

**89th FIDE Congress
General Assembly
Batumi, Georgia
3-5 October 2018**

Minutes

Mr. Giorgadze, the President of the Georgian Chess Federation, welcomed the delegates and wished everyone in the Olympiad and Congress a great success.

Mr. Makropoulos thanked all the Georgians who over the past few years had helped all plan and organise the Olympiad and Congress and make it such a success.

0.1. Obituaries.

We mourn the passing in the preceding year of friends of FIDE among whom we remember:

- GM Stefan Kristjansson (ISL)
- GM Evgeni Vasiukov (RUS) - World Champion in 65+
- GM Aloyzas Kveinys (LTU)
- IM Boudiba Mahfoud (ALG)
- IA Rumén Angelov (BUL)
- IA Philip G. Haley (CAN) - Honorary Member of FIDE
- IA, IO Peter W. Stuart (NZL) - Former President of New Zealand Chess Federation
- IA, IO Dirk De Ridder (BEL) - Chairman of Titles & Ratings Committee, Secretary of the FIDE Arbiters' Commission and Councilor of the FIDE Rules, Qualification and Technical Commissions
- Mr. Luis Belliard Alonzo (DOM) - Former President of Dominican Republic Chess Federation
- Mrs. Selma Evita Simango (MOZ) - Former President of Mozambican Chess Federation, Member of Commission for Women in Chess
- Mr. Hassan Mohsen (EGY) - Former President of Egypt Chess Federation

0.2. Report of the Electoral Commission.

Mr. Rivello gave his report. He said that, in his opinion, the Electoral Regulations are bad and should be reformed by adding proceedings for the Electoral Commission. He presented the final list of those entitled to vote and invited questions.

Mr. Chatelain complained that the right to vote for the Haiti Chess Federation had unfairly been removed. Mr. Rivello said the PB had granted the Haitian Chess Federation the status as a Provisional Member and thus they were not entitled to vote in the elections. He advised that the decision of the Electoral Commission was final.

Mr. Kouatly drew attention about the ethical problems that have arisen with the transfer

of some delegates, such as Slovenia, about which Mr. Kutin, being a delegate of Slovenia with an instruction to support Mr. Dvorkovich, has transferred his right to vote to Mr. Makropoulos.

0.3. Roll-call.

Out of 185 Federations, 181 were present, and a quorum was established. General Assembly proceeded with the election of Scrutineers.

Deputy President G. Makropoulos, proposed Ms. Jarecki (IBV) to be a Chief Scrutineer. General Assembly unanimously approved the proposal.

Mr. Antoni (AND) and Mr. Vang (FAI) were appointed Scrutineers by the majority of the votes.

1. Report of the Deputy President.

Deputy President G. Makropoulos did not make a report to the General Assembly.

2. Financial report.

2.1. Treasurer's report.

2.2. Audited Accounts with report by External Auditor Ernst & Young.

[Annex 1](#) is audited accounts.

Prof. Siegel gave a brief presentation and reported advising, amongst other things, that he believed assets by the end of 2018 should be about EUR two million. He also gave the background to the closing of our bank accounts with UBS. He then asked for questions.

Mr. Priest asked about the reserve for bad debts in the financial statements, the cost of transfers and monies owed by Agon. He also asked why that FIDE does not follow the International Financial Reporting Standards.

Mr. Short asked why the revised contract with Agon had not been publicized and was advised that it had been discussed and made public at the Antalya Executive Board meeting.

There then was a long discussion about the finances of the African Continent. Several African delegates complained that the African Continent's monies had been removed from Continental President and asked why FIDE was interfering with the Continent's right to run its affairs. Prof Siegel advised the background to this. The Continental President wanted confirmation that monies were sent directly to third parties in Africa rather than via the Continental President.

Mr. Makropoulos said that while he decided against making the Deputy President's Report, he wished to make two points. First that, in his meeting with the IOC, they had advised that, should Mr. Ilyumzhinov be re-elected President of FIDE, the IOC would

review the recognition of FIDE and advised that FIDE should submit a complaint to its Commission of Ethics. Second, FIDE had decided to increase the budget for Development by EUR 200,000, but, after discussions with Mr, Dvorkovich had agreed not to spend this until after the elections because there was a fear that it would be used as part of the campaign. Furthermore, it was agreed that FIDE would not arrange any new seminars for Arbiters, Organisers, and Trainers until after the elections for the same reason, that there were worries that they would be used for the campaign. Mr. Dvorkovich confirmed this.

