

FIDE Trainers Committee
2002-2006

The past four years was a very important period for the Trainers Committee (TC). TC succeeded in FIDE trainers' titles reform.

The FIDE Congress in Bled (2002) tasked TC to propose the structure of a new trainers' titles system and the functions of FIDE Trainers Academies. There were two projects of FIDE trainers' titles system — one by Mr U. Boensch of Trainers' Academy in Berlin and another of by Mr I. Leong of Asian Trainers' Academy in Singapore. Both proposals were examined and discussed at the meeting of TC during the FIDE Congress in Calvia 2004. Mr Leong's proposal was approved. Then it was approved by the Congress. Now, all national federations can use the accepted system for trainers' titles and coordinate and incorporate their own programmes into FIDE's programme. The Calvia Congress requested all national federations to propose their own candidates for FIDE trainers' titles. TC examined all such lists of candidates and the results of TC's work were discussed and approved by the FIDE Congress in Dresden 2005.

The Dresden Congress marked the close of the transition period for trainers' titles reform. Now all candidates for FIDE trainers' titles are obliged to attend and meet the requirements of seminars held by FIDE Trainers' Academies.

In accordance with resolutions made at the FIDE Congresses in Bled and Calvia, FIDE Trainers' Academies were opened in Berlin, Singapore, the United States and Mexico. Everything was done in a close cooperation with the National Chess Federations concerned. Two of them have personnel websites: www.fide-trainer-academy.com and www.americanchessuniversity.com

TC actively spreads its ideas on the Internet. Hundreds of chess sites have put up materials on TC's activities. We commend Mr J. Petronic (member of TC) for his personal efforts and support in this field. FIDE Trainers' Academies in Berlin and Singapore have already arranged several seminars for trainers. The scope of such seminars includes not only high-level professional chess lectures but also modern computer-based chess educational materials and lectures on sports psychology. As a result of these seminars about 100 trainers have attained for new FIDE trainers' titles and international recognition of their professional status.

TC has new plans for the development of FIDE Trainers' Academies. We are at the start of a long journey.

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