

Report of the Adviser for the Special Project „Chess for the Disabled“ to the General Assembly, Istanbul 2012

Since the FIDE Congress in Krakow 2011 the following work for the Special Project „Chess for the Disabled“ was carried out:

- In March 2012 a meeting in Dresden/Germany took place. The following plans seemed to be most important:
 1. to establish contacts to the International Paralympic Committee
 2. to present chess in the media as a unique sport where disabled persons can compete
 3. to provide help in organising events for disabled players
 4. to coordinate the work and the communication between the IBCA, ICSC, IPCA and FIDE
 5. to work with the ARB and RTR commission to guarantee inclusion and avoid problems
 6. to attract sponsorship for events
 7. to find connections to other FIDE commissions
 8. to make the World Chess Games for Disabled a regular event, include it into the FIDE calendar and explore the possibility to make it a world championship
 9. to establish a commission for Chess for the Disabled

The minutes of the Dresden meeting can be found at the FIDE website. Some of the plans of this meeting have already been solved:

- In cooperation with the RTR Commission the „Guidelines on Treatment of Disabled Chessplayers“ were written.
- In cooperation with the Trainers Commission it was agreed to host trainers seminars with special focus on disabled people. The first seminar will take place November 30th - December 2nd 2012 at the FIDE Trainer academy in Berlin.
- It was agreed with the Arbiters Commission to host an online seminar in the future.
- The opportunities of hosting joint events with the Development Commission, the CIS Commission, the Social Projects Commission and the WOM Commission were the topic of discussions at the meetings during this FIDE Congress.
- The 1st World Chess Games for Disabled took place in October 2011 in Dresden/Germany. The event was a success. There were 35 players from 6 countries participating. The organisers plan for 100 entries for the next edition in 2013.

In numerous talks with participants of this FIDE Congress there was a big consensus to explore the possibility to bring Chess to the Paralympic Games. It is my suggestion to the General Assembly to assign a Committee on this matter.

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