2.3. Commented accounts.

[Annex 2](#) is commented accounts for the year 2017.

2.4. Fees to the PB members in 2017.

[Annex 3](#) is fees paid to PB members in 2017.

2.5. Verification Commission report.

[Annex 4](#) is the Commission's report.

[Annex 59](#) is Commission's minutes from Batumi.

Ms. Haring asked about FIDE being on the Reuter's watch list. Prof Siegel advised that he hoped that, when FIDE has a new President who is not on the Sanctions list, then FIDE will be removed from the Reuter's list, but he did not know how long that would take.

2.6. Discharge of the Treasurer.

The General Assembly discharged the Treasurer from the responsibilities for the financial year 2017 - with one objection.

2.7. Re-appointment of External Auditors.

The Executive Board re-appointed Ernst & Young, Switzerland as FIDE External Auditors for the financial year 2018, for a positive opinion report – with one objection.

3. Federations: Exclusions.

3.1. Bulgarian Chess Federation.

[Annex 48](#) letter from the Bulgarian Ministry of Youth & Sports.

Mr. Makropoulos gave the background of the situation.

The General Assembly approved the permanent exclusion of Bulgaria Chess Federation and approved the Bulgarian Chess Federation 1928 as a provisional member.

4. Section A: Elections.

4.1. Appointment of the 2 Observers.

General Assembly proceeded with the election of Observers.

Mr. Ramoni (SUI) and Mr. Gelfer (ISR) were appointed Observers.

Ballot paper was presented and the election processes explained. Ballot paper roll call organized, and elections started.

4.2. Election of the combined Presidential tickets:

I. Presidential ticket of Mr. Arkady Dvorkovich:

1. President – Mr. Arkady Dvorkovich
2. Deputy President – Mr. Bachar Kouatly
3. Vice President – Mr. Granda Zuniga
4. Vice President – Mr. Mahir Mamedov
5. General Secretary – Mr. Enyonam Sewa Fumey
6. Treasurer – Ms. Zhu Chen

II. Presidential ticket of Mr. Georgios Makropoulos:

1. President – Mr. Georgios Makropoulos
2. Deputy President – Mr. Malcolm Pein
3. Vice President – Mr. Chitalu Chilufya
4. Vice President – Ms. Martha Fierro Baquero
5. General Secretary – Mr. DV Sundar
6. Treasurer – Prof. Adrian Siegel

III. Presidential ticket of Mr. Nigel Short:

1. President – Mr. Nigel Short
2. Deputy President – Mr. Lukasz Marek Turlej
3. Vice President – Mr. Olalekan Odeyemi
4. Vice President – Mr. Paul Spiller
5. General Secretary – Ms. Ruth Haring
6. Treasurer – Mr. Panu Laine

All candidates received some time to make final speeches and present their respective teams.

Mr. Nigel Short withdrew his candidacy.

The number of total votes: 182. The final result of the votes was: Mr. Arkady Dvorkovich: 103 votes and Georgios Makropoulos: 78 votes and one invalid ballot.

Mr. Arkady Dvorkovich has been elected as FIDE President for four years.

4.3. Number of appointed Vice Presidents.

Mr. Dvorkovich informed the meeting that he wished to appoint 5 Vice Presidents.

The meeting was then adjourned for the Continental elections during which time the nominees for elected Vice-Presidents, Constitutional Commission, Ethics Commission, and Verification Commission presented their nominations to the FIDE Secretariat.

4.4. Elections for the Continental Presidents.

These elections took place in separate Continental meetings; the General Assembly took note of the results of the elections

4.4.1. Europe

1. Mr. Zurab Azmaiparashvili (GEO) elected unopposed

4.4.2. Americas

1. Mr. Jorge Vega Fernandez (GUA) elected unopposed

4.4.3. Asia

1. Sultan Bin Khalifa Al-Nahayan (UAE) elected unopposed

4.4.4. Africa

1. Mr. Essis Essoh (CIV) 21 votes
2. Mr. Lewis Ncube (ZAM) 23 votes
3. Mr. Tshepo Sitale (BOT) withdrew his candidacy

The General Assembly was resumed on the 4th of October 2018.

