

**FIDE Congress
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0.1. Obituaries.

We mourn the passing in the preceding year of friends of FIDE among whom we remember:

GM Larry Evans (USA)
GM Leonid Yurtaev (KGZ)
Mr. Abdolhossein Navabi (IRI) – 1st President of the Iran Chess Federation
IM Greg Hjorth (AUS)
IA Tang, Kum-Foo (SIN) – SCF President 1998-2000
Dr Wong, Yip-Chong (SIN) – SCF President 1987-1991
GM Konstantin Lerner (ISR)
IA Yackov Zinder (RUS)
IA Wilfredo Abalos (PHL)

1. Report of the President.

President Kirsan Ilyumzhinov presented his report.

Before the start of the FIDE Executive Board 2011, please let me on your behalf thank the Malopolska Chess Association and its President Jan Kusina, municipality of the city of Krakow, and our friend Andrzej Filipowicz for the organization of our Congress. Krakow has already hosted the FIDE Presidential Board meeting and this year, they organized World School Individual Championship, and we are here again in this beautiful city.

In our opinion, for FIDE and entire chess community, the year after Khanty-Mansiysk has been a productive and good one. I would like to once again thank the Russian Chess Federation and everyone who was involved in the brilliant Chess Olympiad organization in Khanty-Mansiysk. The World Cup has just finished there recently, and it is now expecting the Women's World Chess Championship next November, in the international Chess Academy. They fulfilled their financial obligations. And the FIDE share from these events is more than 1 mln USD. The contract will be signed with them regarding the event. The year was very intensive for me and I had a very tight schedule and all of us were very busy. I would like to tell you about my visits and my activities during this year. As the decisions we took in Khanty-Mansiysk, I tried to closely follow them.

After the last Congress, in Kalmykia the FIDE Elista Office moved their premises to a Chess palace

and now they occupy half of the floor there. The office was visited by the FIDE Executive Director D. Jarrett who witnessed that now the FIDE employees work in very nice conditions and the way the office works.

On two occasions I met with the IOC President Dr. Rogge, in Guanzhou at the Asian Games and in Lausanne, in September, during the Forum of International Federations. In Guanzhou we had breakfast together and he said once again that he is not against bringing chess into the Olympic family and he asked us to work more closely with the IOC members and National Olympic Committees. I personally met several dozens out of 130 members of the IOC this year. And each of them gave me personal assurances that they would support our application for inclusion of chess into Olympic Family. Such IOC members, as a many times Olympic Champion, Mr. S. Bubka, President of the Ukrainian NOC, Mr. Singh, General Secretary of the Indian NOC, who is a IOC Executive Board member, and many others who will support our application. Dear friends, you are in receipt of my letters and draft letters from your NOCs, regarding a proposed amendment in the Olympic Charter, so that chess could be included into the Winter Olympics programme. Copies of the letters should be sent to our FIDE Secretariat in Athens, when such letters are sent. I would like to thank some National Federations and some National Olympic Committees who have submitted such letters - Botswana, Norway, Iceland, Burundi, Mauritania, Papua New Guinea, Cameroon, Trinidad and Tobago, Argentina, Congo, Slovakia, Georgia and Philippines. Yesterday at the opening, the President of the Polish NOC said that the letter will be sent today from Poland. Dr. Rogge told me if they receive support from more than 150 NOCs, it will be a great support to our cause to include chess into the Olympic programme.

I also met with the Paralympic Committee President and presented a proposal to include chess into their programme. The members of this Committee were very surprised that we allow handicapped players to participate in our chess tournaments. The President told me he would support the application of FIDE for the inclusion into the Olympic Games.

We are working very closely with the UN and UNESCO, we are expecting in the next days to sign the agreement between FIDE and UNESCO, it will be signed in Paris, with Mrs. Irina Bokova, UNESCO Director General. And they will include chess into educational and cultural programme of the UN.

During this year I said that we would be aiming at the „Chess In Schools” programme. The implementation of this programme requires a large number of experts and dissemination of our influence among wide groups of young people; therefore I signed respective Agreements on cooperation and opening chess departments in the Moscow State Civil Engineering University, Moscow State University of International Relations, Moscow State University of Culture and Arts.

The work of these chess departments will be aimed at preparation of chess experts.

During my visits to 32 countries - Thailand, Hungary, Kazakhstan, Tajikistan, Vietnam, Uzbekistan, Poland, Georgia, Iran, Sri Lanka, Ukraine, Nigeria, Libya, Laos, Cambodia, Lebanon, South Korea, Qatar, China, Malaysia, Philippines, Indonesia, Myanmar, India, Faroe Islands, Mongolia, Azerbaijan, Armenia, UAE, regions of Russia. I had more than 200 official meetings and events, as in these countries – I made sure to meet not only the Heads of the States and Governments, Sports Officials, but with the Ministers of Education and other state officials responsible for this area, and National Federations. I tried to explain the necessity of introduction of chess into school curriculum, at least as an additional subject. Several days ago I visited Armenia and President of Armenia informed me about successful development of chess education in this country. Chess has become an obligatory twice a week subject in all schools. Similar programme is being implemented in Azerbaijan, Mongolia and Vietnam.

The same subject was mentioned by me in my discussions with the Hungarian President Pal Shmitt, the previous President of Vietnam, Nguyen Minh Triet and the President of Sri Lanka, Mahinda Rajapaksa. We launched pilot projects in Binh Thuan province in Vietnam. I also discussed this topic with the Ministries of Education of Thailand, Israel and Slovakia. As for Israel, I have already transferred an amount of 40, 000 USD from my personal means, according to an Agreement with their Ministry of Education. I have also discussed chess in schools with the Ministers of Education of Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, Sri Lanka, Faroe Islands, Indonesia, Azerbaijan, Libya, Vice Prime Minister on social issues in Tajikistan, Gen. Secretary of the Ministry of Education of Thailand and party authorities in Chinese cities of Ningbo and Shenzhen. I would like to thank for very active assistance of Messrs. Ignatius Leong, Ali Yazici and Israel Gelfer. At the Presidential Board in Al Ain I promised to find sponsorship for Chess in Schools programmes. So far I managed to secure 1 million USD. Messrs. Borg, Makropoulos and Yazici are preparing an agreement and during a period of three weeks we will sign an agreement for this amount during three years for chess in schools programme. Mr. Borg will brief you in details. Similar contract for 500, 000 USD is being prepared with one of oil companies.

I would like to share with you that during my meetings with the leaders of state and government bodies in various countries, I came across the problem that FIDE has no unified ready certified product for the “Chess in schools” programme. We should work on the preparation of such a unified educational programme, on the methods and manuals for various age groups: from kindergartens to senior high schools students and universities. There are various methods in various countries, and the main task of FIDE is to unify the process. As you visit countries, and meet the officials, they show their manuals, which I saw in thousands during my visits. Some of manuals

teach chess without kings. Therefore we should look into this matter and create norms and unified format. I think that we have one year to work on this issue by the next Congress in Istanbul we should decide and adopt it.

As for our FIDE events, the first event worth mentioning is the Women's World Championship which took place last December in Turkey, where a 17-year old Chinese Hou Yifan became our new Women's World Champion. Her challenger is an Indian GM Humpy Koneru. Their match will open on the 13th November and will take place in Tirana. Mr. Makropoulos will inform the Board about the preparation for the event.

In Kazan, on a very high organizational level the Candidates' matches have been organized.

Together with the 1st President of Tatarstan, Mr. Mintimer Shaimiev, we participated in the opening and closing ceremonies. I would like to congratulate GM Boris Gelfand from Israel on his brilliant victory. As you know that we had a tender for the venue for the World Championship match, which will take place next year. There have been two bids, from India and Russia. The Russian bid won, because of two advantage, because it is a neutral venue and the Russian Federation offered practically half a million USD more for the prize fund which means a bigger financial support for FIDE (20% is a sizeable number). I would like to thank the leadership of Tatarstan, and its President M. Shaimiev has been appointed as my Senior Adviser and he helps me a lot in the matters. The World Cup took place this year in the new building of a Chess Academy. Now Nalchik is hosting another stage of Grand Prix, and the tournaments were organized in Shenzhen and Rostov. All is ok with women's Grand Prix. But soon we will announce also men's series, after finalizing it. We found sponsors in New York, London, Cheliabinsk, Mashhad and we are looking for the last organizers.

Speaking about problems which FIDE is facing, I would like to draw your attention to a law suit, initiated by English Chess Federation and Georgia. I just want to mention that we have a necessity to amend the FIDE Statutes, regarding the place of settling legal disputes – CAS of Lausanne.

When I was in Tbilisi in summer for the opening of the European Women's Chess Championship and also festivities to celebrate birthdays of two great chess players, Nona Gaprindashvili and Maya Chiburdanidze, I spoke to the President of the Georgian Chess Federation and I asked them why they sued FIDE and during the negotiations I clearly understood that this process has nothing to do with technical or sporting aspect of FIDE's activities. I was told that I should make an agreement with Kasparov and President of Georgia. This is a pure politically cooked suit, and this has to be solved in another legal institution, and not in Sports arbitration. Mr. Makropoulos will speak in detail about this. We had a suit against Karpov and Kasparov, in CAS of Lausanne, last September. Kasparov found sponsors in the US, who paid all expenses for this suit. You know that the meeting

was also had political background and aims. And we did win the court case, but we all together lost more than 1 million USD. We all make money for chess and in one month we spend for the lawyers this amount of money. This is cash we are talking about, we could have spent this money for chess in schools or our development programmes. Now if England and Georgia do not revoke this suite, we will spend another million in legal expenses, and the 1 million USD which we would receive for chess in schools, but it would be spent for our lawyers in Lausanne.

I would also like to draw the attention of the Board members, and especially Continental Presidents, to more active steps in increasing our membership. Here, we have a huge potential, especially in Africa. We should do our utmost, to bring the number of our members to 180 in the near future. You know that this year is the year of Africa for FIDE, but I have visited only few countries in this continent. By the end of the year, I am planning another five African countries to visit and we are preparing a special programme for African chess in schools, which will be presented by me at the next Presidential Board meeting. Of course this programme needs money, so they are all customized according to financial support as, if we have no support, the programmes will remain on paper. We plan to spend 500, 000 USD for this programme.

Another new initiative was holding the **Modernisation Commission** which met for the first time in Moscow in August, following the decision of the Presidential Board in Al Ain. Starting the discussion on the necessity of chess reforms, it is necessary to note which great changes modern world has undergone lately: internet, informational technologies, communications, IT industries etc. Chess world should react to new challenges, not be left behind.

It goes without saying that we should stick to our traditions in the classical World Championship title cycle, traditions going back to 1886. But, at the same time, I cannot help noting that to date the old format is not TV attractive and is not either attractive for general public. Huge numbers of chess lovers in the world have no possibility of participating in archaic long tournaments with average length of one to two weeks. Financial crisis also negatively hit possible organizers. I met the mayor of Linares and they asked me that FIDE should take their tournament under our umbrella as they had no possibilities to support financially this tournament any more. Under the conditions of limited donations from local municipalities, it is becoming more and more difficult to organize lengthy old format tournaments, with sizeable expenses on accommodation and transportation. In this connection, it seems logical to introduce additional World Championships in rapid and blitz chess, with a further determination of Absolute Champion. Since 1st January 2012 there will be rapid and blitz official rating lists, we are also negotiating with possible sponsors of Grand Prix where top players will be participating.

