

To Mr. Kirsan N. Ilyumzhinov,
FIDE President

Dear Mr. President,

Russian Chess Federation applies for the status of FIDE EDUCATION CENTER for the International Center of Chess Education.

The International Center of Chess Education has been established in the Russian Social State University (RSGU) in 2002 where chess coaches for school and children chess clubs have been trained at the Chair of Pedagogics and Organization of chess work. Important international tournaments are being held there, International Grandmasters' school for young chessplayers, Internet-Academy, Children-Youth Chess School of Anatoly Karpov perform there successfully, scientific researches in the field of chess pedagogics are being held at RGSU. Six international grandmasters and experienced trainers and methodologists are employed by the Chair.

Alexander Kostyev, the President of the International School Chess Union is the Head of the Center and the Chair. Yuriy Razuvaev, the Chairman of FIDE Trainer Committee, is leading educational projects at the Chair.

The main activity of the Center will be raising the level of professional qualification of chess teachers by methods of distance learning (E-education) and working out of the content and standards of chess education in schools, preparing of methodic recommendations and manuals for the chess coaches.

The Russian Chess Federation considers that the activities of the International Center of Chess Education at RGSU will contribute greatly to FIDE aims of school chess development and may be coordinated by FIDE Committees "Chess in the schools", CACDEC and Trainer Committee.

In 2002 FIDE Congress awarded the Chair of Chess of RGSU the status of CACDEC EDUCATION CENTER.

In accordance with mentioned above, we kindly ask you to give to the International Center of Chess Education the status of FIDE EDUCATION CENTER and recommend National Chess Federation to work in close cooperation with the Center.

Yours faithfully,
RCF President

A.D. Zhukov