4.5. Appointment of the Vice Presidents.

The President of FIDE announced his nominates to the Vice Presidents:

Mr. Tahar Battikh (TUN)
Mr. Nigel Short (ENG)
Ms. Gulkiz Tulay (TUR)
Mr. Lukasz Turlej (POL)
Mr. Jiangchuan Ye (CHN)

General Assembly approved the appointment of the President's nominees.

4.6. Election of the Vice Presidents.

The General Assembly elected by secret ballot the same number of Vice-Presidents as appointed by the FIDE President.

First results of the Vice-President elections.

Total delegates voting 163.

Mr. Casto Abundo (PHI)	44 votes	
Mr. Olalekan Adeyemi (NGR)	55 votes	
Mr. Almog Burstein (ISR)	28 votes	
Mr. Kwai Keong Chan (HKG)	32 votes	
Ms. Martha Fierro (ECU)	98 votes	ELECTED
Mr. Horst Metzing (GER)	24 votes	
Mr. Akaki Iashvili (GEO)	63 votes	
Mr. Mohammed Jafar Kambouzia (IRI)	60 votes	
Mr. Michael Khodarkovsky (USA)	107 votes	ELECTED
Mr. Javier Ochoa de Echaguen (ESP)	69 votes	
Ms. Anastasia Sorokina (BLR)	99 votes	ELECTED

Following candidates passed the first vote:

Ms. Martha Fierro (ECU), Mr. Michael Khodarkovsky (USA), Ms. Anastasia Sorokina (BLR).

Second round:

Mr. Casto Abundo (PHI)	14 votes	
Mr. Olalekan Adeyemi (NGR)	52 votes	ELECTED
Mr. Almog Burstein (ISR)	17 votes	
Mr. Kwai Keong Chan (HKG)	17 votes	
Mr. Horst Metzing (GER)	17 votes	
Mr. Akaki Iashvili (GEO)	66 votes	ELECTED
Mr. Mohammed Jafar Kambouzia (IRI)	27 votes	
Mr. Javier Ochoa de Echaguen (ESP)	46 votes	

So the elected Vice-Presidents are:

Ms. Martha Fierro (ECU), Mr. Michael Khodarkovsky (USA), Ms. Anastasia Sorokina (BLR), Mr. Olalekan Adeyemi (NGR), Mr. Akaki Iashvili (GEO).

4.7. Election of the Constitutional Commission Chairman and members.

The Constitutional Commission shall consist of five members with, if possible, experience in the field of constitutional law. They shall be nominated by FIDE President, a Continental President or by a Federation. The General Assembly will first elect the Chairman and then elect the other four members. Any losing candidate for Chairman can become a candidate for membership. No two members should be from the same Federation.

Nominations for Constitutional Commission Chairman:

Mr. Roberto Rivello (ITA) elected unopposed.

First round:

Mr. Casto Abundo (PHI)	48 votes	
Mr. Klaus Deventer (GER)	42 votes	
Mr. Kezzie Msukwa (MAW)	52 votes	
Mr. Marouane Tabti (ALG)	48 votes	
Mr. Gary Walters (USA)	46 votes	
Mr. Gary Wastell (AUS)	31 votes	
Mr. Ian Wilkinson (JAM)	73 votes	ELECTED

Second round:

Mr. Casto Abundo (PHI)	52 votes	
Mr. Klaus Deventer (GER)	35 votes	
Mr. Kezzie Msukwa (MAW)	55 votes	ELECTED
Mr. Marouane Tabti (ALG)	80 votes	ELECTED
Mr. Gary Walters (USA)	65 votes	ELECTED
Mr. Gary Wastell (AUS)	33 votes	

So the elected members are:

Mr. Ian Wilkinson (JAM), Mr. Kezzie Msukwa (MAW), Mr. Marouane Tabti (ALG), Mr. Gary Walters (USA).

4.8. Election of the Ethics Commission Chairman and members.

The Ethics Commission shall consist of five members with, if possible, a legal background. They shall be nominated by FIDE President a Continental President, or by a Federation. The General Assembly will first elect the Chairman and then elect the other four members. Any losing candidate for Chairman can become a candidate for membership. No two members should be from the same Federation.

Nominations for Ethics Commission Chairman:

Mr. Francois Strydom (RSA) elected unopposed.