FIDE will be facing a task of creating a clear and structurised qualification system for these new

World Championships with eventual giving up any privileges to World Champions and rating favourites. In order to bring wider groups of middle echelon players, the main principle of new system should be the following motto –Everyone can win. It is also important to come to unification of FIDE official time controls: 7 hour control; FIDE control (1, 5 hours for 40 moves, 30 minutes to the end of the game with 30 seconds per each move, starting from move 1); 25 minutes for all game without any increment (for rapid); 5 minutes for all game without any increment (for blitz). This topic was discussed for a long time during the Modernisation Commission. Mr. Makropoulos will inform you of our general proposal. I spoke last night with Mr. Filipowicz, who proposes 15 min + 5 sec for rapid, and for blitz – 3 min +2 seconds increment.

Another top aspect of modernisation is the creation of a unified calendar of private tournaments throughout the Word. There should be a unified package of organizational requirements, applicable for any tournament. This package should regularize minimal level of organization, interaction with sponsors and mass media. This will allow not only us to make life easier for all chess professionals and amateurs, but will also promote more effective work with potential corporate sponsors. The level of Khanty-Mansiysk and Chess Association of China should be a model for creation of such unified requirements package.

We should promote chess and therefore we create a Professional PR department, which should deal on permanent basis with informing top news agencies on the chess life, creating information reasons for non-profile public, which is not yet involved in chess. I proposed that we should open bidding procedure for attracting such agents and PR structures. There are PR structures which are ready to cooperate with FIDE and to promote chess and FIDE. There are three world level agencies which contacted me already. We should have a tender and select the best one for us, also depending on our budget. PR department should work closely with official tournaments organizers, and aim at full and comprehensive coverage of top and largest chess events. When having bidding procedures for the FIDE official events, we should make sure the Organisers have a special budget provision for PR. Empty seats in chess events should be our past, as well as lack of coverage in local and central media. This should be a subject of our special attention. This depends on organizers and on chess players. In Kazan, the playing venue was beautiful, beautiful lights and when the President of Tatarstan and veterans come and tell me that we came to see chess and World Champion Kramnik makes a 9-move draw, this is something else. We have to work with chess players.

The chess world is facing the task of turning a chess game and tournaments as a whole, in an interesting and quality product, which is a task for marketing department. It goes without saying, that one of the top priorities in this direction is an issue of intellectual copyright. This issue has been on our Agenda for a long time, but we need a certain decision to take. In the situation when in the

world of music, cinema, TV there is a great progress in the theme of bordering rights, and it is strange to see that top editions within their chess columns, still publish chess games annotations, without paying any royalties to FIDE or chess players. Of course, it is a separate direction of our work – work with potential sponsors. A portrait of an average chess player, by all means, should attract those who are interested in advertisements in chess. This is a person who travels much, is a very active user of IT technological achievements, PC, gadgets or new communicators. Therefore for us it seems logical to cooperate with IT companies, tourist agencies, air companies, hotel chains, non-alcoholic beverage producing companies.

The top strategic directions of world chess organisation development are Chess in schools and becoming part of an Olympic family. It is important to note that the forthcoming elections of the IOC President in 2013 give us new opportunities for the second direction. Dr. Rogge is not running. So far we are working with two potential candidates for this position. I met both of them and both of them support chess. Therefore I think that in the near future the perspective of entering Olympic family is good and clear, and real.

One very promising aspect of chess innovations is getting into game industry. Cooperation with game zones, where you can play free of charge or with betting, is creating a worldwide chess café networks following the example of poker clubs. To date legislation in majority of the countries doesn't limit creation of such chess zones, and there is a guaranteed interest for chess. FIDE could secure officially licensed arbiters and other anti-cheating measures for such clubs.

Dear friends, following the decisions taken at the meeting of our Commission in Al-Ain, we announced the start of a general discussion and thousands of proposals were sent to FIDE and me personally. Interesting ideas were brought in by GM V. Bologan (unified rating for three chess kinds), R. Kasimdzhanov (to abolish draws), S. Shipov (new score system), D. Jakovenko (candidates' matches system reform). I would also like to note the proposals of M. Pahlevanzadeh on ratings calculations and results of the games, and S. Danailov's big package of proposals on innovations in a whole spectre of chess problems. All these are of interest and need a separate discussion and can be found on the FIDE website. Main task which I brought forward as a Presidential candidate last year in Khanty-Mansiysk, to increase the number of people playing chess on this planet, at least they are aware what chess is. And I want to bring the number to one billion. One billion clever people. This motto will be supported by Heads of states and leaders of several serious organizations. After I spoke to Ministries of Education in China, India I became assured that this is a real task which we will succeed in reaching. In Delhi the Minister of Sports told me that if such programme is introduced in India, FIDE will receive 320, 000, 000 school kids, and this is a great potential for work for our Vice President Sundar. I want to thank him especially on

organization of a meeting with Prime Minister of Chennai, who prepared a decree on introduction of chess into schools and she signed in this state. And they are giving land where FIDE will be constructing its International Chess Academy. As for the construction of such academies, it was my proposal two years ago, to create academies in world capitals and large cities of the world. Then few people believed in this project. And now this programme is real and we started to build chess palaces. First was in Khanty-Mansiysk and it is part of FIDE Chess Academy. In May together with Mr. Shaimiev we started to build a 25-storey chess palace. The idea is that we build the premises, which will contain the international chess academy, chess school, chess museum of chess, chess observatory, a 24-hour chess café on the first floor. To make this project commercially attractive, therefore we work with local business circles, it can be used as hotels and commercial centers. 18 floors in Kazan will serve commercial use. In India we will build such centers in Mumbai, Chennai and Delhi, we are discussing with China, London, Mongolia and many other centers. We are creating a special company and we are attracting some banks and this is all another step for popularizing chess. Now main task to make chess one of the main sports in the next ten years, but also chess should become one of the most pleasant pastimes. And I only aim at the popularization of chess. Whatever meetings I have with heads of states, this is my agenda for such meetings. With this aim on the 12th June 2011 I played chess with the leader of Libyan Jamahiriya Colonel Muammar Qaddafi. I wanted to attract attention to this country and show that all disputes have to be solved at a chess board. I showed to the whole world that chess is a game and FIDE is the organization which accepts the sole principle of peace and kindness. I also played chess with Pope John Paul II and we are now in his native city and John Paul told me to bring and popularize peace through chess and we should be guided by these words and we should follow his advice and we should bring peace through chess.

Gens Una Sumus – we are one family.

President Ilyumzhinov also thanked Mr. David Jarrett who resigned from the position of the FIDE Executive Director. He said his contribution to FIDE and chess is enormous. We are together since 1995 and I was always sure in him when he used to be FIDE Treasurer and Executive Director. And the fact that since 1995 there was no corruption scandal in FIDE and no single accusation that there is money which was stolen, despite all efforts of Mr. Kasparov, this is much up to the efforts and honesty of Mr. Jarrett as Treasurer and Executive Director. He is not leaving us far and he will be our Honorary member and will work in our Commissions and participate in our meetings. I hope you do not mind that we will award the title of Honorary member for life to Mr. David Jarrett. My

son ‘s name is also David and both Davids are great friends.

I congratulate Mr. Nigel Freeman and thank him that he kindly consented to work as an Executive Director. So you have to first become a Treasurer if you want to work as an Executive Director. First you have to learn how to preserve the FIDE money. But this is not the main reason why Nigel is moving from American continent to Athens. The main reason is crisis in Greece and I think Mr. Freeman will help Greece to overcome the crisis. And also, the dog of Nigel is tired of America and it wants to have some space and Mediterranean air.

Deputy President, G. Makropoulos said that in 1996 in Yerevan, Kirsan told him at 3.30 in the morning to go and invite David to join the ticket. Since this moment we have been working with David closely. I think he is one of the greatest persons in FIDE. He thanked Mr. Jarrett for his work.

Chairman of the FIDE Trainers Commission presented Trainers awards.

Botswana Sports Council award for 2010 chess support recognition was presented to the FIDE President.

1.1. Commission on Modernisation.

FIDE President informed the Board on the Modernisation issues in his report.

Annex 1 is Press-release on the Commission on Modernisation.

The President of FIDE has appointed the President of the UAE Chess Federation as his Adviser.

2. Financial report.

2.1. Report of the Auditors.

Annex 2 is Accounts for 2010 and certificate from Auditors.

Mr. Freeman said that annex 2 is accounts for 2010. And also one of the pages was missing from the printed Agenda. It was added. Annex 3 is notes to the account. You can see that in the last year accounts that FIDE made a very small loss and that is despite us having legal fees more than was expected. When he did the budget he was not sure regarding the Khanty-Mansiysk Olympiad, and he did not budget for all the income, and legal fees were very high. You all know what this court case was about – 5 Federations together with Karpov2010 campaign sued FIDE that we illegally accepted nominations for Kirsan’s ticket. The CAS first of all decided that Karpov2010 is not an

entity to join so the suit was brought by the 5 Federations and result was that the only ticket that had an illegal nomination was from one of the federations who was suing us. That does not help. We are attempting to try and recoup the costs. 65% of the CAS costs were awarded to us and small extra sum on top of that, but none of our legal costs. This case is in the CAS at present and we are waiting to see the outcome. You will be glad to hear that the view of the 5 Federations is that they themselves cannot afford to pay but that FIDE is a big organisation which is rich and can raise the amount by putting a levy on all FIDE federations to pay the cost. In this case they seem to be trying to get the Greeks to pay for the Germans! We do not know if we will get some of the money back until the case is finished. The amount of nearly 1 million USD was spent on lawyers. We hope that expenses in respect of the second case will not reach this level. And you will see in the budget for 2012, which is ready and will be brought in later, that contingency for legal fees is included. We hope that Kasparov will stop continuously to sue us, but we cannot judge this in advance.

Explanations to the accounts are in **Annex 3**.

Mr. Yazici thanked Mr. Freeman for efforts to balance the account under the situation. He said that we have applied for recovery of costs, but asked whether there is a plan B against these Federations who sued us as this money would have been used for the benefit of chess.

Mr. Freeman said we should wait and see the outcome in the CAS and then it is up to FIDE to decide if we wish to take any further action.

Mr. Hamers asked Mr. Freeman about the legal fees and said that in the Verification Commission we talked about this. We see an enormous amount of money without specification. He said former legal cases were much less. We asked for specifications and justification of expenses. Verification Commission will look into this after the Congress. It is difficult to make a judgement as we do not know the details.

Mr. Freeman said that as he had said in Verification Commission the White and Case were acting very aggressively and that the CAS has never seen so much documentation. White and Case were flooding the CAS with documentation and the trouble is that CAS is arbitration court for sports and it is not like a court in any country, they are not used to this type of behaviour. We have professional Swiss lawyers, they are good, they had to take time, and there were also lawyers from other countries. This also damages FIDE professionally as well considering the time spent by FIDE staff on this. This is why we should consider the amount of hours spent on the case. Mr. Boxall knows the figure and he will require the additional info, he will receive it, and the bills were inflated by White and Case's assertions that had to be responded to and not by FIDE. I understand that Karpov2010 guaranteed the Federations concerned that they would not suffer. Now it is said that they cannot afford the guaranteed costs. It is easy for FIDE to claim its money from its federations, this is what they are saying. He advised Mr. Hamers to speak to the suing Federations, so the question should be to them, not to FIDE. We presume that they were discussing the subject with White and Case on a regular basis.

