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**Youth and Junior Events Committee
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17 November 2008**

Chairman: F. Campomanes and T. Tsorbatzoglou (GRE)

Present: L. Wijesuriya (SRI), D. Ambarukwi (INA), G. El Sahhar (EGY), R. Atanasov (BUL), I. Glek (ACP), L. Ncube (FIDE), A. Kostyev (RUS), E. Omar (RSA), A. Nikolieva (BUL), P. Pisk (CZE), M.Sani (NIG), J. Durao (POR), S. Olyuemi(NIG), A. Lekan (NIG), F. Campomanes (FIDE), E. Gotesse (ETH),L. Ebbin (BER), O. Solakoglu (TUR)

Youth and Juniors events Committee was held in a very creative atmosphere. In the first part of the Meeting were presented all the coming FIDE youth and school events for the next 2 years. A more detailed presentation was made for next World Youth Championship in Antalya Turkey and next World Individual School Championship in Thessaloniki Greece.

Some interesting proposals raised during the discussion in the meeting:

- Mr. Omar Essau from South Africa proposes to FIDE ECU ISCU and organizers to put all their efforts for more motives for the young participants like scholarships and qualifications in upper level events.
- Mr. Igor Glek from ACP suggests some new events in juniors' level in co-operation between FIDE and ACP. Mr. Glek promises to bring soon a more detailed proposal to FIDE Congress.
- Mr. Alexander Kostyev and Omar Essau emphasized in the difference between school and youth events. The Committee considers that both structures are very useful as chess applies to bigger audience and young players, clubs and federation can be founded for more bodies like ministries of educations, school accosiation e.t.c.
- Many Speakers support the power of chess as an educational tool and the need for realization of this fact by the National authorities. National federations need more help from their countries to develop chess in the area. Fide is always willing to provide any help in this direction.

Closing the meeting all the attendees express their willing for more work in this committee and that they are ready to join the committee as constant members.

Reporting For the Committee



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