

Treasurer's Report to Executive Board

Analysis of 2016

We budgeted for a surplus of 221,500 euros for 2016 but the final outcome was a surplus of 817,602 euros. This result was mainly attributable to a higher income from events and through budget cuts and strict control of spending by Commissions.

As a result our net assets improved from a very low level of 332,343 euros to 1,149,945 euros. This helped our cash flow position, which was further enhanced by early payments from Georgia in respect of the World Cup and partial commitments for the Olympiad 2018. Despite this good result, it would have been better if Agon had fulfilled their contractual obligations on time. A new contract with Agon will be presented at the Executive Board.

Prospects for 2017

The current year has not continued this positive trend. If Agon again do not meet their obligations and we are unable to host the World Rapid & Blitz with the budgeted prize fund, then income will show a large shortfall. Expenses have been mainly in line but lawyers' cost will exceed the increased budget and cost of meetings is also higher than anticipated. Therefore, instead of making a surplus of some 550,000 euros in 2017, we are likely to have a deficit.

In accordance with the Olympiad 2018 contract, Georgia has paid an initial amount of 300,000 euros for chess development. Africa received 61,567, Americas 72675, Asia 15,205, Europe 133,996 (including payments totalling 44,000 to Liechtenstein & Andorra) & women's chess training 12,000. A further payment of 200,000 euros is expected and outstanding promises to Africa of 38,000 & Americas of 3,000 will be paid from this money.

In 2017, two debts, which have been outstanding for 3 years, have been repaid for 241,000 euros (FIDE President) & USD 30,000 (President for Africa).

Prospects for 2018

For 2018 we anticipate a higher income level because of greater event activity but we still have not returned to the level of assets that we had some two years ago and we must continue strong oversight of income and expenditure.

On an ongoing basis we need to have more surety of sponsorship and a better understanding by sponsors of their commitments.

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