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CACDEC YOUTH TRAVEL GRANT

The programme arises out of CACDEC Developmental Goals 2006-2010 which I presented to the 2006 4th Quarter FIDE Presidential Board Meeting in Elista.

Its primary aim is to encourage greater participation by CACDEC Federations in the Continental Youth Events, Goal 7, by rewarding the top performers with assistance towards attending World Youth.

The selection criterion for the winning candidate in each age group is the highest placed player from a CACDEC Federation in top 25% of the final standings.

The other major conditions are that the CACDEC Youth Grant must be used in the same year it was won for the World Youth of that year and is provided for the player not the Federation, i.e. the Federation cannot substituted the player with another player from the Federation.

The proposed grant would US\$500 per player. I appreciate that it is a small start but I am hoping that should this programme prove successful we will be able to justify a larger grant.

My ultimate goal is to develop the programme into a one year CACDEC Developmental Scholarship, for want of a better term, to support the tournament expenses of the winning candidate for that year. This obviously is a much more expensive undertaking that will require more support from FIDE.

Positive results by the candidates who win will certainly give the Commission the confidence to fight for the expansion of the programme.

Obviously, for the winning Federations they can use this to generate good press for the players and can help in getting further support. It also helps the Federation's image.