Board decided to delay the award of the titles and hold all the titles awarded with norms made in the Alushta tournaments. Mr. Makropoulos said that may be Mr. Markkula was not informed for a period of 2 weeks. He said that even here in this Congress we received a report, where he recommends to award the title to the player while the President of Europe who belongs to the same Federation of the player applying for title, has some suspicions. He opined that it is wrong to award the titles to the players whose applications have some suspicions.

Mr. Kelleher said that he is a member of QC and Mr. Markkula recommended that in fairness to players, who had some legitimate norms, to give the benefit of doubt and award the titles, because they had demonstrated their level, apart from the Alushta tournaments. All the applications were rejected if all the norms were from Alushta. He said that communication between the Commissions and the Board has to be improved.

Mr. Makropoulos said that he understands that Mr. Markkula at the end of the

day was informed about the Board decision. He said that Mr. Markkula is not the only one who is working very hard and the other Chairmen and the Triumvirate people work hard as well. He agreed that the communication has to be improved. But the Chairmen who really come forward with such accusations about false tournaments, they have to stand by their actions, because in this particular case Mr. Markkula stepped back.

Prof. Divinsky said that Mr. Markkula has a deeper knowledge that is very impressive and that the Presidential Board overrules Mr. Markkula's decisions.

Mr. Makropoulos said that Mr. Markkula and his Commission make recommendations and do not make decisions. The Board takes decision and here it was Mr. Markkula who tried to overrule the Board if it is true what was said by Prof. Divinsky that Mr. Markkula was making moves and informing people about the issue (titles).

- **Executive Board approved the report of the Qualification Commission with the amendments made by Dr. De Ridder.**

7. Titles and Ratings Committee.

Annex 14 is Titles and Ratings Committee Report (with an Appendix)

Committee Chairman Dirk De Ridder presented his report. He said that the registered titles will be distributed later. He mentioned several main issues; one was an open letter for better monitoring for achieving norms in the tournament. He said that in big tournaments with 20 participants, there might be suspicion raised due to the fact that only 3 GMs participating. There have been a number of possible false cases, the Alushta case, the match Karpov-Istratescu, to be rated provided the Organiser pays the fee.

There is an Appendix to the report, which was accepted by the Committee.

Evolution of the rating list was accepted by the Qualification Commission and players will be asked about eventual inflation or deflation of the system.

Mr. Makropoulos said that if we have to approve a bigger number of GMs in a tournament, we have to listen to ACP and their opinion that we should make the GM title more valuable. So this point is still to be discussed before Turin, getting also the opinions of the Grandmasters.

Dr. De Ridder agreed.

GM Nigel Short said that one of the problems to be highlighted is the number of suspicious cases in Alushta. He referred to the statement of FIDE mentioning the monitoring which should be done by Federations. He said that

some Federations participate in the manufacturing of GM titles. So it is naïve to expect the Federations to comply with this request. He said that the problem had existed for many years, so the criticism is not aimed at anyone present, but this problem needs to be very seriously addressed. He said that for fact in some cases, the organisers approach the players. He said this has to be controlled centrally from FIDE, to ensure the value of the title. He said he is aware of some who have systematic inflation of ratings, but it is very hard to prove.

Mr. Makropoulos said that despite the fact that a lot of people say that they know such Federations and Organisers; no one is ready to come forward to the Ethics Commission, to make proper statements.

Mr. Campomanes said that Grandmasters give testimony and maybe Mr. Short should put in writing what he just said. He said that so far no one has had the courage to come forward.

Mr. Makropoulos said that the people are afraid that they will become idiots of the moments and not heroes of the moment.

Mr. Sand said that we are aware of the problem, and FIDE is willing to address this, we need to have proper regulations and a penalty system against Federation, and necessary tools for FIDE to use in such cases. Before we have this in place, it is too early to penalise the Federations.

Mr. Short said that recently there had been a lot of Internet tournaments, and it is an open invitation for cheating. GM A. Naiditsch has been under suspicion of cheating. He said that such players are not banned, while in other sports such cases would have resulted in a ban.

Mr. Gelfer said that in the meetings with ACP, this question was raised by both parties and there is some progress and the ACP consists of chess players and is willing to cooperate with FIDE to fight this phenomenon.

Mr. Makropoulos said that many players signed a letter to the FIDE President protesting against the investigation of the Alushta tournament.

Mr. Freeman said the Ethics Commission received a notice of a tournament which was forged and an investigation has been started. He hoped that the investigation might discourage others.

- **Executive Board approved the report of the Titles and Ratings Committee.**

8. Arbiters' Council.

Annex 15 is Arbiters' Council Report.

Council Chairman P. Nikolopoulos presented his report. He said that the titles are recommended to be approved. It is decided to create a system of objective arbiter examination and a system of arbiters' training. It has been decided that a norm from a tournament can be counted only once, that is why the same tournament cannot be counted twice for 2 different titles.

The Committee thought it is necessary to create a status code for arbiters, Active, Inactive and maybe banned. A proposal will be presented at the next Congress.

Mr. Makropoulos said that several Board members are in favour of having the arbiters' classification. He said that there are various feelings from the side of the arbiters. However, such a system is necessary and he invited the Board members to cooperate with the Arbiters' Council.

- **Executive Board approved the report of the Arbiters' Council.**

Section D: Ethics Commission.

Annex 16 is Ethics Commission Report.

Mr. Kelleher said that the ACP is working with FIDE on possible actions against cheating in chess. He said that after 30 days non-response from a member federation of FIDE to an Ethics Commission inquiry, the Ethics Commission might request the FIDE Treasurer to apply appropriate sanctions to the offending Federation.

Mr. Sand said that FIDE should be informed by the Ethics Commission in such cases where a Federation missed the deadline.

Prof. Divinsky asked what exact sanctions are in the mind of the Ethics Commission.

Mr. Makropoulos invited the Executive Board members and delegates to provide the proposals in writing to the Ethics Commission to enable them to prepare the final proposal for the Turin Congress.

Mr. Buthali said that for FIDE to apply the sanctions may be beyond the rights of the Treasurer.

- **Executive Board approved the report of the Ethics Commission.**

Section E: Chess Events Commission.

9. In the absence of the Commission Chairman, no meeting was held and no report

was submitted.

10. Organizers Committee.

Annex 17 is Organisers' Committee Report.

Committee Chairman Stewart Reuben presented his report. He said that 7 applications were approved for the title of International Organiser.

He also mentioned the proposals of the Event of the year for 2004 and 2005.

Mr. Reuben said that once the meeting has agreed to these events, very often there is no formal way of recognising the events and presenting the organisations with some memento of this. He said that there should be an annual exercise by the FIDE Secretariat to do so.

He also said that there is a considerable interest in avoiding dull draws, which come after very few moves, and more formal proposals will be put forward in Turin, in order to help solve these problems.

Dr. Rajscanyi asked whether the Organisers Commission was unaware of the World Youth Championship in Belfort?

Mr. Reuben said that he was aware of the problem. It did not come up as a specific topic in the meeting.

Dr. Rajscanyi requested Mr. Reuben to sum up his view in writing regarding World Youth.

Mr. Reuben said that he did not study the problem in adequate detail and refused.

- **Executive Board approved the report of the Organizers Committee.**

11. Youth and Junior Events Committee.

Annex 18 is Youth and Junior Committee Report.

Committee chairman Mr. Yazici presented the report and stated that he had met with the Presidential Board members and agreed for the following amendments in the Committee's report. He also said that he asked Deputy President G. Makropoulos to explain the amendments to the Executive Board members.

Point 2 of the Report: the Presidential Board of FIDE will study the bidding procedure which is used by ECU and if it will resolve that this procedure can be used, then it will be adapted at the time FIDE approves new Regulations.

