

First session of the General assembly, some urgent proposals

Present: Members of the Executive Board:

Harry Otten President, **Jacek Pawlicki** Tournament Director, **Frits Luteijn** treasurer, **Frank Teer** General Secretary and President Technical Committee, **Alexander Nikiforov** representing the section 64, **Richard Beckwith** representing the section Checkers, **Janek Mäggi** president of the European Draughts Confederation, **Ndongo Fall** representing the African confederation, **Bat Erdene Chimeddorj**, president of the Asian confederation also representing Mongolia and having a mandate of the federation of Japan.

The tournament director youth **Johan Demasure** could not come because of his illness. The Executive Vice President **Ibrahima M'Bouillé Fofana** is absent without any message.

The world champions **Alexander Shvarzman** and **Zoja Golubjeva**, the president of the American Confederation **Clifton Agata** and the president of the composers committee CPI, **Vladimir Matus** have informed the secretary that they would not come to the meeting.

Members of committees:

Mouhamadou Moustapha Diop, president of the Ethics Committee, also representing Senegal, **Daan van Os** representing the Medical Committee, **Jan Zioltkowski**, president of the financial committee, also representing Germany, **Iryna Pashkevich** member of the financial committee also representing Belarus, **Rima Danileviciene** member of the Technical Committee and member of the board of EDC, **Jean Marc Ndjofang** member of the Ethics committee, also representing Cameroon.

Representatives of federations:

Jinjuan Xia, secretary of the federation of China and **Lillian Sun Chengmo**, translator English-Chinese, **Tarmo Tulva** for Estonia, **Guntis Valneris** for Latvia, **Alexei Domchev** and **Edvard Buzjinski** for Lithuania, **Marcel Kusters** and **Johan Haytink** for the Netherlands with a mandate from Belgium, **Anatoli Yatsenko** and **Ivan Shovkoplias** for Ukraine, **Alexander Mogilyanski** for the USA, **Alisher Artykov** for Uzbekistan, **Vladimir Langin** for Russia

A total of 16 federations is represented. They all fulfilled their financial obligations so they all have voting right.

Assistants:

Viktoria Lehtnets, director of the bureau of the EDC, **Harek Aare** assistant EDC, **Elena Yatsenko**, translator French-Russian, **Natalia Ladanova** translator English-Russian, **Ria Hilvers** translator English-French and assisting with German for Mr. Zioltkowski, **Vitalia Doumesh**, translator English-Russian.

The President Mr. Otten opens the meeting at 11.15

- a. **Proposal 3 of the Executive Board to expel 6 federations who did not pay the membership fee** for a large number of years: Armenia, Grenada, Australia, Somalia, Wales, Congo Brazzaville.

Yacenko: I propose to try to get in contact with these federations and not expel the federations.

Kosters agrees with this: it is important for the FMJD and the federations to have as many members as possible.

Otten: OK, we accept the suggestion of the Ukraine and will try to get in contact with these federations and await further developments to get more countries.

Pashkievitch: what happens if such a country wants to become active again;

Otten: they need to make some arrangement with the treasurer, but normally they are asked to pay the membership fee for two years.

- b. **Proposal for coming too late for a game.**

Otten explains about the proposal: for sponsors, organization, the public and also for the FMJD it is not acceptable that in important tournaments like the World Championships players are not present when the games are started.

Kosters asks us to strike out the names of the players Thijssen en Samb who are mentioned in this article. Agreed to strike out

Ndjofang: It is important for the image of draughts to the public and to the organizers to do this. We need this discipline like in other sports. Also important to be well dressed to go to the game. Players have to be aware that they are the ambassadors of the game. GMI of draughts are draughts sportsman and you have to give a strong image.

Kosters: we support this remarks. But the players will have to be informed

Teer: in the regulations of the World Championship it is mentioned that this proposal is there and the players will be informed about it in writing before the start of the tournament if this proposal is accepted.

Diop: It is very important the way the players are dressed. In Senegal the NOC demands that the people playing in sports events are dressed properly.

Otten: we will have an important tournament in Beijing in December and also there are special demands for clothing.

Buzjinski: draughts is not a sport for rich people but for poor people. If we do not have big prizes we cannot dress nicely. Buzjinski is against the proposal.

Otten asks for a vote 9 in favor, 1 against (USA). Accepted.