First round:

Mr. Rashid Alanezi (KUW)	21 votes
Mr. Ralph Alt (GER)	29 votes
Mr. Laurence Ball (ENG)	16 votes
Mr. Ibrahima Cisse (SEN)	24 votes
Mr. R. M. Dongre (IND)	34 votes
Ms. Ruth Haring (USA)	40 votes
Mr. Michael Hochstrasser (SUI)	12 votes
Mr. Rajesh Joshi (NEP)	40 votes
Mr. Ken Koort (EST)	29 votes
Ms. Yulia Levitan (USA)	10 votes

Ms. Yolander Persaud (GUY)	31 votes
Mr. Arthur Schuering (NED)	24 votes
Mr. Alon Shulman (ISR)	8 votes
Mr. Johan Sigeman (SWE)	29 votes
Mr. Jose Claudio V. Racionero (ESP)	8 votes

No one passed the first vote.

Second round:

Mr. Rashid Alanezi (KUW)	18 votes	
Mr. Ralph Alt (GER)	29 votes	
Mr. Laurence Ball (ENG)	10 votes	
Mr. Ibrahima Cisse (SEN)	31 votes	
Mr. R. M. Dongre (IND)	38 votes	ELECTED
Ms. Ruth Haring (USA)	50 votes	ELECTED
Mr. Michael Hochstrasser (SUI)	9 votes	
Mr. Rajesh Joshi (NEP)	44 votes	ELECTED
Mr. Ken Koort (EST)	32 votes	
Ms. Yulia Levitan (USA)	18 votes	
Ms. Yolander Persaud (GUY)	35 votes	ELECTED
Mr. Arthur Schuering (ISR)	26 votes	
Mr. Alon Shulman (ISR)	13 votes	
Mr. Johan Sigeman (SWE)	34 votes	
Mr. Jose Claudio V. Racionero (ESP)	15 votes	

So the elected members are:

Mr. R. M. Dongre (IND), Ms. Ruth Haring (USA), Mr. Rajesh Joshi (NEP), Ms. Yolander Persaud (GUY).

4.9. Election of the Verification Commission members.

The Verification Commission shall consist of three members, with financial experience and expertise if possible. They shall be nominated by FIDE President, Continental President or by a Federation. They shall be elected by the General Assembly for four years and may not belong to the same Federation. The members of the Verification Commission shall elect the Chairman within themselves upon their election by the General Assembly. The Chairman of the Verification Commission shall act as FIDE Internal Auditor.

First round:

Mr. Al-Susi Rajai (PLE)	37 votes
Mr. Graham Boxall (JCI)	38 votes
Mr. Ion Dobronauteanu (ROU)	38 votes
Mr. Branimir Jukic (CRO)	34 votes
Mr. Panu Laine (FIN)	58 votes
Mr. Lakdar Mazouz (ALG)	47 votes
Mr. Margaret Murphy (ISV)	54 votes

Mr. Allen Priest (USA)	59 votes
Mr. Ronald Zarza (PAR)	35 votes

No one passed the first vote.

Mr. Al-Susi Rajai (PLE)	57 votes	ELECTED
Mr. Graham Boxall (JCI)	39 votes	
Mr. Ion Dobronauteanu (ROU)	37 votes	
Mr. Branimir Jukic (CRO)	33 votes	
Mr. Panu Laine (FIN)	60 votes	ELECTED
Mr. Lakdar Mazouz (ALG)	59 votes	ELECTED
Mr. Margaret Murphy (ISV)	56 votes	ELECTED
Mr. Allen Priest (USA)	73 votes	ELECTED
Mr. Ronald Zarza (PAR)	44 votes	

So the elected members are:

Mr. Al-Susi Rajai (PLE), Mr. Panu Laine (FIN), Mr. Lakdar Mazouz (ALG), Mr. Margaret Murphy (ISV), Mr. Allen Priest (USA).

4.10. Appointment of Honorary Vice Presidents.

The following were appointed as Honorary Vice Presidents: Mr. Mohammad Jafar Kambouzia (IRI), Mr. D.V. Sundar (IND) and Mr. Ian Wilkinson (JAM).

Upon the request of Mr. Dvorkovich, the General Assembly approved the appointment of the following three Honorary Vice Presidents. Mr. Dvorkovich advised that he wished to wait for the next Presidential Board Meeting to appoint a fourth Honorary Vice President.

4.11. Appointment of the FIDE Executive Director.

The position of FIDE Executive Director will be decided at the next Presidential Board meeting.

5. Affiliations.

5.1. New members.

General Assembly approved full membership for:

- Antigua and Barbuda Chess Federation
- Haiti Chess Federation

6. Section B: Administrative matters.

6.1. Proposed change of Statutes.

[Annex 5](#) is Proposal of Messrs. Makropoulos and Borg to establish a FIDE Advisory Board.

