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Obituaries.

Kahraman Olgac (TUR) – IA and Honorary President of Turkish Chess Federation
Mikhail Podgaetz (UKR) – IM
Rob Hartoch (NED) - IM
Wilfried Dorazil (AUT) - IA and Honorary member of FIDE
Miroslav Filip (CZE) – GM and IA
Robert Wade OBE (ENG) – IM
Kaarle Ojanen (FIN) – IM
Nikola Karaklajic (SRB) – IM
Abdulla Saleem (USV) - Delegate
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Welcome.

FIDE Deputy President and President of the Greek Chess Federation G. Makropoulos said that it is 85 years since FIDE was created and 15 years since Kirsan Ilyumzhinov was elected as President of FIDE. He hoped that it would be a successful meeting in Greece. There were many important points requiring a lot of work. The Agenda is long so we will need to push a little bit to deal with all the points.

1. Report of the President.

President Kirsan Ilyumzhinov presented his annual report.

He expressed his most cordial gratitude to our hosts – the Greek Chess Federation, management and staff of the hotels Athos Palace and Theophano Imperial Palace for their warm hospitality and wonderful organization of the 80th FIDE Congress. He noted that during this decade this is the third Congress which has been organized on the Halkidiki peninsula, in the town of Kallithea. Last night we have celebrated our 85th anniversary, and this is very symbolic that this historic landmark for FIDE has been celebrated in Greece, which is the cradle of the Olympic movement.

There are two main points: popularization of chess and movement towards the Olympic family. A third point was that during years of financial crisis we should keep promises in the organization of all FIDE events.

Since our Congress in Dresden, he had visited fourteen countries including South

Korea, UAE, Mongolia, Bulgaria, Moldova, Switzerland, Armenia, Czech Republic, Turkey, Azerbaijan, and China, some of them on several occasions. In Korea he attended the opening of the 1st international chess tournament, the Korea Open. It was also attended by the Women's World Champion Alexandra Kosteniuk, Co-Chairperson of the FIDE Women's Commission, which was also of significant importance for the chess development in this country. He hoped that this tournament will be organized on a regular basis and Korea will become one of the chess superpowers. He reminded everyone that a year ago there had been three Federations in this country but after he met the President of Korea and all respective leaders of these bodies, we succeeded in uniting all of them into one federation that represents Korean chess.

During his discussions with the Presidents of Bulgaria, Azerbaijan, Mongolia, Armenia and Moldova he had raised the issue of the inclusion of chess into the school programme. One of the most important landmarks in this direction is the signing of the State programme for chess development in the Republic of Azerbaijan on the 5th May 2009 by the President of the country, Ilham Aliiev, covering the period from 2009-2014 with a budget provision. According to this programme, each region of Azerbaijan shall have chess clubs and also a special emphasis shall be given to cooperation with FIDE. The President of the country will attend inaugurations of chess clubs in far regions of Azerbaijan. FIDE experts participated in the preparation of this programme. The document has been published on the FIDE website and he would appreciate everyone reading it as it can be used as an example in other countries

Recently, the FIDE Secretariat has received a contract on the organization of the Candidates Matches in Azerbaijan. Mr. Makropoulos shall inform you in detail about this as he, together with Mr. Balgabaev, visited Baku where they held successful negotiations. These were not so simple, considering that GM L. Aronian's reservations about playing in Azerbaijan, being an Armenian, and considering relations of Armenia and Azerbaijan. However, a compromise was reached.

In the first half of the year he had held a number of meetings with the leadership of Bulgaria: first meeting was held in February during the Topalov-Kamsky match, then in April in Moscow with the Bulgarian Prime-Minister Sergey Stanishev, followed by a meeting with President Pyrvanov during the M-Tel super tournament in May. The Bulgarian side is ready to participate in the bidding process announced by FIDE for the World Championship match Anand-Topalov. The chess federation of Bulgaria is very active not only in the organization of chess events, but in popularization of chess in their country. And each chess event gets the widest coverage of mass media. In the match in February he had counted 15 TV-cameras.

The Presidents of Moldova and Armenia have informed us that starting from this scholastic year, there will be chess education organized in these countries as an additional subject. The same topic has been discussed during his recent meeting with the party leaders in Nanjing during the opening of the 2nd stage of the FIDE Women's Grand Prix two weeks ago. Its opening ceremony as well as the tournament itself was held on the highest level, with the active support of the local authorities. They

informed that they would like to turn their city into a chess development center in China and towards this end they would construct a chess center and are willing to organize even more FIDE official events, including World U-16 Olympiad. We are waiting for an official proposal for a FIDE Chess Olympiad and Congress. Chess in Nanjing is taught in kindergartens, schools and universities.

During this period the Grand Prix stages for Women's tournament were organized in Istanbul and Nanjing. The remaining 4 stages shall be organized in 2010 in Russia, Armenia, Mongolia and Chile. The initiative after the last Congress was very good and all is going smoothly. So we will satisfy the wish of our leading women players. Immediately, after the Dresden Olympiad and Congress, we managed to prepare and organize the Men's stage in Elista instead of Doha. In 2009 the tournaments were held in Nalchik (Russia) and Jermuk (Armenia). There have been some uncertainties with the last and final stage, but today he would like to announce that the last stage of the FIDE Grand Prix shall be organized in the city of Astrakhan in Russia. Mr. Geoffrey Borg shall report on this later on. The governor, Mr Zhilkin, told him about this on the phone and he confirmed this to Mr. Borg. He had appointed arbiters to this tournament and the contract shall be signed shortly. Then we will start a new cycle of Grand Prix tournaments.

He mentioned in particular the organization of the two tournaments in Istanbul and Nalchik. As with all official events organized in Turkey under the leadership of our colleague Ali Nihat Yazici, the women's Grand Prix stage was held on a very high level, was widely covered in mass media, and the minister of sports of Turkey and top management of the Is Bankasi Bank attended the closing ceremony. Nalchik, the capital of Kabardino-Balkaria, has organized its second international event, and we can confidently say that we have found excellent organizers there. If you would recall the doubts and fears with which the participants of the Women's World Championship went there to play last year, and some of them even refused to go there, what resistance we had to endure from the Foreign Ministries of several states. This had forced him to appeal to the IOC President and several Foreign Ministries, to state that chess is out of politics. However, Nalchik proved that it is a worthy organizer and can host any type of official tournament, which was brilliantly demonstrated this year also. Our Grandmasters have not expressed any critical remark. Everyone was satisfied with the playing and living conditions. Once again he wanted to thank his personal friend, the President of Kabardino-Balkaria, Arsen Bashirovich Kanokov. One important nuance: according to the Minister of Sports, after last year's Women's World Championship the number of children who started to go into chess officially increased by 4 times, and about 50 chess clubs in all regions of the Republic have been renovated or built. Ex-World Champions Boris Spassky and Nona Gaprindashvili were treated on a super-star level. We have reached an agreement with President Kanokov that starting from next year they will introduce chess into the school programme. This is what it means to open new chess sites on a chess map of the world! And next April, Nalchik shall be welcoming our women again.

This year we are celebrating our 85th FIDE Anniversary. We have recently found out

that we did not have any proper legal registration, or our founders have not thought about it properly or the documents have been lost during the years. He thanked the FIDE Secretariat and FIDE lawyer for a lot of preparatory work and finally this March we have finalized the official registration of FIDE in the Swiss canton of Vaud, where Lausanne is situated. So this is our second birth date.

In March the FIDE delegation participated in the SportAccord meeting in Denver, where we have met again with the IOC representatives. Mr. Makropoulos will brief you in detail about SportAccord. After Denver he was contacted by the SportAccord President (SportAccord is the new name for GAISF), Mr. Hein Verbruggen. He asked us for a sub-lease of our premises in Lausanne. We agreed to this request. As a result we reduced our expenses on this office, and have left only a postal address in Lausanne.

In September he had signed an agreement with the Post of Russia, the largest enterprise which has been publishing chess stamps for more than 50 years, and in April with the State Registrar of the Russian Federation at the Ministry of Justice of Russia, which enables us to register a FIDE representative office in Russia. This latter issue was considered at the meeting of the Presidential Board in Krakow. We are going to open an office in Moscow, where we will cooperate with the Moscow Chess Federation. We are planning a joint opening of a FIDE Academy in Moscow based in the Russian State Social University, which has been organizing the Moscow Open chess tournament for 7 years. Mr. Selivanov is in close cooperation with them. The head of the Moscow office will be Mr. B. Balgabaev. Messrs. Jarrett and Freeman will help him in organizing the work of the office. It will not have any substantial impact to the FIDE budget, as we do not incur any expenses regarding the Lausanne office maintenance (although we have a legal address there). Also, I would like to appoint the Chairman of the State Registrar of the Russian Federation Mr. Robert Adelhanian as my advisor without financial obligations.

The FIDE delegation led by Mr. Makropoulos has visited Khanty-Mansiysk in May and September where they checked the preparation for the World Cup and the 39th Chess Olympiad. The contract for the World Cup 2009 was signed for the period 20 November – 14 December 2009. We have touched upon this subject, but today he wanted to announce that the balance of 1,261,000 USD was transferred to FIDE this week. Now we shall concentrate on the proper preparation of the next Olympiad and Congress.

As it is known to the members of the Executive Board, we did not succeed in signing a contract for the 2010 Candidates Matches and the 2011 World Championship match with the German company UEP. Mr. Makropoulos will inform you of the situation.

He informed the Executive Board members that during his visit to Baku he had a meeting with the Azerbaijan Minister of Sports and President of their Chess Federation, who had expressed a firm interest in the organization of the Candidates Matches in their country. As he had already said, they have sent a contract already. In case their

representative performs well, they are ready to organize the World Championship match, despite any financial conditions.

World Champion Viswanathan Anand has requested to postpone the World Championship match to the spring of next year. We have announced a bidding procedure which was completed on 30th September. We are in receipt of three bids – Turkey, Singapore and Bulgaria. The Bulgarian delegation is here and he was sure they would speak on the point. Bulgaria's was the only bid with financial guarantees. The challengers' match for this final event, between Topalov and Kamsky took place in February in the capital of Bulgaria.

Understanding the importance of rating calculations, possible inflation and other problems, for the first time in its history, FIDE organized a meeting in Athens focusing on the K factor problem. FIDE representatives alongside some well-known mathematicians and active players took part in the discussion. The results of the meeting were published on the FIDE website.

He had raised the issue of branding and FIDE restructuring at the meeting of the Presidential Board in Krakow. In his view if we rename our continental federations as FIDE-Europe, FIDE-Asia, FIDE-Americas and FIDE-Africa, then they will be more commercially attractive, more recognizable by potential sponsors and their political weight will increase. His position is very strict and clear – all tournaments should be organized under our aegis, under FIDE logo, e.g. Grand Prix series are FIDE Grand Prix, and we shall continue this practice.

At the beginning of the year the Secretariat prepared and sent out a financial questionnaire to all National Federations. The results of this questionnaire are very interesting and should be noted properly. However, among the countries which did not send their replies, many are represented here. These questionnaires are very important for the IOC as they give objective information about our members.

Again he called on federations to work more with the National Olympic Committees and members of the IOC. At the last meeting with the IOC President, Mr. Rogge, he said we should be concentrating more on working with individual members of the NOCs and the IOC. He let us believe that the doors of the IOC are open for us, everything depends on us. We will reach our goal if we work in this direction together.

Members of the Executive Board had been presented with a draft contract between FIDE and Chess Lane which has been on our agenda for the last six months. He had received a lot of feedback from the Presidential Board members and he was thankful for members' active attitude and remarks. He praised the active involvement of the FIDE delegation – Messrs. Freeman, Makropoulos, Gelfer, Kelleher and Mazouz. Many important points are covered in this document and more will be heard about this later.

