

REPORT OF EVENTS COMMISSION

Krakow, Tuesday 18-10-2011

Chairman: Ignatius Leong

The Secretary of Commission Theodoros Tsorpatzoglou welcomed the 40 attendees and gave the floor to Commission Chairman to start the meeting.

Chairman welcomed all the participants to the Meeting, He recalled that the meeting during the last Olympiad was attended by about only 10 persons and how he felt about the need perhaps to eliminate this Commission. He was encouraged by Mr Tsorpatzoglou and Mr Stewart Reuben who felt many things could be done in the future. Indeed, today's attendance is by far, a historical record for this Commission. With the Agenda on the table, there is much more work to be done than previously expected.

Chairman gave a brief summary report of the Commission's activities, its meeting in Athens, decisions approved by the Presidential Board in Al Ain, UAE and the new tasks of Events Commission. He announced the removal of 4 items from today's Agenda.

Ali Nihat Yazici and Geoffrey Borg asked for more details about the 6-year cycle for the reconstructed FIDE Events. The new cycle starts at 2015, and aims for 2-3 events in Europe and at least 1 event in each of the other three continents. The Council will bring the formula for the cycling of events between the continents to the Presidential Board for approval.

Theodoros Tsorbatzoglou summarized the first operations of the Commission.

1. to create a new format for a more distinct Bid Procedure starting from April 30th 2012;
2. to standardize and hence the changing of the events regulations and structures in order to apply to today's demands, stop nominations and encourage the qualifications from Continental Events;
3. to organize and license the International Organizers with guidelines, seminars and evaluations;
4. Create new events like annual FIDE Chess Awards.

Chairman explained the new regulations for the awarding of IO titles. After thorough discussion from the floor, it was decided that the awarding of the title through exams should be combined with some minimum experience. The regulations and call for seminars will be prepared. Chairman announced that 2 seminars for 2012 will be organized and registration fees shall be waived for participants. One of them will be during the Chess Olympiad in Turkey. He will discuss with the Continental Presidents to organize at least one seminar in each continent under the same conditions.

Mr. David Jarrett explained the current situation for the transfer of players and the proposed changes. The Committee approved.

Chairman and Secretary presented the new plan for the annual FIDE Chess awards. The inaugural gala awards will be held by the Turkish Chess Federation during the Istanbul Olympiad. The host has agreed to bear the costs of the ceremony. Chairman added that he will discuss the same with the organizer of the Tromso Olympiad and to include this as a compulsory parallel activity for organizers of future Olympiads.

Chairman informed that since the IO title was initiated in 1995, a total of 168 titles have been awarded. Today, the Commission received 87 applications for IO. The meeting unanimously agreed to grant the award to all applications. Since this being the last time the title will be granted by direct application, Chairman said he will inform all federations to extend a final deadline for direct applications until about January 2012.

Chairman presented the new general tournament regulations. Secretary, Mr Jorge Vega and Mr Geoffrey Borg underlined the importance of the new position of FIDE Technical Delegate. The roles and responsibilities of the FIDE Technical Delegates should be more clearly defined in order that organizers would respect such a functionary.

In general, all proposals in the Agenda were discussed and with minor amendments to the proposals, all the proposals were recommended for approval by the Executive Board.

Secretary of Events Commission,

Theodoros Tsorbatzoglou