Mr. Hamers said he is not going to mix himself on this case, asking for how much the people spent etc. He just wants to know the exact amount of hours spent and if Verification Commission gives this information, he will give his opinion. We will see what happens after the CAS decides on the case.

Mr. Makropoulos said the Verification Commission examined the number of hours and accepted this. He could understand then the question of Mr. Hamers. He is worried that our lawyers cheated us or we had to spend less hours risking we lose the case.

Mr. Hamers said he had nothing of the kind in mind and he just wants an analysis how much time was spent and such an enormous amount of money was spent. He wants to see the costs of the lawyers and the VC is trying.

Mr. Hamers was asked to send a written request to the office.

Mr. Makropoulos proposed to publish this on the website. He said Mr. Hamers is right to raise such concerns as FIDE won the case. He said FIDE should stop asking expenses from these Federations, but some of the Federations do not learn their lessons, but then we will win again and maybe this is the only solution.

he was informed that Mr. Kapustin said that FIDE should reserve more money in the budget as bigger legal cases are coming. He said he had personal discussions with the only person who is really worried, which is Mr. Azmaiparashvili. The others do not worry at all about the amount of money spent.

Mr. Gelfer said he has been talking about this in the last 5 years insisting that we should change the system and predicting that we will win cases and lose money. Not only that this can be left on the air, we mean here 50% of the FIDE budget. He thinks that we have very good and honest lawyers but still that if we think like a businessman, it is an enormous amount. Kasparov is planning some more law cases, what we can do, we are planning to change the Statutes that such cases should go to civil system where we have a prospect of not spending so much. CAS has a different approach, and they do not know that we have no money to spend on court cases. We will never get money back from CAS.

Mr. Azmaiparashvili said that thank you Mr. Makropoulos mentioned me and this is true that many people are worrying that FIDE is spending huge amount of money on court cases which can be used in proper way to develop chess. But what I want to say and I am talking about the current court case, right now with FIDE, where English and Georgian Federations are in the court. I am saying that 14 Federations approximately sent to FIDE letters asking FIDE to correct the mistake and to defend the statutes and nobody was planning to go to the court and force FIDE to spend money, but unfortunately FIDE did not react and did not correct their mistake and my Federation felt insulted, but if FIDE any day is ready to correct the mistake, then we intend not to spend so much money for the lawyer. I was sorry that Mr. President mentioned the discussion with Mr. Giorgadze, I was not present and I have no information about this

discussion and the President of my country is mentioned. And we have an independent country, democratic country, and the President is not involved in our Federation's politics.

Mr. Makropoulos said that there was a letter from Silvio, but there are no signatures or no stamps from other Federations. But we saw that two Federations go against us. The main point is that let's say FIDE wins the case, that what we should correct the mistakes. You were also nominated as one of the Vice Presidents outside of the Statutes, and always General Assembly makes a decision, and it is a respected decision. And this is practice for 30 years. So the question is if we win and we spend the half of million and should we recover the costs from these 2 federations or not. This is a risk and this is what everyone is worried about

Mr. Yazici said that in any democracy suing is the right of any member. I cannot understand why one is trying to defend oneself more than necessary. But when we come to the point of Mr. Azmaiparashvili, I did not know that FIDE received such a proposal. If Georgia and England are ready to withdraw the suit case, I am ready to resign on the spot. We do not care for the titles. Maybe there are some who can resign but then the two Federations have to cover all

The FIDE President gave a historical recourse to the relations between Kasparov and FIDE, and between Kasparov and himself. He said that unfortunately the main aim of Mr. Kasparov is to ruin FIDE, not help FIDE.

Mr. Makropoulos said with the lawyers, you work for many years. As with the doctors, you do not open a tender for doctors. I do not support the idea of Mr. Gelfer to open a tender. In general we should solve this by solving our problem with the Federations.

Mr. Zielicki said the speech of the President was extremely interesting and it was difficult not to agree to many points. I want to stress one thing is that started with a simple question, that one third of funds of FIDE is spent on lawyers, and he said what this was for. Mr. Hamers did not make any implications, he asked for the split and we ended up in one hour of a half of political discussions.

Mr. Makropoulos said we understand the questions, and we give a simple answer, but we have understood the implications of such questions.

Prof. Jungwirth said first of all he thanked the President for his report and for an additional statement. He thanked Mr. Freeman for his report and his explanations and his job. I just want to say a few words. There was a certain fear that rising fees should cover terrible costs of legal cases. Few minutes ago we got the provisional budget that the figures are not justified. Thank you for the clarification. Mr. President said we should change an article in our Statutes, the court in Lausanne is competent for final settlement of our disputes. We should change this article to protect FIDE from future problems.

Mr. Danailov said with all my respect to the speech of K. Ilyumzhinov, he said not only he but many other people share a lot of negative opinion of Mr. Kasparov, but he wants to share his personal experience, but he is not here to defend Mr. Kasparov. He said that Mr. Kasparov joined ECU and helped them a lot, they created a special Chess in Schools project, they invested 100, 000 euro to this Commission, we met all together two officials in UNESCO. He thanked Mr. Tornaritis for arranging the meeting. And recently there was an important presentation before MPs in European Parliament. He is grateful for the support of Mr. Kasparov. He said we have to appreciate this. And this was done by Mr. Kasparov for free. I think that for FIDE instead of making war, we should find some ways to use his name as he can be very useful for the world of chess.

Mr. Freeman said regarding Mr. Gelfer, Swiss lawyers do not bargain and we do not know the amount in advance, and as for Mr. Azmaiparashvili, I think Silvio Danailov will confirm that there was a phone call, that if 2 Vice Presidents resign, then the case will be dropped. I shared this with my colleagues, and the reply was that we were willing to discuss this if our costs were covered.

Mr. Danailov said he would prefer to discuss this in private, when asked to confirm this phone call.

Mr. Makropoulos said if this is not a private initiative. Mr. Danailov said this is a private conversation with Mr. Freeman. Mr. Makropoulos said this is not a private conversation but a proposal from the other side.

Mr. Azmaiparashvili said that he appreciates Mr. Yazici's remarks about being ready to resign, I was really impressed if in the end he would not say the word but. We are the members of the Board, and if the letter was received, nobody would go to the court, if you wish to correct the mistakes.

Mr. Makropoulos said we discussed this and we will see who made a mistake. Now Mr. Danailov is saying it was a private conversation, when it was a proposal from the other side. Three or five is the same. For them they do not care, they want to win, they want to show to the people we forced Kirsan to take out Vice Presidents. We should stop people to act in this way. Silvio understands that this is an illegal proposal. And he knows this.

Mr. Al Hitmi said why FIDE is at defensive side. I know at the democratic organisation, General Assembly has a final power to nominate any number of Vice Presidents, this is the choice of the people. I suggest that I will do it by myself. FIDE should sue these people and ask for paying for damaging our reputation. I will do it myself in my capacity as Vice President. We should teach them if they do not honour our General Assembly.

Mr. Danailov said that as a member of the FIDE Presidential Board, it is my obligation if I can, to help FIDE to save some money whatever, I made a private conversation with Mr. Treasurer who complains that a lot of spent on law cases, therefore I tried to

help FIDE, it was nothing more than a private conversation. I cannot speak about this private conversation, and this was not an offer.

2.2. Treasurer Nigel Freeman to report.

Annex 3 is Notes to the accounts 2010.

Annex 4 is Income and expenditure for 2011(to follow).

Annex 5 is Proposal to remove ceiling on tournament fees.

A Committee of Messrs. Freeman, Ochoa, Hamers and Metzing was set up for Istanbul.

Annex 46 – for stipends for FIDE events. Mr. Freeman said, in the long term this is the way forward.

Mr. Yazici said that we are all amateurs loving chess and our life, and there are only a few guys who are paid but not by FIDE. He agreed with Mr. Freeman.

Annex 69 is the budget for next year. It is the year we are expecting income and the problem is a considerable loss this year so I am budgeting for next year conservatively. I budget expenses as much as they can be. So I am budgeting for roughly 240,000 surplus in the year. I have put a contingency for lawyer's fees. There is also a contingency for the amounts beyond that.

Mr. Bond said for 2011 which is almost finished and how are we doing against the budget.

Mr. Freeman stated that at the moment apart from legal fees, we are probably under budget. The only one which is slightly over is Development.

The Board approved the budget.

2.2.1. FIDE Taxation registration.

Mr. Jarrett said that we are having some difficulties because the authorities in Canton Vaud are trying to insist that we have a fully operating office or we would lose our tax status. We have to think whether we move our taxation seat, if they impose a tax upon us. This is just to inform the EB of the situation.

2.3. Permanent Fund report.

Annex 6 is the report.

Mr. Freeman said that the fund was set up long time ago. Mr. Brunner does everything

by himself, we do not interfere.

The Board approved the report of Permanent Fund.

2.4. Verification Commission report.

Annex 7 is the report from the meeting held in Athens in August 2011.

Expenses are down apart from the legal fees, credit to good stewardship of Treasurer and Executive Director. We were glad that there will be a review of regulations and statutes. Amendment – significant commercial contracts should be reviewed by appropriately-qualified experts. Debt collection is improving all the time. Routine work is in good hands. Thanks to the Treasurer and Ms. Perissou in Athens.

Mr. Iclicki said on the paragraphs regarding the contracts, he said we should discuss the contract with CNC which was signed.

Mr. Makropoulos said that every time when we have a new Verification Commission, there are new proposals. Proposals for amendment of Statutes are not a job of the Verification Commission, and to judge the decisions of FIDE is not a job of Verification Commission, your job is to express your mind about finances. But if a decision is correct or wrong, it is not a decision of the Verification Commission, it is a job of the Executive Board or General Assembly. Of course as members of Executive Board, and Presidents of Federations, you can raise this point, but in the report I see that the comment about CEO in FIDE, is maybe right, but it is not in your Commission to discuss this point. Our Statutes are clear regarding Verification Commission. He thanked the Verification Commission for the excellent job, but some proposals are not in their legislation.

We should accept the report, but not the part about changes in Regulations or to change the decision of the Board.

Mr. Freeman asked the approval based on the proposal of Mr. Makropoulos.

The Board approved the report of the Verification Commission, apart from their proposals about changes in the Regulations and Statutes and changes in the Board decisions.

Annex 62 is the report of the Verification Commission.

2.5. Discharge of the Treasurer.

Mr. Jarrett said the Board has to discharge the Treasurer from anything to do with 2010 accounts once the accounts are accepted and the VC report is accepted.

Mr. Abundo proposed to discharge the Treasurer.

The Board unanimously approved to discharge the Treasurer.

2.6. Appointment of Auditors.

Mr. Freeman said that FIDE auditors are Ernst & Young. Mr. Freeman proposed to work with them again, so next year the Olympiad is early, so we will push them to provide an annual report earlier.