Once again he congratulated FIDE on the 85th anniversary and 80th FIDE Congress and wished everyone success in the popularization of chess. He hoped the 90 or 100 years

anniversary would be a celebration of being accepted as a member of the Olympic family.

2.1. Auditors' Report. Annex 1.

Mr. Freeman said that the Verification Commission raised an issue that the Auditor's report was submitted later than usual and could not be presented to the members of Verification Commission prior to the meeting. Major problem was that from this year the Audit work is done by Ernst & Young, Athens office, but it has to be approved by the Swiss office of the auditors. We hope it will be speedier in the future. The two companies do not have the same management, are in two countries and two legal entities.

2.2. Treasurer's Report.

Annex 2 is annual accounts for 2008. **Annex 3** is notes to annual accounts. **Annex 4** is updated income and expenditure report for 2009.

The Treasurer said he would take all three together. He said that one major change he proposes is that in future any country that has arrears of 1 year will have their services removed. Federations should make sure that they pay FIDE and we will send reminders to those who are likely to suffer from this, but there will be no exceptions. For the future, federations should note that the Olympiad is in September 2010 therefore if anyone does not pay one year arrears by the end of June 2010 they will not be allowed to participate in the Olympiad.

Executive Board approved the change.

Mr. Freeman said at the end of last year, FIDE's financial position was a lot better. One of the biggest differences is the decline in creditors. Unfortunately, this is not the same for this year.

Mr. Gelfer made a few remarks about 2008. We can positively say that the budget is very well kept by the Treasurer and the office. Major difference is due to Mind Games, and some due to lower value of USD against euro. The Treasurer is doing a very good job.

Mr. Freeman thanked Mr. Gelfer for his nice comments.

Accounts to date for 2009 are in Annex 4. Major problem is that we were expecting an amount from Global Chess, which was not paid. It is not a debt according to the Agreement with Global Chess. Mr. Borg shall comment on this point. Also the World Championship will go to next year. Thus we have 475,000 euros of income less than expected.

For expenditure in 2009 most things are as expected. SportAccord cost more, but most

actual expenditure is below budget. Much of this is related to the expenditure of Commissions and CACDEC not yet using its budget. He had spoken to Chairmen of Commissions. He cannot guarantee that we can spend as much as we budgeted. It was agreed at the Board meeting in Krakow for Mr. Campomanes to receive an allowance. He is very ill and FIDE should help him during his illness.

Annex 65 is budget for 2010. Mr. Freeman informed the Board that it should read TAP instead of Organisers' Committee. He also said there will be 4 women's Grand Prix and thus an extra 10,000 euros. For the moment we have a Marketing budget of 10,000 euros. The budget is conservative. He had tentatively put 100,000 euro for Chess Lane. He had no idea whether this was likely. Budgeted surplus is about 150,000 euro. We expect to make a loss in 2009 and we are trying to break even over a 2 year period. In 2010 it will be both Olympiad and World Championship but we do not want to spend all the money in the year we receive it. We shall try to find as much money for CACDEC as possible. We should look into how we distribute CACDEC money between the Continents and maybe in future part will be used for trainers, arbiters and women so they will interact budget-wise. There have been occasions in the past when not all the money was used. The other significant change is the Moscow office but the Lausanne office is not an item any more.

Mr. Gelfer said that we should mention that the contribution of the Olympiad organiser has risen to 750,000 USD. The figure of 250,000 is a net number as the Treasurer is very conservative.

Mr. Freeman said he was taking into account the USD – euro exchange rate.

Mr. Mazouz said it does not mean that if something is in the budget, that you should expect to receive the money. Expenses have to be justified. Sometimes the Verification Commission has the impression that people just want the money.

Mr. Freeman said he had explained to the Commission Chairmen that they have to come with the proposals first. Also the budget cannot be taken to the next year if it is not spent in the year. The persons who work for FIDE, should not pay out of their pocket for the travel and hotel accommodation. In Khanty-Mansiysk we will not pay for them if they are acting delegates or on a team etc. All has to be approved first.

Mr. Leong said some projects should not receive funds, e.g. PCCC or Chess for Disabled. Organisers Committee is non existent.

Mr Freeman said that PCCC was paid a little bit, they asked for a lot more but we are giving the same.

Mr. Leong said we restructured everything and we should not do this as we are leaving the door open to other international organisations to ask.

Mr. Freeman said we have been doing this for many years for PCCC. We have always

tried to assist them. They have their own elections, Statutes and he thought we should help them.

Mr. Borg referred to Annex 10. The fees had changed considerably but the budget did not change accordingly. How much did we get this year?

Mr. Freeman said we got more, but he did not know if maybe a new fee structure might discourage people to change Federations. He tried to be conservative on this matter. One can only guess the outcome.

Mr. Iclicki asked why the marketing budget has been reduced. Was it because of Chess Lane or was the plan to spend no money for marketing in FIDE.

Mr. Freeman said he had dealt with this. He had spoken with PR and Marketing Director and the budget shall be 10,000 extra.

Mr. M. Freeman asked why there is no interest on money held in the bank.

Mr. N. Freeman said it is case of interest rates being exceptionally low.

Mr. Makropoulos noted the money that we are receiving from Olympiad organisers. The decision had been taken in 2003 after a hearty discussion.

The Executive Board approved the report of the Treasurer and the budget for 2010 with the amendments as suggested by the Treasurer.

2.3. Exclusions.

Mr. Freeman said there are two countries that we have not heard from for many years - Cambodia and Laos.

Mr. Borg said that maybe Asian Chess Federation can provide a view on this. He appreciated they are not paying and not participating but are we going in the right direction by losing members.

Mr. Freeman said Mr. Leong who knows the situation in the countries, has confirmed that they are not participating.

Mr. Balgabaev said a delegation from Laos is coming to Moscow to meet with us.

Mr. Freeman said FIDE and the office should have had this information before. Obviously if the delegation is arriving, we can vote to hold off the exclusion till after the discussion but in his view they should be permanently excluded if full debts are not paid by the end of the year.

Mr. Al Hitmi said they owe a small amount of money, but asked if these Federations

are active. Because if they are active, we could pay, but if they are not, this is another story.

Mr. Abundo said the instruction from the Continental President was to visit them and make them active, not to pay for them.

Mr. Freeman said we have to have some proof and the minimum is to raise the money to pay off their debts.

Executive Board approved to enforce the exclusions if the debts were not cleared by December 31st 2009.

2.4. Permanent Fund report.

Annex 5 is report of the Permanent Fund Administrator L. Brunner.

Mr. Freeman said he congratulated Mr. Brunner on a positive return for 2008. He is staying very conservative, and he is doing a reasonable job.

Executive Board approved the report of the Permanent Fund.

2.5. Verification Commission.

Annex 6 is report of the Verification Commission Chairman L. Mazouz.

Annex 57 is Minutes from the Halkidiki meeting.

Mr. Mazouz said there are recommendations for approval by the Executive Board. He said that the recommendations after their approval should be put into effect.

Mr. Freeman thanked Ms. Perissiou for her help as FIDE accountant. Of course without Mr. Jarrett and other FIDE staff the things would be more difficult, and he thanked Mr. Jarrett and the other Athens staff.

Executive Board approved the report of the Verification Commission.

2.6. Discharge of the Treasurer.

Executive Board discharged Mr. Freeman from his obligations in respect of 2008 and reappointed Messrs Ernst & Young as the FIDE Auditors.

3. Section: Administrative Matters.

3.1. Affiliations.

3.1.1 Mauritania Chess Federation.

Mr. Jarrett said that the Mauritania was granted provisional membership by the Presidential Board. The Executive Board needs to approve full membership.

Executive Board approved.

3.1.2 Other

There have been two applications, received since the closure of the Agenda. They are from Federations which were members in the past. **Annexes 39 and 40** are applications from Mali and Guyana. The Executive Director requested acceptance of them into full membership.

Mr. A. Herbert said that he would like to comment regarding Guyana Chess Federation. It is the last country that we can have for membership in the South American continent. It is a significant readmission for the English speaking Caribbean country. It used to be a leading Federation but they disappeared off the radar. For many years they were lying low but then he visited them and discovered that they are very active.

Executive Board approved. Total membership of FIDE is now 168 federations.

3.2. FIDE Offices.

3.2.1. Moscow Office.

The road had been difficult in completing all the formalities so that we can open a branch office in Moscow. Finally this had been recently completed.

3.2.2. Closure of Lausanne office.

Executive Director D. Jarrett thanked all FIDE staff who do a lot of work for everyone. The Executive Board gave a round of applause.

The Lausanne office was closed in August 2009. Our address for legal purposes is c/o FIDE lawyer in Lausanne.

3.3. Global Structure and Zone Structure.

Treasurer N. Freeman said that he had a meeting with Continental Presidents. No firm conclusions were reached. He hoped we will have some recommendations for next year's continental meetings with final decision by the General Assembly. India requested a separate zone last year. With regards to Africa, the zone structure had collapsed. He was expecting Mr. Buthali to make some suggestions. For America, the recommendation is that Ecuador should move to a South America zone. The question of single country zone was not raised and no recommendation was made.

Mr. Kelleher asked if the issue of a single country zone is finished.

Mr. Freeman said the issue might be revisited, but he feels that if it decided that India be a single zone, it is not advisable for the USA not to be a single zone.

Mr. Makropoulos said that some of our delegates are afraid of such restructuring. India is growing and saying that such a country should be a zone. Therefore, there is a need for study. It is a hot potato. He does not say anything specific about this issue. We should come with a proposal.

3.4. Chess Calendar.

Annex 7 NEW is final draft of Calendar administration rules and planner. **Annex 8** is a proposal of General Secretary I. Leong on FIDE meetings. **Annex 7a.**

Mr. Leong said the Events Commission has looked at this proposal and finally this was adopted for recommendation to the Executive Board. We suggest the bids have precise number, not just dates.

Annex 7a – these are precise dates given by various officials for 2010. Going forward for 2011, when FIDE opens bids, we would advise that Organisers bid for the events, based on the planner. We will try to improve in the next two years.

Mrs. Kosteniuk asked about World Blitz and Rapid and European Women's Rapid Championships.

Mr. Leong replied that the planner is based on the information submitted by the Continental Presidents and based on the existing calendar.

Mr. Elhaj said the dates for the African Youth and Individual are in July and for Organisers it is not a good season. Maybe we should mention some other dates, perhaps earlier.

Mr. Leong replied that the recommended dates are based on the input from the Continental Presidents or the events conducted during the past two years.

Mr. Sand asked if this will only apply for the bids to be open for 2012.

Mr. Makropoulos underlined that this planner does not affect the bidding for the Olympiads. Here we try to deal with the calendar for the next year. We have always a problem in Europe, with clashes with FIDE Events. For example we thought that the ECU Championships were to be held in April but lately it was in March, but we do not know if there is to be kept. Turkey has an important tournament for women in March also. The solution should be worked out.

Mr. Makropoulos proposed to have a meeting between ECU and Mr. Leong to work out what steps to undertake in order for this planner to be effective.

Mr. Kutin agreed but said that ECU announces its dates two years in advance. We are not announcing the dates after FIDE announces its dates. It is simple to say it is a FIDE event and then we do not organise.

Mr. Yazici said that he is happy to see this proposal in general. There should be a rule that FIDE events should have priority, and then Continental championships should be in the same slot starting from 2012. He thanked Mr. Leong for his work. We should also mention that if there is a clash with a FIDE event, the tournament should not be rated or something like this.

Mr. Leong said this is covered in section 12.

Executive Board approved.

3.5. Committee on allowances.

Treasurer N. Freeman informed the Board that this is still under discussion.

3.6. Proposed changes in electoral regulations.

Annex 9 is a proposal of General Secretary I. Leong.

