

Minutes

Medical Commission

26 September 2010, 17.00-19.00

Chairman: Dr. J. Bellin (ENG)

Secretary: A.A. Schuering (NED)

Members: Dr. P.D. Ambarukmi, Dr. D. Gajadien (INA), GM J. Speelman (ENG),

Observes: H. Hamers (NED), B. Kelleher (USA), N. Oriolowo (NGR), D. Ambarukwi (INA), Dr. G. Isidron (CUB), S. Garcia (CUB)

1. There were apologies from Prof. Dr. Ganz (USA), GM J. Smejkal (CZE) and Dr. Hofstetter (GER).
2. The chairman read a report on the period after the Medical Commission Meeting in October 2009 in Kallithea.

A statistical report of activity in 2009 has been sent to WADA.

There were tests during the World Championship Match in Sofia. The results were negative. During the European Team Championship in Novi Sad there were 12 tests, 10 in-competition tests and 2 out-of-competition tests. There was full cooperation of players and officials. All tests were negative.

To be in compliance with WADA some out of competition tests are necessary. Because chess is considered a "low risk sport", the number of out-of-competition tests can be limited. Many players in national competitions are also subject to doping controls. In chess there are only urine tests and no blood tests. After the Dresden Olympiad the procedures regarding notification, accreditation and documentation have been improved.

3. From July 1st 2010 new Anti Doping Regulations have come into force and FIDE's regulations have now again been brought into compliance with WADA's directives.

There is a testing pool consisting of ten of the best male players and five of the best female. Players selected for the testing pool are to be appointed annually and must report their whereabouts.

4. During the Olympiad in Khanti Mansiysk the majority of top players are present. There will be testing during the Olympiad. The majority of the tests will be aimed at high rated players.

5. The chairman answered questions. It was suggested that FIDE make available further information on the web site regarding foodstuffs and medicines which may possibly contain prohibited substances.

Dr J.M. Bellin