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Minutes

**Computer and Internet Chess Committee Meeting
Petrosian Room
28 May 2006
11.00-13.00**

In Chair: Mr. Peter Wilson (ENG)

Present: W. Kastner (AUT), C. Birtz (LUX), Dr. M. Shorek (ISR), P. Pisk (CZE), J. Kaamu (UGA).

The agenda of Computer and Internet Committee was:

1. Apologise for absence
2. Chairman's report
3. Matters arising
4. Future activities
5. Chairman & committee 2006-2010
6. A.O.B.

1. The Chairman Mr. Peter Wilson apologised for Mr. Jovan Petronic's absence. He had prior commitments that couldn't be rescheduled. So he asked Mr. Peter Wilson, member of the Computer and Internet Commission, to take the Chair of the meeting. Apologies had also been received from Mr. Jan Berglund. Mr. Peter Wilson asked those who were present to introduce themselves.
2. Mr. Petronic's Report (attached) showed considerable progress in establishing links between this Committee and others (especially the Trainers' Committee) and also the authors of software products. The Committee believe that the establishment of a limited budget and finance for the Computer and Internet Chess Committee would assist Mr. Petronic in bringing these projects to fruition. The Committee fully supported Mr. Petronic's extensive work for the Committee.
3. Mr. Wilson noted that Mr. Petronic had suggested that prize-winners of Junior Events be given chess computer software as part of their prizes. This met with the unanimous support of those present. Mr. Petronic's report had noted evaluations had been carried out on several software product. Mr. Wilson reported that he had attempted, several years ago, to interest software suppliers in providing evaluation copies of software in order to identify products suitable for FIDE endorsement. That could give rise to income from Royalties. At that time there was little interest on the part of chess software suppliers but the

number of available products has increased and it is time to try such an approach again. Dr. Shorek said that with the establishment of a permanent co-operation between the Computer and Internet Committee and the FIDE Trainers' Academy in Berlin it would be helpful to receive some funding which could be used to develop software to be used in schools to teach students how to play. The advantages of extending use of the Internet for playing chess is evident. It would allow all chess-players around the world to communicate between themselves and to exchange their knowledges and experience.

4. Dr. Shorek noted that the World Computer Chess Championship was taking place in the same venue as the Olympiad but with no involvement on the part of FIDE. He asked that a channel of communication be opened to ensure FIDE involvement in all future Championships of this type. Ideally this should be run as the FIDE World Computer Chess Championship. Those present expressed full agreement. The importance of establishing a method for rating Internet games of chess was noted. What could be done for the future? Mr. Kastner complained that there is often no connection directly between FIDE and the press. This kind of communication could be done using the internet to provide press reports for all major events on-line. The internet could be used to insert audio and/or audio/video support and develop a kind of television through the internet or a platform to be used by all federations. Mr. Kastner mentioned that there are often no daily reports on-line of annual championships, nor press information. These would be very helpful also to improve the learning of chess techniques. Mr. Joseph Keamu from Uganda is particularly interested in this issue because the use of the internet to play chess would be very helpful for his country. Another proposal to be addressed to FIDE is to save the archives of games and tournaments results from earlier years and to put them on-line so that every federation which may be interested in reading them could find them easily. It would be helpful if FIDE could provide every federation with a cd or a dvd containing all the necessary programmes and software to cover Pairings, Database of Games, Laws of Chess, Bulletin Production, etc. Training software for self-study would also prove useful. It would be helpful for FIDE to establish a single mailing list which anyone could use to contact ALL FIDE Federations.
5. Mr. Jovan Petronic had expressed a wish to continue as Chairman of the Committee for the period 2006-2010. The Committee fully support this request. Mr. Wilson, Dr. Shorek, Mr. Kastner and Mr. Keamu asked to be appointed as Members of the Committee for the period 2006-2010.
6. The meeting closed at 12.30 p.m.

In Chair

Peter Wilson