

**FIDE Congress
Khanty-Mansiysk, Russia
General Assembly
29 September – 2 October 2010**

MINUTES

The minutes show the date that each item on the agenda was taken. Minutes of decisions on September 29th and 30th were submitted for approval by delegates on October 1st. There were some minor amendments and then the General Assembly unanimously approved the minutes. Similarly, minutes of decisions on October 1st were approved on October 2nd.

There was a roll call at the start of each day by the General Secretary and a quorum established.

0.1. Obituaries. (29 September)

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

Florencio Campomanes (PHI) – FIDE Honorary President
GM Vassily Smyslov (RUS) – former World Champion
Boris Khropov (RUS) – former President, St. Petersburg Chess Federation
Bill Hook – (BVI)
Arthur Kobese (RSA) – former Zone President
GM Andor Lilienthal (HUN)
IA Feodor Skripchenko (MDA) – former FIDE Zone President (1.8)
IA Gertrude Wagner (AUT) – FIDE Honorary Member
GM Diez Del Corral Jesus (ESP)
IA Hernandez Santana Gregorio (ESP)
WGM Elena Tairova (RUS)
Ricardo Aguilar – Founder of the Belize Chess Federation
IA Vitaly Sevastianov (RUS) – former President of the USSR Chess Federation
Yuri Shabanov (RUS) – former World Senior Champion
Hussein Nafady (EGY) – President of the Egyptian Chess Federation
Craig van Tilbury (BVI)
GM Bent Larsen (DEN)

Prof. K Jungwirth paid tribute to the work of Florencio Campomanes and the huge beneficial effect that he had on FIDE during his Presidency.

0.2. Report of the Committee tasked to establish the legality of the proxies. (29 September)

Mr. Borg made a report on behalf of the Committee. All proxies had to be registered at the FIDE Secretariat by 5 pm the previous day.

Mr. Gelfer from Israel said he was an observer from the side of the Ilyumzhinov ticket, and he concurred with Mr. Borg to accept the proxies that had arrived by email even without signature, as valid.

Mr. Leong seconded the proposal of Mr. Gelfer.

General Assembly approved.

Mr. Borg said there are ten Federations where proxies were reassigned. He said four of the ten proxies are resolved as Presidents are here, so we require approval of General Assembly regarding the others, which were Brunei, Ethiopia, Fiji, Laos, Myanmar and Solomon Islands.

After discussion, including the meaning and interpretation of the statutes, the General Assembly approved. There were objections by England, Netherlands (and his proxy), and USA.

Mr Borg said that there were two other clarifications.

Mr. Levitov from the Russian Chess Federation was asked to clarify the structure of the Russian Chess Federation. There is a discrepancy with the delegate on the website. Mr. Levitov said that from 19th February, Mr. Dvorkovich as Chairman of the Supervisory Board, has a right to appoint a delegate, which he did. He can show the Minutes of the RCF Assembly.

General Assembly approved Mr Levitov as the delegate, subject to the submission of the Minutes (duly received).

Mr. Borg said Peru is the other question. The Committee were provided with a number of documents from the Secretariat. The working committee asked that both persons from Peru should explain their position. They were given five minutes each.

The General Assembly awarded the vote to the current President, Dr Iturry Milton.

0.3. Roll call.

Roll-call was made by Mr. Leong on 29 September 2010. Quorum is established. There are 163 voting members present.

1. Report of the President. (29 September)

President Kirsan Ilyumzhinov presented his report.

On behalf of everyone and himself personally, he expressed his deepest gratitude to the hosts, the leadership and Government, all people in Khanty-Mansiysk Autonomous okrug – Ugra, the Organising Committee, Chess Federation of Ugra, sponsors and volunteers for their warm hospitality and wonderful organization of the 39th Chess Olympiad and the 81st FIDE Congress. He thought that all would agree with him that this is a very-well organized Olympiad, the best among all the Olympiads. He wanted all to note that this is the first FIDE Congress organized in a real chess palace.

During these days the attention of the whole chess world is on Ugra. The delegations of 142 countries have arrived here for the Chess Olympiad, which is the third most important event in Russia after the Summer Olympics and Athletics World Championship. We are proud of such a success!

The period after the Turin Congress is remarkable because of the unification of the chess world in October 2006 in Elista. As delegates will know, the road to this unification had been difficult and long. The match itself was a difficult test both for the sportsmen and FIDE. The match created huge interest in the media. Chess became a first page item for many large newspapers. It is clear that such an interest was to a large extent, created by “toiletgate”, but it also gave additional interest to chess. After a considerable period of schism today we have one Champion, without any reference to versions, organizations etc. We are confident in our future, we have plenty of large-scale plans and we have a lot of things to work on together.

He had promised in Turin to actively visit various tournaments and National Federations. So in this period he had been to 50 countries, many of which he had visited several times plus a large number of Russian regions. Such trips were aimed at attending certain chess events and getting acquainted with the chess situation plus problems and needs of national federations, lobbying the interests of chess during the meetings with the Heads of states and Governments and business circles. During his meetings with the Presidents of Bulgaria, Mongolia, Armenia, Vietnam, Palestine, South Korea, Moldova and other countries, state officials of many countries, heads of various regions and potential sponsors, he had always brought up the issues not only of the organization of any official FIDE tournaments, but also about introduction of chess into the school curriculum and of possible assistance to chess. One of the most important successful moments was the signing by Mr. Ilham Aliev, President of Azerbaijan, of the State Programme on Chess Development in the Republic of Azerbaijan for the period 2009-2014. According to this programme, each region of the country will have chess clubs and special attention shall be given to cooperation with FIDE. This document is published on the FIDE website and it can be studied and used as a good model. The wider practice we have, the stronger is chess, and stronger is FIDE.

The Presidents of Moldova and Armenia informed FIDE of their intention to introduce

chess as a facultative subject in the schools of their respective countries from the next school year. The same subject was mentioned during his meeting with the party leadership of the city of Nanjing at the opening of the second leg of the Women's Grand-Prix. They informed him that they would like their city to be turned into a chess development center in China, and towards this end, they intended to build a chess center and to organize more official FIDE events, including Youth Olympiad and Congress.

On the 1st February 2007 the FIDE delegation met with the IOC President Jacques Rogge. He would like once again to quote Mr. Rogge, that we should be seen in a more active interaction with National Olympic Committees, the IOC members, with mass media, and colleagues from other international federations. The IOC President said that he is not against seeing chess in the Olympic family, but this issue is decided by a vote and therefore we should lobby our issue. Nevertheless, even being a non-Olympic sport, chess is officially recognized as a sport in more than 130 countries of the world and National Chess Federations are members or associates of their NOCs in more than 120 countries. As we know there are sports that are popular in far fewer countries, which are included in the Olympics.

He would like to specially recall his visit to Doha in December 2006 to the opening ceremony of the 15th Asian Games, where chess was for the first time featured in the programme. The chess tournament was attended by the Olympic Games Executive Director Mr. Gilbert Felli and Chairman of the Olympic Games Coordination Commission in Beijing 2008, and now the SportAccord head Hein Verbruggen. During two hours the Continental President for Asia Sheikh Sultan bin Khalifa al Nahayan and himself had a discussion with the IOC people and explained and demonstrated the chess tournament. Very soon, in Guandzhou, China, another edition of Asian Games shall take place, where chess shall be again presented in the official programme. Chess is included into the programme of the 2011 Universiada in China.

