

80TH FIDE CONGRESS 2009
Kallithea, Greece

Arbiters' Commission Meeting

Minutes

Chairman: P. Nikolopoulos

Councillor: W. Stubenvoll

Dr. A. Filipowicz (POL), F. Dapiran (ITA), H. Bond (CAN), J. Mena (ESP), A. Burstein (ISR), S. Stoisavljevic (SRB), I. Leong (SIN), E. Price (RSA), N. Faulks (BER), D. Sedgwick (ENG), P. R. B. Riberio (BRA), R. Alt (GER), C. Krause (GER), M. Markkula (FIN), W. Brown (USA), G. Gijssen (NED), N. Freeman (BER), H. Karimi (IRI), M. Pahlevanzadeh (IRI), C. Abundo (PHI), M. Prevenios (GRE), Dr. H. Elgendy (EGY), I. Antoniadis (GRE), K. Halvatzoglou (GRE), A. Vardapetian (ARM), I. Vereshchagin (RUS).

1. IA and FA Title Applications

All submitted Title Applications had been published on the FIDE website. A subcommittee consisting of the Chairman of the AC, Mr. P. Nikolopoulos, Mr. W. Stubenvoll (Councilor of the AC) and Mr. H. Bond had considered all applications and the Chairman informed about their results. The commission accepted the recommendation of the sub-committee, which will be forwarded to the FIDE Executive Board.

2. Reports of the Seminars – Titles from Seminars for approval

There had been 12 seminars since the last FIDE Presidential Board meeting, three of them after 1 July, which according to the regulations gave only norms, not the FA title. All reports and results of the Seminars held after the FIDE PB of Krakow have been published on the FIDE website (FIDE News).

In total 267 arbiters participated, 111 FA titles and 33 FA norms had been achieved. For 2009 two additional seminars are scheduled, in Gladenbach in Germany and Antalya in Turkey. D. Sedgwick tabled the case of Fred Hamperl of Guernsey. He took a seminar with him and passed successfully an examination test by Stewart Reuben before 1 July 2009. Thus he should be awarded the FA title.

3. Updating the list of Lecturers for the Seminars

There are proposals from Federations (Russia, France, Spain and Australia) for new Lecturers to be included in the list.

On proposal of Americas Continental President Jorge Vega IA Antonio Bento (BRA) an IA Marcello Hermida (ARG) should be included in the list of lecturers, both are very active in their federations. Proposal was accepted by the commission.

IA Hassan Khaled (EGY) will be included because of three times being assistant lecturer

IA Jesus Mena (ESP) yes

IA Laurent Freyd (FRA) - IA title awarded 2009, it is too early to include him.

IA Igor Bolotinsky (RUS) - yes

IA Eduard Dubov (RUS) - yes

IA Alexander Shaab (RUS) - yes

IA Gary Bekker (AUS) - yes

IA Franca Dapiran (ITA) and IA Sava Stoisavljevic (SRB), proposed by FIDE General Secretary Ignatius Leong, will be included in the list of lecturers.

4. Amendments of the Regulations for the titles of Arbiters and for the training of the Chess Arbiters

Chairman P. Nikolopoulos referred to the current regulations regarding requirements for the title of International Arbiters.

W. Stubenvoll proposed to change the wording of article 4.6.c to “international tournaments where FIDE title norms for players are possible”. The proposal was accepted.

Concerning article 4.6.d it was agreed that the new wording will be: “international FIDE rated chess events with at least 100 players, at least 30% FIDE rated players, and at least 7 rounds (maximum one norm)”.

There is a proposal of the FIDE General Secretary Mr. Ignatius Leong for excluding from the list the inactive lecturers, which had not given any lecture within a period of four years, after decision by Arbiters Commission.

It was agreed to add a new article 3.4 in the regulations for the training of the chess arbiters as follows:

3.4 Lecturers who are inactive, i.e that they had not given any lecture for any FIDE Arbiter’ Seminar for four (4) consecutive years, will be excluded from the list of lecturers by decision of Arbiters’ Commission.

An inactive lecturer will be again active if he will be Assistant Lecturer in two FIDE Arbiter Seminars.

5. List of Arbiters according Categories

Following to Dresden GA decision regarding the classification of the arbiters, the proposals from the federations had been collected and checked by a subcommittee. Lists of arbiters according to their categories have been created.

Out of 167 federations 61 federations have sent their proposals, 33 federations have no arbiters and up to now 73 federations did not send any classification.

The current arbiters’ list of “A” and “B” category was presented to the commission members and observers. It was found that some arbiters with titles awarded in 2009,

2008 and 2007 had been included in these categories. It was decided to transfer them to category D.

The wording of the regulations of classification has to be clarified as follows:
In the articles 3.2.1 and 3.3.1 it should be “Active International Arbiters during the last five years” and in 3.4.1 it should be “Active International or FIDE Arbiters during the last five years”.

As IA Gyorgy Fazekas (HUN) has been banned by FIDE for two years, according to the regulations, article 3.3.2, he was transferred from B-category to D-category.

The commission decided to include in A-category the following arbiters:

IA Franca Dapiran (ITA)
IA Vyacheslav Namruev (RUS)
IA Klim Manushev (RUS)

The commission decided to include in B-category:

IA Stewart Reuben (ENG)
IA Peter Purland (WLS)

6. FIDE-ARISF-IOC Development funding program 2009-2012

Arbiters' Commission will participate in the FIDE-ARISF-IOC funding program. According to this program AC will organize two FIDE Arbiters' Seminars per year, during major World or Continental events (Olympiad, World Youth Championships, Continental Youth Championships, e.t.c.).

In 2009 it will be organized an arbiters' seminar in Antalya, Turkey

In 2010 there will be organized two seminars in connection with Olympiad in Khanty Mansyisk and with World Youth Championships in Halkidiki.

7. Commission's Budget for 2009-2010

Chairman P. Nikolopoulos informed about the proposed budget of the Arbiters' Commission for 2009/10, which has to be discussed with FIDE Treasurer. The proposed budget will be 15.000 Euro.

8. E-Learning technology for FIDE Arbiters' Seminars

Many Federations (especially from Africa) face difficulties in organizing FIDE Arbiters' Seminars. After discussions with CACDEC Chairman Mr. Alan Herbert, the AC (probably in cooperation with Trainers' Commission) may investigate the use of e-Learning and internet video streaming for Arbiters' Seminars.

W. Stubenvoll informed the commission about his experience on that field. All seminar material he has is already included in files. The main task would be to create an examination on multiple choice bases.

The Chairman will discuss this issue with Chairman of Trainers Commission and come back with a proposal next Congress.

9. License for Arbiters

After FIDE PB's proposal, the AC may investigate the implementation of a License for the Arbiters.

D. Sedgwick pointed out that FIDE already created the arbiters classification, which work is not finished. We should not create immediately another kind of classification. The commission agreed to his argument.

10. Other cases

M. Markkula proposed to update the TRF File in connection with QC to have all the necessary data.

Chairman P. Nikolopoulos closed the meeting and thanked all commission members and observers for their fruitful work.

Panagiotis Nikolopoulos
Chairman

Werner Stubenvoll
acting as Secretary