This was referred to the next Presidential Board.

6.2. Non-Elected Commissions.

It was advised that there was a proposal to create a Committee for Chess History and a Blitz and Rapid Commission. This was referred to the next Presidential Board.

6.2.1. Proposed changes to Non-Elected Commission Regulations.

[Annex 6](#) is Proposal by Mr. G Borg, Chairman of Central Board of Commissions.

This was referred to the next Presidential Board.

6.2.2. Strategic Planning Commission.

This was referred to the next Presidential Board.

6.2.3. Commission on FIDE's relations with IOC.

[Annex 7](#) is Proposal by FIDE Deputy President, Mr. Georgios Makropoulos, to establish a Commission on FIDE's relations with IOC.

This was referred to the next Presidential Board.

6.3. Proposals for Changes in Electoral Regulations.

[Annex 8](#) The President Dvorkovich rephrased the proposal as the president can not run for more than two terms and that all proxies should be banned.

It was approved that no person should be elected as FIDE President for than two terms.

It was further approved that voting by proxy should no longer be authorised and to amend the Handbook accordingly.

6.4. FIDE Offices.

6.4.1. Athens Office.

Mr. Makropoulos thanked the Athens office for their hard work.

6.4.2. Elista Office.

Mr. Makropoulos thanked the Athens office for their hard work.

6.4.3. Moscow Office.

Mr. Makropoulos advised that Mr. Dvorkovich would keep for a period the Athens Office and Elista Office, but to continue with the closing of the Moscow Office. Mr. Dvorkovich also expressed a wish to open an Office in Lausanne.

The next Presidential Board would decide such matters.

6.5. Change of Commissions' names:

It was approved to confirm the name changes of the following Commissions:

Fair Play Commission – formerly Anti-Cheating Commission
Commission for Women in Chess – formerly Women's Chess Commission

6.6. Agon Limited.

It was agreed to refer this matter to the Presidential Board.

6.7. Cote d'Ivoire Chess Federation.

It was agreed to refer this matter to a Committee of Messrs. R. Rivello (ITA), F. Strydom (RSA) and J. Bond (GUY) to make a recommendation to the Presidential Board, having collected all information. The report will be discussed at the next Presidential Board.

7. Section C: Commissions.

Mr Dvorkovich advised that all new Commission Chairpersons would be named at the next Presidential Board.

Mr Dvorkovich also advised that all the Commission reports would also be discussed at the next Presidential Board for final approval.

7.1. Central Board of Commissions.

[Annex 64](#) is Minutes from Batumi.

7.2. Qualification Commission.

[Annex 9](#) are the title applications.

[Annex 10](#) is Proposal from Icelandic Chess federation for the rating of Fischer Random (Chess 960) Games.

[Annex 55](#) is Commission's minutes from Batumi.

Mr. Stubenvoll said that they decided to collect all Fisher tournaments until 30 June 2019 and then QC will decide if there are enough games to create an additional rating.

Mr Howie asked about titles being awarded for Arab events and Mr Stubenvoll said that no changes can be made this year.

Mr Makropoulos asked if the Danish weekend tournaments had been sorted out and Mr Stubenvoll advised that they now counted as one large Swiss, rather than individual tournaments as far as fees were concerned.

The report was approved.

7.3. Arbiters' Commission.

[Annex 11](#) is Commission's meeting Agenda and Appendices.

[Annex 12](#) are the title applications.

[Annex 13](#) are Arbiters' Awards.

The awards were presented by Commission Chairman at the General Assembly.

[Annex 65](#) is Commission's minutes from Batumi.

The report was approved.

7.4. Trainers' Commission.

[Annex 50](#) is Commission's minutes from Batumi.

[Annex 51](#) are Trainers' titles.

The report was approved.

7.5. Technical Commission.

[Annex 14](#) is Agenda for the meeting in Batumi.

[Annex 15](#) is Minutes of the Commission meeting in Prague, 5-6 May 2018.

[Annex 41](#) is Commission's minutes from Batumi.

The report was approved

7.6. Rules Commission.

[Annex 16](#) is Agenda for the meeting in Batumi.

[Annex 17](#) is proposed Amendments to General Regulations for Competitions (old name: Competition Rules).

