



FIDE Computer & Internet Chess Committee REPORT

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Committee activities:

A permanent cooperation has been established between the FIDE Computer & Internet Chess Committee and the FIDE Trainers' Committee, headed by GM Yuri Razuvaev, with a task of promoting activities over the Internet. Successful promotion of all major activities and programs has been established with the help and cooperation of almost all major chess websites, who have kindly accepted to promote materials that are mutually beneficial for their readers and members and our FIDE chess community. I would like to use this opportunity to thank again all of them. Large amounts of related information have been circulated individually to literally thousands of FIDE chess friends and professionals, independently of related information available on www.fide.com. Many of the recipients have thanked us for the shared information and efforts made, and continued promotion. These Internet activities are in constant and often daily progress.

A permanent cooperation has been established between our Committee and the FIDE Trainers Academy in Berlin, headed by GM Uwe Boensch. The Berlin Academy reports by Mr. Boensch have reached thousands of readers worldwide and hopefully have made significant impact in the promotion of FIDE chess training.

A special mention and thanks is appropriate for the websites of the European Chess Union and the Association of Chess Professionals (ACP), who have been continuously promoting mutually beneficial materials prepared and published by the Trainers' Committee and the Berlin FIDE Chess Academy, in cooperation with the Computer & Internet Chess Committee.

Similarly, a permanent cooperation has been established by our Committee with the FIDE ASEAN Chess Academy in Singapore, headed by Mr. Ignatius Leong.

Cooperation has been initiated with Mrs. Karen Tucker, Vice President of Development, Marketing & PR at the Computer Chess History Museum (<http://www.computerhistory.org>), with the purpose of promoting exceptional professional computer chess related materials and videos available, via the FIDE website. The Computer History Museum is the world's largest and most significant history museum for preserving and presenting the computing revolution and its impact on the human experience. This cooperation is in progress.



Possibilities of endorsing FIDE certificates for exceptional educational chess-related websites, similar in essence to FIDE Trainer certificates and licenses is being reviewed. Internet research has uncovered that literally thousands of quality related chess sites exist, many of which may be eligible and interested for promotion and endorsement within FIDE as well.

Exceptional cooperation is under way with the mega chess companies, headed by Convekta (Russia), Chessbase (Germany), Chess Informant (Serbia and Montenegro), New in Chess (The Netherlands), Shredder Chess (Germany), etc.

Convekta and Chessbase have expressed their willingness to continue and further enhance their cooperation with FIDE, through our Committee. Unlimited possibilities remain still unexplored in this area. A project has been initiated with the purpose of promoting top chess software among the junior chess community, via continental and world youth tournaments sanctioned by FIDE, with mutually beneficial opportunities for both FIDE and the chess companies, ultimately resulting in enhanced computer software education starting with the chess youth. Currently, as an introduction, six exceptional software products have been professionally reviewed.

Upon request, Internet sites promoting FIDE sanctioned events, have been reviewed.

Various FIDE sanctioned tournament websites have been independently visited and recommendations were made in the spirit of enhancing existing chess pages and available games for download.

The ambitious attempt to unify ratings worldwide, whether they be internet, national or other, under the FIDE elo formula, has not been successful. Voices have been heard that objectively, a need for separate elo formulas and calculations is even necessary and should not cause any alarm, in the sense of their differentiation as "opposed" to the existing FIDE elo system. I am still of the opinion that a superbly formulated elo algorithm may be acceptable and applicable on all levels, not just FIDE-related. More expert opinions and suggestions are necessary to pursue possible elo unification, which has now temporarily ceased to be a priority issue, until an updated version of the formula, appreciated by all, becomes available.

Dr. Jan Mazuch, Director of the Czech Open & Czech Tour (July 2006) has requested help in organizing a Computer Chess Tournament within the Chess Festival. Assistance has been requested from ICGA (International Computer Games Association - <http://www.cs.unimaas.nl/icga>).

Cooperation with the FIDE site at www.fide.com and the FIDE Rating and Administration offices, FIDE members and Federations have been on a usual professional level.

The FIDE Computer and Internet Chess Committee, in my opinion, has enormous potential, which has not reached it's peak. We are also in need to pursue an even higher status and recognition within the FIDE Committees and Commissions.

Our Committee and it's members are open to all questions, suggestions, recommendations and cooperation, as usual.

Proposed activities in the forthcoming period are essentially related and should be targeted to the ongoing activities, mentioned above.

For previous Committee activities, please refer to the reports posted at <http://www.fide.com/news.asp?id=359>.

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in Kavala, Greece, 18.5.2006.