
SPORT RATING TECHNOLOGIES INTERNATIONAL DMCC

To: Mr. Georgios Makropoulos, FIDE Deputy President
Cc: Mr. Geoffrey Borg, Chairman of the Central Board of Commissions

September 09, 2016

Dear Mr. Georgios Makropoulos,

It is known that during meetings of the Presidential Board of FIDE (Chengdu, China, 27.04.2015) and Executive Board of the Congress of FIDE (Abu Dhabi, UAE, 08.09.2015) presented presentation and consideration of the FIDE Live Rating Project took place.

As was evident from the presentation at the meeting, the FIDE Live Rating Project is very interesting, is revolutionary in its essence, but requires a little bit more time for wider testing before the practical implementation worldwide.

The test period has been appointed for a comprehensive check of all Live Rating System functionality - from January 01, 2016 till March 31, 2016.

In the testing of the Live Rating System were involved two big regional chess federations.

Results of the test period are recognized as the successful:

- development and implementation of Live Rating Technology is completed;
- twenty-four hour “duty line” is working;
- identified and fixed bugs along with new implemented functions (added due recommendations of chess federations) are listed in the Final Report for FIDE dated 01.04.2016.

Our help desk software (<http://help.chessrating.agency>) to:

- submit, track, and assign tickets;
- knowledge Base;
- reporting;
- multi-language.

At present time our Live Rating System is fully ready for use.

On August 4th 2016, a meeting with senior FIDE officials devoted to our Live Rating Project took place in Athens. At this meeting all features of the Live Rating System were shown (including bug fixes and new functions).

It was decided that the technical aspects of the Live Rating System need to be approved by the respective FIDE commissions.

During the discussion on the 87th FIDE Congress was recommended (because of the large number of functions) rename our system as FIDE Management System.

We discussed our project with the major commissions:

- Arbiters' Commission (ARB);
- Online Commission;
- Qualification Commission (QC);
- Rules Commission (RC) ;
- Systems of Pairings and Programs Commission (SPP) ;
- Technical Commission (TEC) ;

and with the major federations:

- Spain;
- France;
- Germany;
- India;
- Russia.

This project has received support from them.

The only remark - the need for the final test before using.

I ask you to make the agenda of the meetings of the General Assembly of the 87th FIDE Congress discussion of the use of the FIDE Management System (FIDE Live Rating).

Gens una sumus!

Best regards,

Evgeny Ponomarev

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Sent: Saturday, September 10, 2016 7:48 PM

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Subject: AW: fide rating presentation

Dear All,

after we had a presentation of the Live Rating Project during the meeting of Qualification Commission it was the opinion of the majority of the commission to need a wider test. The proposal was that one federation – may be Russia – should do a test for all games inside their country and report then to FIDE.

Detailed questions should be discussed after such a bigger test.

Best regards

Werner Stubenvoll

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Subject: Re: fide rating presentation

Dear all,

it is a very new information for me that the German Chess Federation has up to now supported this project. Additionally there was no discussion within the SPP Commission.

Besides these facts I see this project as a big chance to make progress regarding collecting, transmitting and evaluating chess results.

Due to my professional experience in implementing big data processing systems I foresee operational and technical problems which must be regarded and solved.

The system will be an interface between a technical system and many people with different education. All these people must learn to handle the input features. It is not obvious that this will happen in a short period. We need test reports about the introduction phase.

These problems will be sharpened if the system will work internationally with many countries.

If the system would fail this would cause a tremendous damage to the world of chess.

Therefore I strongly propose to introduce the system like any other big data processing system step by step with increasing number of participants.

As the system was designed and tested in Russia it may be a good next step to include the total federation of Russia. After that the other federations may be included step by step as well.

Kind regards

Christian Krause

(Chairman of SPP Commission)

From: Марк Глуховский [mailto:m.gluhovsky@gmail.com]

Sent: Sunday, September 11, 2016 10:28 AM

To: Stephane Escafre

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Dear all, Russian Chess Federation also sure, that Live Rating system is a very important and difficult. May be this system will work, may be not, we don't have enough information and we cannot say, that we support it.

We are thinking that system should be tested in some countries and after that we can back to this question.

All the best, Mark

2016-09-11 10:18 GMT+05:00 Stephane Escafre <escafre@gmail.com>:

Dear all,

Spanish Chess Federation has pointed that we must have some clarifications.

French Chess Federation is in favor of this proposal, but the calendar must be studied carefully. There can be also players database problems

Yours truly

Le 10 sept. 2016 20:12, "Javier" <echaguen@gmail.com> a écrit :

Dear all

We have received today the email regarding the FIDE Rating Presentation.

In the document Is written that some major federations are supporting the proposal and the name of the Spanish Chess Federation is included among them. Despite of receiving personal information about the project, it is not correct that we are supporting it. In fact, we consider that it could be very bad for big federations and we are aware that some other major federations also support our opinion. We are writing this email in order to clarify the position of the Spanish chess federation. This matter requires further thoughts because of the big damage that could cause to many chess federations.

Best regards

Javier Ochoa de Echagüen

President of Spanish Chess Federation

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Our opinion is the same as Spanish

D V Sundar

Sent from my iPhone

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