[Annex 18](#) is the Minutes from the Commission Councillors' Meeting in Poland, 20-24 April 2018.

[Annex 62](#) is Commission's minutes from Batumi.

The report was approved.

7.7. Constitutional Commission.

[Annex 52](#) is Commission's minutes from Batumi.

The report was approved.

7.8. Systems of Pairings and Programs Commission.

[Annex 19](#) is Agenda for the meeting in Batumi and Appendix.

[Annex 54](#) is Commission's minutes from Batumi.

The report was approved.

7.9. Development Commission.

[Annex 67](#) is Commission's minutes from Batumi.

The report was approved.

7.10. Chess in Schools Commission.

[Annex 20](#) is the Commission's report and Appendices.

[Annex 49](#) is Commission's minutes from Batumi.

The report was approved.

7.11. Commission for Women in Chess.

[Annex 42](#) is Commission's minutes from Batumi.

The report was approved.

7.12. Social Action Commission.

[Annex 56](#) is Commission's minutes from Batumi.

The Report was approved.

7.13. Social Projects Commission.

[Annex 63](#) is Commission's minutes from Batumi.

The report was approved.

7.14. Chess for Disabled Commission.

[Annex 21](#) is the Commission's report.

[Annex 44](#) is Commission's minutes from Batumi.

The report was approved.

7.15. Medical Commission.

[Annex 38](#) is Agenda of Medical Commission.

[Annex 46](#) is Commission's minutes from Batumi.

The report was approved.

7.16. Ethics Commission.

[Annex 22](#) is the Commission's report.

[Annex 66](#) is Commission's minutes from Batumi.

The report was approved.

7.17. Events Commission.

[Annex 23](#) are the title applications.

[Annex 43](#) is Commission's minutes from Batumi.

The report was approved.

Mr Makropoulos advised that he wished approval to create the outgoing Chairman Mr Boris Kutin an Honorary Member of FIDE and thanked him for all that he has done for FIDE over many years.

7.18. Journalists' Commission.

[Annex 58](#) is Commission's minutes from Batumi.

The report was approved.

7.19. Fair Play Commission.

[Annex 24](#) is Anti-Cheating Protection Measures.

[Annex 25](#) is Anti-Cheating Regulations.

[Annex 53](#) is Commission's minutes from Batumi.

The report was approved.

7.20. Online Commission.

[Annex 57](#) is Commission's minutes from Batumi.

The report was approved.

7.21. Marketing Committee.

No report was received.

7.22. Commission on World Championship and Olympiads.

- 1. FIDE World Cup 2019**
- 2. FIDE World Cup 2021**
- 3. FIDE World Championship match 2018**
- 4. FIDE Candidates' tournament 2020**
- 5. FIDE Grand Prix series**
- 6. FIDE Women's Grand Prix series**
- 7. FIDE Women's World Championship match 2018**
- 8. FIDE Women's World Championship 2018**
- 9. FIDE World Team Championship 2019**
- 10. FIDE Women's World Team Championship 2019**
- 11. FIDE World Rapid and Blitz Championship 2018**
- 12. Chess Olympiad 2018**
- 13. Chess Olympiad 2020**
- 14. Chess Olympiad 2022**

7.22.1. FIDE World Cup 2019.

The event shall be held in Khanty-Mansiysk, Russia. 4-30 November 2019.

7.22.2. FIDE World Cup 2021.

The event shall be held in Minsk, Belarus.

7.22.3. FIDE World Championship Match 2018.

The event shall be held in London, UK, 9-28 November 2018.

Mr. I. Merenzon informed the General Assembly and gave a presentation of the venue and answered questions regarding broadcasting and the tax discussions over the New York match.

7.22.4. FIDE Candidates' Tournament 2020.

The matter is referred to the next Presidential Board.

7.22.5. FIDE Grand-Prix.

The matter is referred to Presidential Board.

7.22.6. FIDE Women's Grand-Prix series.

The Presidential Board at its meeting in Bucharest, 9-10 July 2018 has approved the organisation of the Women's Candidates Tournament instead of Women's Grand-Prix series.

[Annex 26](#) is a letter from the Governor of Colima, Mexico, in this respect.

The matter was referred to the next Presidential Board.

7.22.7. FIDE Women's World Championship Match 2018.

The event took place in China, Shanghai, Chongqing, 2-20 May 2018.

[Annex 27](#) is Chief Arbiter's report.