Mr. Leong said that, following discussions, he wishes to amend his original proposal. Point 1 – to have a Presidential Ticket increased by one extra person, to allow a woman on a ticket. For the time being, he wishes to withdraw points 2, 3 and 4. This is for the General Assembly ratification and would apply to 2014 elections.

Mr. Jarrett said Electoral regulations are not part of Statutes, but the actual composition of the ticket is in the Statutes.

Mr. Sand said the submission of tickets for elections was in the FIDE Statutes since Moscow 1994. Then this part was moved to the electoral regulations. Executive Board has no power to change the Statutes. FIDE Statutes in chapter 7 contains the list of Presidential Board members. We have to be careful not to violate the Statutes. It does not say in the statutes how many Vice-Presidents are on the Presidential Board. The Executive Board can add the wording “female Vice-President” into the ticket as described in the electoral regulations and this is within its competence and there is no change in the wording in 7.2 of chapter 7 of the Statutes as they operate with plural expression “Vice-Presidents”.

Mr. Makropoulos said we can have a woman in any position on the Presidential Board.

Mr. Kelleher said women are very under-represented in FIDE. IOC stipulates that the Federation should have 20% in the governing body, and in FIDE it is still inadequate. And in the next meeting we should think of other measures to comply with the IOC.

Mr. Borg said it is not regulations, they are recommendations. IOC itself did not manage to fulfil their targets.

Mr. Buthali said it is a very noble idea. We should proceed and one has to into account that probably we need to encourage everyone at Federation level to come on Board, which will create a pool which we can draw from, for the FIDE substructures. If we do it without doing anything at the Federations level, there will be vacuum.

Mr. Yazici proposed that we can accept the first paragraph, getting consultation from the lawyers and postpone the issue to the Presidential Board.

Mr. Makropoulos personally agreed. If it is legal, then it should come into effect from 2010. For 2014 it is agreed.

Mr. Freeman said we should recommend to the Commission chairmen to have women members as well on the same basis.

Executive Board approved the change, based on the clarification of Mr. Sand. One additional Vice President has been added to the ticket. On any Presidential ticket submitted for the elections, there must be one female nominated, which can be for any position.

3.7. Registrations, transfers and participation in FIDE Competitions.

Annex 10 is a proposal of General Secretary I. Leong,

Mr. Leong presented this proposal. He thanked the Executive Director for improving the proposal. He proposed the amended draft after various other inputs.

Executive Board approved.

3.8. Directors' Reports.

3.8.1 Global Chess.

Mr. Geoffrey Borg reported to the Board. After Dresden, we had a crisis to solve for the Grand Prix for men. The President of FIDE has to be thanked. Elista organised a tournament at very short notice. Then there was hard work to find other three cities for the remainder of the tournaments. Nalchik, Russia stepped in for April, Jermuk, Armenia organised in August following the commitment of President Sargssian. The winner of the Grand Prix series is GM L. Aronian, the other place is not clear yet. The impact of this is that focus for Global Chess is running and organising the Grand Prix. Massive effort was put into this. Global Chess had been bought out in 2008 by Chess Lane but the objectives of the shareholders started to diverge. We decided to close Global Chess in the Netherlands and opened a new company in UAE. The objective is to obtain patronage and packaging for FIDE. Mr. Borg said an agreement for

commercial rights for FIDE will be drawn up. We are looking at separating the activities. We will organise Grand Prix and find patrons for FIDE.

Mr. Freeman asked if Global Chess BV been liquidated.

Mr. Borg said it is in the process, not finalised. It takes some time.

Mr. Freeman said once it is liquidated, the agreement between FIDE and Global Chess is finished, and Global chess new has to negotiate a new agreement with FIDE. At the moment the old agreement is dead, and Global Chess is not acting.

Mr. Borg agreed.

Mrs. Marinello asked Mr. Borg about outstanding liability for FIDE, if the company in the Netherlands is liquidated, what will happen to it?

Mr. Borg said technically it is not a liability. Since Global chess did not pay, the money is due, but there is a provision that in the end the agreement will fall.

Mr. Gelfer said one hour ago we approved the report of the Verification Commission with recommendations about Global Chess, so maybe the new Global Chess should pay this outstanding sum.

Mr. Borg said the shareholder of Global Chess is Chess Lane. The money came from the FIDE President. We paid for the Lausanne office for a significant period of time. So we had this contribution although not so significant as we wanted. The question should be asked of Chess Lane. It is not an easy task to generate revenue. It is very difficult. It was not raised but there was money from Grand Prix.

Mr. Leong said we heard that among some of the outstanding expenses were expenses of the Lausanne office.

Mr. Freeman said that Global Chess will be paying off this debt.

Mr. Sand said it is an interesting question whether Global chess owes 250,000 euros to FIDE or not. We should look at the contract. We should put forward a formal claim to the liquidators.

Mr. Makropoulos said that we know the contract. He agreed with Mr. Borg on the issue of 250,000 euros. He said we did wrong business with Mr. Kok. We trusted him and he did nothing, we invested a lot of money without any revenue. To say that Global Chess organised 5 out of 6 tournaments is nothing, it was again with the help of the FIDE President. Regarding Chess Lane he said it is clear that sponsorship for the existing events is FIDE sponsorship, which was different with Global Chess. They should be looking for money. We will have a new agreement with the new Global chess, and we should give a commission to them. For him the idea that Global Chess is organising

Grand Prix is wrong, they are not the organisers, it is FIDE who organises this. For him it is almost certain that we are not going to organise the men's Grand Prix again. We should have had contracts by now. But we will concentrate on women's Grand Prix. All the other things we will have in the contract with Chess Lane. The new contract with the new Global chess should be concerning sponsorship.

Mr. Leong asked about the website.

Mr. Makropoulos said because we are expecting a new agreement, we are not removing Global Chess from the website. It is an interim period.

Mr. Faulks said he did not read the contract with Global Chess, but the outside world will think that we had the contract with Global Chess 1. We did not get the expected revenue of a quarter of a million and now we will sign the contract with Global Chess 2. He was sure that we should not associate ourselves with this.

Mr. Makropoulos said we did not expect to receive only this amount as we expected much more than 250,000 euros. They did not succeed to raise any of this money. Why we are talking about Global chess 2. We are trying to work with Chess Lane. If the second Global Chess is created in Dubai and if they try hard to find sponsors, it will be good for FIDE. For him it was completely wrong what we did with Global Chess 1. We have nothing to bind us. We can have any sponsors or any partners. We will not limit ourselves, we have learnt our lesson.

Mr. Kouatly said the problem of sponsorship in chess is repeating itself. It is not a new thing that happened to FIDE through the sad experience with Global Chess. It is difficult to raise money for chess, and Mr. President knows this very well. It does not matter if it is Global Chess or Mr. Tarasov, it is a matter of somebody who really wants to invest in chess for some reason. Mr. Makropoulos also knows this as he has been here longer than many others. It is a permanent question which arises every 2nd or 3rd Congress. We understand very well successful people who can bring money or work with their networking as Mr. Elhaj in Libya for example. He did not know who was behind Global Chess 2, but it could be another sad experience.

The FIDE President took the floor and said during the discussion of Global Chess there was a very important issue raised about sponsorship in chess. During his report he did not touch upon this issue as he was talking about two other main problems: popularisation of chess and joining the Olympic movement. He was glad that this issue has been raised now. First, in fourteen years FIDE has not broken any of its commitments and all FIDE events have been organised for the chess community. We organise all the tournaments which we declare. All these years we have been trying to commercialise chess and find some other sponsors. Today we recalled Mr. Campomanes who has done a lot for chess, using his own personal relations and connections, and who has brought a lot of investment and sponsorship into chess, including his own country for Karpov-Korchnoi match for example. And now he was continuing this tradition of Mr Campomanes by bringing in his personal friends and

political connections among leaders of various countries. This allows FIDE to organise many chess events in respective venues. He had been also trying to create a system, which would be independent from him, which would not need the President and would create sponsorship and invest into chess. In order to create such a system, he had been investing from his own pocket into chess and this is his personal sponsorship of the chess movement. For fourteen years FIDE has not taken any risk. He was the one who was risking with his own money. He was trying to find large scale business men who would invest into chess with him. The first effort was the creation of FIDE Commerce in London with Mr. Tarasov. We opened an office in London and we organised quite a few events. The expenses totalled to 4 mln USD, but this effort failed as FIDE Commerce did not bring any extra sponsorship. We closed FIDE Commerce and Mr. Tarasov still owes him around 500,000 USD. Then we tried in Turin, after his personal discussion with Mr. Kok, where it was decided to create Global Chess, where 99,9% belonged to him and only one share belonged to Mr. Kok. He took the obligation to pay all the funds to Global Chess, in order for this company to attract other sponsors. He transferred the amount of 2 mln euro from his personal account to the account in Holland. We have all been witnessing the activities of this company. Global chess was supposed to find potential investors in Europe. He personally participated in negotiations with many companies, alongside Mr. Kok. As a result, we did not organise any tournaments in Amsterdam, Switzerland or Prague. Therefore, as the main shareholder, he had decided to close Global Chess BV and he announced this officially at the Presidential Board meeting in Krakow. Nevertheless, he was grateful to Mr. Kok for his cooperation. He found it fruitful cooperation. He did not have any personal reservations against Mr. Kok. FIDE did not lose any money either, but it just cost him another 2 mln euro which he had spent for chess from his own pocket.

Mr. Ilyumzhinov said that as for the amount of 250,000 euro which was mentioned during the discussion, we should not forget the six Grand Prix tournaments, which have been organised for men, and four women's Grand Prix. This is additional revenue for FIDE from its share of the sponsorship. In addition there were stipends for principals and all FIDE members who participated in the tournaments. He thought that in two years Global Chess did a lot for popularisation of chess by opening new schools and bringing new personalities and new leaders of countries as friends of FIDE. To date, there is no Global Chess Amsterdam and after his negotiations with his partners in the Arabic world, he had decided to open Global Chess in the UAE, in Dubai. In the summer he had transferred 150,000 euro there. There is money on the account of this organisation. He was transferring another 300,000 to this account by the end of the year. So the main shareholder is his partner and the President invests into it. As an organisation Global chess has no obligation as an investor. The only obligation is further development and popularisation of chess, which brings him moral satisfaction. He hoped Global Chess would learn its lesson and will bring real sponsors into FIDE in the future. This will bring moral satisfaction and material things which we will see in the FIDE budget. He reiterated that he was risking another one million USD in order to try again to seek sponsors for chess. There is no risk for FIDE in this enterprise and let us hope that Global Chess will be working in the best possible way. Mr. Borg is appointed as General Director of Global Chess and will be working as hard as possible

as well.

Mr. Makropoulos said that there has been a misunderstanding. Nobody had accused the President as everyone in FIDE knows about the FIDE President's personal involvement and investment. He said nothing was personally against the FIDE President. He said that maybe the issue is that we all not doing the right business when we use his money.

3.8.2. Development Department.

Annex 62 is the Agreement of Shareholders of Chess News Corporation between Chess Lane SA and FIDE.

Deputy President G. Makropoulos informed the Board on the negotiations between Chess Lane and FIDE, especially during the current FIDE Congress.

Mr. Morten Sand of Norway said that the main concern was point 15 of the contract regarding applicable law and regarding settlement of disputes. There had been a detailed discussion and he had also looked into the FIDE Statutes and according to chapter 14 of the FIDE Statutes, FIDE is bound to have the Court of Arbitration in Lausanne as its legal court for all court cases including the commercial ones. Mr. Sand said that in his opinion there are two options if we can reach a consensus on the agreement. Either we put the CAS and Swiss law, or we put the laws of Great Britain and Wales and the court in London. Mr. Sand recommended that Executive Board accepts this and authorises Presidential Board to decide.