The Board approved the reappointment of Ernst & Young as FIDE Auditors.

3. Affiliations and Exclusions.

3.1. Affiliations.

3.1.1. National Federations.

Annex 8 is application from Swaziland Chess Federation.

Annex 9 is application from Comorian Islands Chess Federation.

Annex 10 is application from Guam Chess Federation.

Mr. Jarrett said they all meet the regulations and we received their statutes and proposed to accept them.

The Board approved the new memberships.

Mr. Jarrett said we should agree on their annual membership fees as for 380 euros, and put them to the zones to sort them.

The Board accepted the proposal of Mr. Jarrett.

3.1.2. Affiliates.

Annex 11 is an application of Oceania Chess Confederation to join FIDE as an affiliated international organisation.

Mr. Jarrett proposed to accept the application.

The Board approved the affiliation of Oceania Chess Confederation, pending the payment of fees.

Administrative matters.

4.1. FIDE Offices.

Executive Director D. Jarrett thanked the President and Deputy President for their kind words. He enjoyed working for FIDE. He thanked all the staff which have helped him over the past five years and said they are valuable assets of FIDE. Elista office was visited by me and I am very satisfied with their premises and the work of the employees. Commission Chairmen will also mention them. We lost Elli Sperdokli this year, and have a new staff member, Maria Ikonomopoulou.

4.2. FIDE World Chess Championship – international registration.

Annex 12 is a letter from a lawyer and additional documents.

Mr. Jarrett said we should register FIDE World Championship title in the international register. There are also acceptance from Australia and Singapore. We registered in the international register in these countries.

4. 3. Directors' Reports.

4.3.1. CNC Project.

Mr. Iclicki represents CNC, which signed a contract with FIDE a year ago. Nice premises and of course this will be used by FIDE to raise sponsorship and organise chess activities in the world. He has transferred some funds for 2011, which is more than expected. Mr. Kaplan also started to launch website, next month. You will see chess promotions over there. And he expressed his interest for the World Championship match in Moscow and to help raise sponsorship or interest for other FIDE events. We had several meetings with FIDE and hopefully we will be successful in the future.

Mr. Makropoulos said concerning the office in Moscow. Mr. Kaplan provided 300, 000 USD to support the operation of this office. We are trying to secure that when the agreement with Mr. Kaplan ends, FIDE will not have any obligations to pay any rent or salaries for this office.

We are looking for sponsors in Russia etc, and the job of the President, his assistant and whoever, is to be much easier and better.

We are in negotiations and we are looking for a legal way to do this.

Commissions.

5. Annex 13 is proposal of the Bermuda Chess Federation.

Mr. Jarrett said it is a change of Statutes and this is for next year. He proposed an acceptance basis for a year and then to be brought back for the Istanbul General

Assembly.

The Board approved the proposal of Mr. Jarrett.

6. Ethics Commission

Report of Commission Chairman R. Rivello. Annex 55.

Mr.Rivello said he intends to just underline few points of the submitted Report, saving time for the discussion. In occasion of the Report to the 2010 General Assembly the Ethics Commission (EC) already focused its attention on the problems linked to the increasing number both of complaints received by the EC and at the same time of the CAS cases and of debates regarding the interpretation of FIDE Statute. In 2011 this tendency is even more evident. He also mentioned the complexity of current EC cases. As an example the recent EC decision on the “French team case” has been included as an Addendum to the EC report: the decision is 11 pages long and it is just a decision on procedural and evidential matters: the parties submitted to EC numerous documents and memorials, preliminarily prospecting various different objections, e.g. violations of Human rights convention, problems of competence or jurisdiction. He said that in his opinion the two current CAS cases are for instance much less complex, quite easy from a juridical point of view, but very expensive for FIDE and for the other parties. Solutions for these problems should be found: EC in its Report proposes a reform of the FIDE Statute. You have to read it. Just a couple of remarks: the solution cannot be only to exclude CAS competence for violations of FIDE Statute. It could be cheaper than to go to CAS, but even Swiss ordinary jurisdiction is not so cheap. We should introduce, as all other international sports associations, an internal organ with a preliminary competence on violations of FIDE Statute. It is possible to attribute this competence to the EC, maybe changing its name, just to not duplicate organs. Another point, we propose to increase the competences of national ethics commissions or national organs of sports justice. And so on, there is a long list of proposals. I think there are many systems of sports justice, each country, each sport has its own. We have to make choices, bearing in mind that FIDE has not sufficient resources for too complex and expensive systems. Our proposal is submitted. A second point. We have registered an increase of cases concerning electronic cheating. Our task is not to propose how to avoid this, but we have competence about how to evaluate and sanction these cases. In our opinion we should introduce in FIDE Code of Ethics a definition of cheating with electronic devices, but also a definition of fake or false or unjustified accusation of cheating, with a minimum sanction for these behaviours. These definitions are very important. Another proposal is to introduce a new type of sanctions: revocations of titles, sports results and prizes. A final point: cases decided by the EC in the last months. You can find in the Report the list. We have had very difficult cases, concerning different continents, in the current system there is no other organ with competences on the instruction of the cases. The EC is composed by members of different continents too, and of course nobody receives remuneration for attending the meetings and draft judgments. We have structural problems. It would be better but is difficult to judge quicker. We need time and resources, it is difficult to arrange

meetings, and to find evidence. These are other reasons for the requested reforms.

Mr.Makropoulos said in IOC about doping, they decided that they catch you and then a big factory of doping production starts, then you are back in a couple of years, and new drugs are coming into force. In our opinion, if somebody really is cheating with electronics, and we can prove this, we should not have him back. He should be out, we should not have any term. For him to be out, a life ban sanction.

Mr.Rivello said all the historyof the fight against crimes has to deal with similar problems: crimes are committed with more sophisticated ways, it is necessary to introducenew rules and so on. About sanctions. Currently FIDE Code of Ethics preview a maximum of 3 years ban. And we propose to introduce a minimum sanction of 3 years. I am against death penalty and in chess a death penalty is too much. And in any case it is better to give to the judicial organ the possibility to evaluate the concrete case.For example, children, sanctions have to be reduced, and there could be cases not so serious. So it is important to have rules. Revocation of titles, it is important for Grandmasters for example. And also it could be considered a violation of human rights, they might go to the CAS. We cannot go from practically nothing to something like a death penalty.

Mr.Yazici thanked Mr.Rivello for his report. He disagreed with him on the issue of death penalty, we are not killing them, we are kicking them out of chess. They are killing the image, sportsmanship etc. It is a difficult issue. He proposed to postpone the issue of penalties to Istanbul and to start it from 1st July 2012.

Mr.Rivello said you have to think as a legislator, when you introduce a general rule, all possible consequences, without mixing political and juridical notions. You can preview a very high level for maximum sanctions, but giving the possibility of appropriate but reduced sanctions for minor cases. Sure, all of this has to be discussed by the Assembly.

Mr.Makropoulos said we should agree with Mr.Rivello and his expertise. You will prepare the changes and you will approve. We should stop the chances of creating a new market for this cheating.

Mrs.Marinello thanked Mr.Rivello and Ethics Commission members for their work. She suggested that there should be a deadline for the Ethics Commission rulings.

Mr.Rivello said it is surely necessary to have some additional rules. We need time as we expect evidence which has to be collected. For us this has not to be the competence of the Ethics Commission, after a reform, except in exceptional cases.We propose enlarged competences to national Federations, but introducing clear minimal proceeding rules, respecting fair trial principles. All these reforms could be a revolutionary idea.Even without a reform, we can introduce fixed hearings in different continents, to save money. In any case I think we have just done so much, if you compare the present with the past.

The Board accepted the report.

7. Technical Commission.

Annex 14 is Agenda for the Commission meeting.

Annex 15 is proposed Laws of ASEAN-Chess (see website). Not accepted.

Annex 16 is proposed Rules for Electronic Score sheet (see website). – a final solution was not found. The work and discussion will be continued.

Annex 68 is the report of Technical Commission.

Dr. De Ridder presented his report.

Mr. Freeman said that two different Commissions had approved two different ages for World Seniors. It is not acceptable that two Commissions do not discuss first before coming out with a proposal. Please coordinate before presenting a final proposal. Therefore we cannot accept this point.

Mr. Leong said in Events Commission we recommended other figures. (see the report).

Mr. Makropoulos asked about random chess.

Mr. De Ridder said it was accepted long time ago by Rules.

The Board approved the report subject to coordination with the Events Commission.

7.1. Rules and Tournament Regulations Committee.

Annex 17 is Agenda for the Committee meeting. **Annex 65** is the report of the RTRC.

The Committee did not change any tournament regulations. They will discuss the laws of chess next year.

The Board approved the report.

7.2. Swiss Pairings Programmes Committee.

Annex 18 is Agenda for the Committee meeting.

Annex 18A is New Swiss Wording (see website).

Annex 18B is a proposal of General Secretary I. Leong in respect of Swiss Rules (see website).

Annex 18C is Swiss Rules comments (see website).

Annex 60 is the report of Swiss Pairings Programmes Committee.

The Board approved the report.

8. Qualification Commission.

Annex 19 is Agenda for the Commission meeting.

Annex 20 is the list of over-the-board-play titles to be approved by the Executive Board.

Annex 63 is the report of the Qualification Commission.

Mr. Markkula said age groups are at present not responsibility of anyone and tie-breaks should be very clear. He said there should be cooperation between all the technical bodies of FIDE in respect of events.

Mr. Markkula said Qualification Commission matters bring a lot of work for employees in Elista. He thanked Elista for their work and preparation. He thanked the colleagues in Qualification Commission for the discussions.

The Qualification Commission proposes to start the ratings of blitz and rapid from first collecting data and have preliminary lists of March and May and publish the lists in July.

Titles list is not exactly final. The correct annex will be in the Minutes.

Items for next year: biggest issue is whether to change our rating system. There was a presentation from Mr. Kaloumenos and we have to analyse it before Istanbul and come forward to Istanbul with a proposal. Regarding time limits, we have made some decisions. We have to find rules for unrated players against unrated players.

Mr. Gelfer asked about Israeli proposal of getting ready of the local rating list. The most important point is financial implication and also making the game more popular. Our proposal is short and simple. If we have 5,000 children, there is no limit of the money which FIDE can make. Mr. Gelfer proposed to be practical and to make a Commission, Makropoulos, Freeman, Markkula and Herbert, to inspect this proposal, plus Burstein and Gelfer plus 2 more experts nominated by Markkula, to find a way out of the problem of games between players with no ratings.

Mr. Markkula said it is his idea to have all games rated. We have a method to do it. We have tools to choose. We will be ready by May for the Agenda. So there are other groups discussing this issue.

Mr. Yazici thanked Mr. Markkula for picking experts and allocating the jobs. He said there was a tournament in Bosnia, in this tournament a Turkish player got a GM norm,

but the tournament score was 3-1-0 and title norms were given. I think it is not correct to give titles without correct scoring systems. He proposed to amend title regulations accordingly.

Mr. Markkula said it is included in the report. But if you use 3-1-0, the pairings are quite different.

Mr. Leong said on 3.6.7 – who is paying 50 euro?