We came to an agreement with the President of Tartarstan to provide a slot in the center of Kazan for the construction of a chess center, where in the future it is planned to organize our events and various chess activities.

Another important direction for FIDE is chess education among children and teenagers. Therefore he would like to praise the initiative of the President of the Baltic Zone, Aris Ozolins, that each first-grader receives a chess textbook as a gift in each school in the first day in school. On the same topic he would like to inform everyone of the bidding procedure for the 2009 World Youth Championships. These tournaments have become the most important and prestigious tournaments of FIDE, where about 2000 sportsmen, trainers and accompanying persons usually attend. Among them are future Grandmasters and World Champions. They are the future of FIDE. We took into consideration problems with the organization of such events, which happened in the past and have taken corresponding measures. They should comply with interests of players, parents, trainers and in particular, national federations and FIDE as a whole. For the first time, a procedure of inspections was introduced, which was financed by

the bidders. In 2009 such a great number bid for this event, that it was very hard to decide who to give the preference to.

Regarding this Olympiad 2010, the expenses of the Organisers total from 12 to 14 mln USD. FIDE received from the Khanty-Mansiysk organizers 900,000 USD (Dresden paid 100,000 USD, and Calvia even less). The most important thing is the considerable improvement of conditions for CACDEC members, for the arbiters, and for the first time there will be a prize fund of 200,000 euros. Charter flights, costing 1.2 million USD, have also been organized. Similar conditions have been received from the Istanbul Organisers.

On the World Championship cycle, he said we should move forward and meet today's challenges, with new development in the chess world, especially in the commercial part. The summary is clear. We have come back to a traditional system with a world championship cycle and a final match. Chess has the longest history of world championships among all sports, starting in 1886. He was sure that we should continue. The match is a collision of two characters, two styles, two approaches, two different chess visions and their expression. The first great interest for chess was caused by the World Championship matches, Capablanca-Alekhine, matches of Botvinnik, Spassky-Fischer, Karpov-Kortchoi, Karpov-Kasparov etc. This system is more attractive for sponsors and is more understandable to them. This has been proven by the two matches that took place during this period – Anand-Kramnik in Bonn and Anand-Topalov in Sofia.

To fully understand the rating calculation system, possible inflation and other problems, for the first time in the history of FIDE, we twice organized a K factor rating conference in Athens. It was attended by FIDE representatives as well as well-known mathematicians and active players. The results of the meetings were published on the FIDE website.

He had raised the issue of FIDE branding and restructurisation at the meeting of the Krakow Presidential Board in June 2009. The Board resolved that re-branding of Continental Federations into FIDE-Europe, FIDE-Asia, FIDE –America and FIDE-Africa would be of great marketing use. Thus they will be more commercially attractive, will have more political weight, both in continents and in each country. Each person on our planet should have a clear image that official championships are organized by an international chess federation!

Anyone can see the financial reports that the FIDE Treasurer prepared for each Presidential Board and FIDE Congress. They are published openly. You can see the expenditure of every cent. For the period the expenses for the organization of World Championships, World Cups and Grand-Prix tournaments totalled 20 mln USD, and prize funds are around 13 mln USD, correspondingly FIDE received around 2,5 mln USD.

During the last Presidential Board, he had attended the closing of the Anand-Topalov match in Sofia. He wanted to express the gratitude of FIDE to the Government and

Chess Federation of Bulgaria for the brilliant organization and holding of the World Championship. As everyone knew, there had been a lot of scepticism on whether equal conditions for both players could be achieved, but FIDE together with the Organising Committee managed to do everyone possible and necessary, even to overcome the force majeure situation, and the match was held on the highest level.

He had taken part in the round table in Odessa organized during the ACP Rapid Cup. He had taken part in the ASEAN conference, with the participation of several Oceania members, chaired by Mr. Leong. This conference was attended also by Sheikh Sultan, Senator Utut Adianto (INA) and Congressman Prospero Pichay (PHI). We managed to exchange opinions on the most urgent matters of chess development and discuss future steps. One of the main problems of professional progress, especially for the young generation, is a lack of strong top tournaments. So he had decided to provide 1 mln from his personal funds for the organization of the Campomanes Memorial. It will take place in various countries of ASEAN, and the first one has already taken place in Manila. Also he had given 500, 000 USD for the organization of two new tournaments in the Americas – Caribbean Cup and Latin American Cup.

He also took part in the opening of the 4th leg of the Women's Grand Prix in Jermuk together with the President of Armenia, Serge Sargssian, and before this he had visited Astrakhan at the closing of the last men's Grand Prix, together with the Governor A. Zhilkin. He met with the Slovenian, Croatian, Slovakian, FYROM, and Austrian Federations in Zagreb and Maribor. Besides this, he managed to see the infrastructure behind the Slovenian bid for the 2012 World Youth Championships. He visited their national championship under 20. He also met the Presidents of the Syrian and Lebanese Chess Federations in Beirut.

In Zambia an administrative seminar was held where the representatives of 18 countries of the continent took part. He had managed to meet with all delegations and discuss their problems. This was also a main theme of his meetings in the countries of Latin and Central America, i.e. Bolivia, Peru, Costa Rica and Cuba, where he also met the representatives of Panama, Guatemala, and Nicaragua.

He summed up by saying that the popularity of chess is growing in the world, both as a sport, and as a school subject. There is a great lack of trainers and we need to considerably increase the budgets of Chess in Schools, Trainers and Arbiters Commissions as well as CACDEC. We should give more assistance to National Federations, which will promote real expansion of chess, first of all among children.

He had promised to make his activities open and transparent. All his trips were published on the FIDE site and every day he is trying to be better informed on all issues of chess development, meet with people and make decisions.

Therefore he had decided to leave the office of the Kalmykian President and focus on the activities of FIDE, as he felt he still had a lot to offer.

He thanked everyone for their attention.

Gens Una Sumus. We are one family.

2. Financial report. (29 September)

2.1. Report of the Auditors.

Annex 1 is Accounts for 2009.

2.2. Treasurer's report. (29 September)

Annex 2 is Notes to the accounts 2009. **Annex 2A** is the current position for 2010.

Mr. Freeman said that despite what others say, the situation is clear. Official audit is done by Ernst & Young. It is a respected Swiss firm and they would be very unhappy to hear that they had signed up to some accounts which were not correct. Our accounts are all correct. He had been accused of hiding information. He explained that we have years where we receive more money than the other years. As FIDE Treasurer he was asked if it is true that FIDE is a corrupt organization. He took it as a personal insult, secondly as an insult to Ernst & Young and third, insult to the delegates who approve the accounts.

He explained the reason for the high cost of legal fees which will be in the 2010 accounts.

Mr. Keane, adviser with the Irish delegation, offered his congratulations on the accounts, they are clear and well presented.

Mr Freeman then dealt with a number of questions including the relationship with CNC, CACDEC and Chess in Schools.

Mr. Kelleher said the election campaign is marred by accusations. He wanted to say that Mr. Freeman is an honest man for FIDE finances and he worked hard to keep FIDE accounts. He had worked with him on several projects.

Mr. Herbert said he would like to clarify one issue. Unfortunately, there is a perception that CACDEC equals poor or third world countries. This sometimes harms the work of CACDEC and he wanted to deal with this in his official report to FIDE. The development commission is concerned with status of chess development in a country, not its economy or life standards. He did not want this persistent belief that CACDEC is for poor countries, it is for the chess development in countries.