Executive Director D. Jarrett commented that it cannot be Great Britain and Wales as Wales is part of Great Britain.

Honorary Vice President I. Gelfer agreed with Mr. Sand that we are bound to go to the CAS.

Deputy President G. Makropoulos said if we go for the solution about the English law, then we have to go the General Assembly next year with a request to approve such a change. But we shall propose to Chess Lane to accept the CAS. He believed Mr. Kaplan would accept it.

Continental President D. Buthali said he is at a loss to understand where we are. He appreciated the comments of Mr. Sand, but having raised a few concerns over past months, he was not really sure if these concerns had been addressed.

Mr. Makropoulos said all comments from the Board were covered by the present version of the contract. The Committee who had participated in the discussion was large enough. The President had mentioned the names of its members. Their comments are included in the contract.

Honorary Vice President Prof. K. Jungwirth said there is a list of FIDE events in

schedule two, with World Championships etc, and in schedule three there is a clause to transfer exclusive commercial rights. He asked what will be the position of a Federation that will make an application for the organisation of such an event.

Mr. Makropoulos said the list is of the official FIDE events organised currently and Chess Lane is aware that the sponsorship for these events is the business of FIDE and that they cannot organise any of these events. If they come with a proposal for an event, they should present a business-plan to FIDE and FIDE will study it. He said that the main aim of Chess Lane is not to organise chess events but to generate business. There is a long list of rights in the agreement. Any agreed project must stipulate the rights to be acquired for that project and first there must be an approval of them by FIDE.

Women's World Champion A. Kosteniuk asked about exclusive commercial rights in respect of the broadcast of chess games.

Mr. Makropoulos said that this list is of possible rights. They are frozen. Chess Lane can get them only if they present a business plan which shall be approved by FIDE. Mr. Makropoulos said that this is a protection for FIDE. The business-plan should be very detailed and it is up to FIDE whether to accept such a project.

Mr. Gelfer said that Board members, especially the Interface, know what is here. Maybe some of the Executive Board members do not know. He said the main difference between this contract and others is that we are used to the President giving and risking his own money for chess development. This contract is with someone whose main interest is to make business through chess. He is not interested in donating money to chess. Although he had been insisting that this contract cannot be signed without professional legal expertise, he can say now, with all necessary cautiousness that Messrs. Makropoulos and Freeman made an excellent job in protecting FIDE rights and avoiding any danger. They have been doing this for months already and other Board members joined them in the last few days during Congress. There are many ways to go out of the contract, to control the books and not to be responsible for anything. Messrs. Sand and Rivello joined the Committee today and raised some juridical questions. We have to be careful when signing for separate projects as this will involve creation of new companies.

Vice President W. Kelleher said he also had a lot of concerns when he first saw the contract. During the past couple of days all the concerns regarding liability of FIDE were addressed. FIDE is not in danger financially or legally. It is important to note that this contract is a structure. We have not seen a specific business plan, and we do not know how they are going to attract business. Mr. Kaplan is very confident that we can make money. In his view this is an open question. We did ask him to guarantee 100,000 USD for the first year. Mr. Kaplan declined to do this. He assumed he did it out of principle and out of confidence in his plans.

Mr. Buthali said he noted the assurances that the financial and legal side is fine. One

fundamental aspect which was raised in comments is that FIDE is an institution and its integrity has been proved over the years. We have to be sure who we are dealing with. We need to know the profile of the person and we need to check the records.

Mr. Makropoulos said we have all the information about shareholders. We have a CV of Mr. Kaplan. He apologised for not giving out such details earlier. Concerning Mr. Kelleher's comments, the truth was that when we were insisting on a guarantee when signing the contract, Mr. Kaplan said 'we are partners, you put your rights, I put my money. We will make the profit and we will share this profit according to the contract'. If any project shall be rejected by FIDE, no money is paid by Mr Kaplan. In one year, if there are no projects, FIDE can terminate unilaterally. Mr. Kaplan has spent a lot of money during this period. He will present his projects. Mr. Kaplan is not like our President, he is not an altruist. This is our hope that we are facing a different situation. Also most of the real questions shall be faced, when an actual project is received.

The Executive Board unanimously approved the agreement between Chess Lane and FIDE to form Chess News Corporation.

3.8.3. PR and Marketing Director.

Mr. P. Rajscanyi informed the Board that after Dresden we will switch to projects financing. In Krakow at the Presidential Board meeting there has been a Committee to discuss the projects. One is for a media manual, which shall be finished rather quickly. The other project would be for a representative book about FIDE.

Mr. Makropoulos said we do not need a big volume but a book that FIDE can use when approaching organizers or sponsors.

Executive Board approved.

3.9 Proposals on Commissions and Committees structure

Annex 11 is a proposal from Brazilian Chess Federation to create a Chess Commission for Social Projects.

Mr. Leong said this can be a special project under Special Projects commission. Mr. Darcy Lima to be appointed as head of the project

Executive Board approved.

4. Commissions and Committees.

4. 1. Technical Commission.

Technical Commission Chairman A. Filipowicz presented his report. **Annex 52.**

He said that testing of clocks was completed. New Garde clocks were tested, but with a negative opinion by testers. A new clock will be produced in the middle 2010.

A new Spanish clock was distributed in Dresden but the producer did not pay any fee to FIDE and testing is postponed.

He said that the proposal of Philippines regarding citizenship in national team competitions, including the Olympiad was sent to Constitutional Commission. The Asian Chess Federation accepted this idea but there was no reply from other continents.

Mr. Makropoulos asked if a team is late for the 1st round, should they be paired or not.

Dr. Filipowicz said we should not pair the team that is late for the 1st round. There are two possibilities, not to come at all or to be late for the first round. But we should know that this team is coming. If the team comes with 3 persons only, they cannot play, they are out. If there is a 4th player, and he is late, then they can play.

Mr. Makropoulos said somebody should present a serious decision regarding this issue.

Mr. Jarrett said this is in competence of TAP, in Annex 50.

Mr. Makropoulos proposed that the Presidential Board shall make a final decision, based on the proposals from Technical Commission and TAP.

Executive Board approved the report, apart from the point on the number of the players in a team for pairing purposes, which is referred to the Presidential Board.

4.2. Qualification Commission.

Annexes 12 & 12a is the proposed list of titles.

Annex 13 is proposals to the Qualification Commission from General Secretary I. Leong.

Annex 14 is a proposal from All India Chess Federation to modify the international title regulations.

Annex 58. Minutes from Halkidiki

Mr. Markkula thanked the FIDE President for his appointment and thanked his colleagues in the Commission. He also thanked the FIDE Offices, especially the Elista staff member Irina Bebikova, who is doing her work very fast and professionally. He said the work goes better than before and the members are active.

New regulations were in effect from 1st July 2009. He tried to send information to Federations to emphasise the differences between the old and new but the information was not properly read or delivered. A lot of applications show that the Federations do not read about the changes. This is a problem for all organisations. We cannot trust that

the Federations go to the site and pull necessary information. We had a meeting in Athens concerning K factor and alleged inflation of ratings. It is in the Minutes. He thanked Mr. J. Sonas for his hard work. Most of the title applications were approved without any discussions. There were some exceptional cases but this is what the Qualification Commission is for. Paperwork has improved. We will follow the regulations more strictly and a circular letter shall be sent to the Federations from the QC. One of the major things to implement is TRF file in Krause format. The idea is to use this file as an automatic report.

In FIDE it is important is to have unified time controls. Some Federations ask for some exceptions. He is requesting other time controls, especially for the end of the game. He proposes a transition period for time controls.

One of the major proposals is to have something like life-time Oscar. When we abolished honorary titles, we lost the opportunity to reward old respected players. So we should think of the exceptionally long and successful career players, where we can award some special titles.

With regard to Myanmar ratings, FIDE has the power to reduce ratings, despite their protests. There are some minor adjustments. We will try to find ways to stop similar cases in the future.

Regarding titles awarded in Zonal and Sub-zonal tournaments. When we restructure zones, we have to think about this as well. There are two title changes in the titles awarded. CM titles will be awarded to the World Individual School Championship winners. The other change is for Continental titles.

With the South-African experiment with partial play over Internet, they decided to rate it, after consultation with Mr. Gijssen and Mr. Reuben.

Mr. Makropoulos thanked Mr. Markkula and QC members for their hard work but the proposal regarding this special title, is not possible. Either you win your title in a tournament or not. We cannot award a title on a successful career. We need crystal clear regulations. Regarding point 4.1.5, we made a decision in Dresden and one year later we come to change this decision, and probably next year we will try to change it again. We have to respect this. We can open a new discussion with Grandmasters or the ACP, but we cannot quash the decision of the previous General Assembly.

With respect to titles from Continentals do you want to extend the Zonal regulations to Continental Championships?

Mr. Stubenvoll said there was a problem in Africa, the 5th rank player did not get his title from the Continental, but would have gotten it from a zonal.

Mr. Makropoulos said we should approve this for Africa, not for all continents. In Africa they have a right to organise zonals, but they cannot organise.

Mr. Yazici said he would like to underline for Europe it is not possible to find a player who will get 66% without IM or GM. Here the issue is about IM title, we should make an exception. Continental Championship should be stronger than zonals.

Mr. Markkula said the idea is that it is not fair to have different rules for different continents. He referred to the case of Mr. Hug from Switzerland.

Mr. Makropoulos said in recent years the World Junior became a very strong tournament, and that is why we decided to start giving GM title to the winner. But Mr. Hug won his title many years ago.

Mr. Gelfer asked about Annex 13. What does equivalent mean?

Mr. Markkula said there are some tournaments, which produce titles, such as Arab, ASEAN, Caribbean and the idea was to include Commonwealth into this. The proposal was postponed.

Mr. Makropoulos said we have Continental Championships and we should stop trying to create more Grandmasters. Our grandmasters lose the value of the title.

Mr. Markkula said we are turning back to what it was before. He thought FIDE should stop tournaments organised with one country players plus one player from another country. It should be one third, or 3 federations.

Mr. Leong said in Krakow we discussed the decision of QC about the cut in the Myanmar ratings. The Federation had sent a letter to the President. He said that in Olympiads, China was getting points playing against non-Asian Federations. He said there is a prejudice here. From time to time QC should look at different Federations, to show the procedure of monitoring. Mr. Leong asked if there is a legal case, who is responsible, FIDE or QC.

Mr. Markkula said he discussed this with N. Faulks, but the rating regulations show clearly, that their ratings have to be monitored, and if there is something to be done, we should act. Federations around Myanmar organised matches with them. He knew of many Federations that manufacture ratings. So to answer the question, we monitor Federations.

Mr. Makropoulos asked why no action was taken against other Federations. He said it is not nice that some Federation use our own regulations to manufacture ratings.

Mr. Faulks said Myanmar and Brunei are the two entirely infected Federations.

Mr. Yazici said we cannot approve this. This is a serious issue for FIDE. We should not do this for any Federation and we should correct the regulations.

Mr. Makropoulos said we cannot do it against Myanmar and QC should work out the solution of the situation.

Mr. Abundo said we should take out the sentence in the report about being unethical and the Executive Board approved.

Executive Board approved the report but rejected the proposal regarding life titles and time control. The Myanmar situation was to be further investigated by the QC.

4.2.1. Review of the K Factor.

There is reference in the report of Qualification Commission.

Mr. Makropoulos said Dr. J. Nunn, J. Sonas etc were invited to a meeting in Athens. The decision was that K factor should not be changed and the report was published on the FIDE website.