Mr. Markkula said it is an old proposal. We have to include into the next regulations, but we should not punish the player.

Mr. Markkula said maybe Treasurer can answer that. We have no organisers as members of FIDE, we have Federations

Mr. Leong said regarding point 7 that in a couple of previous QC meetings, some people asked for some titles for these tournaments, but these were rejected. So can I ask Qualification Commission to look at World Schools and Continental Schools for similar titles?

Mr. Markkula said now these are lower tournaments. Mr. Leong asked: how Qualification Commission can be so inconsistent if they do not have previous record of such tournaments, but it is ready to award FM titles etc?

Ms. Fierro said World Girls' Invitational will be organised by Women's Commission, with the help of S. Polgar invitational tournament. And we want to invite one player from one federation. Therefore we requested Qualification Commission to give the title to the winner. We will try to concentrate and make it a strong tournament.

The Board approved the title for the World Girls' Invitational.

We should arrange with Mr. Freeman regarding no services Federation, if a player is participating, he gets extra charges added to the arrears, but we cannot judge the organisers.

Mr. Makropoulos said that the players should push their Federations and should not be allowed to play if their Federations are in arrears.

Mr. Markkula said that we should not harm the players.

Mr Leong said sometimes the tournaments starts after the FRL publication.

Mr. Makropoulos said in this case, we will accept the players.

Mr. Markkula said sometimes we get ratings from FIDE office, but first we say to the players that they cannot play, and then the players inform the Federation and it pays,

but it is after the tournament has started.

The Board approved the report of Qualification Commission and also Mr. Makropoulos' motion that players will be unable to play in tournaments if their Federations have had services withdrawn.

9. Arbiters' Commission.

Annex 21 Agenda for the Commission meeting.

Annex 22 is a proposal on Arbiters' stipends (see website).

Annex 23 is the list of Arbiters' titles to be approved by the Executive Board.

Annex 57 is the Arbiters' Commission report, October 16 2011. **Annex 57A** – title applications. One correction and one addition: table D late FA TAs it is about FA TA of Ali Bahavar, after discussion with Mr. Kambuzia, and the Federation is against transfer of this arbiter from Iran to Georgia, the decision is NO. The addition in to table E – we have to add another Iranian arbiter – the recommendation is YES.

Annex 57B – titles and norms after seminars after Al Ain seminars and also statistics after Khanty

55 FIDE Arbiter seminars, 955 participants, 465 FA Norms approved and 78 FA titles approved.

Changes in regulations – we will accept the proposals for Istanbul, please submit the proposals until April 2012.

The list of FIDE lecturers is updated, 3 are out, and 2 are included. Classification list is updated also, to be published on the website and Arbiters' website.

Improving of the level of the arbiters they want to offer. Every arbiter can find anything on the website, we will improve the services.

At Khanty-Mansiysk it was agreed that there should be a manual for arbiters; Istanbul will have the final version. There will be an annual addition with incidents during tournaments and all reports regarding appeals. It will be distributed to the arbiters to help them to execute their duties. We proposed to create a new application form: a Chief Arbiter's report like a tournament report, including everything on the arbiters serving in each tournament.

Another project is to unify examination tests, we will collect such questions and create a pool of questions for examination test, to be found on the website and it will be easier for lecturers to give lectures at the seminar. The examination tests for the seminars will have the same format.

Annex 67 is the report of Arbiters' Commission, October 19 2011. **Annex 67A** – FIDE guidelines for stipends for Arbiters, to create the list not only for FIDE events, but for all tournaments of any type and any format.

We had discussion with the FIDE officials, Makropoulos, Yazici, Leong, and we propose this list of stipends in comparison – and the new idea is 10% for the stipends of the arbiters will be deducted from the stipends and given to FIDE by the organisers. This amount the continents will share equally with FIDE, some of FIDE's share will go to the Arbiters' Commission. At this moment more than 7,000 tournaments per annum are rated in Elista office, and we are aiming at funding all the projects we mentioned before and we will try to become a financially independent commission. The budget so far is EUR 20,000 and the Treasurer will increase the budget next year. Tournaments that will be out of the deduction: National Team and Individual Championships (final stages only), Youth and Schools Championships.

We know that organisers may face problems because of this, as in several federations there are arbiters who are not paid, but this situation has to be corrected and we want to offer to the arbiters something to negotiate with the organisers. We will not force the organisers to pay for the arbiters' jobs during private tournaments. The organizers of the private tournaments will have the option to negotiate the stipends with Arbiters

During the Arbiters' Commission Meeting there were strong objections against this proposal, especially from Arbiters who at the same time are organizers of Tournaments, and the proposal was approved with a very small majority. I think this 10% maybe is too high and that we should make new research. We do not force organisers and we need to find some proposal that is acceptable for everyone. So I proposed if you want to accept the general idea of the deduction, to create a subcommittee for Istanbul to work on this further. I would like to propose the four Continental Presidents to take part in this Subcommittee, plus Mr. Leong, as the Chairman of the Events Commission who deals with the Organizers, maybe Nikolopoulos as the Chairman of the Arbiters' Commission, and other members of the Arbiters' Commission, if possible.

Arbiters' licenses – we want to create licenses for arbiters. All titled arbiters (IAs and FAs) as well as national arbiters who work in FIDE-rated shall be licensed. This license will be for life. The fee will be paid once and on condition that the arbiter must stay active. **Annex 67B** shows the amount of the fees. Licenses will be in effect from January 2013.

Mr. Krause said about club arbiters, in Germany we have approximately 400 tournaments, then this project will be not successful and the tournaments in Germany will be killed. It is new to pay for FIDE, so a minimum of German arbiters will be licensed. So the project may be not unreal.

Mr. Makropoulos said in Germany arbiters do not get any money.

Mr. Krause said it is a matter of principle.

Mr. Makropoulos said we have to invest money to make arbiters and trainers better and help them create and develop their activities. I do not believe that such tournaments, as you mention, will be unrated. We should study. The initial proposal was for arbiters to pay a fee every four years. We should go to a different system. I think even the list with the stipends, is not to be forced on the organisers. It is not obligatory, but the proposal should be studied. Mr. Bond, Mr. Krause, should be in a Committee with the Commission Chairman, to speak to the Federations.

Mr. Makropoulos said we should not push for a proposal.

Mr. Markkula said we might increase the title fees and give part to the Arbiters' Commission.

Mr. Makropoulos said it is not a problem for the organisers to pay for the arbiters and give some percentage for FIDE. I understand the problem.

Mr. Krause said I speak about small tournaments, for those tournaments which should be rated.

The Board approved the Commission to study the proposal on the licenses.

The Board approved the remainder of the Commission's report.

10. Trainers' Commission.

Annex 24 is Commission report and Minutes of 21st Telemeeting, September 5 2011.

Annex 25 is the titles to be approved by the Executive Board.

Annex 61 is the report of the Trainers' Commission.

Mr. Mikhalkishin said we worked here and had 7 meetings. We increased the number of seminars. With women's commissions, we work very well with Asia, Europe and we want to reduce costs by holding seminars during Olympiads etc.

We are trying to do our best to coordinate with other commissions such CACDEC. We are liaisons between players and other officials, as all of us are professional players and Grandmasters. We cooperate with Arbiters and we want to cooperate with Ethics Commission. And we had problems with some players in European Club Cup, so we should try to reduce these things and to coordinate the efforts. We should rewrite obligations and duties of team captains during team competitions,

together with Arbiters, Technical and Rules Committees.

Mr. Makropoulos said that FIDE has been looking for a good Chairman for this Commission and we must admit that Adrian is an excellent Chairman for this Commission and together with Secretary they are doing a great job.

We should produce a lot of material, for Internet, and we should be able to support different categories and be able to go further to teach them to realise that they have a talent among their players. We have to reach a situation regarding licenses. This money is not enough to cover, we need much more support for these people, as for the Arbiters, it is completely different for a trainer in various parts of the world. The income should be shared with Continents and the seminars can make people happy. I propose to accept the report and the PB, with the help of the Commission to make a real study to adjust the numbers, and to allow Continents to run their own seminars.

Mr. Guadalupe asked that when we have the Trainers' Commission putting restrictions on team captains, whether this is a proper procedure.

Mr. Mikhalkishin said trainers and captains are generally the same.

Several people disagreed.

Mr. Makropoulos said in the Olympiad, a trainer can enter the playing area and a captain is not able to enter. So it should be trainer/captain.

We should find a solution, we understand the problem, the truth is that in the team there should be both capacities.

Mr. Khodarkovsky said that Mr. Guadalupe's question was whether Trainers' Commission can certify and license for someone who is a captain, but as has no knowledge or qualification for that. Our system of national instructor, etc, does not have any item "captain".

Mr. Gelfer said it is up to every Federation.

Mr. Makropoulos said if it is a captain, then if he cannot take a decision, why should he be inside if he brings just water.

Mr. Reuben said that many remember D. Anderson, who was a very successful captain, and his rating was very lower than his players. He was not just bringing water.

Mr. Khodarkovsky said whether Executive Board gives permission to Trainers' Commission to conduct seminars for captains and give titles based on our guidebook.

Mr. Makropoulos said we need a complete proposal, before we take a final decision. I am positive to this idea.

Mr. Khodarkovsky said we are awarding titles, but there is no additional license. Or Executive Board decides to include a title just for captain, and then the Trainers' Commission provides to certify them.

Mr. Yazici said we cannot say without seeing all regulations and the Commission should then bring the full proposal for Istanbul and all Federations should be informed and asked for the opinion.

Mrs. Marinello said we are talking about making policy for several persons only. We cannot tell the Federations who they should appoint.

Mr. Makropoulos said the Commission is not saying this, but we should give some seminars for them.

Mr. Luxman said the proposal is about established federations, most of the teams have established captains, in Sri Lanka we have to send someone from a school, according to the regulations.

Mr. Mikhachishin said we are training people and trainers free of charge during youth events. We want to be useful for the players.

Mr. Herbert said he are confusing two different issues here, an issue related to a financial obligation of the Olympiad organiser which member of the contingent will be receiving free meals, and a technical issue of a captain and some teams cannot afford to send a trainer and they will call him a captain.

Mr. Leong said that we can create a team manager. For the organisers, they will be only responsible for one.

Mr. Freeman said whilst there are so many trainers in Europe and Asia, few are in Americas and Africa. He thought that we came to an agreement with the Commission that countries with certain population should be exempt from this. I agree with Mr. Makropoulos that there is a big dichotomy again as FIDE is Eurocentric body. We cannot apply European levels to the other continents.

Mr. Makropoulos said my proposal covers the problem. We accept the report with my amendment – we study this proposal with all the details and we will finalise and present it at the next Congress. We have to be fair with our Federations.

The Board approved the Commission's report, with Mr Makropoulos' amendment.

11. CACDEC Development Commission.

Annex 26 is Minutes of the Commission meeting in February 2011.

Annex 66 is the report of CACDEC Development Commission.

