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Activities:

During this year CCA has fulfilled almost all its calendar, the only event missing was the North America Youth where no federation bided for it.

We have seen an increasing number of players taking part in our events, overpassing the forecast we did, only the Pan American Youth which has to be rescued by the Argentina Federation at short notice after Ecuador informed that was unable to organize it due to force majeure, saw a smaller participation, although it also was over the estimated number.

The regional Youth and Juniors events has been a success, the first given an opportunity, due to its low entry fee, to participate in international competition; the second given an extra chance of achieving a GM norm and get IM titles.

We have also seen the birth of a new event, the Pan American Continental Championship which grant one place for the World Cup.

The Pan American Women Championship is firmly established, granting the WGM title to the winner, the Pan American School Championship is in the correct path.

Concerning our events a guideline to organizers has been prepared in order to improve the quality of the tournaments.

As a fact I consider that all of us have to be prided, we have fulfilled our goals and are ready to deal with the new compromises that may come.

Regarding my activity as Continental President I have assisted to all the FIDE Presidential Board meeting where matters of general and America's interest are dealt, I have made visits to Argentina, Uruguay, Brazil, Peru, Costa Rica and El Salvador to keep the CCA contact with the member Federations, also as adviser for the Chess in Schools Commission I paid a visit, together with both CACDEC and CIS Chairman to South Africa and Botswana to get information of the needs Africa has.

I should like to thank all our Federations and their Executive Board for the support and help given in all my tasks.

SEMINARS/CACDEC:

CCA fulfilled the programmed tasks agreed in the Continental Board meeting:

According with FIDE guideline CCA has supported the women chess, backing the 2008 Pan American Ladies Championship.



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Tournament Management Seminars were given in El Salvador, Argentina and Peru under the aegis of the Villahermosa Training Centre in order to improve the handling of FIDE approved pairing programs and tournament information requested in FIDE reports, with assistance of South and Central America CACDEC members.

Arbiter and Training seminars were given in Panama.

Also according to our budget support were given to Caribbean and Central America Federation to deal with events and the Olympiad.

Chess sets were sent to Paraguay and Bolivia.

Under IOC- ARISF-FIDE aegis Seminars were given in EL Salvador, Honduras, Peru and Panama.

Finances:

Our finances remains at black, according to our budget, we have increased the total participation in our events and expected no problems in the next year although we have to be careful because of the global economic crisis that might mean a diminishing in our future income.

CCA Treasurer, Mr. Allan Herbert, will present a full explanation in his report and the 2009 proposed budget.

Web Page:

The CCA web page is considered among the best regional pages, we have kept the aim of providing information of the relevant facts that happen in our Continent and of general matters that are related to our interests.

At the time this report is written we have received 1,776,227 hits and will finish the year with more than 2,000,000.

CCA helps Ecuador, Peru and El Salvador web pages.

Although most information is written in Spanish all relevant information is also given in English.

As CCA web page is open to all Federations we kindly request, specially to the English speaking Federations, to send us information to improve our web site.

Future Calendar:

We have received options and bids for almost our official events that will be decided at this meeting, only bids for four events are asked. I shall like to draw the importance of the Pan American Team Championship because this event will grant one place to the World Team Championship to be held next year, also is necessary to point out that according FIDE guideline all Zonal Tournaments must finish before the Continental Championship.

It is also important to point out that all organizer must fulfill the Tournament guideline in order to guarantee the quality of our events.



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Is very encouraging to see several federations bidding in a friendly contest for the same tournament, different to the past where was difficult to get organizers.

I want to express my gratitude to FIDE, to all our Federation Members and their Boards for the work done and the support received and also to thank them for the unity shown in defending our interests.

Mexico City, November the 7th, 2008

Continental President