

MINUTES OF THE FIDE DEVELOPMENT (CACDEC) MEETING

KHANTY MANSIYSK 25/09/10

Chairman: Allan Herbert (BAR)

Present: R. Jones (PNG), D. Buthali (ACU), T. Imanaliev (KGZ), L. Ebbin (BER), L. Ncube (ZAM), M. Nguete Viang (Cameroon), G. El Sahhar (EGY), R. Smith (TRI), E. Ellappen (RSA), E. Steenkamp (RSA), Y. D. Abebe (ETH), J. Lamothe (HAI), A. Kostyev (RUS), R. Conn (USA), R. Haring (USA), I. Milton (PER), Boris Sewe (PER), O. Figueroa (GUA), G. Borg (MLT), L. Kagambi (KEN), O. Boytsun (UKR), L. Mazouz (ALG), A. Mungifiero (ISV), M. Murphy (ISV), O. A. Aneses (PUR), N. Rabell Mendez (PUR), J. Kaamu (UGA), S.M. Sokhna (SEN), S. Kizuze (UGA), E. Perissiou (FIDE), B. Shaidullin (RUS), B. Jones , H. Cereijo (ARG), K. O'Connell (IRL), R. Joshi (NEP), G.L. Wijesuriya (SRI), C. Abundo (PHI), R.N. Barrera (ARG), G.A. Hearm (ARG), R. E. Hernandez (MEX), Y. Rakotomaharo (MAD), E. Celi (URU), S. Mohammad (NGR), R. Dasgupta (BAN), M.R. Mallick (BAN), G. Vescovi (BRA), J. Vega (GUA), D. Lima (BRA), N. Freeman (FIDE), B. Jones (AUS), R. Gupta (BAN), M. Rahman Mallick (BAN)

1. Welcome

The Chairman Mr Allan Herbert welcomed everyone to the meeting and then asked for a minute of silence in memory of Florencio Campomanes.

2. The Year In Review

a. Africa Report

The report was presented by Continental President Mr Dabilani Buthali.

He started by saying that they had succeeded again in staging the African Junior Championship. In addition they had staged the 2nd editions of the African Youth Festival in Gaborone (Botswana) in August 2010.

A successful Trainers Seminar was held in South Africa as well as Arbiters Seminars in Botswana and Libya. Six arbiters sat and successfully passed their exams in Gaborone. Now several of them were also getting the chance to test their skills by being invited to be arbiters in the current Chess Olympiad.

On funding from CACDEC, he indicated that a number of Federations were still experiencing difficulties in providing counterpart funding as host Federation and this contributed to the delay in getting projects off the ground this year. If FIDE sends a trainer to run a course then the least the host can do is provide venue, local transportation and accommodation. Also there must be a strategic purpose in project submissions and Federations need to indicate what it is that they are aiming for down the road.

In Madagascar (Aug-Sept 2010) a FIDE Rating Development Tournament, funded by CACDEC, was held with the goal of creating a pool of rated players.

In any questions, Gihan El Sahhar, Egypt, brought up the question of a re-zoning in their Zone, recommending that maybe there should be a zone for countries north of the Sahara and that it was very difficult for them to travel to say West Africa. It was agreed that Africa Continental Assembly

would be the better forum to address this issue.

b. Americas Report

The Report was presented by Continental President Mr Jorge Vega. See attached.

A very successful on-line seminar on Swiss Manager program was given. Based on the success of this pilot project further seminars will be planned in the future.

A match between Dominican Republic and Haiti was also supported in solidarity with Haiti.

Mr Herbert then added that Bahamas, sponsored by GM David Norwood and assisted by CACDEC, hosted its first CCA and FIDE event, the 2.3.5 Sub-Zonal. This was very significant as it was the first occasion since the introduction of Sub-Zonal tournaments in Zone 2.3 that a CACDEC Federation had hosted the 2.3.5 Sub-Zonal. The majority of CACDEC Federations in America are in this Sub-Zone.

Development Commission Chairman commended Bahamas for their effort, as it is 20 years since they participated in an Olympiad and they choose to organize the 2.3.5 Sub-Zonal in lieu of sending a team to the Khanty-Mansiyk Olympiad.