Executive Board approved

4.3. Arbiters' Commission.

Annex 15 is the list of the proposed Arbiters' titles. **Also Annex 15a. Annex 42. Annex 42A is the ASEP Minutes.**

Mr. Nikolopoulos said the Commission recommended the IA and FA titles. There was a problem regarding IA titles. There is a list of recommendations and explanation if there is No. Some Federations have submitted tournaments with less than 7 rounds. According to the decision of the Commission, such tournaments are not accepted. We propose clarification in Article 4.6c and 4.6d.

According to article 1.1.1 of the title regulations, it will be valid from 1st January 2010. There have been 12 FA seminars organised in various countries of the world. All reports and results of the examination tests are published on the FIDE website. There will be two more seminars this year, one in Germany, and one in Turkey. He thanked Mr. Yazici for his help for the organisation of the seminar during the World Youth Championships.

Some new lecturers had been added. A proposal of Mr. Leong is to exclude from the list of the lecturers those that are inactive. Regulation 3.4 is to be amended so that inactive arbiters for 4 consecutive years are excluded, but can return if they serve as an assistant lecturer at a seminar.

In Dresden the classification of the arbiters was approved. The Commission sent 3 circular letters to the National Federations. From 167 Federations, 62 Federations sent their proposals, 33 Federations have no arbiters, but 72 Federations did not respond. There are 2204 IAs, and after the Congress the number will be even bigger. The task

was not easy at all.

National Arbiters can be included into category A, if they are active for the last 10 years. So it is proposed to change the wording in the relevant article of the regulations.

The Commission proposes to publish provisional lists to motivate the rest of the Federations to respond to the questionnaire.

Arbiters' Commission had discussed with the Executive Director D. Jarrett and is proposing 2 seminars during major FIDE events, for 2010 – World Youth Championships and Chess Olympiad in Khanty-Mansiysk. This will be under the ARISF supported programme.

We discussed also with CACDEC Chairman A. Herbert to apply e-learning technology in order to cooperate. We also cooperate with Trainers' Commission through e-learning technology.

The Commission shall finalise the procedure of the classification of Arbiters and then might bring the proposal for an arbiters' licence.

Mr. Gelfer said that there is uncertainty who can propose names for the list of lecturers. He proposed Mr. Burstein to the list of lecturers. As for the punishment for the lecturers, as his Federation is not organising seminars, or he is not invited anywhere, why should he be punished.

Mr. Nikolopoulos said there is the matter is of inactivity. The idea is not to have hundreds of lecturers in the list.

Mr. Yazici said he would like to thank the Commission Chairman for outstanding job in past years. It is necessary to check arbiters regularly. The job is fantastic regarding classification of arbiters. He wanted to know how arbiters can go down the classification category. He asked to postpone the decision of the classification to Khanty-Mansiysk.

Mr. Nikolopoulos said the list is provisional and the Commission shall check the arbiters in all categories one by one, to find out to which category the arbiter should really belong.

Mr. Makropoulos said that the amendments should be prepared for the regulations for the next General Assembly. Mr. Nikolopoulos agreed.

Executive Board approved the report with the comments of Mr. Makropoulos.

4.4. Trainers' Commission. Annex 43.

Commission Secretary E. Grivas said that Chairman A. Mihalchishin could not attend

the meeting. The Commission reached an agreement with Arbiters Commission for a seminar during World Youth Championship 2009 and also cooperates with the CACDEC and Women's Commission. We want to start next year a trainers' syllabus, and we will cooperate with the General Secretary. We work with all academies as fruitfully as possible. There are many Annexes to see on the website. We have 5 or 6 meetings annually, using e-technology.

Awards:

Botvinnik award (men or men's team) – A. Petrosian (ARM).

Women's award - Ye Jiangchuan (CHN)

Euwe award - Best trainers for youth – A. Mikhalchishin (SLO)

Best trainer – A. Jussupow (GER)

Petrossian award- S. Lputian (ARM)

Hall of Fame – 7 candidates – most votes to M. Botvinnik, followed by I Boleslavsky, B Gurgenidze, E. Geller, A. Nikitin, V. Kats, S. Samarian. The awards will be given at the next Congress.

Executive Board approved the report.

4.4.1. Singapore Trainer Academy.

This was not taken

4.4.2. Annex 16 is a proposal of the Turkish Chess Federation in respect of player's managers.

Mr. Yazici will make a study of this proposal. The main idea is to register these managers in FIDE. He will revert in a future meeting.

4.5. Medical Commission.

Annex 17 is report from WADA on Compliance with the World Anti-Doping Code entered in force on 1st January 2004.

Annex 35 is a letter from WADA re anti-doping tests in World Championships.

Annex 54. Dr. Bellin said the Medical Commission was quite active, but due to professional commitments only a limited number of members came. However, the rest of members were contacted by email. During 2008 there were 27 doping tests carried out, including target testing and out of competition testing for the first time. Reports had been submitted to WADA.

There was a logistic problem addressed in point 3 of Annex 54. There were recommendations from the Presidential Board. She had conducted a review of procedure which is outlined.

Dr. Bellin said during our meetings there was a long discussion regarding anti-doping regulations. Annex 17 says that FIDE has no major problems with the Anti-doping code of WADA.

Point 4 and point 4.5.1 – we are reworking the wording of the anti-doping regulations to be fully compliant with WADA code. New list of prohibited substances also is made available. She said that the Medical Commission is finalizing its work and a new draft has been submitted to SportAccord which is helping us finalize the text. We are awaiting their comments and we propose that the Executive Board empowers the Presidential Board to accept the new regulations. Final draft should be available on the 1st of January. If the Presidential Board accepts it, it should become part of the FIDE rules valid from the 1st of July 2010.

Mr. Kelleher said thanks for the hard work and report. We discussed that FIDE is introducing out of competition testing. He asked for an explanation of how it is going to work and how many players will be affected.

Dr Bellin said that we actually did out of competition testing last year. We are proposing a limited number of such tests. So we had no problems with targeting several players for this purpose from the registered pool.

Mr. Yazici asked if it is clearer about the procedures especially to avoid cases like Ivanchuk. Specifically is there a special calendar for the testing. It will be nice to inform the organizers in advance in order to prepare for this.

Dr. Bellin said we are doing testing at World Championships and the Olympiad.

Executive Board approved the report of the Medical Commission.

4.6. Rules and Tournament Regulations Commission.

Commission Chairman G. Gijssen presented his report. **Annex 49.**

He said we will present a new draft for 2010 to come into force from 1st July 2011.

Executive Board approved the report of the Commission.

4.7. Swiss Pairings Programmes Commission.

Commission Chairman C. Krause presented his report. **Annex 55.**

Executive Board approved.

4.8. Technical Administration Panel.

TAP Chairman W. Stubenvoll presented his report. **Annex 50**. Appendix to Annex 50 is the Olympiad regulations.

Mr. Stubenvoll said concerning the number of players, we recommend not accepting less than 4 players for registration. Calculating the ranking according to match points, we think more rounds are needed.

Mr. Makropoulos said that we should consider the cost of the two extra rounds.

Mr. Yazici said it should not apply to the awarded Olympiads.

Mr. Makropoulos proposed to study and not to accept this change from 11 to 13 rounds. He said the tie-break system differs from the European system.

Mr. Stubenvoll said in Europe there is a different system for pairing, and now we propose a new system, and we need another system for tie-break. He said that there are several criteria.

Mr. Makropoulos said match points are not enough. He said we should use a unified system for tie-break.

Mrs. Kosteniuk asked if it is possible to arrange tie-break matches for teams who share places. If 3 or 4 teams or players share, they should play a tie-break match.

Mr. Makropoulos said for the medals we should think about this. For the other places we cannot do this.

Mr. Stubenvoll said in the last round mostly teams with equal number of points play each other. In Europe it is different.

Executive Board received the report but the changes were not accepted.

4.8.1. Restructure of Olympiads.

Annex 18 is proposal of General Secretary I. Leong and correspondence with Women's World Champion A. Kosteniuk.

Annex 19 is proposal of B. Balgabaev and Dubov tables.

Mr. Makropoulos said that this was dealt with by the Presidential Board.

4.9. Commission for Women's Chess.

Commission Co-Chairpersons A. Kosteniuk presented the report. **Annex 45**.

Annex 20 is proposal from Mrs. A. Kosteniuk.

Mrs Kosteniuk said some of the issues had already been raised today: predictable tournament calendar. The Commission should work with the Events Commission. FIDE should create a special website for women's chess on FIDE portal. Women's World Blitz and Rapid Championships should also be on the list of events for the bidding procedure.

She pointed out the Caissa award and Gold Organiser award proposal. One change here – the prize should be provided by Laporta and Karpova jewelry house, starting from 2010.

Mrs Kosteniuk said that prizes in women's tournaments should be higher and women's prizes should be not less than 30% of the top prize in Open events.

Mrs. Kosteniuk thanked FIDE for the decision to include one more woman in the governing structure.

She intends to cooperate with Trainers' and Arbiters Commissions and will organize special women only seminars for Arbiters and Trainers.

It was proposed to have at least one woman representative in each Commission. We will send a letter to all National Federations and also to the Commissions of FIDE with the same proposal.

She proposed a Goodwill chess programme – from current and former World Champions without any fee in order to popularize women's chess. Also special girls only FIDE approved training during trainers' seminars and a FIDE grant for young girls to travel to World Youth Championships.

Mr. Makropoulos thanked A. Kosteniuk for her excellent work. This is the first time this Commission does so much work. We should decide on women's prizes.

Executive Board approved the report of the Women's Chess Commission.

4.10. Chess in Schools Commission.

Commission Chairman U. Blanco presented his report. **Annex 46.**

Executive Board approved.

4.11. Development CACDEC Commission. Annex 53.

Mr Herbert said that the most important item was the restructuring of the Development/ CACDEC list. The recommendation was to consolidate the levels, making two levels. This would be for those that require technical help and those that need financial and

technical help.

The Executive Board approved.

4.12. Commission for World Championships and Olympiads to report.

This was dealt with in the section of Tournaments in Matches.

4.13. Ethics Commission.

Commission Chairman R. Rivello presented his report. **Annex 64.**

He said 10 cases were considered. There were four final decisions, six are still open. In 2007 we gave interpretation of differences between complaint and report. Report can start from the Chess Federation or a Board. Complaint comes from individuals. One of the cases we rejected on the basis of no-competence, concerning the player in respect of the title of IM. Maybe there should have been a report from another relevant Commission. There are many cases regarding computer cheating, false accusations or allegedly false accusations. It will be useful for FIDE to intervene to suggest to arbiters, organizers and players some common rules otherwise we will receive more and more cases regarding computer cheating.

Mr. Gelfer spoke regarding case 3.08. He said this is not a receivable case, but if someone from FIDE realizes that there is some cheating occurred, does he have to come and report if he does not have any personal interest? Mr. Rivello agreed, he said that the Presidential Board and Chairmen of Commissions have a right for report. If they submit a report, then there is a wide power of investigation. Chess Federations can also submit a report, and the Commission can examine report without a limit to its competence.

Mr. Makropoulos said FIDE should deal with this. See first investigation and then involve Ethics Commission. The procedure is correct.

Mrs. Kosteniuk said if there is a complaint about cheating, players cannot just accuse their opponents out of a clear blue sky, as in Korneev vs Dolzhikova or the Aeroflot case. There should be some rules and evidence. False accusation should have the same punishment.

Mr. Rivello agreed that one case concerned false accusation. In case of Mamediarov, the accused opponent made a complaint against false accusations by Mamediarov. He suggested that recommendations should be prepared for at least major events. FIDE Secretariat should inform the defendant of the case and give him the possibility to provide evidence during 30-40 days. They can also ask for a public hearing. Till now we have had only one public hearing. Third parties or Federations can intervene and submit some documents. Ethics Commission should decide who has a right to intervene.

Mr. Sundar requested about the complaints to be informed about Federation in question. Federation shall not intervene until the Ethics Commission asks.

