

Report Committee Chess for the Disabled (CfD)

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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 90 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.

An official from the International Paralympic Committee shall be invited to the event at Dresden.

The event shall take place every two years. Dresden wants to hold the event in 2015 again. If interested in making a bid please contact Fide.

2. Meeting in Dresden at October, 27, 2013

There shall be a meeting of the Committee CfD during the Championship in Dresden at October 27, 2013. Many friends from the „Chess for the Disabled community“ are informed about that meeting.

3. Cooperation with Trainer Commission

In cooperation with the Fide Trainer's Commission a Trainer's seminar for disabled players and trainers shall take place in 2014. The Trainer's Commission will support this seminar financially. A financial support of this seminar from the budget of the Committee CfD is possible.

An integrated Trainer's Seminar should be organized with the support of CfD. For the trail basis India is

interested to organise the event in 2014.

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.

It was suggested that Federations give wide importance through their website.

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.

It was suggested to request organisers to provide some more rooms to accompanying persons to disabled players. A support to the teams at the Olympiad from the budget was discussed.

6. Budget

A budget of 25,000 euro is under plan for 2014.

7. other topics

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.

It was agreed to meet officials of the International Paralympic Committee in due course. David Jarrett and Thomas Luther are taking initiative to meet the IPC.

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.

The participants of the Tallinn meeting would be happy if the event happens.

Zbigniew Pilimon suggested the participation of disabled teams in other events.

The topic was postponed to discuss at the Dresden meeting.

Amarnath Inaganti, IPCA Secretary General, suggested to have IPCA events rated directly via IPCA and FIDE.

It was suggested to discuss the issue with other Commissions.

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

The meeting agreed that the office is essential for every organisation. The issue will be discussed at the Dresden meeting.

It is the wish of the participants of the meeting to form a commission rather than committee in the future.

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