

CiS Council Report to Baku General Assembly

This year's Council meeting took place on 7 May by Skype, with subsequent email exchanges. The use of Skype (because of budgetary restraint) was much less satisfactory than the 2015 meeting in Konya.

1. Budget

This (suddenly slashed from €80k to €40k) needs to cover a minimum of €68k (inc. €28k translations; assuming no spending on meetings or seminars and only an insufficient amount on travel).

The budget for 2016 should at least be restored to the level of 2015. This is more than justified by the increase in FIDE income from SI (with FSCL and EYS coming on stream shortly). €80k is the bare minimum if we are to revert to a physical Council meeting and support seminars and workshops.

2. 2015 Konya Council meeting, 2015 Al Ain EB, 2016 Moscow PB

No matters arising (except need to make SI available by distance learning).

3. SI - School Instructor

All Council members are strongly in favour of making this available by Distance Learning in addition to the physical seminars (see the Proposals document).

The panel of Lecturers was established as: FST Kevin O'Connell (English & French) - FST Sainbayar Tserendorj (Russian & English) - GM Slim Bouaziz (French & Arabic) - WGM Martha Fierro (Spanish & English) - IM Bernardo Roselli (Spanish) [1PB-2016/7] - Vlad Ungureanu (Romanian) - Jose Francisco (Pep) Suarez Roa (Spanish).

3 Seminars were held in 2015 (73 SI titles achieved): Greece, Porto Carras (17), Mongolia, Ulaanbaatar (25), Morocco, Agadir (31). 2016 seminars include Romania and Switzerland in June.

4. EYS - Early Years Skills

The FIDE curriculum, supported by 53 explanatory videos and e-book, has been developed in collaboration with the European Union's Erasmus+ Castle project and was completed early this year. (It just remains for us to develop the exam for the EYS teacher certificate). [PB1-2016/7]

Elista have put the video material on the eys.fide.com web site, albeit there are important changes to be made (they should all be in place by Baku). The Certificate exam should be in place by Baku.

5. FSCL - FIDE School Chess Leader

This should be (near) complete by Baku.

6. SM - Student Membership

We are actively seeking support for our projects by relieving us of the burden of the cost of, at least, some translations. If we can't make any progress in this area, then we will have to stop some of the translations (something that we agreed unanimously in Konya was to be avoided if at all possible).