A CACDEC funded FIDE Rating Development Tournament was held in Guyana (August 2010). Guyana was readmitted to FIDE last year after a 30 year absence and this event has created a pool of six FIDE Rated players for them to being the process of FIDE Rating their local tournaments.

Events in these two countries now added to the growing number of CACDEC members staging events in the Zone 2.3. Barbados, Bermuda, Jamaica, Netherlands Antilles and Trinidad & Tobago now have annual International FIDE Title & Ratings events organized, creating greater opportunity for player development.

c. Asia Report

A written report was presented by Mr Casto Abundo on behalf of the Continental President. Please see attached report.

d. Europe Report

There was no report.

e. Development Commission Chairman's Report

The Commission Chairman, in collaboration with the IOC, funded in a project in Haiti to help in the aftermath of the earthquake. FIDE provided 500 chess sets to IOC for distribution with equipment provided by other International Federations to children in temporary camps created after earthquake.

As a result of an accord signed with Foundation Peace & Sport, a foundation connected to the Prince of Monaco, equipment was provided to the Chess for Peace project in Puerto Tejada, Colombia, for at risk children. The support also included a visit by Woman World Champion Alexandra Kosteniuk.

Finally, greater collaboration was undertaken with the Trainers Commission to cover costs of the pilot projects for hosting Trainers Seminar at the Olympiad and World Youth Festival.

3. 2009/10 Budget and Funding

Mr Freeman started by saying that as usual the allocation of CACDEC money was;

25% Americas 25% Asia 40% Africa 10% Chairman's Discretion

The African budget was, for all intents and purposes, used up for the current financial year and the American Budget had been fully allocated with some projects scheduled for completion by year end.

The Continental President for Asia had been largely funding development activities in Asia and reimbursed for projects eligible for CACDEC funding will be refunded before the end of the financial year.

FIDE Treasurer said that over the last two years, the CACDEC budget had gone up considerably from Euro 50,000 four years ago; to Euro 200,000. He was happy that the funds were being used much better and that this included improved accounting for expenditure. However he stated that he will not know until possible January next year, what he commit for 2011 budget as uncertainty has been created by the sizable legal fees at CAS in defending a law suite brought by five Federations against FIDE.

Development Commission Chairman confirmed that pocket money will be paid all Level 1 & 2 CACDEC Federation at Khanty-Mansisyk Olympiad. These funds are provided by Olympiad Organizers.

4. Review of CACDEC Development Goals 2006-2010

See attached document.

Development Commission Chairman stressed that it is important to set goals. We set off from the extreme end which is a country with no FIDE rated players, no national championship & scholastic event and no participation in an Olympiad or continental event. This would define a CACDEC country and one in the most urgent need of development. However if ten years later none of this remained true then such a country would have graduated from CACDEC.

By having development goals we can measure the success of our Commission. In this light, Africa can be congratulated on having 4 debutantes in this Olympiad they being Burundi, Cameroon, Sao Tome & Principe and Sierra Leone, as well as a record turn out of 25 countries.

5. Development Priorities for 2011-2014

Development Chairman revisited the successes and disappointments in achieving the 2006-2010 Development Goals. By looking at the nine goals and then seeing how we achieved success we can move into the next four year period more informed.

Brian Jones, Australia, asked a question from the floor concerning the process and procedure for submitting the rating reports; the Solomon Islands FIDE Ratings Development event took nearly 12 months to be rated.

There were also request for assistance in acquiring electronic boards like those used at the Olympiad. It was agreed that in the future an Olympiad seminar on using technology such as an interactive board would serve a useful purpose; though Mr Herbert, citing experience by Barbados, advised that there were important infrastructural and technical needs which Federations should carefully consider before acquiring interactive boards.

Luxman Wijesuriya, Sri Lanka, recommended that access to CACDEC Funding should be tied to Federations committing to achieving and sustaining the goals like rating their tournaments, responding to annual questionnaire, etc.

6. Any Other Business

Richard Conn said that if the Karpov team wins the elections there will be money for CACDEC and

that it would come from sponsorship. He indicated that he was commenting in response to FIDE Treasurer saying that the CACDEC budget was uncertain in view of the decision of the CAS court case.

Mr Herbert reminded CACDEC Federations and Continental Presidents that as July 1st this year the CACDEC World Youth Travel Grant programme approved at 2009 Executive Board meeting takes effect and that they plan into their budgets an allocation for it. The programme which seeks to encourage participation by CACDEC Federations in Continental Youth Events will provide a travel grant to World Youth Championship for the top CACDEC player in each section who finishes in the top 20 of their Continental Youth Championship.