7.22.8. FIDE Women's World Championship 2018.

The event shall be held in Khanty-Mansiysk, Russia, 1-25 November 2018.

7.22.9. FIDE World Team Championship 2019.

Poland has expressed an interest and this is referred to the next Presidential Board.

General Assembly has granted the Polish Chess Federation a deadline till end of December 2018 to provide a final reply.

7.22.10. FIDE Women's World Team Championship 2019.

Poland has expressed an interest and this is referred to the next Presidential Board.

General Assembly has granted the Polish Chess Federation a deadline till end of December 2018 to provide a final reply.

7.22.11. FIDE World Rapid and Blitz Championship 2018 and FIDE Women's World Rapid and Blitz Championship 2018.

General Assembly approved the recommendation concerning the organisation of the event on condition that the Saudi Organisers will be able to confirm that visas would be granted to all competitors regardless of nationality, before early November.

7.22.12. Chess Olympiad 2018.

The event is being held in Batumi, Georgia, 23 September – 6 October 2018.

7.22.13. Chess Olympiad 2020.

The event shall be held in Khanty-Mansiysk, Russian Federation, 1-15 August 2020.

7.22.14. Chess Olympiad 2022.

General Assembly has confirmed the recommendation of the Presidential Board to award the 2022 Chess Olympiad to Minsk, Belarus.

8. Section D: FIDE Meetings, Tournaments and Matches.

8.1. Presidential Board and FIDE Congresses.

8.1.1. Presidential Board meetings 2018.

The Presidential Board shall be held in London concurrent with the World Chess Championship Match.

8.1.2. 89th FIDE Congress 2018.

The event is organized in Batumi, Georgia, 26 September – 6 October 2018.

8.1.3. 90th FIDE Congress 2019.

No bids have been received and Mr. Dvorkovich advised that he wished to hold an Extraordinary General Assembly in 2019.

8.1.4. 91st FIDE Congress 2020.

The event will be held in Khanty-Mansiysk, Russia, 5-15 August 2020.

8.2. World Junior and Girls U-20 Championship.

8.2.1. World Junior and Girls U-20 Championship 2018.

The event shall be held in Kocaeli-Gebze, Turkey, 4-16 September 2018.

8.2.2. World Junior and Girls U-20 Championship 2019.

The event shall be held in New Delhi, India, 14-26 October 2019.

8.2.3. World Junior and Girls U-20 Championship 2020.

The event shall be held in India. Dates and venue to be advised.

8.3. World Youth and Cadet Championships U-8, U-10, U-12, U-14, U-16 and U-18.

8.3.1. World Youth Championships U-14, U-16, U-18 2018.

The event shall be held in Halkidiki, Greece, 19 – 31 October 2018.

8.3.2. World Youth Championships U-14, U-16, U-18 2019.

The event shall be held in Nagpur, India, 1-13 October 2019.

8.3.3. World Youth Championships U-14, U-16, U-18 2020.

The event shall be held in Mamaia Resort-Constanta, Romania, 7-20 September 2020.

8.3.4. World Cadet Championship U-8, U-10, U-12 2018.

The event shall be held in Santiago de Compostela (Galicia), Spain, 3-16 November 2018.

8.3.5. World Cadet Championship U-8, U-10, U-12 2019.

The event shall be held in Weifang, Shandong province, China, 20 August – 2 September, 2019.

8.3.6. World Cadet Championship U-8, U-10, U-12 2020.

Following the bidding procedure which ended on May 31st, the following valid bids have been received:

- Batumi, Georgia, 18-31 October 2020 ([Annex 31](#))
- Montesilvano, Italy, 25 October – 6 November 2020 ([Annex 32](#))

It was approved to be held in Batumi.

8.3.7. World Cadet Rapid and Blitz Championship U-8, U-10, U-12 2018.

The event was held in Minsk, Belarus, 21-25 June 2018.

8.3.8. World Cadet Rapid and Blitz Championship U-8, U-10, U-12 2019.

The event shall be held in Minsk, Belarus, 15-19 August 2019.

8.3.9. World Cadet Rapid and Blitz Championship U-8, U-10, U-12 2020.

The event shall be held in Porto Carras resort, Halkidiki, Greece, 16-20 October 2020.

8.3.10. World Youth Rapid and Blitz Championship U-14, U-16, U-18 2018.

The event shall be held in Porto Carras resort, Halkidiki, Greece, 16-20 October 2018.