Mr. Richardson, counsellor from Netherlands Antilles said they were a small chess federation and finances are very important part to them. They would like to see more

access to the funds and those who receive the help, to make best use of the finances which are generated.

Mr. Freeman said the majority of the money is under the control of the Continental Presidents.

Mr. Rahman from Bahrain Chess Federation asked about spending on chess in schools, women and disabled.

Mr. Freeman said there is a special item for women's chess and disabled chess. The amounts are not as large as we would wish, but first of all one has to have money in the accounts to give. If there is a specific project, people apply to FIDE.

Mrs. Marinello, delegate of Chile Chess Federation and former member of the FIDE Verification Commission, said the accounts are well-kept and are in good order. The reason is that Mr. Freeman and Mr. Jarrett do a very good job. It is important to know that the finances are in perfect order.

Mr. Birtz from Luxembourg congratulated the Treasurer but said his Federation was confused. He asked if an online access could be available, similar to ratings.

Mr. Wilkinson said he was personally very disappointed with the money allocated to chess in schools, and it is based on misconceptions mentioned by Mr. Herbert. He asked the future President to give necessary emphasis to chess in schools. The future of FIDE lies in chess in schools. Chess is a bold mind still waiting to be discovered. Football should not be the most popular sport. In Jamaica we have thousands of children who learn chess. Each Federation has a duty to teach it but FIDE has an obligation to help each country, particularly to those who have no chess tradition. Chess helps reduce illiteracy, fight violence.etc. He was happy to hear Mr Iljumzhinov saying that his emphasis will be on chess in schools. He urged the Treasurer, whoever he is, to increase the budget.

Mr. Freeman said he agreed with the points.

The General Assembly accepted the Treasurer's report and the accounts for 2009.

2.3. Permanent Fund report. (29 September)

Annex 3 is the report.

General Assembly accepted the report

2.4. Verification Commission report. (29 September)

Annex 4 is the report from the meeting held in Athens in July 2010.

Annex 49 is actual Minutes of the meeting which was held here.

General Assembly approved the reports.

2.5. Discharge of the Treasurer. (29 September)

The General Assembly discharged the Treasurer for the year 2009.

On the 2nd of October the FIDE Treasurer N. Freeman said that he would submit the budget for 2011 to the next Presidential Board for approval as there were too many open questions.

The General Assembly approved.

Section A: Elections. (29 September)

3.1. Appointment of the Scrutineers.

Mr. Leong proposed to nominate Ms. C. Jarecki, Mr. A. Herbert and Mr. D.V. Sundar as scrutineers. Mr Conn proposed and it was accepted by Mr Gelfer, observer for the K Ilyumzhinov ticket, and Mr Sundar, that Mr Roberto Rivello replace Mr Sundar on the Scrutineers Committee and this was then agreed by the General Assembly.

3.2. Validity of the candidacies and election for the combined Presidential tickets of:

I. Presidential ticket of Mr. Kirsan Ilyumzhinov:

1. President – Mr. Kirsan Ilyumzhinov
2. Deputy President – Mr. Georgios Makropoulos
3. Vice President – Mr. Lewis Ncube
4. Vice President – Ms. Beatriz Marinello
5. General Secretary – Mr. Ignatius Leong
6. Treasurer – Mr. Nigel Freeman

II. Presidential ticket of Mr. Anatoly Karpov:

1. President – Mr. Anatoly Karpov
2. Deputy President – Mr. Richard Conn Jr.
3. Vice President – Dr. Aguinaldo Jaime
4. Vice President – Prof. Dr. Alisa Maric
5. General Secretary – Mr. Abd Hamid Majid
6. Treasurer – Mr. Viktor Kapustin

Mr. Makropoulos said that the validity of both tickets will not be discussed as both sides had agreed on the issues.

The result of the voting was 95 votes in favour of the ticket of Mr Ilyumzhinov and 55 votes in favour of the ticket of Mr Karpov. There were 10 spoiled ballot papers and three abstentions. Mr Ilyumzhinov and his ticket were duly elected to serve from 2010 to 2014.

3.3. Elections for the Continental Presidents.

These elections took place in separate Continental meetings.

3.3.1. Europe – (29 September)

1. Mr. Silvio Danailov
2. Dr. Robert von Weizsaecker
3. Mr. Ali-Nihat Yazici

Mr Silvio Danailov was duly elected

3.3.2. Americas - (29 September)

1. Mr. Jorge Vega Fernandez
2. Mr. Erick Marvin Guevara

Mr Jorge Vega Fernandez was duly elected

3.3.3. Asia – (29 September)

1. Sultan Bin Khalifa Al-Nahayan was duly elected as he was the sole candidate

3.3.4. Africa – (30 September)

1. Mr. Dabilani Buthali
2. Dr. Hesham Elgendy
3. Dr. Mohammad Moammar AL-Gathafi
4. Mr. Lakhdar Mazouz
5. Mr. Kezzie Msukwa
6. Mr. Max Baron Nitzborn

Messrs Buthali and Al-Gathafi withdrew. Mr Lakhdar Mazouz was duly elected.

Annex 5 is the nomination and acceptance letters of all the candidates.

3.4. Nomination of the Vice Presidents. (2 October)

President announced his nominations and submitted them to the General Assembly to

confirm their appointment. He said that he wanted to concentrate all his time on FIDE and he needed extra assistants to help him carry out his programme, especially with Chess in Schools. He would concentrate all his efforts, connections and all his money on FIDE activities.

Vice Presidents – Mr. Chu Bo (CHN), Mr. Ilya Levitov (RUS), Mr. Ali Nihat Yazici (TUR), Mr. Israel Gelfer (ISR) and Mr. Boris Kutin (SLO)
Honorary Vice Presidents – Prof. Kurt Jungwirth (AUT), Prof. Vanik Zakarian (ARM), Mr. Dabilani Buthali (BOT), Mr. Khalifa Al-Hitmi (QAT).
FIDE Ambassador for Life – GM A. Karpov (RUS).

He had talked with Mr. Karpov who said that he wants to work for FIDE. He requested him to ask the delegates of the General Assembly for a position as FIDE Ambassador for Life.

Mr. Azmaiparashvili said that the President is violating the Statutes. He cannot nominate 5 Vice-Presidents, he only has two positions. He objected and we have to follow the statutes.

Mr. Ilyumzhinov thanked Mr. Azmaiparashvili and said that is why he decided to discuss with all parties how we can work for the next four years. He had invited Mr. Karpov to be a Vice President and he had asked his opinion regarding who he wants to nominate in the team. Mr Karpov suggested Mr. Kurchenkov, head of the Karpov team to have a position in FIDE.

He had discussed the future work with members of his former team and with many delegates. He wanted to involve everyone and he wanted their active work, as he wants to work for FIDE 24 hours a day. He wanted chess in schools in all 170 member federations. He had announced that he will put 1 mln USD from his private foundation for the preparation of trainers and arbiters. And many FIDE people will work in this and many other Commissions.

Mr. Azmaiparashvili said he had declined all positions and he will go for a legal procedure, this is an official objection from Georgia.

The Deputy President, Mr Makropoulos, asked the meeting if there were any objections to the confirmation of the nominations. He said there is one objection from Mr. Azmaiparashvili of Georgia. He asked if there were any further objections but no other objections were raised.

The President announced as advisors to the Executive Board - Senator Prospero Pichay (PHI), Prof. Von Weizaecker (GER), Ibrahim Al Bannai (UAE).

