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Press Release World Draughts Federation FMJD

General Assembly November 10, 11 in Aix-les-Bains, France.

Many new CD members elected.

Because of the 60 year anniversary of the FMJD the FMJD congress was held in France this year.

At the FMJD Congress in Aix-les-Bains in the weekend of November 10 and 11, many new members for the Executive Board were elected.

As new Executive vice president Harry Otten from the Netherlands was elected, as treasurer Frits Luteijn from the Netherlands, and as general secretary Frank Teer.

In the function of Tournament director Henri Macaux from France was chosen. Eleonora Bubbi from Italy who was tournament director changed her task in the Board for the task of International Relations.

As Tournament Director Youth the well known international referee Johan Demasure from Belgium was elected.

During the weekend there was also the EDC congress of the European Draughts confederation. In this meeting Janek Mäggi from Estonia was elected as new EDC president, so also as vice president FMJD.

The financial reports about the years 2005, 2006 and partly 2007, were accepted and a new financial control commission was formed for the years 2007-2008 with Candidates: Jan Zioltkowski, Iryna Pashkievich and Rik Devroe.

A lot of time was spent on discussions about the Olympiad to be organised from October 3 to October 18, 2008 in Beijing by the International Mind Sports Association IMSA, and about the efforts to obtain IOC recognition.

In the Mind Sports Olympiad ("Intellympiad") in Beijing Chess, Bridge, Go, Draughts and Chinese Chess will be played. For draughts 140 players are expected to come to Beijing from as many countries as possible. The first part of the draughts contribution to this event will be the tournaments in the versions on 64 cases: Checkers, Russian Draughts and Brazilian Draughts with a total of 70 players, the second part of the event will be a tournament for the international draughts also with 70 players.

A committee of 6 persons was elected to organise this event: Mr Bat-Erdene, president of the Asian Confederation, tournament Director Henri Macaux, Yuriy Chertok from Russia, vice president of the 64 section Lelio Marcos from Bresil, a representative of the Checkers section and Frits Luteijn, the new FMJD treasurer.

For the IOC recognition the CD, especially Mrs Eleonora Bubbi has obtained a lot of information for the IOC questionnaire which has to be presented to the IOC at the end of this year 2007.

For IOC recognition it is also necessary to change the statutes with an anti doping regulation and with a chapter on ethics. The FMJD has accepted the WADA regulations for its anti doping policy and also accepted an ethics chapter.

Proposals were accepted to create an ethics commission and a medical commission, for which there were candidates from Mali proposed to the GA: for the medical commission Oumar Thiero, professor at the medicine faculty in Mali, and for the ethics commission Aboubacar Bemba Kante, second vice president of the Mali federation.

A number of candidates were proposed for the commission International Relations. The CD will form these commissions from the members proposed and other members.

A number of Technical proposals were accepted, one being a proposal on “electronic doping: It is strictly forbidden for the players to carry with them and / or use any kind of electronic devices (like mobile phones, handheld computers, pocket computers, wireless communication devices, etc.), unless it is evident for the referee that these devices could not be of any benefit during the game (like simple watches).

Three World Records were accepted:

- World Records of Anton van Berkel, simultaneous games against 249 opponents with a score of 81,3 %.
- World Record Clock simultaneous games of Alexander Schwarzman against 25 opponents with a score of 86 %
- World Record Blind Simultaneous games of Ton Sijbrands against 25 opponents with a score of 92 %

For the tournament Calendar of 2008-2009 a number of official FMJD tournaments needs still to be organised, but there are not yet enough candidate federations.

For the World Championship 2009 (40 players in 4 groups of 10) Brazil proposed his candidacy to organise this event.

The match Darya Tkachenka – Tamara Tansykkuzhina for the world title women will be held from June 13 to June 30 in UFA (2 sets) and the Ukraine (1 set).

General Secretary FMJD
Frank Teer