

# **FIDE Arbiters' Commission Councilors' Meeting**

## **Madrid, Spain, 10-13 June 2016**

### **MINUTES**

#### List of Attendees:

Takis Nikolopoulos (GRE): FIDE Arbiters' Commission Chairman  
Aris Marghetis (CAN): FIDE Arbiters' Commission Secretary  
Jesus Mena (ESP): FIDE Arbiters' Commission Councilor  
Mahdi Abdulrahim (UAE): FIDE Arbiters' Commission Councilor  
Rathinam Anantharam (IND): FIDE Arbiters' Commission Councilor  
Werner Stubenvoll (AUT): FIDE Qualification Commission Chairman, FIDE Arbiters' Commission Member  
Carlos Dias (POR): FIDE Arbiters' Commission Member

#### Special Hosts:

Javier Ochoa (ESP): President, Spanish Chess Federation  
Ramon Padulles (ESP): Secretary, Spanish Chess Federation

#### Welcome:

The official meeting was preceded by a warm welcome from Javier Ochoa, President of the Spanish Chess Federation. Chairman Takis Nikolopoulos expressed on behalf of FIDE, the FIDE Arbiters' Commission and all the attendees, appreciation for all of the wonderful hospitality.

#### 1) IA and FA Title Applications

- 1a) Chairman Takis Nikolopoulos reported problems with applications from arbiters who were not licensed at the time of the event(s) listed in their arbiter title application. Werner Stubenvoll confirmed the problem, adding that an additional problem was related event reporting that did not properly include all of the arbiters who had been involved in that event.
- 1b) The Arbiters' Commission confirmed that full enforcement will continue of the regulation that an arbiter must have been licensed at the time of an event, in order to be able to include that event within their future arbiter title application.
- 1c) Werner Stubenvoll will complete checking all IA and FA title applications, and prepare his report for the Baku Arbiters' Commission Meeting, which will in turn issue the final recommendations for the Baku FIDE Executive Board.

## 2) FA titles from FIDE Arbiters' Seminars

2a) Chairman Takis Nikolopoulos reported that since the Moscow Presidential Board, and as per Article 3.10 of the Regulations for the Titles of Arbiters, only one such seminar had been qualified (Monrovia, Liberia: May 3<sup>rd</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>, 2016).

## 3) Anti-cheating lectures for Arbiters on Internet

3a) Chairman Takis Nikolopoulos reported that free lectures were well attended. 75 arbiters from 65 federations attended the English lecture, and similar lectures have since also been conducted in Russian, Arabic and Spanish.

The lectures are going to be continued after Baku Olympiad, taking into consideration any updates of the FIDE Anti cheating Committee after FIDE Congress,

## 4) Amendments of the Regulations

### 4a) Regulations for the titles of Arbiters

Chairman Takis Nikolopoulos presented proposals for clarifications that are predominantly to ensure consistency between various arbiter-related regulations. The Arbiters' Commission confirmed all these proposals for recommendation in Baku.

### 4b) Regulations for the classification of the Arbiters

Chairman Takis Nikolopoulos had received two proposals. One was regarding consistent phrasing between related arbiter regulations, and the other was from Werner Stubenvoll regarding documenting the higher level of tournaments required for B-level qualification. The Arbiters' Commission confirmed both these proposals for recommendation in Baku.

### 4c) Regulations for the training of the Chess Arbiters

4c1) Chairman Takis Nikolopoulos proposed the increase of the hours for the lectures from fifteen (15) to eighteen (18), in order to cover the lecture for the Anti cheating guidelines for the Arbiters. The Commission confirmed this proposal for recommendation in Baku.

4c2) Rathinam Anantharam will submit proposal that a lecturer needs to maintain a certain arbiter level in order to be considered for acceptance/retention as a lecturer. Secretary Aris Marghetis indicated his general support for this idea.

4c3) Chairman Takis Nikolopoulos presented far-reaching proposal from Sevan Muradian (USA, deceased) regarding NA-FA-IA qualification training and continuing education. A new sub-committee, consisting of Chairman Takis Nikolopoulos, Secretary Aris Marghetis, Jesus Mena, Rathinam Anantharam, and Carlos Dias was established to deal with the matter. Key goal is to develop comprehensive program proposal for NA-FA-IA training. For the beginning Aris Marghetis will collect information about the national models of India and France.

### 4d) Anti-cheating guideline for Arbiters

Chairman Takis Nikolopoulos reported there is nothing new at this time, but that he expects developments by FIDE Anti cheating Committee in Baku.

#### 5) Update the List of Lecturers

5a) Chairman Takis Nikolopoulos reported that recommendations were received by Federations to add new lecturers to the List of Lecturers. The Arbiters' Commission confirmed five (5) recommendations for presentation in Baku.

5b) The Arbiters' Commission reviewed the List of Lecturers regarding activity. Chairman Takis Nikolopoulos will draft a proposal for Baku, regarding the consideration of removal of lecturers from the List of Lecturers due to their inactivity.

#### 6) Classification of the Arbiters

6a) Werner Stubenvoll presented the applications for raising classifications of arbiters. He presented both accepted and rejected applications, and will finalize this presentation for Baku. The Arbiters' Commission agreed on all decisions.

#### 7) Arbiters' Magazine

7a) Secretary Aris Marghetis presented content list for next issue (third) of the Arbiters' Magazine. The third issue is going to be distributed during the Baku Olympiad.

#### 8) 2016 Arbiters' Awards

8a) Chairman Takis Nikolopoulos presented the applications for Arbiters' Awards. He presented both accepted and rejected applications, and will issue the final awards list for Baku. The Arbiters' Commission agreed on all decisions.

#### 9) FIDE Arbiters' Commission's Budget for 2016-17

9a) Chairman Takis Nikolopoulos reported that the 2016 approved budget had been cut into half. He also explained that any further future budgetary adjustments (i.e. 2017) will most likely not be known until after the Baku Congress.

#### 10) 2014 Arbiters' Manual

10a) Chairman Takis Nikolopoulos led the Arbiters' Commission in discussions to implement multiple minor corrections to the Arbiters' Manual, the vast majority of which were either typographical or minor inconsistencies between sections.

10b) The Arbiters' Commission discussed and agreed on changes to the online maintenance of the Arbiters' Manual:

10b1) the web link shall be changed from "2014 Arbiters' Manual" to "Arbiters' Manual"

10b2) the next posted edition of the Arbiters' Manual will be the "2016 Arbiters' Manual"

10b3) Subsequent posted editions of the Arbiters' Manual will include "Last Update" date

10b4) Subsequent updates of the Arbiters' Manual will cause an email to be sent to arbiters

11) Others

11a) Chairman Takis Nikolopoulos presented broad report from Sabrina de San Vicente (URU), covering points across multiple arbiter-related documents. Most of these points are either being implemented, or responses are being sent by Chairman Takis Nikolopoulos and/or Secretary Aris Marghetis, or they will be after consideration at the Baku Congress.

11b) Sebastian Volcinsche (ROU) submitted a proposal that diplomas for new FA and IA arbiters be emailed before the hard copy is sent to the federation of the arbiter. The Arbiters' Commission has considered but has rejected this idea.

Madrid, 12 June 2016

Takis Nikolopoulos  
Chairman

Aris Marghetis  
Secretary