Mr. Herbert said the report is as small as possible. Five recommendations were made:

1. CACDEC meeting in Bermuda earlier this year we decided to focus for the next four years on the programmes to promote activities to have more rated tournaments from developing federations. We want to recommend the EB that provision will be made on FIDE website – statistics. The full stats will be published on the FIDE website. Statistical digest. Up to 2010.
2. We introduce the programme since last year with the travel grant concept to reward outstanding players from development federations and we have attached the list of 17 players who are the first winners. And we hope to see most of them in Brazil in a few weeks time.
3. The most significant recommendation is with CACDEC list of Federations, and we are moving away from traditional. We are moving to a different system, we just admitted three new federations. Most of new Federations are now developmental in their nature. There are a number of areas in FIDE handbook and financial regulations, and to certainly assist with those incentives, one – every two years, to identify those federations eligible for pocket money at the Olympiads at the discretion of the organisers, not an obligation of FIDE. We will now announce in January of each Olympiad year which Federations are eligible.
4. We had a very good meeting with the Trainer's Commission. There are still number of Federations within continent of Europe, which are developing federations, under the previous mechanism, they were excluded from assistance. We need to reorganise the allocation of CACDEC budget across continents and to introduce a portion to be used within Europe, and when you have to redistribute the pie, we have to make some decisions. There was a recommendation that we are too heavy into Asia, and we should be at 20% and not at 15%, allocation will be 40% Africa, 25% Americas, 15% Asia, and the rest for Europe and the discretion of the Commission.

Mr. Abundo said at the Presidential Board in Al Ain we requested that allocation of Asia will not be deducted by 5% not by 10%.

Mr. Freeman said that this year is 20% and next year will be 15%.

Mr. Leong said normally it is presented to the Treasurer. The decision to share the allocation was made in 2002, and fortunate in the last year Asia had a very generous Continental President but if he is changed Asia should go back to their normal percentage. We do not need round figures, the figures can be odd, but everybody should contribute to this. Asia is economically improving but chess wise it is improving gradually.

Mr. Gelfer said we used to have three categories where two were getting pocket money at the Olympiads. I discussed with Alan that CACDEC will provide a list for Istanbul and for Tromso for those who should get pocket money, and this list will be based on the UN basis.

Mr. Makropoulos said where is Greece on this? We want to move to Asia.

Mr. Herbert said he hopes that by January Greece would not slip to the level where it will qualify but if it is, it will be equally considered.

Mr. Herbert said he is not opposed to this. He said that at very end of the Meeting Mr. Abundo made us aware of the Presidential Board decision and I am not adverse to the consideration and we will bring forward a revised allocation.

Mr. Leong said it is up to the Board to modify or approve the recommendation.

Mr. Freeman did not agree. He suggested to meet with Herbert, Leong and Continental Presidents to present it at the next Presidential Board. For 2011 – 20% goes to Asia, and for 2012 we will agree further.

Mr. R. Jones backed Mr. Freeman said the budget seemed to double since the meeting.

The Board approved the report of CACDEC Development Commission.

12. Chess in Schools Commission.

Annex 27 is Commission Chairman A-N.Yazici's report. **Annexes 27A, 27B, 27C, 27D, 27E.**

Mr. Yazici said that we made a project after my nomination. The report includes everything in Annex 27 and 27A. 2 pilot projects are running. I am not going to go into details. We know various needs for various Continents. Project has started but it does not mean that other Federations should wait for another year. We are planning to start with a manifesto to invite them to FIDE to participate together with us. We try to open class rooms as FIDE. We are starting primary education. We want to attract these children. We propose specifically membership which is free for any child in the world. We should have the rating issue under the authority of the Presidential Board. We have a new Commission website. I am supporting this as the Organiser of the next Olympiad. I am supporting the proposal for World Olympiad Youth Festival. We have a lot of facilities. On the other side, I want to thank all the Presidential Board members, especially President who gave personal guarantees to support this project.

I remember my presentation in Antalya Presidential Board, where I said that we will find very quickly sponsorship. 95% of the present want this project to succeed. There is no lost investment in chess in schools. On the other hand, many people ask me if there are other initiatives and why we do not cooperate. Even in FIDE we have parallel initiatives, in Vietnam and Thailand and I thank Messrs. Leong and Gelfer for this project. I also want to underline perfect initiative of G. Kasparov, who was my idol and he is a legend. This is a very important initiative from his side. Mr. Yazici said I refused to cooperate. On the 22nd September, Garry was in Istanbul for a conference, I was in Albena, but my Gen. Secretary informed us that Kasparov wanted to meet with

the Turkish Sports Ministry, then I interfered and cancelled the meeting. Then on 24th September Mr. Azmaiparashvili contacted me and asked that Kasparov wants to talk to me on skype. 27th September, in the evening, there was a 8 minutes conversation with Garry. Garry told me that he was impressed and he wants to make a private discussion, as he is very impressed with software companies in Turkey. He told me some ideas and he invited me to Tbilisi, 6-7 October, where he was going to make a speech in the Georgian Parliament to make chess included into the curriculum. He consulted the FIDE President and his friends, and the advice was to go. But then I sent him an email where I explained clearly that anybody can make business in chess in schools, but conflict of interest is not possible. Even he respects Garry a lot and he invited him to cooperate with FIDE. So I did not go. Garry's name is enough to open any door, but he is late. We are ready to cooperate with them, to pay, to use his name to promote chess.

Mr. Gelfer said that we have many commissions who work greatly, but the amount of work which was made by Chess in Schools Commission is outstanding. Ali and Kevin deserve the credit. He said about ratings, please coordinate it with the Israeli proposal. He said that we are wasting our time to discuss what he is doing. His contribution and his name are not to be even disputed. We know the intention of the group of Garry Kasparov now, so even they are using Chess in Schools.

Mr. Makropoulos said he received a call from the President of Cyprus Chess Federation Mr. Tornaritis, whose representative is here. Mr. Danailov and Mr. Kasparov asked Cyprus to arrange a meeting with a very high official of the European Union, the representative of Cyprus Chess Federation was present. The commissioner said we should start with Cyprus, Greece and others, but Danailov and Kasparov refused the Federations on their reasons, as not qualified for their programme. But it is obvious that this effort would not be successful, for us this is a bad approach. FIDE has no lists, black or white. We have this project. Everybody knows that all Federations are welcome. We cannot be involved in private business. If we want to work, we will work with anyone. FIDE has the same ideas and trying to get sponsors. But when we knock the doors, we should be more intelligent.

I want to have some clear decisions. Gorbachev is our official patron for Chess in Schools project. There is a sponsor in Russia, we will sign a contract. The board will sign the contract. It is a great success by the President who promised from the beginning and supports the project financially personally. Al Ain decision was that some part was to cover by the President.

There was a meeting with rating specialists in Athens, with the idea about rating for children, there is a decision to go for a separate list, there is a discussion even to award real ratings for such kids, if we see sponsors and real interest here and we can move to this direction.

The Board approved and authorised the Presidential Board to proceed.

The Board approved the Commission's report.

13. Women's Chess Commission.

Annex 28 is Agenda for the Commission meeting. **Annex 59** is the report of the Women's Chess Commission.

Ms. Fierro said they had an Arbiters' seminar, which was a very big event for our commission. We have some events programmed for the end of the year, lectures, events, and former World Champion will be there. For next year we will increase arbiters and trainers seminars, and we will try to do some model events, with participation of top players. There will be an award for the best chess player for each year. Best junior is for next year. The event is World Girls Invitational, next year is the first time.

Mr. Gelfer said FIDE is trying to promote women's events, you see a bigger number of events compared with previous years, we are trying to have at least one IA female, in several Grand Prix, Olympiad and we will continue to have one more female. We will try to reach 20% in arbiters in Chess Olympiads. Work of the Commission is huge.

The Board approved the Commission's report.

14. Constitutional Commission

Annex 29 is Agenda for the meeting in Krakow and Minutes of the Commission meeting in Al Ain, June 3-4 2011.

Mr. Abundo said that the Ethics Commission will get the Constitutional Commission to give and advisory opinion.

Annex 70 we cannot make a decision here, we go to the General Assembly in Istanbul.

The Board approved that the Federations should send their comments to the report of the Commission.

15. Special projects.

World Chess Games for the disabled. **Annex 71**.

Annex 30 is proposal from ICSC.

Mr. Freeman said we discussed with Tromso and Istanbul and they might be willing to have silent interpreters in case it is just for one language. It is up to the organisers to decide.

He also said that Mr. Luther had no report to make and that the World Disabled Chess

Championship would take place in Dresden just after the close of this Congress.

Mr. Yazici said we cannot be sure and this is difficult. He thanked Mr. Luther for the discussion. We are going to accept this, but also for Olympiad he proposed to have a special night with a charity programme, and revenues should be allocated to special fund.

16. Medical Commission.

Annex 31 is Agenda for the Commission meeting.

Annex 32 is Prof. U. Blanco's report on the World Conference against doping (see website).

Annex 64 is the report of the Medical Commission.

Dr. Bellin said the report is very calm this time and in the year 2010 we performed 20 tests, 18 in competition and 2 out of competition. 1 was target testing. There were no technical or other procedural problems in testing. Statistical report was submitted to WADA and it was accepted. We also submitted a very detailed report on FIDE compliance with World Anti-Doping Agency code, and it was accepted and scrutinised and see Annex 39 where WADA sent an appreciative letter following our report. They suggested some improvement, which we could make with compliance. We discussed the point at our meeting, the solution is in points 8 and 9 of the report.

The Board approved the Commission's report.

17. Events Commission.

Annex 33 is Agenda for the Commission meeting.

Annex 33A is the report on the meeting in Athens.

Annex 33B is Terms of Reference (see website).

Annex 33C is Regulations on Seminars and Title Award for Organisers (see website).

Annex 33D is Regulations on Registration and Licensing of Players (see website).

Annex 33E is Regulations on Registration, Transfer and Rules of Eligibility for Players (see website).

Annex 33F is General Regulations for FIDE Competitions (see website).

Proposals in respect of various FIDE competitions Regulations:

- World Junior U20 Championships (**Annex 33G**) (see website)
- World Upper Youth U14, U16 & U18 Championships (**Annex 33H**) (see website)
- World Lower Youth U08, U10 & U12 Championships (**Annex 33I**) (see website)
- World School Championships (**Annex 33J**) (see website)

- World Youth U16 Olympiad (**Annex 33K**) (see website)
- World Senior Championships (**Annex 33L**) (see website)
- World Amateur Championships (**Annex 33M**) (see website)

Annex 33N is Rate-Card on Stipends for Technical Officials.(see website)

Annex 33O is Proposal to charge rating fees directly to the Organisers. (see website)

Annex 33P is Proposal to charge title fees directly to title holders. (see website)

Annex 33Q is Regulations on FIDE Caissa Awards. (see website)

Annex 33R is List of IO titles to be approved by the Executive Board.

Annexes 43 and Annex b, c, e, f, g, h, i, j, k, l, m and q.

Annexes 33D, N, O & P were withdrawn prior to any discussion at the Events Commission Meeting.

Mr. Leong said that he wanted to make a Gala evening a regular feature during the Olympiads.

He also proposed to hold an Organisers' seminar during the Olympiad and in each continent. He will discuss this with the Treasurer. As for the panel of lecturers, he has spoken to many federations and the list is to be presented during the first Presidential Board next year.

Mr. Abundo said, is there a requirement for residency when there is a transfer?