Mr. Rajscanyi asked to speed up the work of the Commission for the future. The Commission should start investigation as soon as possible and should not wait until the next Congress to present the cases.

Mr. Freeman said he had agreed with Mr. Rivello that the Commission should have a separate meeting about their cases, in Athens well before the Congress and paid for by FIDE.

Mr. Leong is tasked to prepare something for the next Presidential Board in respect of the last paragraph of the Ethics Commission report.

Mr. Sand said for the Korneev case, the Norwegian Federation gave recommendations for open tournaments, some basic advice to avoid cheating and allegations.

Executive Board approved the report.

4.14. Events Commission. Annex 59.

Annex 21 is a proposal from General Secretary I. Leong on financial regulations pertaining to chess events.

Annex 22 is a proposal from General Secretary I. Leong on World Team Championships.

Annex 23 is a proposal from the Turkish Chess Federation in respect of the seminars for newly elected Presidents of Federations.

Annex 24 is a proposal of the Turkish Chess Federation in respect of the players and officials endorsement by respective National Federations.

Mr. Leong said that no late entry will be accepted for Olympiads. Zero start shall remain for FIDE events.

Mr. Bond said 500 USD penalty is too harsh.

Mr. Yazici said that it is harsh but nobody should be late.

Mr. Herman said that the fine in Annex 21 is an exaggeration.

Mr. Leong said if you withdraw from the tournament, it is not so bad, but when you are late for the game, the opponent is not fully compensated. The winning by default can destroy the rating and title opportunities.

Mr. Makropoulos asked if we are going to fine players in the Olympiad. 500 is a big amount for a team.

Dr. Bellin said if you go down to point 2 or 3, it is an even bigger amount of money. She said these are draconian measures.

Mr. Rajscanyi said it is ridiculous, no one will take it seriously and there will be a lot of appeals etc. We should reduce the amounts. He proposed a vote on the amount of the fines.

Mr. Filipowicz said we just introduced zero tolerance. It is a good decision. Let us wait at least one year for other difficult steps, including financial fines. Or we should reduce.

Mr. Makropoulos proposed to accept the proposal of Mr. Rajscanyi 100, 200, 500 USD.

Mr. Hamers proposed that we should not have any fine. We should see how zero tolerance works first. If it works well then we should think about fines. He proposed no fine at all.

Mr. Kelleher agreed with Mr. Hamers and said he doubted that there will be disrespect of this rule in many countries if we introduce. He said we should delay and see how this zero tolerance works over next year.

Mr. Faulks asked who will collect the fine.

Mr. Makropoulos said it depends on the event.

Mr. Yazici said we should not use the word ridiculous. First of all the player does not come and he loses by default. QC deals with many cases where players suffer for their titles. You think that you protect the rights of players, but what about the others? With zero tolerance, how much negative reaction did we get? In the General Assembly we can think of the fine system.

Mr. Gelfer said he would like to back Mr. Hamers, the intention is not to collect money. The motivation of a player to be late is enough that he loses the game. A fine is too much.

Mr. Makropoulos said in the last Mediterranean Championship in Rijeka, Croatia, 6 players lost their games, and it is ridiculous and we should stop this situation. He was one of those against zero tolerance. But as long as we have this rule, we should maintain the rule. How can we punish them? Peter Rajcanyi suggested a compromise. He was against if we cannot guarantee same conditions.

Mr. Kouatly said this rule is not an absolute aberration. This is absolutely ridiculous

unless there is the same treatment for everybody. It is impossible. Many cases in Dresden when people were at the board, and then they left and the arbiters did not see these players and they declared them lost. We should recognise the mistake and come back to the old regulations.

Mr. Makropoulos said the decision was accepted in the General Assembly with a big majority. For the moment we do not see special problems. It is true in Dresden some players lost their games because they went to the toilet. We should improve the system. Either we waive completely the penalty or we accept the compromise.

Mr. Metzger proposed to postpone the decision to next year and the Presidential Board can discuss this later.

Mrs. Marinello said when it comes to youth events, these rules are a lot more difficult for us to use. They depend a lot on the parents. And if the parents see these penalties, they might get scared. The rule might be applicable for professional players but when it comes to junior chess it is a different situation.

Annex 22 – the continental qualifiers will not be substituted. It will come into force from 1st July 2010.

Annex 23– Committee – Yazici, Herbert, Freeman to propose to the next Presidential Board.

Annex 24 – if a Federation wants to have such regulations, that their players should get permission from the Federation to participate, FIDE shall respect this wish of the Federation.

Mr. Rivello said in his report he touched upon the problem concerning the authorisation by a Federation for a player to play abroad or not to play. It is a difficult situation. He would like to underline the importance of the problem.

Mr. Makropoulos said the Federation should inform FIDE if they have such regulations. In some countries this is a sports law, for example in Greece or Turkey.

Executive Board accepted the proposal of Mr Rajscanyi regarding fines.

4.15. Constitutional Commission.

Mr. C. Abundo presented the report. **Annex 51.**

Mr. Kelleher said he agreed with Mr. Abundo's idea that we should inform Federations about appointments. He recalled one recent case where the Federation would have objected where a person from that Federation was appointed for a certain position.

Mr. Makropoulos said he can understand for elections but we never ask the Federations

regarding nominations.

Mr. Sand said we discussed this before, and if the Federation is not there, it is their fault that they do not see the nominations list.

Mr. Makropoulos said the President makes the nominations of Chairmen and why would Federation oppose the nomination of a person whom the President wants to work with.

Mr. Jarrett said the system for Commissions has changed. Chairmen appoint many members.

Mr. Yazici said Commissions are experts and we are expecting them to work. Commissions should work as experts. They are not related to Federations. They represent Federations and they will get support, but he did not see any relation.

Executive Board approved approved.

4.16. Special Commissions.

Mr. Leong said that he had no report.

Mr. Selivanov said in March there was a decision to abolish the Composition Commission and create a special project Chess Composition. However, he proposed to re-create the FIDE Commission on Chess Composition. He also asked to include the following events to the FIDE Calendar – 2nd World Cup on solving, 6-7 February in Moscow (during the Moscow Open Festival). He thanked Mr. V. Zhukov, rector of the Moscow Social University and Mr. A. Kostyev, from ISCU, for hosting the event in Moscow. Today the 52nd Composition Congress is closing in Brazil, and the 53rd Congress shall take place in St. Petersburg, Russia, 21-28 August 2010. There is an agreement to organize the special Olympic tournament on chess composition and solving with Khanty-Mansiysk. We expect a lot of famous chess composers and specialists, Mr. Kovacevic, Mr. Petkov, Mr. Gurgenzidze, Mr. Valois etc.

Mr. Gelfer said Mr. Selivanov spoke on two things, and he agreed with the second issue where he is planning to organize an event in Moscow. He objected to the first proposal as FIDE had made a decision six months ago, which was made in recognition that the Composers' Commission is an independent one, which has a very good relationship with FIDE and backed by FIDE. He saw no logic in changing the decision which we made six months ago. The other proposal of Mr. Selivanov is very welcome.

Mr. Selivanov had just returned from the World Championship and the Congress. The President of PCCC, Mr. U Avner, from Israel insulted FIDE when Mr. Selivanov asked for the floor. Mr. Avner said that we are not with FIDE any more and we shall not give them the floor. Therefore, in order to have very active work in chess composition, he thinks we should have a special FIDE commission. The organization led by Mr. Avner,

shall be an independent body, and if their Statutes comply with democratic principles, it may be approved by FIDE, but in any case it is an additional motivation for FIDE to create its own Commission.

Mr. Gelfer said Mr. Avner is not here to reply to these accusations and we cannot make decisions just by listening to Mr. Selivanov, who he respects very much. But Mr. Avner is not here to present his own version.

The next day the discussion continued when the budget was discussed.

Mr. Selivanov said we are financing an organisation which legally for us does not exist. The funds that FIDE pays are used for personal travel of Mr. Avner and he informed the PCCC delegates about it. Therefore, he proposes that we should create a separate FIDE Commission on Chess Composition.

The President said that Mr. Selivanov has come back to the same point of yesterday and the previous day he spoke to both Messrs. Leong and Selivanov. Mr. Leong analysed the status of all Commissions and their Statutes and he said that the Statutes of PCCC do not correspond to the FIDE Statutes. Therefore, at the Presidential Board we stopped supporting the activities of this Commission. But we continue financing the organisation which does not exist. In his opinion the decision should be very simple for two reasons – first the most important thing is that such direction –as chess composition – is outside of FIDE and this is a favourite pastime for millions of chess fans, and secondly we should have it under the patronage and strict supervision of FIDE. Therefore, we should re-create the FIDE Commission on Chess Composition and as FIDE President he appoints Mr. Selivanov as Chairman of this Commission, As FIDE Vice-President he knows things from inside. He is 9 times World Champion and Grandmaster in chess composition. Let him be responsible for this within FIDE. It will stop us from any headache as Mr. Selivanov is a Board member and he will report to us. The annual budget is not high, it is 7,000. For the next Presidential Board in Turkey, Mr. Selivanov with Mr. Avner should come forward with a joint programme. So the issue is closed until the next Board meeting.

Mr. Kelleher said we should not to be in a hurry as the Commission has been eliminated. Mr. Selivanov should present a proposal for the next Presidential Board and the Presidential Board shall decide in a timely fashion whether or not we should reconstitute this Commission. Then we shall be acting according to procedure. If it is a good proposal, we shall decide accordingly. This is with all respect to the President's proposal and underlining his contribution.

Mr. Selivanov agreed.

Mr. Yazici said everything related to chess should be under the FIDE umbrella.

Mr. Makropoulos said if an organisation is affiliated within FIDE, for him it is under the umbrella of FIDE. It is up to us to decide if we support them financially. He

proposed to support such organisations financially provided there is a specific project. If we are having affiliated bodies within FIDE, and create parallel bodies, we should have serious reasons for this. Then in this case the right decision is to take the affiliated body out of FIDE.

Mr. Leong said then the other affiliated organisations should ask for assistance and we can help them for specific projects.

Mr. Makropoulos reminded everyone that we receive money from the IOC with the justification of specific projects.

The FIDE President proposed to finalise this matter at the next Presidential Board and the Executive Board approved.

Section D: FIDE Meetings, Tournaments and Matches

5. Presidential Board.

5.1. 4th quarter 2009 Presidential Board.

The meeting will not be held.

5.2. 1st quarter 2010 Presidential Board.

In Turkey, Bursa, during the World Team Championship. The proposed dates are 3-6 January 2010.

5.3. 2nd quarter 2010 Presidential Board.

Mr. Balgabaev said that the Bulgarian Chess Federation wants to organise this meeting.

Mr. Sergiev said that they offer the 2nd quarter meeting in April 2010 in Albena, Bulgaria.

5.4. 3rd quarter 2010 Presidential Board.

Annex 38 is a proposal of the Norwegian Chess Federation for Tromso. It was decided to organise the meeting in Tromso, the dates to be finalised.

5.5. 4th quarter 2010 Presidential Board.

To be held in Khany-Mansiysk if required

5.6. 81st FIDE Congress 2010 and 39th Chess Olympiad 2010.

The events shall be organised in Khanty-Mansiysk, Russia, 19 September-4 October 2010. Arrival will be 19 and 20 September 2010. 1st round of the Olympiad will be on the 21st October 2010.

Mr. Gelfer said the FIDE delegation led by Mr. Makropoulos visited Khanty-Mansiysk twice. Another meeting shall be in November. Meetings will be held with the Chairmen of all Organising Committee departments. He mentioned the problem with rooms. Before the crisis they planned to build 3 hotels, but now they are building one big hotel although it will be enough for the Olympiad. We met with the Governor, A. Filipenko, and expressed our concerns, and Mr. Filipenko told us not to worry as the hotel shall be opened 1st July 2010. It has 846 rooms, enough to accommodate all teams, accompanying persons etc. He was informed that it is very important to comply with deadlines and not to leave them open.