8.3.11. World Youth Rapid and Blitz Championship U-14, U-16, U-18 2019.

The event shall be held in Salobrena, Spain, 10-14 September 2019.

8.3.12. World Youth Rapid and Blitz Championship U-14, U-16, U-18 2020.

The event shall be held in Porto Carras resort, Halkidiki, Greece, 16-20 October 2020.

8.4. World Seniors Championship.

8.4.1. World Senior Championship 2018.

The event shall be held in Bled, Slovenia, 17-30 November 2018.

8.4.2. World Senior Championship 2019.

The event shall be held in Oradea, Romania, 11-24 November 2019.

The venue may be changed to Bucharest.

8.4.3. World Senior Championship 2020.

Following the bidding procedure which ended on May 31st, the following valid bids have been received:

- Assisi, Italy, 6-16 November 2020 ([Annex 33](#))
- Ohrid, FYROM, 2-15 November 2020 ([Annex 34](#))

The event will be held in Assisi, Italy.

8.4.4. World Team Championship 50+, 65+ 2018.

The event was held in Radebeul (Dresden), Germany, 7-15 July 2018.

[Annex 35](#) is the Chief Arbiter's report.

8.4.5. World Team Championship 50+, 65+ 2019.

The event shall be held in Heraklion, Crete, Greece, 3-14 May 2019.

8.4.6. World Team Championship 50+, 65+ 2020.

The event shall be held in Prague, Czech Republic, 4-15 March 2020.

8.5. World Amateur Championship.

8.5.1. World Amateur Championship 2018.

The event was held in Cagliari-Sardegna, Italy, 21-30 April 2018.

8.5.2. World Amateur Championship 2019.

The event shall be held in Mexico city, Mexico, 23 -29 April 2019.

8.5.3. World Amateur Championship 2020.

Following the bidding procedure which ended on May 31st, the following valid bids have been received:

- Porto Carras resort, Halkidiki, Greece, 13-22 April 2020 ([Annex 36](#))
- Acqui Terme, Italy, 16 -26 April 2020 ([Annex 37](#))

The event will be held in Porto Carras, Halkidiki, Greece.

8.6. World Youth U-16 Chess Olympiad.

8.6.1. World Youth U-16 Chess Olympiad 2018.

The event shall be held in Konya, Turkey, 24 November–3 December 2018.

8.6.2. World Youth U-16 Chess Olympiad 2019.

The event shall be held in Turkey.

8.7. World Schools Individual Championship.

8.7.1. World Schools Individual Championship 2018.

The event was held in Durres, Albania, 20-29 April 2018.

8.7.2. World Schools Individual Championship 2019.

The event will be held in Sousse, Tunisia, 21-30 April.

8.7.3. World Schools Individual Championship 2020.

The event shall be held in Lima, Peru, 2-10 May 2020.

8.7.4. World Schools Individual Championship 2021.

The event shall be held in Halkidiki, Greece, 2-11 May 2021.

9. Reports of Continental Presidents.

9.1. Report of Continental President for Europe.

[Annex 74](#) is Minutes of European Chess Union.

The report was approved.

9.2. Report of Continental President for Americas.

[Annex 40](#) is Americas Continental report.

[Annex 75](#) is Minutes of American Chess Confederation.

The report was approved.

9.3. Report of Asian Continental President.

[Annex 70](#) is Minutes of Asian Chess Federation.

The report was approved.

9.3.1. Maldives Chess Federation.

Mr Bharat Singh reported on the situation.

Written Report.

9.3.2. Pakistan Chess Federation.

Mr Bharat Singh reported on the situation.

Written Report.

9.4. Report of African Continental President.

[Annex 68](#) is Minutes of African Chess Confederation.

[Annex 69](#) is Report of African Continental President.

Report was approved.

10. SportAccord.

Mr. G. Borg informed the General Assembly that they were in the process of arranging the SportAccord Mind Games.

11. Any other business.

11.1. IMSA.

It was noted that the next IMSA Games will be organized in 2019.

11.2. Legal Matters.

11.2.1. S. Cooke vs. FIDE and FIDE Ethics Commission.

FIDE has appealed to CAS to have the case dismissed.

11.2.2. K. Ilyumzhinov vs. FIDE

This matter is still ongoing. The next Presidential Board will deal with the matter.

11.3. Fair Play S. Gligoric Trophy.

This new trophy was approved with the Presidential Board to approve the three members of the Committee.

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