Point 3: FIDE may accept a bid from a private organiser unless there is an objection from the respective National Federation.

Point 4: The Presidential Board of FIDE can take a decision on the Organisers of the World Youth Events.

Point 6:” the rest of the members will be issued invitations by the Organisers” –to replace “the rest of the members will be guaranteed visa by the Organisers”.

Mr. Makropoulos said that all tournaments should be inspected and should be contacted, even where these tournaments are already awarded.

Mr. Makropoulos said that contracts will be signed with the Organisers, and even small details, including hotels have to be in the contract.

- **Executive Board approved the report of the Youth and Junior Events Committee with the above-mentioned amendments.**

Section F: Development Commission

Annex 19 is Development Commission Report.

12. Commission Chairman Ignatius Leong presented his report.

He said that no Commission members were present, just delegates. He said that the Commission work has to be restructured. He mentioned that in the last paragraph, Continental President N. Elhaj would also contribute 5,000 USD to send a trainer to one of the African countries.

Mr. Jarrett asked whether there was a proposal or a request of Mr. Herbert in *Annex 19*.

Mr. Leong said that Mr. Gelfer later advised that there is a contact between the FIDE Secretariat and the Organisers and FIDE has to find out the allocations for the Continents and the nomination has to be made for the arbiters from the CACDEC Federations. The organiser has to cover the costs.

- **Executive Board approved the report of the Development Commission.**

13. CACDEC.

Annex 20 is CACDEC Report.

Annex 21 is Proposal of CACDEC Co-Chairmen regarding the CACDEC list.

Co-Chairmen Israel Gelfer and Allan Herbert presented their report. Mr. Gelfer drew the attention to 2 points; there was a major change in Calvia, whereby that most of the budget of CACDEC will be given to the Continental Presidents, to be distributed. Continental Presidents presented their proposals. America was the first to use most of their budget, while Asia and Africa will be using their budgets by the end of the year.

The second point was a new proposal to restructure the list of CACDEC Federations, and the reasons were presented. There has been some remarks since Calvia and the list will be finalised in Turin.

Mr. Herbert said that in the new list there is 70 Federations and restructuring the 3 levels will move some Federations from one level to the other. About 3 or 4 Federations would not fit the profile of the CACDEC Federation, but due to the severe economic status, they will be added to the list. A new mechanism should be created for the Federations who do not have technical needs, but their economy is in bad shape.

Mr. Elhaj said that in Halkidiki 2003 there had been a Committee of 4 persons to work out this list, not the CACDEC Co-Chairmen, Messrs. Campomanes, Elhaj, Gelfer and Kelleher. He said that this Committee should be in charge of this list.

Mr. Gelfer agreed and said that they had received some remarks and the proposal is based on these remarks.

Mr. Elhaj said that he did not attend any of the Committee's meetings and would like to know why the data was not made available to him.

Mr. Makropoulos said that this Committee should meet with CACDEC, to work out a final proposal for Turin.

Mr. Vereshchagin said in point 3 he never mentioned Uzbekistan. He said that we should be very careful to mention countries, before putting them in Minutes. He confirms that Mr. Gelfer will change the wording of point 3 of the Minutes.

Mr. Elhaj said that there is a special arrangement between DGT and CACDEC. He said that he contacted Mr. Vasse, Mr. Leong and Co-Chairmen, but no confirmation about this special agreement was received by him. He said that Mr. Vasse denies the special discount.

Mr. Makropoulos requested Mr. Gelfer to confirm with DGT.

Mr. Elhaj said that Mr. Gelfer bought for Zambia other clocks, even more

expensive than from DGT.

- **Executive Board approved the report of CACDEC.**

14. Committee on Chess in Schools.

Annex 22 is Chess in Schools Committee Report.

Committee Chairman Ali Nihat Yazici presented his report.

Mr. Makropoulos praised the work of Mr. Yazici.

Mr. Yazici said that he takes these thanks to the Committee members. He also said that all Appendices are going to be on the website (about 300 pages).

There have been 3 important items; the vision and the concept of Chess in Schools was revised. We aim at chess being taught in schools, and to increase the intelligence of children by using chess as a tool. This approach will be “sold” to the governments, and hopefully it will increase the popularity of chess.

Mr. Yazici mentioned the experience of the Turkish Chess Federation and wants everyone to share this success.

There will be European Chess in Schools Congress, and he invited all Federations and all experts to come to the Netherlands to participate. Main partners are ECU and many European Federations. He asked once again for the budget of the Congress in Netherlands to be supported by the Executive Board members.

He also said that many Federations do a lot of work in the area of chess in schools. He especially mentioned the Canadian Chess Federation. He said that in all primary schools chess should be introduced and Education Ministries should be contacted directly.

Turkey is ready to organise in 2007 with full hospitality, a meeting of Education Ministers and tell them about the goal for teaching chess in schools.

Mr. Makropoulos asked Mr. Yazici to present his idea for the budget in writing to be discussed by the Treasurer and Deputy President.

The Executive Board supported the proposal of the Turkish Chess Federation regarding 2007.

- **Executive Board approved the report of the Committee on Chess in Schools.**

15. Committee on Women's Chess.

In the absence of the Commission Chairman, no meeting was held and no report was submitted.

16. Committee on Chess for the Disabled.

In the absence of the Commission Chairman, no meeting was held and no report was submitted.

16.1. Participation of non-Federation teams in the Olympiads.

Annex 23 is IOC Regulations for participation in the Olympic Games.

Mr. Makropoulos mentioned this is for information only. He said no decision shall be taken in this meeting. Federations just have to read the information and give their input before Turin.

There is an application from ICCF, who would like to be considered to participate with a team in the Chess Olympiad.

Mr. Makropoulos said that there are only national federations who participate in the IOC Olympiads. In the past some other organisations were accepted with teams in the chess Olympiads, and this might open the door for additional affiliated Federations in FIDE, to apply for participation.

Mr. Walsh said that he did plead the case for the 3 disabled teams; blind, deaf and physically handicapped players to have a special position and he wanted FIDE to maintain the situation.

Mr. Makropoulos said that this will be finalised in Turin.

Mr. Reuben said that the decision was made in 1995 not to include the ICCF team in the Olympiad. He saw no reason to revisit the item once again. Regarding stateless players, he said the reply should be given before Turin and it should be negative.

- **Executive Board noted the IOC Regulations for participation in the Olympic Games.**

17. Committee on International Organizations.

In the absence of the Commission Chairman, no meeting was held and no report was submitted.

18. Trainers' Committee.

Annex 24 is Trainers' Committee Report (with an Appendix).

Committee Chairman Yuri Razuvaev presented his report. He drew the attention to point 4 of the Minutes that the licence will be given for a certain term to all candidates who were nominated by their respective Federations. After 2 years all the trainers should apply to Trainers' Committee to prolong the licence, if they have participated in the seminars. Those who pass the tests in the seminars will get the licence for additional 4 years, after which the seminars and exams should be taken again.

He said that some chess trainers are so proud of their skills and think they should get the title and licence for life.

Prof. Divinsky said that there is an appendix to **Annex 24** with a big list of names. Mr. Razuvaev said that there are 3 lists with various titles, FIDE Instructor, FIDE Trainer, FIDE Senior Trainer.

Mr. Al Hitmi asked about trainers' seminars details, time and venue.

Mr. Razuvaev said that normal procedure will be to get titles and licences in the Trainers' Academies and the proposal of the Committee is to arrange the seminars together with the Federations put in groups. 31 persons were approved in Calvia who are authorized to organize such seminars, so 2 of such trainers can be invited for such seminars.

Mr. Makropoulos requested to have all the information available.

Mr. Razuvaev said all information is available on a regular basis.