Mr. Jarrett said the regulations are being reworded, to be absolutely clear on this issue.

Mr. Bond raised the matter of the splitting of the World Youth.

Mr. Makropoulos said last World Youth Championship reached numbers so it was impossible to organise and accommodate all the kids. There are lots of federations who are unable to organise the events. We need to improve the situation. It is not a majority, but trainers and parents are also going therefore there are so many people attending. The event became bigger than the Olympiad. That is why we came to this proposal to split the age groups.

Mr. Bond said as the number increased, it would become easier for Organisers.

Mr. Makropoulos said there are no rooms, except if we split the delegations in different hotels.

Mrs. Marinello said the situation in the Americas is that there is a big possibility to organise such events. In the US there are supernationals with 6, 000 children playing and the photo of the huge rooms of thousand of chess sets are very attractive for press. We should have an option of doing it either way. People should be able to send bids for both kinds. Mr. Bond also said that for sponsors it will be easier to have a bigger event.

Mr. Makropoulos said for Greece it is better to have a huge event. Turkey is the same. I would support the bigger event. We are in favour of no split, but for the other Federations, it is not good.

Mr. Freeman said that from 14 the kids are young adults, sometimes people do not want to send their younger kids to the event where there are plenty of teenagers. I know the position of Canada. We have to look at the personal view of parents and protect interest of children.

Mr. Gelfer agreed with Mr. Freeman. We said the events are big. Even if you want to organise some parallel events, the reasons are there, and it is no way even for a country with all resources, as there are lot of problems.

Mr. Leong said the meeting considered all three proposals.

Mr. Khodarkovsky said of course all Federations have different capacities and suggested that there should be flexibility in bidding procedure, under one roof or split in two. The winning Federation should decide whether to split or not. We should not put ourselves in the corner.

Mr Sundar said it is not possible to us to give an option, because if we leave it for one roof only Greece or Turkey will be organising. He referred to the last World Youth Championship and the problems which the Indian delegation was facing.

Mr. Yazici said that as President of the Turkish Chess Federation he does not want a split, but as FIDE Vice-President, he should say yes to the split. In 2010 we organised an event with several thousands in the national championship, but after we split, the attendance and participation increased and nearly doubled, in 2011. So I propose to postpone the decision to the next General Assembly in Istanbul. I fully second Mr. Sundar.

Mr. Makropoulos said we decided not to split 2013 and 2014 and 2015 and we decide for further events what to do, at the General Assembly in Istanbul. He shares the feelings of Ali from the point of view of the Greek Chess Federation.

Mrs. Marinello said we should be open to more choices. At this point I support the proposal of Mr. Makropoulos.

Mr. Leong said rotation of continents started in 2009.

Mr. Makropoulos said it is clear for which continents should organise the events in 2013 and 2014. We have a proposal of Al Ain, and we agreed that Europe can lose its option for 2014 and go for 2015.

The Board approved the Commission's report, together with Mr. Makropoulos'

proposal for 2013, 2014 and 2015.

18. Commission on World Championship and Olympiads

- 1. FIDE World Cup 2011**
- 2. FIDE World Cup 2013**
- 3. FIDE World Championship Match 2012 – May 2012, Moscow, Russia**
FIDE Women's World Championship Match 2011 – November 2011, Tirana, Albania
- 4. FIDE Candidates matches 2012**
- 5. FIDE Women's World Championship 2012**
- 6. FIDE World Team Championship 2011 – Annex 74 – Chief Arbiter's report.**
- 7. FIDE World Team Championship 2013**
- 8. FIDE Women's Team Championship 2013**
- 9. FIDE Women's Grand Prix series 2011-2012**
- 10. FIDE World Blitz Championship 2011 - 2012**
- 11. FIDE Women's World Blitz Championship 2011- 2012**
- 12. Olympiad 2012 – Istanbul,**
- 13. Olympiad 2014 – Tromso,**

Annex 34 is a proposal of General Secretary I. Leong in respect of World Cup qualification formula.

Annex 35 is proposal of General Secretary I. Leong and Arbiters' Commission Chairman P. Nikolopoulos in respect of guidelines for stipends for technical officials.

Annex 36 is a proposal to amend the Olympiad Regulations regarding the Accommodation of the teams.

Annex 44 is report of World Cup Chief Arbiter.

Mr. Makropoulos said for the regulations, it is possible to approve in the World Championship Commission for the approval of the Presidential Board.

World Cup 2013 in Tromso, contract will be signed at Istanbul Congress.

World Championship match 2012 Anand-Gelfand, we have not signed the contract, the contract was sent to RCF and the problem is with the Russians, they were silent for 2 months. There is a meeting on the 26 November, in Moscow, with the players and RCF. The Federation should sign the contract and they were supposed to send the money. We should press them. Kirsan will help as well. We hope the preparation will be ok. RCF said they received the money.

Women's World Championship match will be in Tirana, Albania. 13-30 November

2011. The sponsor is Taci Oil company, with the owner Mr. Rezart Taci, who owns all refineries in Albania. We do not have problems. We will press them to send the money.

Candidates' matches: regulations are published, bidding procedure is published. We will find a possible organiser, there are several discussions.

Women's World Championship 2012, Khanty-Mansiysk. Mr. Balgabaev has discussed the details of the contract, they are supposed to give the dates.

World Team Championship 2013 will be organised with Women's Teams Championship.

World 2011 Women's Teams Championship will be in Mardin, Turkey. The announcement is on the FIDE website. The teams are paying their accommodation and it is part of the regulations. He invited all especially FIDE President.

Mr. Khodarkovsky said that, in 2009 the World Championship Teams for Women was in Ningbo and players were not paying for accommodation, and it was an excellent event. For some reason the regulations for men's and women's teams event are different and it is not right. The qualifier should be from Olympiad and Continental championship.

Mr. Makropoulos said we never used to have a World Women's Teams Championship. The Russians said once they can organise. It was the first time and we accepted this offer, and we continued with this. If you say that if we do not have the organiser who is not ready to pay for the accommodation, we should not organise. Is it your proposal?

Mr. Khodarkovsky said no, in 2009 the regulations for men and women were similar, for once in two years. After the Olympiad the qualifying teams' federations are responsible for their travel. This year Ningbo organised men's World Teams Championship and teams did not pay for their accommodation.

Mr. Makropoulos said that Mr. Azmaiparashvili remembers.

Mr. Azmaiparashvili said Mr. Selivanov came with a proposal and then changed that everybody has to pay, but in Ningbo the organisers found money to pay for the accommodation.

Mr. Khodarkovsky said if it was up to the qualifying Federations to pay, as it is the end of the year, some Federations would not afford this.

Mr. Makropoulos asked again whether the proposal is that if the organisers do not pay, then we should not award the event?

Mr. Yazici said for World Teams Championship in Bursa the Organisers paid even some other allowances. I understand the difficulties, but I am following the

regulations, it is written. Of course if there is a proposal, we can discuss, but this is another issue. But in Mardin, because it is in the regulations, we cannot do anything.

Mr. Gelfer said that if you organise 2013 together, it will look terrible that men do not pay and women pay.

Mr. Borg said we harmonise men's event as well. The principle is as long if you find an organiser who is ready to pay, it is ok. The archaic regulations were changed after Bursa. This is a good point.

The Presidential Board meeting will decide about this (in April). FIDE will try to get an offer where the teams will not have to pay for their accommodation.

The Board approved.

Women's Grand Prix: Mr. Makropoulos said there was a problem in Rostov with the finances, as no prize fund was received and so FIDE paid the prizes.

Mr. Borg said we are chasing the organiser, because the timing was short, the money was paid to the players, and they are not complaining. We are chasing the government of Rostov. If they do not send us money, we will go for a legal action.

For the cycle, we had an excellent event in Shenzhen and Nalchik, everything was paid in advance. The others are Jermuk, Kazan and Istanbul. All contracts were signed, the money should be sent.

Mr. Makropoulos said that we should avoid such situations when money is not sent.

Mr. Borg said the organisers should be chased by the FIDE office provided there is a contract. It applies to all FIDE events.

Mr. Makropoulos said that Grand Prix is a special event.

Mr Yazici said in the first cycle we made a mistake, and I hope we do not make it for the 2nd time. Closing will be in Istanbul and all organisers of the previous legs should be invited and receive some plaques and the winner of the Grand Prix should also be invited in advance.

The Board approved.

World Blitz Championships: Russia is not organising it anymore. We are trying to find some organisers, we shall see, it will be under umbrella of new project of the FIDE President.

2012 Olympiad: Mr. Makropoulos said we delayed the contract. I was not able to travel because of my operation and that is why we delayed the contract. It is not the mistake

of the Turkish Chess Federation. I will go there in December. We agreed regarding all the details. There are just legal matters to sign with the Minister. I understand it is late.

2014 Olympiad. There is a contract, we will sign it today. All has been discussed.

Everything is ready.

Mr. Makropoulos said that for many reasons we will be happy in Tromso, and very nice place, peaceful, green, next to the sea, fishing, rivers. I know that a lot of people have dreams for this Olympiad and better result in the elections, but FIDE and chess community will be very happy as the offer from Norway is very generous and we thank you very much for their offer.

Mr. Gelfer said that first of all FIDE should learn, that three years before the Olympiad and we already signed a contract, it is a record. There is a strong effort of the Tromso organisers, who are present here, and I would like to have the same model of interaction for all FIDE Events. As Mr. Makropoulos said, I have been there many times, last time with Mr. Freeman, and we solved all possible problems about all possible points. I would like to mention the generosity of the Norwegian organisers, and according to FIDE rules, they provide 3 double rooms for every team, and we asked this to be changed to 2 double plus 2 single, and this will be a further change for the future Olympiads. The organisers were generous enough to accept the proposal, and it cost them 4 million euro.

The main reason is that we realise that captains in the Olympiads need to have a single room.

Mr. Gelfer also said that we should be firm with Mr. Dvorkovich and the Russian Chess Federation, and their obligations.

The Board approved the proposal of Mr. Gelfer that if there is an option of 3 double or 2 double and 2 single, teams can have the option to choose.

Mr. Bond thanked everyone and informed of the prospect of Toronto bidding for the 2016 Chess Olympiad. Toronto is in extensive contact with Dresden and Tromso organisers, and we will present a bid by the deadline of 31st of May 2012.

Mr. Makropoulos said there are two presentations for World Youth Championships, from South Africa, Durban (presented by Mrs. Elappen, President of the RSA Chess Federation and Mr. James Simo, CEO of Durban) and Al Ain, UAE.

New Annex 34. Mr. Makropoulos proposed that the Federations and Continents submit their comments and the next Presidential Board will decide. Some continents got an increase in their qualifying number, Europe should also study.

The Board approved.

Annex 35 – was withdrawn, is included into the other proposal of Arbiters' Commission.

The Board approved the Commission's report.

FIDE Meetings, Tournaments and Matches

19. Presidential Board and FIDE Congresses.

19.1. 2012 Presidential Board meetings.

19.2. 83rd FIDE Congress 2012 and 40th Chess Olympiad 2012.

The events shall be held in Istanbul, Turkey, from 27 August to 10 September 2012.

19.3. 84th FIDE Congress 2013.