We are following very closely the Khanty-Mansiysk preparations. We are in touch nearly every week. They will start to do interior works in the hotel soon. Invitations will be sent and the announcement made on the FIDE website. They are opening a special office for the Olympiad in the next two months. The temperature during the Olympiad period shall be more than 10 degrees centigrade.

Mr. Makropoulos said there are several problems, it is not an event without problems, but it looks that all problems will be solved. We discussed with the Organisers from the beginning all the issues. Charter flights shall be arranged. It seems that the hotel will be ready on time otherwise the problem with the accommodation cannot be solved. They were telling us that by 1st November the hotel will be finished outside and the heating system and lights are arranged. We can check this during the 2009 World Cup. We were very satisfied with the preparation and the Organisers are following the schedule. September is winter there and for us it will be cold. People should know that when we go there it will be cold weather. We feel that the problem will be that we will not be able to satisfy all those who will want the upgrade in accommodation. We know in general which teams will ask for single rooms and we think that most of the teams should be satisfied. If there are a big number of participants, then we will have a problem. We can say that the playing hall, transportation and food will be perfect. The main problem might be accommodation. The new hotel will be very good. Most of the people will stay in the hotel. There are other hotels of good standards, so we will not be in a situation where people can complain about low standards of the accommodation.

Mr. Makropoulos said we exchange emails on a daily basis, see their preparation, sometimes we do the work for them, e.g. preparation for charters, schemes.

Mr. Freeman said that the guarantee should be provided and we should ensure this is received. We have heard nothing back from more than a month.

Mr. Gelfer said the Treasurer is worried about the guarantee. During the last visit we discussed the guarantee, and the Swiss bank asked for several changes in the guarantee.

And we are now waiting for the guarantee to be corrected and sent back to FIDE. The agreement was that they are taking guarantee for correction. In Russia there is bureaucracy with bank papers, but the Organisers accepted all requests which are asked by the Swiss bank.

Mr. A. Gerber represented the Organisers, and is in charge of the construction. He passed warm greetings from Governor A. Filipenko and remarked that the close cooperation with the FIDE Commission led by Mr. Makropoulos and the inspection in Khanty-Mansiysk discussed all necessary aspects of the organisation. He made a presentation of the hotels and informed of the new hotel, the food concept as well as charters from Milan, Dubai, Prague and Moscow. He answered various questions from Messrs. Bond, Yazici, Kelleher and Herbert.

Mr. Makropoulos also answered questions and said that the normal composition of the teams should not be any problem for accommodation in the same hotel. He said that all members of each delegation should stay in one hotel. However, if there are a large number of participants, there could be some worry about how to accommodate the whole delegation in one hotel.

The Executive Board noted the report

5.7. 82nd FIDE Congress 2011.

Bid from Polish Chess Federation for Krakow, 15-22 October 2011. **Annex 25** is official bid.

Mr. Jarrett said the bid should be accepted.

Mr. Makropoulos said that the city is nice. The Presidential Board was organised on a very high level and people were very happy there.

Mr. Filipowicz said that it will be a great pleasure to host the FIDE Congress in Krakow.

Executive Board approved.

5.9. 83rd FIDE Congress 2012 and 40th Chess Olympiad 2012.

The events shall be held in Istanbul, Turkey.

Mr. Yazici said they started the count down to this date on the Turkish Chess Federation site. Dates are to be informed. Most probably it will be November 2012.

Mr. Makropoulos said that we are opening the bidding procedure for the Olympiad 2014 after the Executive Board. The decision will be finalised in Khanty-Mansiysk. We have received a proposal from Tromso, Norway.

5.10. World Cup 2009.

Deputy President G. Makropoulos said all is in order. We have organised 2 editions of the World Cup there. The prize fund is received.

We trust the Organisers in Khanty-Mansiysk in all aspects of the organisation.

5.11. World Cup 2011.

Annex 26 is letter from the Estonian Chess Federation.

Mr.B. Balgabaev visited Tallinn. He said that two days ago he spoke with Mr. Olde who told him that at the beginning of November there will be elections in the city of Tallinn and then they are ready to sign the contract with FIDE.

5.12. World Chess Championship Cycle 2009-2011.

Annex 27 is Regulations for Candidates' Matches 2010.

Mr. Makropoulos said that the match Anand-Topalov is postponed from September 2009 due to the request of GM V Anand. There is a new cycle with a match which should be organised in September 2011. We are not intending to have Grand Prix, unless we have signed contracts by the end of this year following previous decisions of the General Assemblies and Presidential Boards. Concerning the final match of the next cycle, we have received an interest from Mr. Malcolm Pein from England. They organise London tournament at the end of 2009 with the support of the London Mayor. In 2012 they will host Olympic Games, and they are ready to try to organise the match in London at the beginning of 2012 with the support of the municipality of London. Mr. Makropoulos proposed, after a discussion with the FIDE President, that the Organisers can have the option with the prize fund of not less than 2 mln euros. For FIDE it would be important to have the match in the city of the Olympic Games under the same authorities and sponsorship. The FIDE President had agreed. Mr. Pein had to reply by 15th February 2010. If the option is not exercised, then the bidding procedure shall be opened immediately. Mr. Makropoulos said it would be very important if they could organise the match in a Western European country with such a high prize fund. All other regulations will be based on previous decisions of the General Assembly. The Presidential Board can decide on any changes, or the President, if there is something extraordinary to be changed.

Executive Board approved, including the proposal of Mr Makropoulos regarding the possibility to amend the pairings if necessary and that at least one player from Azerbaijan should be in the matches played in Baku.

Mr. Makropoulos said we did not sign the contract with UEP as their way of approaching our needs for promotion of FIDE is different from our understanding. We

are trying to organise the match in a different place. We succeeded to have a contract with Azerbaijan only for half of the Candidates Matches, because GM L Aronian cannot play there. We agreed that they will organise 2 out of 4 matches and the final match, if GM Aronian is not in the final match. We have already had discussions with two different organisers, for the other half of the Candidates matches. Azerbaijan will pay 300,000 euros out of the 500,000 euro including the FIDE share, and the other organiser will pay 200,000 euros. Azerbaijan will have the nominee according to the regulations. We need to make sure that one Azeri player will play in Baku. Then we may have to amend pairings and to make a respective decision here.

Executive Board approved.

5.13. FIDE World Challengers' Match V. Topalov vs G. Kamsky.

Deputy President Georgios Makropoulos informed the Board. **Annex 28** is report of the Chief Arbiter I. Leong. Mr. Makropoulos said that in Dresden we managed to reach an agreement. We managed to have the match without any problems with the players. We did not have any complaints from the players. He said we can guarantee right conditions for both players, even if the match is organised in the country of one of the players. GM Anand was satisfied in Bonn, GM Kamsky was satisfied with the conditions in Sofia, even though he lost the match. GM Anand should play in Sofia and FIDE should guarantee right conditions in Sofia. We will start discussions with both sides to finalise the contract. Our people should be flexible and understand that FIDE will do its best.

5.14. Match V. Anand vs V. Topalov, 2010.

Deputy President G. Makropoulos said the match will take place in April 2010 following the request of World Champion V. Anand, who was playing every year either a match or a tournament for the title. We accepted his request. Three bids were received; one from Turkey, for a prize fund of 1 mln euros, another from Singapore for 1.288 million euros, and the other one is from Bulgaria for 2 mln euros. No financial guarantees were received by the 30th September, so we extended this by 2 weeks.

Mr. Yazici said Organisers are humans and due to his adrenalin he thought it would be fantastic to organise the match in Turkey. He had tried to organise Kasparov-Kasimdzhanov match also. He did not do his homework but was upset that his bid is not enough, but glad that there is such a good bid from Bulgaria. He withdrew the Turkish bid. He congratulated Silvio Danailov and his team but said Turkey will organise one day such a match and hope a Turkish player will be on one side of the board.

Mr. Leong said Singapore also withdraws and congratulated the Bulgarian Chess Federation for a very good bid.

Mr. Danailov, Vice President of the Bulgarian Chess Federation, took the floor and

said that his country during the last 5-6 years organised 5 super tournament MTel masters and recently this year the candidate match Topalov-Kamsky in Sofia. We have a lot of experience of organising big events and we have bid for the upcoming World Championship match Topalov-Anand. Recently there is a new Government in Bulgaria and we are proud that the Prime Minister, Mr. Borisov, shall be chairman of the Organising Committee. The prize fund is 2mln euro plus 20% to FIDE plus the organising costs for the event. The letter from Mr Borisov is dated 12th October 2009 and is an official guarantee and personal guarantee. They will be ready to transfer the money, not later than 10th December 2009, with 3 mln euros budget.

Annex 66 is letter from the Prime Minister addressed to the FIDE President and the delegates. Mr. Freeman read the letter to the delegates.

Mr. Makropoulos thanked Silvio Danailov and Mr. Sergiev for their efforts. Strictly speaking we should have a bank guarantee, but he thought the letter from the Prime Minister should be accepted and the discussions for the organisation contract should start here. He proposed to award the event to Bulgaria.

Executive Board approved the award of the World Championship match V. Anand vs. V. Topalov to Bulgaria.

Mr. Makropoulos said that the offer is excellent. He said that the dates are not exact yet, we would like to start it on 5th April 2010. Negotiations shall be started.

5.15. Grand Prix 2008-2009.

We have the tournament in Astrakhan, end of April 2010. There are discussions regarding the dates so as not to clash with any other tournaments.

5.16. Women's World Chess Championship 2010.

The event shall take place in Turkey, 2-25 December 2010.

Mr. Yazici said Antakia is a very interesting place with fantastic food. He said the players will like this city, it is the crossroads of various religions. The Mayor of the city will guarantee 300,000 euros, and the Turkish Chess Federation has found other sponsors. We are ready to start.

5.17. Women's Grand Prix.

Mr. Borg said the Istanbul event in March was very well organised. Then in Nanjing there also had been excellent organisation with a tremendous effort by the organisers. We had some work to make sure that we finalise the whole cycle. He thanked Mr. Makropoulos and Mr. Vega for assisting with Chile to finalise the contract. We will complete the whole cycle. The players know their schedules. Everything is fine and under way.

Mr. Makropoulos said to make sure that all Organisers deposit money.

Mr. Yazici asked whether we are going to start a new Women's Grand Prix cycle.

Mr. Makropoulos said yes, we will concentrate on the women's Grand Prix.

Mrs. Kosteniuk thanked FIDE for the women's Grand Prix, it is a tremendous job, because from February until now it is clear that there is a cycle with dates and venues, which is very important for women players. She hoped that it will be continued. It will turn into one of the strongest chess events.

Mr. Yazici said their sponsor Bank is not happy that FIDE is changing the cycle for women. So they want to know in advance the whole cycle.

Mr. Borg said that Is Bankasi was caught in the position when we were pressing many countries, to finalise the venues. We concluded 7 cities in a period of 5 months. It is not easy, in respect of the prize money - there is a big problem of credibility, we have to win the credibility. We should maintain the product. He said that we now have a stable cycle for the women. We have to come down on prize expectations. We have to thank the President for his intervention and providing new venues.