CEO Development instead of David Kaplan – Konstantin Kurchenkov (RUS)

The President travelled a lot and this year he had visited about 50 countries. He wanted

to visit 15-18 countries by the end of the year. Next year he will be also visiting a lot of countries. And he needed a person who will be with him on such visits. This will be Mr. Geoffrey Borg.

Commission Chairmen:

Arbiters' Commission – IA P. Nikolopoulos (GRE)

Chess in Schools – Ali Yazici (TUR)

Development – A. Herbert (BAR)

Medical – Dr Jana Bellin (ENG)

Qualification – Mr. Mikko Markkula (FIN)

Technical – Dr. Dirk De Ridder

Trainers – GM Michalshichin (SLO)

Women's Commission – Ms. A. Kosteniuk (RUS) and Ms. S. Polgar (USA)

World Championship and Olympiad – Mr. Georgios Makropoulos (GRE)

Events Commission – Mr. I. Leong (SIN)

Committee –

Rules and Regulations- G.Gijssen (Netherlands)

Swiss Pairings – C. Krause (GER)

Special Projects -

Chess Composition – A.Selivanov (RUS)

Social projects – D. Lima (BRA)

Others that are not mentioned will be under review until the 1st PB meeting.

General Assembly approved all nominations for the Commissions.

Honorary Member; to the founding member of the Libyan Chess Federation Mr. Abdulla Savier.

Roll-call was made by Mr. Leong on 30 September 2010 and the quorum established.

3.5. Election of additional Vice Presidents. (30 September and 1 October)

Scrutineers for Presidential ticket election were used again.

7 candidates (Automatic election if you receive 50% of the voting federations, bottom candidate is eliminated). Delegates invited to vote for three only in first round.

Mr. Nizar El Haj (LBA)

M. Kambouzia (IRI)

J. Ochoa de Echaguen (ESP)

W. Kelleher (USA)
H. Bond (CAN)
Z. Azmaiparashvili (GEO)
D.V. Sundar (IND)

Each candidate gave a five-minute presentation.

As a result of the vote, the following two candidates were elected FIDE Vice-Presidents as they achieved more than 50% of the voting federations. Mr. Sundar 74 votes, Mr. Kambozia 78 votes. The second round took place the next morning (October 1st) at 10 am, with Mr. Bond (41 votes) out of the vote as the one who had the least number of votes.

The remaining candidates are Z. Azmaiparashvili (66 votes), N. Elhaj (58 votes), J. Ochoa (43 votes) and W Kelleher (44 votes).

At the start of the afternoon session, there were speeches by the President and Mr Karpov.

October 1st Roll Call was made by Mr Leong and the quorum established

3.5 Election of additional Vice Presidents (01 October)

The same scrutineers dealt with the election of the final candidate. Mr Nizar El Haj received the highest number of votes in the second ballot and was duly elected.

Voting was N. Elhaj (60 votes), Z. Azmaiparashvili (56 votes), J. Ochoa (14 votes) and W Kelleher (12 votes).

3.6. Election of the FIDE Auditor, Verification Commission members. (30 September)

There were three nominations for the Commission

Mr. Freeman said the FIDE Auditor is Mr Boxall from Jersey, and members are Ruth Haring from USA and Joran Aulin-Jansson from Norway.

3.7. Election of the Chairman of the Ethics Commission and the Commission members. (30 September)

There were five nominations for the Commission

Roberto Rivello (Italy) as Chairman, Ian Wilkinson (Jamaica), Ralph Alt (Germany), Margaret Murphy (US Virgin Islands) and Ion-Serban Dobronauteanu (Romania).

3.8. Election of the Constitutional Committee members. (30 September)

There were five nominations for the Committee.

Roberto Rivello (Italy), Casto Abundo (Philippines), Edward Thompson (Ghana), Willy Iclicki (Monaco), Francois Strydom (South Africa).

3.9. Appointment of the FIDE Executive Director. (2 October)

David Jarrett was re-appointed for a period of two years.

4. Affiliations and Exclusions. (30 September)

4.1. Affiliations.

4.1.1. National Federations.

General Assembly was invited to ratify full membership of the following Federations. They have been given provisional membership by the Presidential Board:

Ivory Coast (provided they have met their financial obligations)
Central African Republic
Senegal

Mr. Jarrett proposed the federations for full membership. Ivory Coast will need to meet their obligations before being confirmed by the Presidential Board.

General Assembly approved.

4.1.2. International Organisations. (30 September)

General Assembly was invited to consider the application of the International Chess Association of French-speaking countries. **Annex 6** is the application.

General Assembly approved International Chess Association of French-speaking countries as an affiliated member.

Section B: Administrative Matters.

5.1. FIDE Offices. (30 September)

Executive Director D. Jarrett thanked all the staff and the General Assembly gave a round of applause to all the staff.

5.2. Proposals for changes in the Statutes.

5.2.1. Proposal of the Ukrainian Chess Federation for change in the FIDE Electoral Regulations (Annex 7). (30 September)

The Presidential Board had recommended rejection of this proposal.

Mr. Kapustin said that regarding this decision, he could not understand the reasons but after a lengthy discussion the General Assembly rejected by 48 votes to 8.

5.2.2. Proposal of Executive Director D. Jarrett for changes in the Statutes (Annex 8): (30 September)

- Regarding quorum in the General Assemblies and Extraordinary General Assemblies
- Regarding quorum in the Executive Board
- Regarding quorum in the Presidential Board
- Regarding language in court cases in CAS.

The Presidential Board supported these proposals.

Mr Rajcsanyi proposed the following wording in respect of the final proposal: “all disputes initiated by any member federation of FIDE, sent to the court of arbitration in Lausanne, shall be in English”.

General Assembly approved all proposals including the amendment of Mr. Rajcsanyi.

5.3. Proposal of the Ukrainian Chess Federation regarding the management process in FIDE (Annex 9). (30 September)

The proposal was referred to the Constitutional Committee for their recommendations to the Presidential Board.

6. Directors' Reports. (1 October)

6.1. Development Department.

6.1.1. CNC Project.

Annex 42. Mr. Freeman explained that a new paragraph had been included into the Contract. He said that Mr. Makropoulos and he have had regular phone meetings with CNC. FIDE has veto on projects and no rights are given away whatsoever. Before Mr. Makropoulos and Mr. Freeman sign anything, they must receive approval from the Presidential Board.

Mr. Makropoulos said that based on this agreement there is 20% from gross sponsorship money to FIDE. The original Contract had been published in the Internet, without a very important paragraph, which is shown in Annex 42. .

Mr Makropoulos dealt with a number of questions on the contract.

The General Assembly agreed the report.

6.2. PR and Marketing Director.

Mr. Peter Rajcsanyi gave a brief report.

Mr. Herbert recommended that FIDE should explore the production of FIDE merchandise, ties, pens etc.

General Assembly approved the report.

6.3. Commercial Director.

There was a brief report and the General Assembly approved.

7. Commissions.

Section C. Ethics Commission (2 October)

Annex 54 Mr. Rivello presented his report. He thanked again the FIDE President and the Board for trusting him through his re-election as Chairman of the Ethics Commission.