Mr. Makropoulos said that the Presidential Board would decide when exactly the seminars are held.

Mr. Herbert recommended that any Trainers contracted and paid by FIDE to give seminars or perform coaching assignments must be FIDE Instructor/Trainer certified. If they are not, the project cannot be funded or supported by FIDE.

Mr. Razuvaev said that the connections between CACDEC and his Committee should be closer, because Trainers' Committee has no budget and that is why it will be very difficult to help CACDEC Federations. All licences should be controlled strictly.

Mr. Abundo said that the list will be amended for the FIDE website.

Mr. Makropoulos said that his point was not included in the Committee Minutes, concerning the necessity of objective criteria for awarding the titles, even temporarily. He also said that there are few names from Spain or Germany, for example, when there are many names from Greece, Turkey and South Africa. Then people get an impression that awarding is not based on objective criteria. He urged the Committee to stick to this point of having objective criteria to award the titles. Of course, the seminars are very important, and we must not award the titles without seminars. However next year some more names will emerge for the nomination and that is why we need these objective criteria. He said that the present list is not 100% objective.

Mr. Razuvaev accepted the proposal of Mr. Makropoulos and said that by Turin the final proposal will be prepared regarding the criteria.

Mr. Leong said that in the last 40 or 50 years of FIDE, we started the system of titles, first with International Judge, then Grandmasters, International Masters, then introducing International Arbiter.

Mr. Razuvaev finally managed to get the trainers' titles recognized after 10 years work. He said that all the trainers on the list deserve a round of applause, marking the recognition.

- **Executive Board approved the report of the Trainers' Committee.**

Section G: Special Commission.

19. No meeting was held and no report was submitted.

20. Chess Information, Publication and Statistics.

Annex 25 is CHIPS Committee Report.

Committee Chairman Alexander Roshal presented his report. He said that the Chess Oscar by many is considered to be a FIDE prize, because the FIDE President has been doing a lot for the 64 Chess Magazine. The report also has some budget implications,

He proposed to create a database for the chess journalists, to have FIDE accreditation.

Mr. Makropoulos said that there is a decision regarding the budget requests from the Committees, except CACDEC, that a project can be supported only if there is a business plan which envisages some income. He invited CHIPS to provide a business plan to be further studied.

Mr. Abundo said that the plan would be presented to the Board. He also

mentions that FIDE officials can also vote for Chess Oscar.

It was noted that the 2004 Chess Oscar would be awarded in San Luis Argentina closing ceremony.

Prof. Jungwirth asked the about the number of GM's in the world.

Dr. De Ridder replied that there are approximately 950 Grandmasters, more data will be available.

- **Executive Board approved the report of CHIPS.**

21. Chess Art, Philately and Exhibition Committee.

Annex 26 is Chess Art, Exhibition and Philately Committee Report (with an Appendix)

Committee Chairman Lothar Schmid presented his report.

- **Executive Board approved the report of the Chess Art, Philately and Exhibition Committee.**

22. Computer Chess Committee.

Annex 27 is Computer and Internet Chess Committee Report.

In the absence of the Commission Chairman, no meeting was held.

- **Executive Board approved the report of the Computer Chess Committee.**

Section H: FIDE Medical Commission.

Annex 28 is Medical Commission Report.

23. Commission Chairperson Dr. Jana Bellin presented her report.

She said that there were few problems with 2 players refusing to test and the matter was dealt in a prompt and fair way and the recommendations were passed to the Executive Board. All tested results were negative and the results were passed to WADA. The Commission discussed the arrangements for Argentina and Turin. A meeting was held with the Organisers of both events. Medical Commission has noticed on the new WADA list of prohibited substances for 2006. Some other Federations successfully lifted the ban on beta-blockers and FIDE will try to request to lift them for chess as well.

Mr. Makropoulos asked for information on the USCF contact with the company who produces some kind of a drug.

Dr. Bellin replied that this is a case of unscrupulous marketing and not the case of the drug really being what it is said to be. She said that the company is looking 20 years ahead.

Mr. Tanner said few members of the USCF were convinced to endorse the product, but now the matter is over.

- **Executive Board approved the report of the Medical Commission.**

24. ACP membership in FIDE Committee/Commissions.

Mr. Makropoulos mentioned the proposal of the ACP for their members to be included into various FIDE Committees.

Rules and Tournament Regulations Committee: Nigel Short, Bartłomiej Macieja, Pavel Tregubov

Youth and Junior Events Committee: Igor Glek

Committee on Chess in Schools: Igor Glek

Committee on Women's Chess: Yury Yakovich

Titles and Ratings Committee: Michal Krasenkow, Yury Yakovich, Alexei Shirov

- **Executive Board approved the proposal of ACP and also Mr. Sfikas (GRE) for Chess Art, Philately and Exhibition Committee as well as Dr. Thomas Mihos (GRE) for the Medical Commission.**

Section I: FIDE Meetings, Tournaments and Matches

25. Presidential Board.

25.1 4th quarter 2005 Presidential Board.

The Presidential Board meeting will take place in Argentina during the World Chess Championship tournament between 27.9 and 16.10.2005.

25.2 1st quarter 2006 Presidential Board.

United Arab Emirates Federation proposes to organise this meeting in Dubai in March, with a possibility of 2 different periods, 3 to 6 March and 24 to 27 March 2006.

The city of Ekaterinburg proposes to organise the meeting there, during the World Women's Chess Championship.

FIDE President thinks we might go to Dubai after the Women's World Chess Championship, for the last week of March.

Dr. Elgendy said that recently a new chess club is established in Dubai, and they are happy to host the Presidential Board at the latter's convenience.

25.3 2nd quarter 2006 Presidential Board.

The meeting will be held in Turin, during the FIDE Congress 2006.

26. 77th FIDE Congress 2006 and 37th Olympiad 2006.

Deputy President Georgios Makropoulos briefed the members.

He said that there is a meeting on 24 August 2006 with the Turin Organisers. He said that we are not going to face any of the problems we had in Calvia in 2004. Of course there is a written agreement with the Organisers and expressed his hope that we will have good Olympiad there.

Mr. Rivello said everything in the preparation is going well, they are in contact with President Ilyumzhinov. He said he hopes the Olympiad in Turin will be a success. He repeated the venue will be very spacious and the Olympic village is prepared.

Mr. Makropoulos informed that there have been several inspections.

27. 78th FIDE Congress 2007.

Turkey will organise this event in Antalya in November 2007.

Mr. Yazici said that the Turkish Chess Federation is aiming at hosting the Chess Olympiad. The Congress will be at the end of the World Youth Championships in Antalya.

28. 79th FIDE Congress 2008 and 38th Chess Olympiad 2008.

Executive Board member Israel Gelfer briefed the members.

The FIDE Olympiad and Congress will take place in Dresden in October 2008.

Mr. Gelfer said that not much is to be added here, everybody saw the playing venue, and there is really nothing to worry about regarding this event. He said that he had made 2 trips to Dresden earlier and discussed the preparations, which are already in progress.

Mr. Metzging said that the Olympiad will start on 4 November 2008 and the final date is according to the new timetable of FIDE.

Mr. Klaus Deventer of Germany is nominated as Deputy Chief Arbiter for the Olympiad 2008.

- **Executive Board approved the report.**

29. 80th FIDE Congress 2009.

Annex 29 is the bid from ASEAN Chess Academy to organise the event in Singapore in June 2009.

- **The Board approved the bid of ASEAN subject to inspection.**

30. 81st FIDE Congress 2010 and 39th Chess Olympiad 2010.

Presidential Board at its meeting in Doha resolved that a bidding procedure should be opened for the organisation of these events.