The FIDE President said that for the Grand Prix series, both men and women Grand Prix for 2010-2012, they shall be taking place according to schedule. The venues shall be announced one year or six months at least in advance. Grand Prix is his baby as is the knockout World Championship, which despite all criticisms since 1995, everyone plays in it with great success and it is one of our flagship events. He said we will announce World Cup venues for 2011, 2013 and even 2015. As for the Grand Prix, the first cycle is ok, and the baby is healthy, and we will announce all the venues for the next cycle one year in advance. We discussed it with Mr. Borg. There will be some slight technical changes, first in respect of the prize fund and the second in respect of the number of the participants. We shall discuss this with the FIDE respective Commissions, ACP and professional chess players. He had in his hands the proposals from four venues for men's and women's Grand Prix. He wanted the Executive Board members and chess players to look to the future with assurance. Our calendar is guaranteed for the next seven years in respect of the World Championship and Grand Prix cycle. He was sure we will agree with the London Organisers. He agreed with his colleagues and chess players that the contracts for the organisation of the Grand Prix should be in place in advance and should be signed in advance.

Mr. Rajscanyi said in Budapest there will be a new Mayor so we can think of this possibility. He agreed with the President about the number of the participants in the Women's Grand Prix.

Mr. Makropoulos said we have women's Grand Prix for 2010 firm. New cycle is for 2011 so we have time to announce in 2010 all the tournaments for 2011. For men we have just closed the last city. The situation with the women is much better.

Mr. Yazici proposed that at the end of 2010 at the Women's World Championship December 2010, in Turkey, we can gather all the Grand Prix organisers for women, so they could sign contracts for the next cycle.

Executive Board approved.

5.18. Women's Team Championship 2009. Annex 34.

The event was held in Ningbo, China, from 1-12 September 2009.

Mr. Selivanov thanked the Chinese Chess Association and Mr. Leong. There was real fighting spirit and a very high level of competition with seven teams competing for medals in the last round. He said it was a really great event.

Mr. Kelleher said he was extremely impressed with the whole organisation. He concurred with Mr. Selivanov that it was a really great event.

5.19. Women's Team Championship 2011.

Annex 29 is a bid from Turkish Chess Federation for Antalya, Turkey, 1-11 December 2011.

The event was awarded to Turkey. The contracts will be signed with the Turkish Chess Federation. Mr. Gelfer will take care of the contract and regulations.

Executive Board approved the bid.

5.20. World Juniors and Girls U-20 Championships 2009.

The event shall take place in Argentina, 16-29 October 2009.

The venue venue has changed due to force majeure circumstances.

5.21. World Junior and Girls U-20 Championship 2010.

The event shall be held in Poland, Chotowa Czarna, 2-17 August 2010.

5.22. World Junior and Girls U-20 Championship 2011.

No bids received by the deadline of August 31st 2009.

A bid was received later from the All India Chess Federation. **Annex 44.**

Executive Board approved the bid.

5.23. World Junior and Girls U-20 Championship 2012.

FIDE invites bids for the event by June 30th 2010.

5.24. World Youth Championships U-8, U-10, U-12, U-14, U-16 and U-18 2009.

The event shall be held in Turkey, Antalya, 11-23 November 2009.

5.25. World Youth Championships U-8, U-10, U-12, U-14, U-16 and U-18 2010.

The event shall be held in Halkidiki, Greece 19-31 October 2010.

5.26. World Youth Championships U-8, U-10, U-12, U-14, U-16 and U-18 2011.

Bid from the Brazilian Chess Federation for Rio de Janeiro, 12-22 November 2011.
Annex 30 is official bid.

Mr. Makropoulos said we should check what is offered by the hotels, if this is realistic in respect of the prices.

Mr. Jarrett said there should be an inspection as well.

Executive Board approved the bid.

5.27. World Youth Championships U-8, U-10, U-12, U-14, U-16 and U-18 2012.

FIDE invites bids for the event by June 30th 2010. Only European Federations to bid.

5.28. World Seniors Championships 2009.

The event shall be held in Contino, Italy, 26 October – 6 November 2009.

5.29. World Seniors Championships 2010.

The event shall be held in Arco, Italy.

Mr. Gelfer asked to recommend to the Organisers to change the regulations, that a former Champion has free accommodation during the next Championship.

Executive Board approved.

5.30. World Amateur Championship 2010.

The event will be organised to North American Chess Association to be held in Skokie-Chicago, Illinois, USA, March 17-26 2010.

There is a bid from Barbados for 2011 World Amateur Championship. The bidding procedure shall be closed by 30th June 2010. **Annex 56.**

5.31. World Team Championship 2009.

The event will take place in Bursa, Turkey, 3-14 January 2010.

5.32. World Team Championship 2013.

FIDE is inviting bids for the event by December 31st 2009.

Mr. Jarrett said the regulations say that bids should close 4 years in advance.

Mr. Borg said there are some problems inside the regulations. Somebody should look at the regulations and correct.

World Championship and Olympiad Commission shall do this and this will be approved by the Presidential Board.

Executive Board authorised the Presidential Board to finalise the regulations.

5.33. 2009 World Youth U-16 Chess Olympiad.

The event was held in Akhisar, Turkey, 26 September- 2 October 2009.

5.34. 2010 World Youth U-16 Chess Olympiad.

Bid from the Turkish Chess Federation for Antalya, 24 July – 1 August 2010. **Annex 31** is official bid.

Executive Board approved the bid.

5.35. 2011 World Youth U-16 Chess Olympiad.

FIDE invites bids for this event by December 31st 2009.

5.36. World Schools Individual Championship 2010.

The event shall be held in Kaiseri, Turkey, in July 2010. Final dates will be announced.

5.37. World Schools Individual Championship 2011.

Bid from Polish Chess Federation for Krakow, 30 April – 8 May 2011. **Annex 32** is an official bid.

Dr. Filipowicz said the period we put here are not final and the dates might change to

July 2011.

Mr. Makropoulos said a Schools Event should not be such a big problem if it is organised in April.

Mr. Leong said that many people ask for youth and school events for July, so we should be flexible.

Mr. Kostyev said in April we have the European Schools Championship, so we want to keep July for World Championship. Dr.Filipowicz will discuss with Mr.Kutin to avoid a clash between the events.

Executive Board approved.

5.38. 2011 All Africa Games

No discussion was held.

5.39. World Blitz Championship 2009.

Annex 33 is letter from the Russian Chess Federation.

Mr. Makropoulos asked if the Russian Chess Federation should have qualification according to our discussion. Russians had the qualification in another way. As long as they have a qualification event before, they can organise.

Mr. Borg said in Kazakhstan and Israel there had been proper qualification. He recommended that we have enough technical facilities in Internet for a qualification tournament. We come back to the problem that if this is a proper World Championship do we have a local qualification?

Mr. Makropoulos said Mr. Borg to discuss with the WCO Commission.

5.40 Annex 48 – World Club Cup 2010 in Abu Dhabi.

Mr. Jarrett said that Mr. Borg was involved from the beginning of this project. He thought the regulations were based on earlier discussions.

Mr. Makropoulos said we would check the regulations. He asked what about women's teams and the reply was that the costs are too high. Mr. Makropoulos said that we can have some guarantees this time, as although the event was given to UAE in Dresden at the General Assembly, the organisers disappeared. This time we should discuss the possibility of having a women's event as well. Since Dresden this is the first time that they have come back.

Mr. Borg said the organisers decided to revive the event. He asked the Board members

for their comments. He also said we should avoid clashes with other FIDE events in our calendar.

Mr. Kutin said he liked very much the idea, but January and February is impossible to organise events, as most of the clubs have their own budgets and they are not informed about such events. So it is not practical to organise such an event in such a short period. We have 3 months only. The regulations have to be also communicated to the clubs.

Mrs. Kosteniuk said we should support the initiative, and compared it to Grand Prix which has become a very good event, even with a very short notice before the first pilot event.

Mr. Gelfer said he had spoken to Dr. Elgendy and told him that the time is short. The organisers can change the dates to the middle of the year.

Mr. Makropoulos said that he thinks they can keep the dates in February. The regulations are ok.

Mr. Leong said we should start an event with many teams.

Mr. Borg said the important thing is to have a deposit first to make sure it gets organised. He will visit the UAE to discuss with Mr. Al Fahim, so please send comments urgently.

Mr. Kutin said we have no regulations, and it is November and we are talking about a very strong event.

Mr. Makropoulos said we shall analyse the comments and we shall amend, if it is necessary.

Mr. Gelfer said the regulations are more or less ok.

Mr. Makropoulos said this is not a way to organise events.

The Executive Board approved the event for UAE for men and women and the WCOG will discuss with them and finalise the regulations.

6. Reports of Continental Presidents.

6.1. Report of Continental President for Europe.

Continental President for Europe Boris Kutin presented his report. **Annex 61.**

Executive Board approved.

6.2. Report of Continental President for Americas.

Continental President for the Americas Jorge Vega presented his report. **Annex 37** nd **63**.

Executive Board approved.

6.3. Report of Asian Continental President.

Continental President for Asia Sheikh Sultain bin Khalfia Al Nahayan was not present. **Annex 60**.

Executive Board approved.

6.4. Report of African Continental President.

Continental President for Africa Dabilani Buthali presented his report. **Annex 47**.

Mr. Elhaj said for next year events there are no dates in the Calendar. Libya is interested in hosting Africa Junior in July 2010. The dates are stated and no city host, and no other details.

Executive Board approved the report.

7. Legal Matters.

7.1. Jean-Paul Touze case.

Executive Director D. Jarrett informed the Board of the decision of the CAS in this case. He also said that the full report has appeared on the website and that all demands of Touze were not accepted. However, FIDE will have to pay three quarters of costs. They said that procedure should be improved and we must make efforts to make sure that we complied in future.

7.2. Jose Saggiante.

Executive Director D. Jarrett said we are trying to get 60,000 USD which was loaned to him and we are dealing with this through the CAS. Once the CAS makes a judgement we will serve a notice on him in the US where Mr. Saggiante has property.

7.3. Zaragoza – legacy from Mr. Alvaro.

Executive Director D. Jarrett said we have to register as a Spanish tax payer in order to move forward. It seems that we share the property with 38 other people. If anyone has some interest, we have papers in the office.

8. Other matters.

8.1. FIDE insurance policy.

Executive Director D. Jarrett said we pay 60,000 euros to BJD. He said he is in discussions with a London company, Aon. They believe that they can do it a lot cheaper. They have asked extra questions but the proposal is submitted.

He requested the Executive Board for authorisation to change the insurance agency if the proposal is better.

Executive Board approved.

The current insurance finishes on the 31st December 2009 and Mr. Jarrett will circulate the information to the members of the Board.

8.2. ICCF Report. Annex 36.

Mr. Jarrett said that he had attended the conference. Mr. Borwell, Honorary President of ICCF welcomed the Congress and greeted FIDE from ICCF. He said that the new President is Mr. E. Rush from France. Activities in ICCF are even more considerable with 40,000 players. We need more Federations in membership, in particular smaller countries. We have 65 countries. We are interested in promoting web-server services in a closer relationship with FIDE. Web-server can be adapted and it is a great opportunity for FIDE and ICCF to work together.

Mr. Makropoulos said this is one of the affiliated bodies whose activities are worthy of praise.

Executive Board approved the ICCF titles.

8.3. SportAccord report.

Annex 41. Mr. Makropoulos said that we did very good work with the help of all FIDE people. He said that following the discussion with the IOC leadership we should concentrate on the youth Olympics. Its main principle fits with chess but the first games will include same sports as in Olympic Games. We should be determined on this event. We have good chances and we should really have a strategy to convince the IOC that they should include chess.

8.4. Contract with Russian House Publishers for Laws of Chess in Russian.

Mr. Jarrett said that this contract has been given to the Presidential Board, we wait for the finalisation of the Chess Lane contract. We are thinking of opening a tender for this project.

8.5. Message to F. Campomanes.

A message was sent from all members of the Executive Board wishing him well and a speedy recovery.

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The FIDE President thanked Mr. Makropoulos and the Greek Chess Federation, Mr. Tsorbatzoglou and the hotel management for the wonderful organisation and excellent arrangements.

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