He said for two years we proceeded with the work and introduced procedure rules and added some guidelines. During the last year, we introduced some internal practice, which need approval. During the Khanty-Mansiysk meeting we discussed several important points. In recent years there are an increasing number of complaints for violations of FIDE and ECU Statutes, in particular in front of CAS. We need to implement a procedure. We have no internal system of justice. We need to introduce such a system. Problems linked with the competence of arbiters of FIDE events, he believed, would be necessary to introduce a sportive justice in FIDE. He said the Commissions he chaired should be tasked to prepare a draft to amend the Statutes. If we look at the budgets of FIDE and ECU, they were increased because of complaints.

The Commission judged some cases, and for many had published the final judgements. We gave full application of our rules. The tasks are time-consuming. The Commission meets once a year and the decisions are not so quick. At present it is difficult to do something better. You can see that when we sanctioned some players, we suspended some sanctions. The reason is that these are the first cases where it was agreed to

suspend players. It is possible that players, organisers or officials who violate our codes, can be really sanctioned.

He knew as a chess player, as a prophylaxis, regarding the Turkish case, it was a very difficult case. Some points were dismissed, because there was not a complaint from E. Atalik. As for GM Atalik, there was evidence of violation of Code of Ethics. The case is dismissed, but one point needs clarifying. We know very well that the FIDE EB approved a document, where it is possible for a Federation to authorise a player to play. Maybe it could be a problem in Europe. It is not a problem in Turkey so far but he hoped it will be a problem there as well in the future. Even if the player had to ask the consent of his National Federation, following the national law, we dismissed the case. But if President of the Federation denies authorisations and does not authorise the player to play abroad, it could be a violation of the Code of Ethics. The reason is that even we dismiss the case, it is important; our jurisprudence is similar to common law. He was a judge and a jurist, but the Ethics Commission does not give implementations of the Statutes. He cannot say he introduced the law, but he can clarify the law.

In the case concerning computer cheating, we asked for guidelines from the FIDE PB. It is a difficult task and not fulfilled. Another problem is about pairings. We tried to clarify that if a Federation regularly denies without reason, it could be a violation of our code, in his opinion.

Mr. Freeman said after the CAS case, we shall revise the Statutes and we shall ask his opinion.

Mr. Yazici said he thanked the Commission for this difficult and sensitive job. He agrees with Mr. Rivello on the comment regarding regular denial. But it looks like that there is a connection with the Turkish Chess Federation. He proposed that the sentence should be removed from the paragraph, not to have confusion.

Mr. Rivello said there is no confusion as the minutes are written. We clarify and in our opinion the Turkish Chess Federation did not violate the Code of Ethics. This case nobody won, everybody lost. It is important to clarify the interpretation for the future. He can just hope that the relationship between GM Atalik and his Federation should be good as the relationship between K. Ilyumzhinov and A. Karpov.

Mr. Makropoulos said Mr. Karpov had made an agreement and had signed a paper that he revokes all his statements.

Mr. Short asked Mr. Yazici to confirm or to deny that the Turkish CF lost the case in court against GM Atalik.

Mr. Yazici said they lost a financial case but it is in the appeals procedure and he was sure they would win. He underlined that many people here should know that Turkish CF never refused any of their players to play abroad, including GM Atalik and WGM E. Atalik. On the contrary, we cover their expenses.

General Assembly approved the Ethics Commission report and noted that they will participate in the review of the Statutes.

Section D. Technical Commission. (30 September)

Annex 38. Dr. Filipowicz said the testers had accepted the new electronic Spanish clock, Sistemco, he asked for FIDE endorsement. He also said that Mr. Jordan, Director of the previous Chess Olympiad, presented new equipment: a chess clock for the use of blind players. He asked for a testing for possible production. Mr. Jarrett said he had spoken to DGT. They have no objection.

It was decided to have a testing procedure for chess boards, chess pieces, regarding size and colour and the tests shall be prepared by the next Presidential Board.

The report was approved by the General Assembly.

(a) Rules and Tournament Regulations Committee. Annex 37. (30 September)

Mr. Gijssen said that if the delegates had any suggestions to improve the new proposed regulations then they should write to him.

The report was approved by the General Assembly

b) Technical Administration Panel. Annex 30. (30 September)

Mr. Stubenvoll said there is a proposal to change the ranking for pairings. He thanked the Organisers for the preparation of the Olympiad, never before had there been such good preparation.

General Assembly approved the report.

c) Swiss Pairings Programmes Committee. (30 September)

Annex 10 is the Agenda for the meeting of the Swiss Pairings Programmes Committee. **Annex 36** is the report.

Mr. Dubov proposed the acceleration of Swiss pairings systems for Olympiads, Mr. Markkula will check.

Rules of the Swiss pairings are not written very well, and Mr. Gijssen and he agreed to rewrite the Rules to present in Krakow.

General Assembly approved the report.

Section E. Qualification Commission. (30 September)

Annex 11 is the Agenda of the Qualification Commission meeting.

Annex 12 is a proposal of Qualification Commission Chairman M. Markkula on FM/WFM titles (based on Olympiad results and based on ratings).

Annex 13 is the list of over-the-board-play titles to be approved by the General Assembly.

Annex 40 is the report.

Mr. Markkula said he has been in the QC for twelve years. He wanted to thank the Elista staff, particularly Irina Bebikova, Gennady Rakhvalov and Vladimir Kukaev, who are very helpful and do good work. He also thanked the Athens office for their help. In Bursa the Presidential Board took the authority to change the time control. The Presidential Board cannot decide on Qualification Commission matters, as clearly is stated in the Statutes. He said it caused a lot of trouble. Some tournaments were played with the wrong time control and produced norm results. We have decided that 90 min plus 30 sec per move will be valid until 30th June 2013 for titles. There is a problem with some “creative” tournaments, where the organisers use all means possible to produce more titles, which violates our regulations 1.42G. We will send a warning to such organisers and Federations.

He proposed a recommendation by QC, to help the titles office in Elista. It has been unclear whether certain titles require a fixed number of games or not. We propose that a person can be awarded FM or WFM, if she or he had 2300 or more in any rating period, no matter how many games played.

If a player gets 6 out of 9 in the Olympiad, they receive FM or WFM. This will be retroactive to any Olympiads.

Recommendations – FIDE rating experts meeting in Athens in June proposed to change K for the 30 first rated games instead of 25 now and also consequently the value of a half a point over 50% in the new player’s formula to 15 instead of 12,5. Another change which is proposed to be approved is after the player has an initial rating based on at least three rated games, each rated game after this will be accumulated.

Some other proposals were decided to be taken with 2012 amendments. The last point is that we need some kind of history file in FIDE, in an accessible format.

Mr. Kelleher asked about time controls and if they were discussed in the Commission.

The Chairman replied that the issue of time controls is postponed. They did not decide

anything now. It will be discussed in the Congress 2012.

General Assembly approved the titles and the report.

Section F. Arbiters' Commission. (30 September)

Annex 14 is the list of Arbiters' titles by the General Assembly. **Annex 31** is the report.

Mr. Nikolopoulos thanked the staff of the FIDE offices in Athens, in Elista together with FIDE General Secretary Leong, FIDE Treasurer Freeman and Executive Director Jarrett for their help.

Statistics after the Dresden Congress: During 2009 – 22 seminars with 475 participants and during 2010, so far they had organised 22 seminars. In Khanty-Mansiysk there were 2 seminars, one in English with 22 participants, and one in Russian.

The system of seminars is working very well. They had cooperated with CACDEC in Africa. The Commission is ready to cooperate with any Federation.