Mr. Makropoulos said that up to 26th of February 2006 the bids will be accepted in the FIDE Secretariat. He also said that the new Olympiad Regulations are distributed and the Organisers will have to follow the new regulations.

The Swedish Chess Federation presented their bid for Chess Olympiad 2010. The Federation President Mr. Carlsson said that Sweden has a long tradition in chess, but lately there have not been many events. They successfully organised 2005 European Teams Championships and now they are willing to organise the 2010 Chess Olympiad.

Mr. Terninger presented a glimpse from Gotenborg. He said that the most of the Olympiad participants could be accommodated in one hotel.

23 August there had been similar presentations from Montenegro and Poland.

Prof. Jungwirth said that we are happy to see the presentation. He asked about financial conditions of the bid, especially the new provision for CACDEC Federations.

Mr. Makropoulos said that this is not the time to discuss bids, when only one bidder is present.

Mr. Sand reminded of the deadline and proposed that all the bidders should be asked questions only after the formal bids are received.

31. World Championship Tournament 2005.

Annex 30 is Regulations for the World Championship Tournament 2005.

The event will be held in San Luis province, Argentina, in the period from 27 September to 16 October 2005.

Deputy President Georgios Makropoulos briefed the Executive Board members.

- **Executive Board approved the Regulations for the World Chess Championship Tournament 2005.**

32. World Cup 2005.

Annex 31 is Bidding procedure for the World Cup 2005 and the Olympiad 2010.

The Presidential Board resolved a bidding procedure for the World Cup 2005.

Deputy President Georgios Makropoulos briefed the Executive Board members.

He said that the Presidential Board has the right to approve the document, but it is always brought to the Executive Board.

- **Executive Board approved the Regulations for the World Cup 2005.**

33. World Chess Championship Cycle 2005-2007.

Annex 32 is Draft Regulations for the World Chess Cycle 2005-2007.

Deputy President Georgios Makropoulos briefed the Board members. The Presidential Board approved at its meeting in Doha, the main principles of the World Chess Championship cycle 2005-2007.

Mr. Makropoulos summarised the current system starting with the Continental Championship, then the knockout tournament previously known the World Chess Championship. This knockout tournament is now renamed the World Cup and is part of th qualification system. Then we introduce the Last Chance Super tournament, and then we have the matches.

He said that this package is a very expensive, in total approximately 4 million USD, and we hope to get permanent sponsors. The most difficult problem is probably to find the organisers for the World Cup. It has 128 participants and it does not result in crowning the World Champion anymore.

In case we cannot organise World Cup, we will have to go back to Swiss

tournament, although it seems that the players prefer this knockout tournament for the qualifications.

Mr. Makropoulos said that the FIDE President in the last year managed to secure an income for more than 128 players who made quite good money from this system. Before, only a few players really made money, so the situation has become much better for a lot of players. The top players really remember this fact of President Ilyumzhinov's tenure.

Mr. Campomanes said that it was not an easy task to organise interzonals, and to find a good venue for the matches.

Mr. Makropoulos said that FIDE is working closely with ACP and he expressed the wish that ACP includes all Grandmasters, but of course not all Grandmasters are members. He gave an example of the time control issue and the discussions. ACP is pushing an idea, but FIDE is not sure that all Grandmasters agree to this idea. Mr. Makropoulos said that the proposal of time control is 100' + 30' + 30 seconds as an increment. FIDE has no problem if all players agree to this time control.

He also stressed the importance that the Presidential Board has to have a right to make necessary changes in the Regulations.

Mr. Makropoulos proposed that if FIDE sees that all 12-15 top players agree that the time control can be adjusted to the one proposed by the ACP, it can be used for the World Cup and Women's World Championship and also discussed with the Turin Olympiad Organisers. If there is a consensus, then we can propose in Turin to use this time control and for all tournaments in the future. The main argument is that the Grandmasters play with different time controls in a very short period of time. He asked the Board to authorise the Presidential Board to continue discussions to establish one universal time control.

- **Executive Board approved the proposals of Mr. Makropoulos.**

34. Women's World Chess Championship 2005-2007.

Deputy President Georgios Makropoulos briefed the Executive Board members.

He thanked Vice President A. Selivanov for his efforts to get a preliminary agreement with Ekaterinburg in respect of this event. The contract is due to be signed in September. The Championship starts on 10 March 2005.

Mr. Selivanov said that the FIDE President and Deputy President had negotiations with the leadership of the Sverdlovsk region. Now the contract has been prepared, for signature between FIDE and the government. The organisation is supported by the Russian Chess Federation. The dates are from

10 to 27 March 2005. Ekaterinburg has organized for the 3 last years, the top women's tournament North Urals Cup. The participants liked all the conditions and expressed their wish to participate in the World Championship in Ekaterinburg.

Mr. Makropoulos said that some minor changes will be made and new Regulations will be prepared for March 2008, for new cycle. December 2005 and December 2007 are the dates for World Women's Cup. The problem is that in the past the Women's Championship was conducted every year and now there is a need for 2 places for the winners of previous Championships. The European Continent has the most places of course, but it is difficult to get a place from other continents. Discussion has been held with Mr. Kutin who has agreed that for 2008 Europe will give one place, for men and women. So the discussion will be continued and the proposal will be presented in Turin. Mr. Makropoulos invited all Mathematics experts to help with the qualification calculations.

Mr. Herbert said that there is an option that the continental experience is used for World Cup, where World Junior is used for qualification.

Mr. Leong said that he already made a proposal regarding the allocation of the places from Continents, in Calvia.

Mr. Makropoulos said that Mr. Leong in his proposal also increased the number of participants.

Mr. Leong was requested to resend his copy to Continental Presidents, and Prof. Divinsky, Dr. Nunn and others, to have an opinion of some specialists, for a final proposal.

- **Executive Board approved the proposals of Mr. Makropoulos.**

34.1. Proposal for the World Blitz Championship.

Mr. Makropoulos said that there is a proposal coming from the USA for a blitz World Championship for women.

Mr. Azmaiparashvili said that the famous player and ex Women's World Champion, Zsuzsa Polgar, lives in the USA and is very active now and attracts many sponsors. She wants to organise a tournament of last 5 Women's World Champions in February 2006, M. Chiburdanidze, S. Polgar, X. Jun, J. Chen and A. Stefanova, with a very good prize fund, and the tournament will be called the Blitz World Championship.

Mr. Makropoulos said that it is completely new proposal, and necessary regulations have to be created. He proposed to prepare the document for the

next Presidential Board.

Mr. Campomanes said that regarding the title, he is objecting and proposed World Cup.

Mr. Makropoulos said that in the US the title is very important, especially for the sponsors.

Mr. Azmaiparashvili said that it is important for the sponsors that the event be called World Blitz Championship.

Mr. Gelfer warns the Board from entering into something without having any details.

Mr. Freeman concurred with Mr. Campomanes and if the tournament has some future, FIDE has to take special care about the title.

Mr. Campomanes said that there is a tendency to apply the word World in all occasions, but he does not want FIDE to be party of this.

Mr. Sand said that we can all agree with the worries expressed, but on the other hand, the tournament can be very successful and it would be a pity if FIDE is not part of this. It is very likely to be a success, considering Ms. Polgar and her activities. He opined that FIDE should be part of this.

- **Executive Board approved the proposal of Mr. Makropoulos to authorise the Presidential Board to prepare the regulations and finalise the matter.**

35. World Juniors and Girls Championships 2005.

Annex 33 is Invitation for the World Junior Chess Championship 2005.

The Turkish Chess Federation to organise this event from 8 to 21 November 2005 in Istanbul.

36. World Juniors and Girls Championships 2006.

The Armenian Chess Federation will organise the event in Yerevan during the period from 15-30 September 2006.