Sani Mohammed, Nigeria brought up again the issue of re-zoning.

Finally the Delegate of Kyrgyzstan, Dr. Talaibek Imanaliev, said that due to several traumatic events in his country, the Federation would like to be readmitted into CACDEC.

Mr Herbert then closed the meeting by thanking everyone for their support and guidance over the four years and the privilege to serve.

Allan Herbert
Chairman
FIDE Development Commission
27/09/2010.

Asian Chess Federation Report to Development Commission
25 September 2010, Khanti Mansiysk

For activities since the last FIDE Congress, the Asian Chess Federation financially supported Asian events, namely:

- The Asian Team Championship organized by the All India Chess Federation 20-29 December 2009 in Kolkotta, India.
- Together with CACDEC, supported the 5th Asian Schools Championship held 16-23 December 2009 in Colombo, Sri Lanka.
- The Asian Continental Championships, Open and Women's, organized by the National Chess Federation of the Philippines with prize fund of \$60,000 in Subic. The Asian Continental Championships are now annual events. Next year's edition shall be held in Mashad, Iran, sharing the financial support from FIDE.
- Asian Chess Federation fully sponsored the Asian Seniors and Amateur Championships with cash prize of \$12,000, accommodation and airfare for invited players. The tournament was organized by the Lebanese Chess Federation 4-14 June 2010 in Beirut, Lebanon with participants from 12 countries.
- Asian Juniors and Girls Championships, organized by the All India Chess Federation, 14 to 24 June 2010 in Chennai, India with 127 players from 8 countries.
- Asian Youth Championships, organized by the Chinese Chess Association, 8-15 July 2010 in Beijing with a record number of players from some 20 countries. Special thanks to FIDE Secretary General Ignatius Leong for his support. Asian Chess Federation also provided 60 sets of custom made ACF medals for individual, team and Challenger tournaments.
- Cash prize for ASEAN Seniors Championship held April 2010 in Subic.
- Asian Chess Federation awarded special mementos and financial support to IA Mohamed Suchar, former Lebanese Chess Federation president for his efforts for chess development in Lebanon and Arab countries.
- With funding from the Asian Chess Federation, FIDE General Secretary Ignatius Leong and Asian Deputy President Casto Abundo visited the Laos Chess Federation in Vientiane. We are pleased to report that the Laos and Cambodian Chess Federations shall start their Chess in Schools programs.
- The Asian Chess Federation funded IM Ravikumar of India to visit the Bhutan Chess Federation to promote chess development there. Bhutan has since been admitted as a full member of FIDE.
- A FIDE Arbiters Seminar was organized by the Uzbekistan Chess Federation under the auspices of the Asian Chess Federation and FIDE, 26-29 March 2010 in Tashkent.



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CACDEC DEVELOPMENTAL GOALS 2006-2010

When we say that the objective of CACDEC is to ensure that one day we have no member Federations in CACDEC, how do we define the finish line, that point at which one is no longer qualified for CACDEC?

To answer this we must consider how such Federations will look in the future compared to their reality today.

Our challenge therefore is to agree on common objective measures which clearly distinguish CACDEC from non-CACDEC, what this paper will term as developmental goals.

It is hard to believe that anyone will disagree that a Federation which has no FIDE rated or Titled players, no FIDE certified Arbiters, has never had any of its National Championships FIDE rated, no indigenous certified FIDE Instructors or Trainers, no Chess-in-Schools programme, no developmental programme for its best juniors, has never participated in an Olympiad or its Continental events in the last 10 years, that such a Federation is the extreme example of a CACDEC Federation.

Similarly, we would all agree that if in 10 years none of the above was true for the same Federation, that that Federation would have graduated from CACDEC.

By describing what a non-CACDEC Federation should be, we have in fact established objective developmental goals by which we can measure the effectiveness of our work.

And let us not lose sight of the true benefit to the chess community of such a Federation.

While the FIDE Treasurer will welcome this as one less Federation to pour CACDEC funds into, the real value is a functioning Federation which rather than being a drain on FIDE is a contributor to FIDE and its Continents. And this, through FIDE's Accounts, can be measured as objectively as we currently measure our players each day with our ratings system.

