

Report Committee Chess for the Disabled (CfD)

by Adviser Thomas Luther

1. Preparation of the 1. World Chess Championship for Disabled, October 21-28, 2013, in Dresden/Germany

A meeting and inspection of the tournament took place at November 13, 2012 in Dresden. Fide Vice president Lakhdar Mazouz, Adviser CfD Thomas Luther and the organising committee discussed and prepared the tournament.

A meeting with the major of the town of Dresden, Mrs Helma Orosz, took place on the same day. The major promised support for the tournament.

It was agreed that the championship will be supported with 5000 Euro from the budget of the Committee „Chess for the Disabled“

A second meeting of the organising committee took place on August 15-17, 2013. The president of the German Chess Federation, Mr Herbert Bastian, promised support for the World Championship.

The preparation for the championship is well under way. There are about 70 entries already. The opening ceremony will be at October 21, 2013. Invitations to several officials were send / will be send soon.

For the 2nd WCCD regulations about the evaluation of a disability have to be written. At the moment the organiser has the right of accepting a player into the tournament.

2. Preparation for the Fide congress in Tallinn

There will be a meeting of the Committee CfD during the Fide congress in Tallinn at October 4, 2013. Many friends from the „Chess for the Disabled community“ are informed about that meeting.

From the practical point it was decided to have most of the issues discussed during the world championship in Dresden which will be right after the Fide congress.

3. Cooperation with Trainer Commission

In cooperation with the Trainer Commission a Trainer's seminar for disabled players and trainers shall take place in 2014. The Trainer Commission might support this seminar financially. A financial support of this seminar from the budget of the Committee CfD needs to be discussed at the next meeting.

4. Titles for world champions of tournaments for disabled players

The winner of some tournaments of the IPCA, IBCA, ICCD qualify for getting the IM or WIM title. This is a good promotion for these tournaments.

This year's winner of the IPCA Ladies World Championship, Mrs Jennitha Anto from India, received the WIM title in 2013. This was widely reported in India and gave a good promotion to chess.

5. Preparation for the Tromso Chess Olympiad

Several talks to the organising committee of the Tromso Olympiad took place. The organisers were informed about the special needs of the disabled teams and their need for assistance. The issue will be again on the agenda of the next meeting.

6. Budget

The Cfd budget for 2014 will be discussed during the congress in Tallinn.

7. other topics to be discussed

Thomas Luther suggested to make contact to several organisations to support disabled people. The idea to bring chess to the Paralympic Games was brought up. Options will be discussed during the next meeting.

Stewart Reuben suggested to discuss the possibility of an inclusive team event. The idea was well received. The discussion of the details will be on the agenda of the next meeting.

Zbigniew Pilimon suggested the participation of disabled teams in other events. The option will be discussed during the next meeting.

The ARB commission suggested to rank the World Chess Championship for Disabled as a „minor world event“.

Several suggestions came to rank the World Chess Championship for Disabled as a „political event“. A political event shall have the same status as a mayor world event.

Amarnath Inaganti, GS of IPCA, suggested to have IPCA events rated directly via IPCA and FIDE. The question of asking the GE to establish CfD as a commission shall be discussed.

Rafael Pinchas, ICCD Secretary General, asked for financial help to run the ICCD office.

Members of the Committee CfD shall be nominated and presented to the GE. Suggested are: Thomas Luther, Guert Gijssen, Stephen Hilton, Michele Visco, Zbigniew Pilimon, more suggestions to be discussed

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Erfurt/Germany, in August and September 2013