Vice President Andrei Selivanov informed the Executive Board members that he will conduct the inspection at the end of September – early October 2006, to study the preparation and submit a written report to FIDE.

37. World Juniors and Girls Championships 2007.

The Armenian Chess Federation will organise the event in Yerevan during the period from 15-30 September 2007.

Mr. Makropoulos said that there should be a contract signed with the Armenian Organisers.

- **Executive Board approved the proposal of Mr. Makropoulos to sign a contract with the Armenian Organizers.**

38. World Youth Championships U-10, U-12, U-14, U-16 and U-18 2005.

General Secretary I. Leong informed the Executive Board that he was in Belfort for the last 2 days, but not in an official capacity. He said that the Championship was awarded in Istanbul, and no official inspection was held until this year, when Mr. Gelfer visited Belfort. The Organisers refused to have proper communications with FIDE and Mr. Leong tried on a personal level, but they were very uncooperative. Mr. Leong also recommended someone from Zone 1.1 to inspect, hoping that this relationship could help to improve the situation. However, the Organisers told Mr. Hamers that he need not have to go, as everything is fine.

Mr. Leong said we have received complaints from more than 12 countries. He proposed to put a press release on the website.

Mr. Sand agreed with Mr. Leong and a press release will be prepared from the Executive Board and also mentioned in the FIDE communiqué.

Mr. Freeman said that the matter came to the Ethics Commission and will be further investigated.

Dr. Rajscanyi made a motion that FIDE should issue a ban of 3 years on the Organiser to organise further FIDE events and for the ECU to consider a similar ban. The ban will have nothing to do with the French Federation. He said that his intention is not to judge the conditions of the organisation, but it is very much connected with the attitude of the Organiser that is not on the level parallel with the level of the World Championships.

Mr. Yazici seconded the motion, but not only for FIDE events, but for any kind of rated events. The Turkish Chess Federation appealed to the Ethics Commission and invited all Federations to send their experiences to the Ethics Commission.

Mr. Kelleher agreed with Dr. Rajscanyi and Mr. Yazici and said that the Ethics Commission would appreciate any submission about their experience of Belfort. As a delegate of the USCF, the Federation is extremely concerned

about the conditions in Belfort.

Mr. Walsh concurs with the previous speakers and will submit the report to the Ethics Commission. He said that it is a massive responsibility when organising a children's event, and the Organisers made a massive profit making many people miserable.

Mr. Makropoulos proposed that Mr. Sand prepare a press release together with Dr. Rajscanyi and to present this for a vote.

- **Executive Board approved.**

Mr. Antunac said that FIDE was aware of the problems in Belfort and in the end there was virtually carte blanche to Mr. Touze, because there had not been earlier inspections.

Mr. Makropoulos said that many Federations would join the motion of the Hungarian Federation.

Mr. Herbert expressed the support from the Trinidad and Tobago Federation that was deeply distraught and badly affected Federation; the children were thrown out of their hotel and he supported the motion.

Mr. Metzging said that he is in favour of Dr. Rajscanyi motion, but we should increase a period of banning.

Mr. Makropoulos said that there is a ban because of principle.

Mr. Kutin agreed with Mr. Metzging and proposed at least 5 years, because it was really a crime.

Mr. Sand presented the following draft:

“FIDE has received complaints from twelve Federations regarding the conditions and the circumstances under which the World Youth Championships 2005 in Belfort, France took place. For more than six months prior to the Championships, FIDE on several occasions contacted the Organizers and pointed out several issues and concerns regarding the organization of the Championships. Unfortunately FIDE experienced that it was not possible to communicate properly with the Organizers and they were continuing with their plans without taking into consideration FIDE's advice.

From the complaints received, it is quite obvious that the Championships were not organized on the level that should be expected from this important World event and in accordance to well-established practice. This includes the conditions for the participants, the infrastructure of the Championships and the

quality of the management. Many participants and delegations expressed their dissatisfaction in the way they were treated and how their concerns were resolved.

It is very important for FIDE that the World Youth Championships are held in the very best and professional manner and it reflects very badly not only on FIDE but on the whole chess world when we experience unprofessional conducting of the events. Based on the above, the Executive Board decides the following:

1. The Organizer of this event in Belfort, Mr. Touze will not have the right to organize any FIDE event for a period of 5 years with effect from 23rd August, 2005.
2. All the complaints received by the FIDE Secretariat will be handled over to the FIDE Ethics Commission for further examination. The Organizer may present his views in the examination. The Ethics Commission can recommend additional measures to the Executive Board.
3. The Executive Board recommends to the European Chess Union to consider issuing a similar resolution regarding the organizer's participation in European chess matters."

Prof. Divinsky asked why there is no representative of the French Chess Federation to give answers.

Mr. Leong said they were asked to come.

Mr. Yazici said that FIDE events mean World Championships, but he proposes any kind of rated tournaments instead of FIDE events.

Dr. Rajscanyi said the original idea was about FIDE Events, but it was decided that it was much better to have the Ethics Commission investigation, which further can make recommendations.

Mr. Sand said that Mr. Arns with a proxy from Mr. Hamers, wanted to make it absolutely clear that the current decision is about the Organiser and not against the French Chess Federation. Mr Sand confirmed that the press release will reflect this.

- **Executive Board approved the decision in respect of the Belfort Organisers.**

39. World Youth Championships U-8, U-10, U-12, U-14, U-16 and U-18 2006.

The Presidential Board at its meeting in Doha decided to organize the event in Russia, and tasked Vice President Andrei Selivanov to examine possible dates and venues.

Mr. Makropoulos said that the new India Chess Federation was present in Doha and informed the Presidential Board of the difficulties. Mr. Selivanov made a proposal and Mr. Jarrett was appointed to go there to conduct an inspection.

Mr. Makropoulos said that FIDE later also received proposals from Tunis and Morocco, but the decision is already taken.

40. World Youth Championships U-8, U-10, U-12, U-14, U-16 and U-18 2007.

The Turkish Chess Federation to organise this event in Antalya, in November 2007.

41. World Youth Championships U-8, U-10, U-12, U-14, U-16 and U-18 2008.

The Vietnam Chess Federation to organise this event.

The Puerto Rico Chess Federation has been granted the second option.

42. World Seniors Championships 2005.

The Italian Chess Federation will organise the event in Lignano Sabbiadoro in September 2005.

43. World Seniors Championships 2006.

The Italian Chess Federation will organise the event in Arvier in September 2006.

44. World Seniors Championships 2007.

Annex 34 is Austrian Federation bid for World Senior Championship 2007.

Annex 35 is Italian Chess Federation bid for the World Senior Chess Championship 2007.

Prof. Jungwirth said that the matter is discussed and we are friends and the Austrian Chess Federation proposes that the bids should be studied and the decision is made at the Presidential Board in San Luis. The Italian Chess Federation is to submit the details before 1 October 2005.

- **Executive Board approved the proposal of Prof. Jungwirth.**

45. World Amateur Championship 2005.

The event to be held in Slovakia from 31 July to 12 August 2005 has been cancelled.

46. World Amateur Championship 2006.

No bids have been received by FIDE.

Mr. Sand said that there is an option from South Africa. The bid will be confirmed after the RSA elections on 10 September 2005 and has to be sent to FIDE by 1 October 2005.

Mr. Elhaj said that the Libyan Chess Federation is interested in organising the tournament in October 2005 and has to send the bid by 1 October 2006.

The decision will be taken in San Luis Presidential Board. The FIDE Secretariat informs both Federations.

47. World Team Championship 2005.

The Israeli Chess Federation will organise the 2005 World Team Championship in Beer-Sheba, Israel from 31 October to 11 November 2005.