So CACDEC must be seen as an investment in FIDE's future to grow the market for Chess organizers, trainers and equipment producers and ultimately FIDE. An like any investment we must have an expectation on the return of that investment.

In my term as CACDEC Chairman for 2006-2010, I see development in a different light, one that has specific business goals that lead to a wider market for the sport and FIDE.

I therefore propose that the following become the CACDEC Developmental Goals 2006-2010 and that each CACDEC initiative, whether initiated at the Continental level or FIDE, be directly tied to one of them.

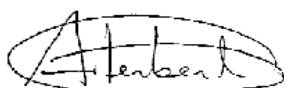
Failure to demonstrate how a particular project fulfils one of these goals in my opinion disqualifies it for consideration. This may put an end to some of the activities we have held dear in the past but is necessary if our efforts are not be an exercise in futility.

CACDEC DEVELOPMENTAL GOALS 2006-2010

1. All CACDEC Federations have at least 5 FIDE Rated Players by 2007 and newly affiliated Federations within two years of achieving FIDE Membership.
2. The National Championships of each CACDEC Federation is registered and FIDE Rated by the end of 2008 and each year there after.
3. All CACDEC Federations have at least one (1) active FIDE Arbiter or International Arbiter by the end of 2009.
4. All CACDEC Federations have at least one (1) indigenous FIDE certified Trainer by the end of 2010.
5. All CACDEC Federations have a chess-in-schools programme by the end of 2009.
6. All CACDEC Federations have a Junior Squad Development Programme to accelerate the development of its best juniors by the end of 2007.
7. All CACDEC Federations participate in their Continental Youth Championships for 2008, 2009 and 2010.
8. All CACDEC Federations participate in the 2008 and 2010 World Chess Olympiad.
9. Those CACDEC Federations with more than 10 active rated players and no FIDE Titled players as at July 1, 2006, produce at least 1 FIDE Titled player by 2010.

It is recognized that on the surface these goals may seem ambitious, but remember the goals are not an end in themselves, it is the process of trying to achieve them that is ultimately more valuable.

Each is measurable with a definite time frame and today, through our ratings and titles systems, we have the tools to measure them.



Allan Herbert
Chairman, CACDEC

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Mr. Allan Herbert
CACDEC Chairman

Dear Mr. Herbert,

This is to inform the CACDEC activities held in America for the period January 1st-June 30th, 2010.

In that period, I visited Bermuda and Dominican Republic to coordinate future events.

I also attended the Caribbean Sub-Zonal held In Nassau, Bahamas, which was supported by CACDEC.

We supported a Haiti-Dominican Republic dual meet.

A Seminar to explain how to handle the Swiss Manager program was give on line.

Besides this were several supports for different Caribbean Federations directly done by you as CACDEC Chairman.

After some comments saying that we were using CACDEC money for political aims in America I temporary stopped our plans to be resumed when a new administration would take over and in such way avoid any confusion spreading.

Sincerely

Jorge Vega
Continental President for America



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CACDEC YOUTH TRAVEL GRANT

The programme arises out of CACDEC Developmental Goals 2006-2010 which I presented to the 2006 4th Quarter FIDE Presidential Board Meeting in Elista.

Its primary aim is to encourage greater participation by CACDEC Federations in the Continental Youth Events, Goal 7, by rewarding the top performers with assistance towards attending World Youth.

The selection criterion for the winning candidate in each age group is the highest placed player from a CACDEC Federation in top 25% of the final standings.

The other major conditions are that the CACDEC Youth Grant must be used in the same year it was won for the World Youth of that year and is provided for the player not the Federation, i.e. the Federation cannot substituted the player with another player from the Federation.

The proposed grant would US\$500 per player. I appreciate that it is a small start but I am hoping that should this programme prove successful we will be able to justify a larger grant.

My ultimate goal is to develop the programme into a one year CACDEC Developmental Scholarship, for want of a better term, to support the tournament expenses of the winning candidate for that year. This obviously is a much more expensive undertaking that will require more support from FIDE.

Positive results by the candidates who win will certainly give the Commission the confidence to fight for the expansion of the programme.

Obviously, for the winning Federations they can use this to generate good press for the players and can help in getting further support. It also helps the Federation's image.