

AIDEF General Assembly - Baku, September 7, 2016

AIDEF General Assembly took place this September 7th at the Fairmount Hôtel, Baku (Azerbaijan) during the 42nd Chess Olympiads and FIDE 87th Congress.

It started at 9 am. Of the 35 voting members, 31 were present or had sent a proxy, 29 did vote.

President Patrick Van Hoolandt read his 2014/2016 Report. Then, each member of the Executive Committee did the same.

Financial accounts were unanimously approved. So was the members' list, including the six new memberships that had been registered. A few statutes items were clarified and modified.

The General Assembly then elected the new Executive Committee. Seven out of 8 members from the Executive Committee were candidates again as well as seven new ones.

After counting the votes, the new AIDEF Executive Committee for the next four years is as follows

President: Patrick VAN HOOLANDT (Monaco) Vice-president : Mohamed ZOUAOUI (Tunisia) Vice-president : Yves RAKOTOMAHARO (Madagascar) Vice-president : Ahmed TALEB MOHAMED (Mauritania) Vice-président : Guy Botetsi, ESUNGI (DR Congo) Treasurer : Roland AKHRASS (Lebanon) General Secretary : Frédéric KOUEVI (Togo) Technical Director : Gilles MIRALLES (France) AIDEF Ambassador : Slim BOUAZIZ (Tunisia) Président Advisor: Bernard LABADIE (Québec - Canada) International Relations : Ibrahima CISSE (Senegal) Financial Partners : Damir LEVACIC (Monaco) Translations : Bernard SOJKA (France) Pedagogical Development: Kim LEQUANG (Belgium) 26 yes / 1 no / 2 abstentions 27 yes / 2 abstentions 27 yes / 2 abstentions 27 yes / 2 abstentions 26 yes / 1 no / 2 abstentions 27 yes / 2 abstentions 27 yes / 2 abstentions 27 yes / 2 abstentions 26 yes / 1 no / 2 abstentions 26 yes / 1 no / 2 abstentions 27 yes / 2 abstentions The 4th francophone international chess encounters was then discussed : its history, financing, organisation and the Menton event that will take place next month.

We discussed our enquiry to FIDE for the 5th event to be held in Sub-Saharan Africa. DR of Congo and Ivory Coast are Candidates and Senegal expressed an interest. Albania 2018 was also discussed.

A young Malagasy chess player has just produced a video clip, a rap performance to honour the 4th " Rencontres Internationales des Echecs Francophones" in Menton and La Francophonie at large. Broadcast in a few days !

A road map for the next few year was drawn: developments of projects, organization of competitions, fund raising, partnership with FIDE's «Chess In Schools» and OIF (Organisation Internationale de la Francophonie), Translation in French of the official texts, etc.

At FIDE's suggestion, the General Assembly also unanimously changed its English surname to Francophone Chess Association.

The General secretary will send a final Report of the General Assembly to all members at the end of this month.

Baku, September 8th, 2016

Patrick VAN HOOLANDT, President