

WOM Report
Antalya, Turkey
October 10th, 2017

In attendance were:

Secretary: Anastasia Sorokina (BLR)

FIDE Chief Executive Officer: Geoffrey Borg (MLT)

New Commission members: Shadi Paridar (IRI), Ulker Umudova (AZE)

Present: B. Kutin (SLO), R. Haring (USA), S. Bayat (IRI), S. Johnson (TRI), K. Blackman (BAR), A. Dimitrijevic (BIH), M. Thabano (BOT), N. Gorlulu (TUR), W. Dalpat (RSA), J. Lehtivaara (FIN), R. Waithe (BAR), M. Murphy (ISV), A. Mongiello (ISV), F. Koc (TUR), M. Pahlevanzadeh (IRI), M. Huba (SVK), P. Klerides (CYP)

WOM Secretary Anastasia Sorokina welcomed all participants.

Mrs. Sorokina started the meeting by giving a brief summary regarding the events for 2017 and some of the projects of WOM.

The keys parts of the presentation were:

- Women's World Chess Championship – Tehran 2017
- European individual women chess championship 2017
- 2016 Caissa Award: The winner of the 2016 Caissa Award is GM Anna Muzychuk from Ukraine.
- Rumbo a la Gran Maestria
- Castle Camp Scholarship

WOM member Shadi Paridar reported about Women's World Chess Championship 2017, which was held in Tehran, Iran and lectured about technical matters, arbiters, broadcasting and money prices.

FIDE Chief Executive Officer, Geoffrey Borg also shared his good experience about the organization of this event.

In the next part of the meeting, participants shared their ideas about how to motivate female players worldwide regardless of playing levels. However, it is also important to help the more serious players raise the bar. In addition to increasing the number of female players, it is also important to get more women involved and provide them opportunities as coaches, arbiters and organizers.

Besides, it was suggested that WOM introduce leading female chess players as their ambassadors. Maybe in each country or each continent, that may cause more attention to women's chess.

Ms. Shadi Paridar also proposed that all FIDE commissions should have at least one female member who can help to improve the goals of women interests.

Another ongoing goal is to raise money prizes of Women's events, especially official FIDE championships.

Ms. Ruth Haring applauded the fact that FIDE had appointed Women commentators in official events.

Last but not least, WOM proposed:

- In future World Championship cycles, if the Women World Champion declines her invitation to the World Cup, then she should be replaced by another woman. (process to be determined together with WCOC).
- Finalising the dress code regulations for Women Events and then obliging players of all official FIDE Women events to follow dress code rules, by contracts and official FIDE events rules.
- Changing the name of (Commission for Women's Chess) to "Commission for Women in Chess".

Anastasia Sorokina