The event shall be organised by the Turkish Chess Federation in Antakya.

19.4. 85th FIDE Congress 2014 and 41st Chess Olympiad 2014.

Norwegian Chess Federation shall organise the event in Tromso, 1-14 August 2014.

20. FIDE World Junior and Girls U-20 Championship

20.1. FIDE World Junior and Girls U-20 Championship 2012.

The event shall be organised in Athens, Greece, August 1-16 2012

20.2. FIDE World Junior and Girls U-20 Championship 2013.

The event shall be organised in Antakya, Turkey

20.3. FIDE World Junior and Girls U-20 Championship 2014.

Bids close 1st March 2012.

21. FIDE World Youth Championships

21.1. FIDE World Youth Championships U-8, U-10, U-12, U-14, U-16 and U-18 2011.

The event shall be held in Caldas Novas, Brazil, 17-27 November 2011.

Annex 37 is report of the inspection by Messrs. Vega and Jarrett.

Mr. Jarrett said that the event shall be held in 9 rounds.

Mr. Makropoulos said the Organisers came forward with late proposals. I think that our organisers should understand that we will not accept even a single bid from a continent if it is not according to the regulations.

Mr. Jarrett said the venue is changed and everything is modernized but it caused the problem.

Mr. Yazici said we should help Brazilians, but how we can find a winner in 9 rounds, so we have to find an alternative solution.

Mr. Makropoulos said we do not have an alternative. He said that Mr. Yazici should present a written proposal for further meetings.

Mr. Yazici said I cannot accept this change.

The Board accepted the proposal to cut 2 rounds in Brazil.

The proposal of Mr. Yazici is regarding that all the players tied for the 1st place should become World Champions in Brazil.

The Board rejected the proposal of Mr. Yazici.

21.2. FIDE World Youth Championships U-8, U-10, U-12, U-14, U-16 and U-18 2012.

The event shall be held in Maribor, Slovenia, 7-19 November 2012

21.3. FIDE World Youth Championships 2013 (European Federations will not be allowed to bid).

Bids close 30th September 2011. It was decided that priority should be given to Africa.

Mr. Makropoulos said if the Board agrees, the 2013 goes to Al Ain, and the 2014 will go to Durban.

With regards to Al Ain, because they were offering free accommodation to all players, the PB should check the number of the participants and should limit it if the conditions are not equal for all the participants.

Inspections should take place, to see venues etc. High level of hospitality, Mr. Makropoulos said he will go and see the maximum number of the players they can accommodate, as we should make sure the hospitality is ok for all. I will go next month.

Mr. Danailov said for 2014 is for Europe.

Mr. Makropoulos said that we will rotate, we will give 2013 will go to Asia, and 2014 will go to Africa and 2015 will be Europe.

Mr. Danailov said I have no problem with both venues. Nobody was consulting Europe before.

Mr. Makropoulos said it is with the World Chess Championship Commission. But we think it is in the benefit of Europe.

Mrs. Marinello said that the fact we had a PB meeting in Al Ain, the hospitality is wonderful, it is a safe place and a beautiful place.

Mr. Khodarkovsky said that it requires inspection, why should the body is supposed to decide before the inspection?

Mr. Makropoulos said the inspection is regarding the maximum number. They said 7 thousand. He said we had a lot of discussions with the Al Ain organisers and we work for other federations to make sure that the number is correct without any strain for the organisers and participants.

Mr. Abundo said you all have a brochure and pictures of the university in Al Ain, and three tournament halls. And 2500 single rooms.

Mr. Khodarkovsky said FIDE should not approve it today.

Continental President for Asia said we hosted Asian Championships and many friends in FIDE visited us, and we provided top level of the accommodation, and real gold medals for our young competitors. We want to have the biggest ever Youth Championship. I understand the concern of having more than we can accommodate, therefore I welcome Mr. Makropoulos, but we just have to confirm the number, and nothing to do with how and where we will accommodate the players, so that they get the unforgettable experience.

Mr. Makropoulos once again invited all to accept the offer.

Mr. Gelfer said I assume that Israelis will be able to play. When there was a PB meeting, I had no problem with my visa to UAE.

Mr. Danailov said 2015 and 2016 should be for Europe.

And Mr. Makropoulos said 2015 is for Europe and 2016 is a start of new cycle from Europe.

The Board approved the proposal of Mr. Makropoulos, therefore the World Youth Championships 2013 will be held in Al Ain and in 2014 in Durban, South Africa, 2015 in Europe and 2016 will be the start of the new cycle when the event will be split into two age groups.

21.4. FIDE World Youth Championships 2014.

To be held in Durban, South Africa.

22. FIDE World Seniors Championship

22.1. FIDE World Seniors Championship 2011.

The Croatian Chess Federation shall organise the event in Opatija, 6-16 November 2011.

Annex 56 – only 2013, the 2012 is awarded.

22.2. FIDE World Seniors Championship 2012.

Greek Chess Federation to organise the event in Kammena Vourla, 3-14 November 2012.

22.3. FIDE World Senior Championship 2013.

Bids close 30th September 2011. There are three bids. I propose to give to Italy, as both other bidders organise two previous events.

We do not know the conditions. I propose to create a Committee of Messrs. Freeman and Yazici to inspect the Italian bid. If the conditions are good enough there, then I propose that the event is awarded to Italy.

There will be two age categories – 50 – for open and women and 65 – to open and women.

The Board approved.

22.4. FIDE World Senior Championship 2014.

Bids close 1st March 2012.

23. FIDE World Amateur Championship

23.1. FIDE World Amateur Championship 2012.

Greek Chess Federation to organise the event in Thessaloniki, 16 to 25 April 2012.

23.2. FIDE World Amateur Championship 2013.

Bids close 30th September 2011. We have Romanian bid.

The Board awarded the event to Romania.

23.3. FIDE World Amateur Championship 2014.

Bids close 1st March 2012.

24. FIDE World Youth U-16 Chess Olympiad

24.1. FIDE World Youth U-16 Chess Olympiad 2011.

The event will be held in Sanliurfa, Turkey from 23 October to 3 November 2011.

24.2. FIDE World Youth U-16 Chess Olympiad 2012.

The event shall be held in Turkey.

24.3. FIDE World Youth U-16 Chess Olympiad 2013 and 2014.

Bids close 1st March 2012.

25. FIDE World Schools Individual Championship

25.1. FIDE World Schools Individual Championship 2012.

The event will be held in Iasi, Romania, from 28 April to 6 May 2012.

Mr. Freeman said it was approved only on the understanding that it must have sufficient Federations participating for it to be called a FIDE World Schools.

Mr. Borg proposed to include the definition of World Championship in Handbook.

25.2. FIDE World Schools Individual Championship 2013.

Bids close 30th September 2011. There are 3 bids: Messrs Freeman and Yazici to check the bids.

The Board approved.

25.3. FIDE World Schools Individual Championship 2014.

Bids close 1st March 2012.

26. 2011 All Africa Games

The Games take place from 2-18 September 2011 in Maputo, Mozambique.

27. World University Games 2013.

The event shall be held in Kazan, Russia.

Reports of Continental Presidents.

28. Report of Continental President for Europe.

Continental President for Europe Silvio Danailov to report. **Annex 58.**

The Board approved the report of Continental President for Europe.

29. Report of Continental President for Americas.

Annex 38 is report of Mr. Vega from the Americas' General Assembly and Calendar 2012.

Mr. Vega said we had a continental meeting during the last PanAmerican Youth Championship. The calendar of American events is attached.

He said he is receiving complaints about Argentina Chess Federation. The report is more than 100 pages and covers the Olympic team, organisers, arbiters etc. All this has to be checked and verified. I would like to appoint a FIDE observer, for a two-week stay in Argentina. So I consider the observer should be a neutral one and related to chess. In order to avoid any misunderstandings, it should not be related to Mr. Ilyumzhinov. 2.5 – zone – I will ask the Zone President to appoint an ideal person.

Mr. Makropoulos said that we will accept. But the right person should be nominated.

President can nominate the right person.

The Board approved the report of Continental President for Americas.

30. Report of Asian Continental President.

Continental President for Asia Sheikh Sultan bin Khalifa Al Nahyan to report. **Annex 73.**

Annex 72 is a proposal of World Cities Championship.

Mr. Abundo said there will be a world cities chess teams championship. Al Ain is

offering 130,000 USD prize fund. Regulations were submitted to the Events Commission for studying.

Mr. Makropoulos said the regulations should be checked. We should accept the proposal to start the new event and for five years after this anyone who wants to organise should receive support in 50,000 USD. We will start from 2012.

The Board approved.

Mr. Borg said the dates are not good, as they clash with SportAccord Mind Games, which are secured for the next 4 years. Sheikh Sultan said he will study the change of the dates.

The Board approved the report of Continental President for Asia.

31. Report of African Continental President.

Continental President for Africa, Lakhdar Mazouz to report. **Annex 54.**

Mr. Mazouz said that we were part of All Africa games, participation was higher, we were surprised by the lack of organisation, there were problems. Next All Africa Games will be in Congo, and the problem is we do not have a Federation there, so we have to affiliate one.

The Board approved the report of Continental President for Africa.

Other matters.

32. SportAccord 2011.

Annex 39 is the report of Mr. Jarrett on SportAccord. The Board noted.

33. 1st SportAccord Mind Games, Beijing, China, December 2011.

CEO G. Borg informed the Board of this event (info from the FIDE website). Offshoot from the original event organised with Mind Games, the difference is that SportAccord looks only for elite athletes, 16 male and 16 female. We discuss a 4 year agreement with SportAccord. Poker is not a part of these games.

All players signed contracts, and the prize fund is transferred, and FIDE is getting nice contribution for this event.

34. Legal matters.

34.1. Appeal on costs on Karpov case.

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34.3. Zaragoza legacy.

Executive Director D. Jarrett said regarding 34.3., that we will sell the piece of land, but local council of municipality is in charge of this. We have received the first tranche of payment for this and we are to receive the balance.

35. IMSA.

Executive Director D. Jarrett said that Presidential Board discussed poker participation, FIDE is against.

36. Proposal of Prof. U. Blanco.

Annex 40 is a proposal of Prof. U. Blanco to officially recognise Chess as Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity (see website).

The Board noted this proposal.

37. ICCF titles.

Annex 41 is ICCF titles (see website).

Mr. Jarrett said it is for information only.

38. World Conference on Sport.

Mr. Chu Bo went to represent FIDE as Vice President and presented his report (**Annex 42**).

The Board noted the report of Mr. Chu Bo.

Peace and Sports – project in Colombia. Difficult background kids – it goes very well. New project in Palestine will start and Mr. Levacic will be attending the conference.

Closing.

FIDE President said that on behalf of delegates, he thanks the Malopolska Chess Association and city of Krakow. He wishes to thank all for their joint work and we have discussed very many important issues. He congratulated new Federations as members and will continue to visit countries. In his Agenda he has about 20 countries which he should visit before the end of this year. He will go to Latin America, Uruguay, Paraguay and African countries.

He said he is now a member of a Kirsan Chess Club in Mali.

We want to ask participants at the EB to concentrate on chess in schools and we should raise the number of chess players up to 1 billion people.

We should become members of the Olympic Family.

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