They had organised the first Internet arbiters' seminar. He thanked Mr. Muradian from North American Chess Association for his cooperation. The response and feedback was very good and we are ready to offer training for arbiters in any part of the world, at a very low cost. He had presented the draft regulations on such seminars and send it to Mr. Jarrett, Mr. Borg and Mr. Freeman and wait for their approval.

The report includes the qualifications of arbiters: Categories A and B. The Commission will be updating the qualification of arbiters every two years.

They had agreed to create a website, similar to the trainers' website, to include the information on arbiters and respond to questions.

An Arbiters' manual will be prepared. In Krakow they will bring a draft manual, after preparation by the Subcommittee.

Mr. Barrera congratulated the Arbiters' Commission on their work. He had one remark regarding seminars in various continents.

Mr. Nikolopoulos said that regarding Argentina, there is a member in the Commission, who is in the list of lecturers and there is a possibility to organise a seminar in Argentina.

Mr. Boxall said that he would like to draw the attention of the problems of Scottish and English Federations nominations of arbiters for this Olympiad. He said that the ECU invited them to nominate one IA to participate in this Olympiad. These Federations

duly did so and passed the names of the appointees. They were informed that these names were passed to FIDE, to someone in the Presidential Board. After that there was silence. We waited for the results and no-one was appointed.

Mr. Freeman said this is not relevant to this Commission. He invited Mr. Boxall to talk to FIDE on this issue.

General Assembly approved the titles and report of the Arbiters' Commission.

Section G. Trainers' Commission. (1 October)

Annex 15 is the titles to be approved by the General Assembly.

Annex 43 is the report.

Mr. Michalschin said that they had increased the number of seminars. Their task is to help trainers throughout the world. They had a good relationship with Chess in Schools Commission and they can support them. They had initiated a trainers' syllabus, trainers' material, which was free of charge. They have a very good website and you can visit and receive information. They have made a list of books in several languages. The list is compiled by the top trainers from various countries. They had conducted seminars for trainers during Olympiad and World Youth Championships. They need to increase the cooperation with other Commissions.

Africa is the priority for this year. They had started a women's programme and already had conducted the first seminar. They support Federations in various countries and their activities are very broad. He was thankful to Messrs. Ilyumzhinov, Makropoulos, Freeman, Leong and Jarrett for their support.

Mr. Gelfer said the work of the Commission has been improved. We know the serious work which has been done. We see all the work and we read their Minutes. Messrs. Michalschin and Grivas deserve a lot of credit for the very good work. It is very important for the professional work of chess players.

The delegate from Cameroon said it would be very good to organise seminars in Egypt and South Africa. He said in West Africa there is a real problem. They have no trainers and there is a problem with transport. It is very difficult for them to move to South Africa. Therefore it is necessary to organise seminars in West Africa.

Mr. Michalschin said that in West Africa we shall start online seminars and we will do it in two languages, English and French.

General Assembly approved the titles and the report.

Section H. CACDEC. (30 September)

Annex 48 is the report of the Commission.

Mr. Herbert said he wanted to draw attention, particularly Continental Presidents and organisers of Continental youth championships, to the incorporation of CACDEC provisions into their regulations. He had enjoyed working with the Chairmen of Arbiters, Chess in Schools and Women's Commissions on certain joint projects. He recommended to the incoming Commission the possibility to organise a seminar for those that cannot use the FIDE rating server.

General Assembly approved the report.

Section I. Chess in Schools Commission. (30 September)

Annex 16 is the proposal of the Commission Chairman Prof. U. Blanco regarding chess as part of universal mankind cultural heritage.

Annex 39 is the report.

Prof. Blanco said that Annex 16 refers to a new concept, which is a philosophical notion regarding the recognition of chess as a universal right. Children around the world should have the right to be taught the principles and characteristics of chess. During their electoral campaigns both Presidential Candidates pointed out the importance of the Commission of Chess in Schools. They both offered the Commission their support for the recognition of chess as international cultural heritage. This implies a totally different concept of chess to the one we know today. The recognition of chess as cultural and intangible heritage will give it a new and greater status, while there will be no contradiction with its notion as a sport. On the contrary, such recognition will reinforce the concept of chess as a sport and will ratify it. Annex 16 is divided into 3 parts. In the first part, the proposal is to recognise chess as cultural heritage of humanity because of its long presence and history. In the second part it is proposed that this recognition of chess as cultural heritage has to be included in the FIDE Handbook, to form part of the principles and statutes of FIDE. The third part of the proposal is to bring the matter before UNESCO and ask for the recognition of chess as cultural good of the United Nations. Today, Anatoly Karpov offered his support to promote this idea and pursue its acceptance within UNESCO. President Kirsan Ilyumzhinov also promised that by the end of October he would be willing to assist to bring this proposal before UNESCO. Prof. Blanco is asking the General Assembly to approve this proposal which has already been discussed in the Commission and has been unanimously approved.

Prof. Blanco said that they have discussed and proposed the title of FIDE Teacher for all those thousands of people that monitor, instruct and teach chess around the world. They are asking the General Assembly to give the Chess in Schools Commission the right to award the international title of FIDE Teacher in recognition of the work of all these people that have contributed to the development and promotion of chess around

the world during all these years.

Mr. Leong said that in the report there is a recommendation for a title of FIDE teachers. The last recommendation made to Trainers and Chess in Schools was that all the titles should be the same, as under Trainers. He suggested that these Commissions should meet and create a general set of titles.

Prof. Blanco said they want to have a title of FIDE Teacher for all those who teach chess. He thanked Mr. Leong but said this title is very important as an international title, to the millions of people in the world who promote chess.

Mr. Leong said we should follow the responsibilities and Trainers Commission is dealing with training and Chess in Schools is to promote chess. If you create your own manuals or your own training seminars to train teachers, it will be parallel to Trainers' Commission. We should make great efforts and incorporate those who are already in this profession. These two commissions should sit down together and discuss.

Mr. Makropoulos concurred with Mr. Leong on this proposal. He said the two Commissions should come forward with a joint proposal to the next Executive Board. He said the Assembly cannot decide on the responsibilities of the two Commissions. Otherwise, the Presidential Board shall decide.

Prof. Jungwirth drew the attention to the ideas of UNESCO cooperation and cultural heritage. This is good for the field of intellectual and financial resources in the field of education. He said Mr. Danailov mentioned the same problem, and maybe UNESCO General Secretary is from Bulgaria. He thought FIDE should support Mr. Blanco's ideas.

General Assembly approved the report, except of the Chess teacher title.

Section J. Women's Chess Commission. (1 October)

Annex 34. Ms. Polgar said things in Women's chess have improved greatly. She is glad that the Women's Blitz World Championship was played. They discussed changing the number of participants.

They would continue working on further improvement regarding prize funds, more women, in trainers, arbiters and of course chess in schools.

Mr. Freeman said the Women's World Champion A. Kosteniuk was the first World Champion who became very active on the Presidential Board. He thanked both Co-Chairpersons for their work.

General Assembly approved the report of the Commission.

Section K. Constitutional Commission (1 October)

Annex 35 is the report.

Based on the CAS decision, Mr. Makropoulos said the Secretariat should work on the Commission's proposal and report to the Presidential Board.

General Assembly approved the proposal of Mr. Makropoulos.

Section L. Special projects. (30 September)

Annex 33. There was a meeting to discuss a proposal for the World Games for the Disabled.

Mr. Jarrett requested the support of FIDE.