Mr. Gelfer said that in case there are no hotels available, the event will have to be postponed or cancelled. Mr. Gelfer said that the Gaza settlers, who were removed from there, stay in the hotel which has a contract with the Organisers. He hoped that the situation can be solved, and the federation is preparing an alternative plan to move the event to Jerusalem.

48. 2005 World Youth U-16 Chess Olympiad.

The event has been awarded to All India Chess Federation and will take place from 21 to 31 December 2005.

Mr. Makropoulos said that the new leadership of the federation confirmed that they will organise this event.

Mr. Al Hitmi said that a further confirmation is necessary. He said that in mid September All India Federation has elections and after this date the final confirmation will be received.

49. 2006 World Youth U-16 Chess Olympiad.

Turkey will organise the event in November 2006 in Antalya.

50. 2007 World Youth U-16 Chess Olympiad.

Singapore is asking for an option. Mr. Leong said the final proposal will be prepared for Turin.

Austria will prepare a proposal by Turin General Assembly.

51. World Schools Championship 2006.

Annex 36 is Report of the Chief Arbiter of the 2005 World School Championship.

The inaugural event had been held in Halkidiki, Greece from 22 to 29 April 2005. The 2006 event is again awarded to Halkidiki, Greece from 25 April to 2 May 2006. The categories change to U9, U11, U13, U15, in order to avoid confusion with the World Youth categories.

52. World Schools Team Championship 2005.

The Turkish Chess Federation will organise the event in Eskisehir, Turkey, from 20 to 28 August 2005.

Mr. Yazici said that they have 20 teams, 8 countries and 130 players who started the competition 2 days ago.

53. World Schools Team Championship 2006.

The Czech Chess Federation will organise this event in Pardubice, from 12 to 20 July 2006, and the regulations are approved.

The Board approved that the inspections have to be held in case the Organiser is new.

Section J: Reports of Continental Presidents.

54. Report of European Continental President.

Annex 37 is ECU Continental Report.

Continental President for Europe Boris Kutin presented his report.

- **Executive Board approved the report of the Continental President for Europe.**

55. Report of Continental President for Americas.

Annex 38 is Report of the American Continental President.

Continental President for the Americas Jorge Vega presented his report.

- **Executive Board approved the report of the Continental President for the Americas.**

56. Report of Asian Continental President.

Annex 39 is Report of the Asian Continental President.

Annex 40 is Decision of PB in Doha in respect of All India Chess Federation.

Continental President for Asia Khalifa Al-Hitmi presented his report Mr. Al Hitmi said that there were only 2 delegates present from his Continent. He highlighted the point that FIDE had submitted about 30,000 USD to All India Chess Federation as part of the contribution to the Continental Championship. The new administration could not recover this money. He requested FIDE to find the ways to get the money back. He mentioned that Mr. Koya is relieved from his obligations to FIDE and this money should not be lost.

56.1. Yemen Chess Federation.

Mr. Makropoulos said that this a problem with 2 Federations, 2 Presidents, and 2 Ministries give information about elections. FIDE is sending a letter to the Prime Minister. He has to inform FIDE who is the legitimate federation president. Otherwise FIDE will ask for new elections to be held. So far no one is recognised by FIDE. If the matter is not solved within the deadline, the Federation will be suspended. The text in the letter has been approved by both sides, after talks conducted by Mr. Al Hitmi, Mr. Elhaj and Mr. Mazouz.

- **Executive Board approved the proposal of Mr. Makropoulos.**
- **Executive Board approved the report of the Continental President for Asia.**

57. Report of African Continental President.

Annex 41 is Report of the African Continental President.

Continental President for Africa Nizar Elhaj presented his report. Mr. Elhaj made a pledge that Somalia should have a right to participate after their previous ban. However, Somalia again sent emails to the various Organisers and they do not appear during the events. So he said that all Federations should contact the Continental President to confirm the names and legality of the request.

Mr. Makropoulos said that there had been a request from 3 persons from

Somalia for visas to Germany, but no one attends the Congress.

Mr. Elhaj said that every Organiser should check the FIDE website for the correct Federations officers.

- **Executive Board approved the report of the Continental President for Africa.**

58. Commonwealth Chess Association.

Annex 42 is Commonwealth Chess Association Report.

- **Commonwealth Chess Association report was noted by the Executive Board.**

Section K: Other Matters

59. Legal suit GM V. Milov vs. FIDE.

Annex 43 is Decision of the Sports Arbitrage regarding FIDE vs. Milov case.

Vice President Morten Sand briefed the Board members.

He said that FIDE was taken to court and the actual court decision in favour of FIDE, is in **Annex 43**. It was a very important decision for FIDE. The nature of the case made it impossible to reach an out of court settlement.

FIDE won the case and there is a clear statement from the court that a Sports Federation cannot be responsible for immigration laws of each country. This means that FIDE is not responsible when a country refuses to give a participant a visa.

Mr. Sand mentioned that the Swiss lawyer charged 48, 000 CHF and 18,000 CHF for the court, and this raises the issue of having our main events insured in the future.

The full text of the court verdict is accessible on the FIDE and Chessbase websites.

60. Relations with IOC and GAISF.

FIDE has been granted full membership in GAISF (General Association of International Sports Federations).

Treasurer David Jarrett informed the members that this decision is a step up in the IOC ladder and he attended the Congress in Berlin and saw how many other

Federations were being rejected.

60.1 ICCF application for GAISF.

Treasurer David Jarrett said that last year he was in touch with the ICCF President, who raised the issue of seeking direct membership in GAISF. Recently ICCF informed FIDE that they are applying for such the membership.

Mr. Jarrett informed that the Presidential Board was not in favour of the ICCF application, as FIDE is the sole recognised Federation when it comes to chess. Mr. Jarrett said that the Executive Board has to endorse the decision of the Presidential Board.

- **Executive Board approved the decision of the Presidential Board not to support the application of the ICCF.**

61. The International Mind Sports Association.

Annex 44 is Proposed Statutes of the International Mind Sports Association.

Annex 45 is the press release of 21 June 2005.

Treasurer David Jarrett briefed the Board members. He said that we should seek a higher profile within the IOC. He said that there are 2 other mindsports who are members of ARISF, while chess and bridge are members of GAISF as well.

The 4 members sat down in Berlin and prepared a draft of Statutes to be approved, and perhaps we can improve the profile of chess within the IOC.

Mr. Makropoulos said that maybe this is the most important project within our relations with the IOC. The idea to accept the Mind Sports Games is bringing us closer to the idea of becoming an Olympic sport. It looks that this idea is very serious.

Prof. Divinsky said that in England there has been a group led by R. Keene and D. Levy. He asked whether this is legitimate to use the same name Mind Games if somebody else has the right to the name.

Mr. Sand said that now the issue is to organise the Olympiad under the auspices of the IOC. So only the IOC has a right to organise real Olympiads.

Mr. Gerry Walsh said that there is a Mind Sports Olympiad currently going on in Manchester with 27 or 28 different events. He hoped no aggravations of the name would happen.

Mr. Makropoulos said that the proposed name has no conflict with Mind Games Olympiad.

Mr. Al Hitmi said that his English unfortunately does not help to express his disappointment. He is totally against this idea and said chess should be proud of itself and not enter into such plans just to please the IOC. He asked why chess should join somebody just for the sake of the IOC? Chess is being considered as the game of the kings, a very noble game and now FIDE is going down in respect by associating itself with checkers and other games. He said that the approach is wrong and should end.

Mr. Makropoulos said that in many Federations there are no kings, or budgets, and these federations think that if they are recognised by the IOC, they can have a chance to improve their situations. A lot of other sports do not get governmental support because they are not recognised by IOC as Olympic sports.