General Assembly approved.

Section M. Medical Commission. (1 October)

Annex 45. Dr. Bellin presented the report.

She said that Medical Commission has been active the last year and they had reworked the FIDE Anti Doping regulations to be in full compliance with WADA anti-doping regulations. The legal help of our Secretary was very important. They are in force since 1st July 2010. They had submitted statistical reports to WADA with all necessary information.

They were testing at this Olympiad and tested in Sofia at the World Championship match.

Mr. Kelleher said we should really congratulate Dr. Bellin on her fine work. It used to be a highly controversial subject and now she has managed to minimise the number of the tests. It does not interfere with the players and it becomes a routine.

Prof. Jungwirth asked if we have the results from this Olympiad.

Dr. Bellin said the results will be at the latest within 6 weeks, as the samples are sent to a Moscow laboratory and the Federations will be informed accordingly.

Medical Commission report was approved.

Section N. Events Commission. (30 September)

Annex 32 is the report of the Commission.

Mr. Leong said that most of the items can be referred to the Presidential Board.

General Assembly approved the report

Section: FIDE Meetings, Tournaments and Matches (29 September)

8.1. 2011 Presidential Board meetings.

No bids had been received.

8.2. 82nd FIDE Congress 2011.

The event shall be held in Krakow, Poland, 15-22 October 2011.

8.3. 83rd FIDE Congress 2012 and 40th Chess Olympiad 2012.

The events shall be held in Istanbul, Turkey. November 2012.

8.4. 84th FIDE Congress 2013.

Mr. Jarrett said there is a proposal from Turkey to organise this Congress.

General Assembly approved.

8.5. 85th FIDE Congress 2014 and 41st Chess Olympiad 2014. (October 2)

At the close of bidding for the Chess Olympiad 2014 on April 30th, the FIDE Secretariat had received two offers to host the event. Bulgarian Chess Federation bids to host the event in the Varna Region from September 20th to October 4th 2014. Norwegian Chess Federation bids to host the event in Tromso from August 1st to August 14th 2014. In addition, both federations are bidding to host the World Cup in 2013 as part of their overall package.

Annex 17 is the bids. **Annex 17a** is the letter from the Bulgarian Government. **Annex 17b** is a comparative table of the two bids. Norway distributed another letter regarding the visa process.

The presentation of the bids was made after the drawing of lots, first would be Tromso and then Albena.

USA asked both bidders about bank guarantees, because it is a large amount of money. Mr. JJ Aulin-Jansson from Norway said the 17,000 mln NOK is a guarantee by the

Norwegian Government. It is safer than a normal bank guarantee, as Norway will not go bankrupt. The budget is 14.9 mln euro and some other revenue will be from sponsors and also from municipal support.

Mr. Sergiev of the Bulgarian Chess Federation replied that it is engaged in big events not for the first time and they have the support of the Government and especially the Ministry of Finance. The Government will create a special foundation for this particular event starting from mid 2011. They have negotiated two sport lotto of the national lottery, twice a year in 2012 and 2014. All the money is guaranteed in the bid. So they absolutely guarantee that there is no problem with the money for the Olympiad.

Mr. Gelfer said for the record, the Commission of World Championship and Olympiad had distributed the paper of evaluation, **Annex 17B**. There is a mistake for the budget of Norway – 14.900.00 – it should be 14.900.000.

Mr. Luxman from Sri Lanka asked about visas.

Norway said they have had a long discussion with the relative department in Norway. The government is eager to help and we distributed today a letter that they will do their best to facilitate the process. We will not wait until the last six months. We cannot guarantee visas for everybody in the whole world, but we guarantee that the process will be swift and correct.

Mr. Sergiev said Bulgaria will do everything, which is required, in terms of visa issuance. As long as all applications for visas are ready, we will take this from there. Bulgaria is a member of EU, is a tourist country, annually is visited by 14 mln people and we have a very respected image in organising all kind of events, including chess events. The resort itself is a partnering company, and is an associate of the Bulgarian Chess Federation. As an addition to the budget, there will be special rates for accompanying persons. We shall spend for the preparation and organising of the Olympiad.

Roll-call was made again. Mr. Rivello was replaced by Mr. Shaun Press (PNG) as a scrutineer.

The vote took place. Norway 95 votes, and Bulgaria had 47 votes from a total of 142 votes.

As a result of the vote, the 2014 Chess Olympiad and Congress were awarded to Tromso, Norway.

Mr. JJ Aulin-Jansson thanked all the delegates especially those who voted for Norway. He promised that they will work very hard to make the best Olympiad ever.

8.6. World Cup 2011.

Deputy President, G. Makropoulos said that it might take place in Khanty-Mansiysk. The President would advise.

8.7. Candidates Matches 2011.

The event shall be organised in Kazan, Russian Federation. **Annex 18** is the list of participants.

Mr. Makropoulos said the final contract had not been signed. We have discussed several details here with the Russian Federation. He requested the authorisation for the President and the Board to finalise the discussion.

General Assembly approved.

World Championship Match 2012.

London has an option. We are facing a serious problem regarding a tax issue. Mr. Makropoulos asked approval for the Presidential Board to authorise the finalising of the details. He said that if we are not able to finalise in the next two weeks, maybe we will have to open a bidding procedure. The players who play in the candidates' matches want to know first who will organise the final match, before they sign the contract for the candidates match. They want to know the organisers and the conditions.

8.8. Grand Prix 2008-2010.

Annex 19 is the final standings.

8.9. Women's World Chess Championship 2010.

The event shall take place in Hatay, Turkey, 2-25 December 2010.

8.10. Women's Grand Prix.

Annex 20 is the current standings.

Mr Borg reported that there is one leg to organise. The Chileans cannot organise the tournament this year because of the earthquake.

8.11. Women's Team Championship 2011.

The event shall be held in Antalya, Turkey, 1-11 December 2011.

8.12. World Junior and Girls U-20 Championship 2010.

The event was held in Chotowa Czarna, Poland, 2-17 August 2010. **Annex 29** is Chief Arbiter's report.

8.13. World Junior and Girls U-20 Championship 2011.

The event shall be held in New Delhi, India, August 1-16 2011.

8.14. World Junior and Girls U-20 Championship 2012.

Deadline for bids was 28th September 2010. **Annex 41** is bid from Argentina and **Annex 52** is the bid from Greece.

Mr Makropoulos excused himself from the chair.

After discussion, 5 voted for Argentina. 18 voted for Greece.

The event is awarded to Athens, Greece.

8.15. World Youth Championships U-8, U-10, U-12, U-14, U-16 and U-18 2010.

The event shall be held in Halkidiki, Greece from 19 to 31 October 2010.

Mr. Makropoulos said that such a huge number of kids are coming that the two big official hotels are already full. There are 2500 people, so please inform your Federations that there is a problem with accommodation. Do not take any risk of sending any extra persons at the last moment.

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

The event shall be held in Rio de Janeiro, 12-22 November 2011.

8.17. World Youth Championships U-8, U-10, U-12, U-14, U-16 and U-18 2012. (1 October)

The deadline for bids closed June 30th 2010 and only European Federations could bid. **Annex 21** is the bid from the Turkish Chess Federation to hold the event in Antalya, 1-12 November 2012. **Annex 22** is the bid from the Slovenian Chess Federation to hold the event in Maribor, 7-19 November 2012. **Annex 23** is the letter from the Slovenian Chess Federation regarding the bid and possible events. **Annex 24** is the bid from the Montenegro Chess Federation to organise the event in Budva, 20 October – 1 November 2012. **Annex 25** is the bid from Georgian Chess Federation to organise the event in Batumi, 19-31 October 2012.

Each bidder received ten minutes to present their bid.

Order of presentation:

Slovenia
Georgia
Montenegro
Turkey

After the four presentations the vote was carried out by raising hands.

Mr. Kelleher counted the votes.

Slovenia – 45. Georgia – 2. Montenegro – 29. Turkey – withdrew.

Mr. Azmaiparashvili said the procedure was wrong, and Georgia withdrew. He objected to this procedure.

Mr. Rajscanyi said there was no announcement from Georgia that the offer was withdrawn. The Georgian representative appeared and made a presentation. The procedure was right.

The final vote was between Slovenia and Montenegro.

Second vote showed a majority for Slovenia.

Slovenia was awarded the event.

8.18. World Seniors Championships 2010.

The event shall be held in Arco, Italy, 26 October – 6 November 2010.

8.19. World Seniors Championship 2011.

The deadline for the bids is 31st August 2010. **Annex 26** is the bid from the Croatian Chess Federation to organise the event in Opatija, 6-16 November 2011.

Annex 27 is a proposal of Qualification Commission Chairman M. Markkula on Senior (Women Senior) age limits.

General Assembly approved the bid of Croatia.

General Assembly approved the proposal of Mr. Markkula.

8.20. World Amateur Championship 2011.

Annex 44 is the bids of Turkey and Croatia.

The Chairman asked the bidders if they wanted to add anything but both declined so the meeting went to the vote by a show of hands.

General Assembly supported the bid of Turkey.

8.21. World Team Championship 2013.

Ms. Tian Abigail said China would like to organise the 2011 Championship. They were discussing this with Mr. Yazici.

China were awarded the 2011 World Team Championship in Hainan Island, in the south of China, in February. China would inform the dates within two weeks.

Turkey bid originally for 2013 and FIDE leave them the event.

8.22. 2010 World Youth U-16 Chess Olympiad.

The event will be held in Burdur, Turkey, end of November – beginning of December 2010.

8.23. 2011 World Youth U-16 Chess Olympiad.

The event will be held in Ankara, Turkey in September 2011.

8.24. World Schools Individual Championship 2011.

The event shall be held in Krakow, Poland, 30 April to 8 May 2011.

8.30. World Blitz Championship 2010.

The finals shall be held in Moscow, Russia, 16-18 November 2010.

8.31. Women's World Blitz Championship 2010.

The event was held in Moscow, Russia, 16-18 September 2010. **Annex 50** is the report.

8.32. World Club Cup 2011. (1 October)

The event shall be organised in UAE, 18 to 27 July 2011.

The matter is referred to Presidential Board 1st quarter 2011.

8.33. 2011 All Africa Games – included into the Continental report for Africa.

9. Reports of Continental Presidents. (2 October)

9.1. Report of Continental President for Europe. (2 October)

Continental President for Europe Boris Kutin presented the report. **Annex 57.**

Mr. Makropoulos said that Mr. Kutin had moved Europe to a high level, so it will be difficult for Mr. Danailov to beat it.

General Assembly approved the report.

9.2. Report of Continental President for Americas. (2 October)

Annex 51. Annex 51A

General Assembly approved the report of the Continent.

9.3. Report of Asian Continental President. (2 October)

Annex 56.

Mr. Berglund, delegate of Palau said that in the first part he is listed as NZL, it should be corrected, and he was not even at the meeting.

The zone for India was accepted.

General Assembly approved the report.

9.4. Report of African Continental President. (2 October)

Annex 55.

Mr. Buthali said that the request of Egypt to move to zone 4.1 can be handled outside the General Assembly.

Mr. Mazouz said we have been told that there will be no new zones. And this morning we learnt there is a new zone. People should have said that we could also propose a rezoning in Africa.

Mrs. Jihan said that Egypt should be moved to new zone.

Mr. Viang from Cameroon said there is a problem of re-structuring. The new zone in Europe was accepted by the General Assembly. So we should restructure our Continent and prepare new zones.

Mr. Makropoulos said we asked three years ago for Continental Presidents to present a new structure of zones. He said the next Presidential Board should be authorized to

resolve on the new structure proposed by the Continental President.

General Assembly approved the proposal of Mr. Makropoulos.

General Assembly approved the report of the Continent.

Section O.

10. Other matters.

10.1. SportAccord. (30 September)

Annex 28 is the report of Mr. Jarrett on SportAccord.

The General Assembly accepted the report.

10.2. Legal matters. (30 September)

Annex 46 is the decision of CAS regarding the court case with the Karpov ticket.

Mr Jarrett reported on the case regarding the Mexico World Championship Tournament and the recovery of the loan.

10.3. Annex 47 is the Minutes from IberoAmerican Association meeting.

10.4 New European Zone (October 2)

Mr. Iclicki had asked the European President and FIDE President to have a special zone of 10 smaller Federations.

Mr. Leong said that we have proposals from some Continents for creating a special zone and it takes FIDE 2-3 years to do anything. And this document was taken to the FIDE President and the signature was received.

Mr. Makropoulos said this is attached in the European report.

Mr. Leong said if we accept this, the same should be applied to the other continents. The three other continents should form their own small nations zone.

Prof. Jungwirth, said there are two contradictory zones, with and without Liechtenstein, and the other one was without Cyprus and Luxembourg.

Mr. Iclicki said Liechtenstein is not here, but they liked the idea.

Mr. Markkula said this new so-called zone will have some advantages regarding titles. He objected as this is a big zone in ratings. He proposed this to be postponed.

Mr. Makropoulos proposed to postpone the decision regarding titles in this zone.

Mr. Yazici said he did not agree with Mr. Markkula regarding titles, because in other continents some zones are not so big. Today the meaning of zone is different from 20 years ago. In Olympiad and other tournaments they cannot get medals. He seconded the idea of having this new zone, with immediate effect.

Mr. Kutin said we have no zonal tournaments in Europe, We have European Championships and this is nothing to do with qualification.

Mr. Buthali said although Ali presents the argument for creation of this zone, he believed we have to look at the matter scholastically. If this is granted, then all the continents should be given the same dispensation. There are other issues, not only Grandmasters. In Africa we have challengers of communication and logistics.

Mr. Makropoulos said that if such proposal comes from Africa, it should be treated in the same way.

Mr. Hourareu from Seychelles said that in Africa we also have small countries and it is inspiring and helps small nations.

Mr. Markkula said that if it is not giving advantage to titles, he did not object. But there is problem of overlapping of regional and other Federations. There are some which can play in four youth tournaments and can qualify for titles. He said we should look into details.

Mr. Makropoulos said we shall check later if there is any problem.

Mr. Borg said the critical point is that we need to move forward. Also regarding Mr. Markkula's point, we shall give you the strength of this new zone and evaluation.

Mr. Borg said the President of the zone will be Mr. Tornaritis from Cyprus.

The General Assembly agreed to set up the new zone and the first Zonal President is Mr Christoforos TORNARITIS from Cyprus.

10.5 Diploma for achievements to IA Faig Gasanov (AZE) on his 70th birthday.

The President made the presentation.

Closing

Mr. Makropoulos thanked the Organisers for the wonderful work and preparation and

he looked forward to the next Olympiad in Turkey.

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