Mr. Al Hitmi said the FIDE representatives did not do their best job in the negotiations with the IOC. He said that the Asian Federations now receives support as he managed to get chess into the Asian Olympic Society. Chess is also on the programme of many regional games. He said they did not compromise to achieve such a goal.

Mr. Buthali said that he is full support of Mr. Al Hitmi's concern. He said that chess had a good image for many years and we should not compromise on the integrity and image. He said that we should not go to the Association with some unknown entities.

Mr. Makropoulos said that FIDE is joining some other sports also recognised by the IOC and other Associations. He said that the results achieved by Mr. Al Hitmi in Asia and Mr. Omuku in Africa, are highly appreciated. He disagreed however, that we are ruining our image. The new association is just one of our efforts to be included into the IOC Olympic programme.

Mr. Buthali said that the IOC should accept us for what we are.

Mr. Makropoulos said that we are already in the second level of recognition. And chess is a mind sport. He said that we are members of various Associations in order to be sure that one day we will be recognised as full members. He said that the FIDE President has done a lot in this field, and succeeded to organise the World Chess Championship in the Olympic Museum, and thereby ensured our recognition as a sport.

Mr. Al Hitmi said that FIDE should not lobby only by just attending a cocktail party once a year. He appreciated everybody's work, but he felt that all the work and meetings arranged by him were mostly ignored by the Board

members.

Mr. Makropoulos said that the meetings arranged by the FIDE President were not 5 minutes meetings, and not for coffee, but serious meetings with the ex President of the IOC, and also there was a serious campaign in Moscow, where the FIDE President took care of many IOC members. So we cannot say that all these efforts were just meetings for coffee, it is not fair at all.

Mr. Makropoulos also said that other Continents are to follow the example of Asia and Africa. Still in Europe it will be very difficult to include chess into the European programme.

Mr. Vega said that he does not think that we are downgrading the sport by joining GAISF and we are not denying our history of 1000 year old game, but with the same reasons some other sports could be refused. He said he is not sure what effect this could have for FIDE. There is nothing to be ashamed about because we are not giving up any of our image. He said that we should continue to struggle and if there is a gate to enter the Olympic programme, we should not be against it.

Mr. Kutin said this is not the right time for such a discussion. The IOC situation has been changed and we should try with some other candidates. He said maybe we should start some elite programmes as so many benefits coming from chess, and we should use for example chess in schools project as well.

Mr. Makropoulos agreed with Mr. Kutin about the current IOC situation. He disagreed that we have to be aggressive with the new IOC leadership. And we should lobby and this is what we are doing in line with what Mr. Al Hitmi said. Somebody can say later that this was a mistake and as Mr. Kutin said, the new IOC leader is not in favour of chess and we think that if we are cooperating with other members of the IOC, we should unite the efforts in this respect.

- **Executive Board approved the proposed Statutes of IMSA.**

62. Letter from Mr. S. Gromovs on the stateless persons to be included into the FIDE Rating List.

Annex 46 is Letter from Mr. S. Gromovs on the stateless persons for FRL.

The Board considered the letter from Mr. Sergej Gromovs in *Annex 46*. The letter is for information and it needs further examination and specific regulations have to be prepared.

Mr. Sand informed the members that this is quite a complicated matter and it is difficult to open a system whereby people who are not members of Federations, still can participate. There is also a proposal for a team to participate in the

Olympiad under the UN flag, so there are a variety of issues we have to look into and come up with the right solutions.

63. Proposals of the Presidential Board.

Annex 47 is Recommendation regarding the membership in the Presidential Board.

Annex 48 is Proposal regarding submission of the documents for the Congresses.

Following the decision of the FIDE Presidential Board at its meeting in Tbilisi, the following is proposed:

to include the World Champion and Women's World Champion as full members of the Presidential Board.

regarding items submitted without due notice to the General Assembly/Executive Board from Committees.

Mr. Jarrett said that the IOC wrote to all Federations reminding them that since 1999 the female participation in the decision-making process should be increased to 20%. He said that at least having a Women's World Champion and World Champion on board would "kill two birds with one stone", by also allowing the professional chess players to be on the Board.

Mr. Buthali appreciated the need to bring to the Board women, but in terms of the proposal, the FIDE President should nominate the women who can be taken on Board. He expressed doubt that the Champions are changed and again we will have empty chairs for the Champions who never attend Congresses or meetings. We should think of some other action to bring the women into the Board.

Mr. Makropoulos said that the players feel that they are out of the decision-making process. So today we included some into the FIDE Committees, and World Champions are members of the Executive Board without voting rights, which is not considered to be serious. This proposal is combining the request of the IOC and the one coming from the players. He agreed that most probably they will not attend, but at least we will give them a chance to express their opinion.

Mr. Buthali asked what the standard practice with other Federations is.

Mr. Makropoulos said that in chess the life of Champions are different.

Executive Board approved the proposal regarding the membership in the

Presidential Board.

Mr. Jarrett said that the second proposal relates to the fact that in all meetings of the FIDE Congresses, we receive many papers and it is not possible to fully digest and understand all the consequences. The request is that all decisions passed can be referred to the next Presidential Board to be properly examined. This does not give the Presidential Board a right to waive the decision taken, but it will have a chance to present a different angle for the next General Assembly.

Mr. Makropoulos said that the issue is about the late submissions, coming from Committees and Commissions during the Congress.

- **Executive Board approved the proposals of Mr. Jarrett.**

64. Proposed Amendments to the Electoral Regulations.

Annex 49 is the proposed Amendments to the Electoral Regulations.

Mr. Makropoulos said that we would need regulations for next year's elections to follow.

Mr. Antunac requested the explanation of the wording of Number 2 4th paragraph of the electoral regulations.

Mr. Sand said that this is a provision for the new election. There is a new system of 3 Vice Presidents being individually elected, decided in Bled 2002, and there should be a system for nomination of candidates.

Mr. Freeman said that in section 1 4th paragraph there should not be a slash between General Secretary and Treasurer, both should be nominated.

Mr. Arns thought it was decided that this year there should be a General Assembly to change the electoral rules. He was therefore surprised that there are proposed changes in the electoral rules, since this can only be done by the General Assembly.

Mr. Sand said that no such a decision was made, there was only a discussion in Calvia regarding this issue. According to the Bled General Assembly decision, the Executive Board cannot change the Statutes, but it can change the electoral regulations.

Mr. Sand said that in Turin it would be very difficult first to have a big discussion on procedure and then go for elections. In his opinion it is better to clarify the procedure of elections now, so everybody will come to Turin already prepared and go straight to elections.

Mr. Yazici asked how many Vice Presidents there are going to be. It was confirmed that the number is 6.

Mr. Metzger said in 3rd paragraph on page 1 about the support of his Federation, what does this mean? What if a person is in several Federations?

Mr. Sand replied that if you run for the ticket, you are supposed to send a personal letter of the acceptance and in addition your federation has to send a letter confirming that you can be a candidate.

Mr. Campomanes said that if an individual runs for office, he is normally nominated by his Federation.

Mr. Freeman asked whether a Federation can nominate 2 people for the same position.

Mr. Sand said that in 1995 there was a situation when Mr. Ilyumzhinov ran for the office of FIDE President without the support of the Russian Federation. According to the FIDE Statutes and in exceptional cases, such an individual can run.

Mr. Makropoulos said that General Assembly can agree.

It was agreed that one Federation is entitled to nominate only one candidate for one position.

Mr. Leong asked what if 3 individuals are nominated for Vice Presidents, a Federation can nominate 3 Vice Presidents? One for the ticket, and other 2 for other Vice Presidents positions.

Mr. Sand said this has to be clarified, and we have to add that only one candidate can be elected.

Mr. Makropoulos said that this is the case with elected Vice Presidents and Executive Board members. This does not include the situation with the Zonal Presidents.

Mr. Buthali said that he was not comfortable with 2nd paragraph on page 4. What will happen supposing the special dispensation is made and the Federation is not made aware. If the Federation is against the nomination, then it should clarify their position before the elections, which is why the concerned Federation has to be aware.

Mr. Sand said that these are the current Regulations. So there are only extraordinary circumstances, which stand in such cases.

Mr. Buthali proposes to inform the Federation in question about special dispensation, even if the Federation is not present at the Congress.

Mr. Sand said that the Federation must object before the elections and it is therefore advisable to be present. If the federation is not present, it is their own problem. He also said that only on very rare occasions such situations have happen. There is very little FIDE can do.

Mr. Makropoulos said that in these rare cases the Federations were aware.

Mr. Abundo said that the nominees have to be a member of the Federation at least for 1 year. How will we know? What if a person is a member of several Federations?

Mr. Makropoulos said that this is possible.

Mr. Sand said this also comes from the current regulations and said that FIDE could possibly look into this to establish how long the candidate has been a member.

Mr. Freeman said that the nominee should confirm this when he is being nominated.

- **Executive Board approved the proposed amendments to the Electoral Regulations with some clarifications.**

65. Proposed Amendments to the Olympiad Regulations.

Annex 50 is Regulations for the Chess Olympiad.

Annex 50a is Procedure for Selection of Organiser for the Chess Olympiad and FIDE Congress.

Annex 50b is Proposal to create Central Administration Panel for the organisation of Chess Olympiads and requirements for data processing in Turin Olympiad 2006.

A draft of the new Olympiad Regulations was presented to the Executive Board.

Prof. Jungwirth said he is not speaking in favour or against any Federation bidding for 2010 Olympiad, and he also knows the decision taken long time ago to request the Federations to pay a contribution to the organisation of the event. He said that as a delegate of the Austrian Federation, as long as we have Federations that are ready to organise the Olympiad without asking for new

financial contributions from the participants, we should not invent new contributions for Federations. He said that this might affect the image of FIDE. He disagreed that there is a clear necessity to invent new burdens. He also said that many Federations are not in Dresden and *Annex 50* is new and should be brought to the attention of the delegates and Federations.

He proposed to exclude Article 54 from the Regulations.

Mr. Makropoulos said that the provision for 25 USD is not new at all. The regulations presented in *Annex 50* do not have anything new concerning financial aspects. The bids for 2008 were made already with the knowledge of the new financial conditions. He said that the proposals are necessary to avoid the repetition of Calvia.

Mr. Metzging confirmed that when the bid from Dresden was presented, he knew about the financial contribution.

Mr. Gelfer said that these Regulations are based on the decisions already taken, and about the image of FIDE he remarked that all organisations are charging to participate in the events. So FIDE is asking for a possibility to help the Organisers.

Mr. Jarrett said that *Annex 50* includes some financial clauses, which are already included into the Financial Regulations and should not be part of the Olympiad Regulations.

Mr. Arns said that this is not the first time that he did not agree with the Agenda. He said that this is not the right way to proceed, and he proposed to postpone this issue until the General Assembly next year. He said that Zone 1.1. is against this proposal.

Mr. Makropoulos repeated that there is nothing new in the proposal, apart from the bidding procedure. He said that this only a procedure to help FIDE to get the best Olympiad.

Mr. Sand agreed with Mr. Makropoulos and said that if these proposals are postponed now, then changes can start only from 2012 and not from 2010. He said that FIDE will have a much better starting point to discuss with potential Organisers, if this document is accepted today.

Mr. Antunac again repeated that we couldn't put the financial obligations (25 USD) in the Regulations. He proposed that the financial obligations should be excluded and the discussion will be postponed until the General Assembly.

Mr. Makropoulos requested to insert the paragraph that the financial obligations of the Federations remain as before. He made a motion that the

Olympiad Regulations be approved with the provision that the financial regulations stay the same as before.

Prof. Jungwirth asked whether a Federation could have a right to bid for an Olympiad without asking the payment of these 25 USD?

Mr. Makropoulos affirmed that this is absolutely possible, and said that FIDE receives bids from federations without asking for this amount. He said that the Italians and Germans love chess and know chess, and this is the reason why we are not facing problems.

Prof. Jungwirth said that this is a new obligation because it has not happened yet, but with the remark of Mr. Gelfer that the decision is to be taken in Turin and it is possible that the applications can be made without asking for 25 USD, he is in favour of this proposal.

Mr. Gijssen proposed to merge two Annexes to one.

Mr. Leong said that it will be called Technical Administration Panel.

- **Executive Board approved the Olympiad Regulations with the provision that the financial regulations, not including the ones in the Financial Regulations, stay the same as before.**

Messrs. Arns and Antunac voted against the proposed Regulations.

66. Presentations.

66.1. Presentation of MonRoi Company.

Annex 51 is Information from MonRoi.

66.2. Presentation of BJD Insurance Company.

Mr. Sand introduced Ms. Clark and Mr. Deillon of the BJD Insurance Company, who made a short presentation of the travel insurance agreement with FIDE.

FIDE is also negotiating with BJD, the possibility to insure the main events. He said that the aim is to insure the Chess Olympiad, World Championship, Continental Championship, Youth Events etc.

Ms. Clarke explained briefly the insurance coverage for FIDE today. The BJD have been providing insurance for 20 years for the Olympic family.

The FIDE insurance card is named and the card holder has to sign it on the

back. She said that all business trips for FIDE are officially covered, for accident and illness to the amount of 850, 000 USD, including medical assistance. There is a recent introduction for coverage and includes baggage loss, loss and theft and flight delay in case of a delay for more than 6 hours for 400 USD. In addition there is private liability for 850,000 USD per case and for legal assistance in Europe.

Mr. Clarke said that there is a professional liability insurance and different covered for the amount of 2,000,000 USD (US and Canada excluded). Ms. Clark said that this is the same even if they wanted Canada to be in.

Ms. Clarke said that in the case of an accident there is insurance for 400,000 USD for death and disability for Executive Board and 100,000 USD for accompanying persons and Commission members.

They also explained the way the insurance card is to be used and its possibilities using the website www.bjd-sos.com. In case of emergency, there is a possibility of a telephone contact.

Ms. Clarke mentioned a new proposal to FIDE, for all chess players to be covered for travel insurance on an individual basis. The players can go online and buy the insurance for 100 USD. The payment is to be done via Internet with a credit card.

- **The Executive Board approved**

67. Case of Mr. Azmaiparashvili

Mr. Sand said that all charges against Mr. Azmaiparashvili were dropped, and FIDE is very happy that the criminal case now is now closed.

He thanked the witnesses, especially Mr. L. Bellhouse of Barbados, Mr. Nelso from Faroe Islands and Mr. Paul Truong from United States.

Mr. Azmaiparashvili thanked the FIDE Presidential Board for its support from the very beginning, and he gave special thanks to Messrs. Nelso and Mr. Truong who sacrificed their time and were very important witnesses. He also thanked the FIDE President, Deputy President and Vice President M. Sand. He then pointed out the option to open a civil case against the Calvia Organiser Mr. A. Rami, to seek compensation.

68. Change of the name of BCF.

Mr. Walsh informed that on 22 October 2005 the British Chess Federation will become the English Chess Federation. There cannot be 2 Federations and it will remain one Federation. He requested this to be recognised.

Mr. Makropoulos asked whether the BCF with the current changes, still can remain a member of FIDE. He said that FIDE will have to get advice from the lawyers., and expressed his concern on this issue.

Closing.

The FIDE President once again thanked the German Chess Federation and its President A. Schliya for the hospitality and the Executive Board members for the work. He said that we have 2 important events, World Chess Championship in Argentina and World Chess Cup at the end of the year.

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