- c. **Qualification from the World Championship 2011 to the World Championship 2013.**

We only discuss now the first two articles of this proposal: there will be qualification from the World Championship 2011 to the next World Championship in 2013 for the World Champion and Challenger and for the next three players in this World Championship.

There is agreement about the proposal, nobody asks for a vote. So it is accepted. The players of the World Championship will be informed in writing before the World Championship starts.

- d. **Proposal for maximum speaking time 3 minutes excluding translation**

Pashkievitch: We come to the General Assembly and we have to discuss important issues and we cannot do this in 3 minutes:

Otten: we talk about the speaking time of each representative.

Irina: 5 minutes maximum

Otten: We accept 5 minutes including translations.

The proposal is accepted without voting.

First part of the second session of the General assembly

Because there is not yet the quorum for the Extraordinary Assembly we continue now with the General Assembly, to come back to the Extraordinary General Assembly when there is a quorum.

Otten: it is really a pity that the EVP is not here, so we also miss a vote from Mali.

We did not hear from our EVP since November

Can Mr. Fall say something about this situation?

Fall: we are sorry to see that the EVP is absent. As CAJD we have done everything to get him here, but we find it is intolerable.

Bat Erdene: do we need an EVP that we did not hear of since November?

Ndjofang: we need the function of vice president, but maybe another person.

It is shameful, not nice, that we did not hear from him.

Yacenko: we all agree with the proposed division of roles of the President and the EVP.

Otten I ask if the General Assembly agrees that I will lead the meeting.

There is unanimous agreement.

1. **Accreditation and voting rights:** This is the same as the first meeting: 16 federations are present with voting rights.
2. **The president opens this meeting officially at 12:07.**
3. **Additional items on the agenda** Nothing is mentioned
4. **asking for approval minutes General Assembly 2009 Berlin**

Pashkievitch: I was speaking a lot about different questions and it was not mentioned in the report.

Teer: I added a number of texts to the report based on the remarks of Belarus. Only not a text which could not be understood and another text which I believed was not true about some words the president had said.

Otten: minutes are not exact reports of every word.

Otten : I did not say in 2009, as Mrs. Pashkievitch stated, that I would personally pay for the damages of Brazil, but that I personally would take care that a solution can be found. All players and federations have been refunded.

Teer: I will add the remarks that Belarus asked which federations used the plus/minus system in their national championships and only 2 federations used this system. I will also add the other remark from Belarus about the Technical committee, a remark which cannot

be understood (“this poll can be seen as working in the life of rules, which takes the technical committee “), but if Belarus wants to see it in the report I will add it.

Pashkievitch: please make it more clear in the report when there has been a vote or when the president concluded that there was agreement and that a proposal is accepted without a vote.

Teer: I will try to do this.

Otten: we have found a solution for the financial problems of Brazil. I have been in Brazil in the first months of 2010 and Brazil promised that they could organize the World Championship in 2010; however that appeared not to be the case. We look to a new period with new possibilities and new tournaments with high prize money. The World Championship, the World Championship Blitz and the World Cup in Ufa with 75,000 euro prize money and Beijing with 90,000 dollar prize money and also the World Championship women with a good budget.

Extraordinary General Assembly

1. Accreditation and voting rights

Present:

the persons mentioned at the start of the General assembly (see page 1 of the report) plus **Abraham Douah Cissokho** for Mali and **Jean D’Almeida** for France. 18 federations are correctly represented which means that the quorum of 1/3 of the members of the FMJD is reached and valid decisions may be taken about the statutes. All federations are without debt to the FMJD so they all have voting right.

2. Opening and Welcome

The president opens the Extraordinary General Assembly at 12:45

3. Proposals of the Executive Board:

a. Role of President and EVP

The president of the FMJD will lead the Executive Board meetings and the General Assembly and will set the dates for the Executive Board meetings, instead of the Executive Vice President

Otten: May be in the future we need further proposals to eliminate the word Executive from EVP.

Agreement with the proposal and with all the texts from the proposal that the president will have the presidential roles and the vice president will not have the lead anymore, including the rules for replacement in the meetings.

b. Introduction Main Board and Executive Board

The President, Executive Vice-President, General Secretary, Treasurer and Tournament Director(s) form the Main Board which leads the FMJD daily.

There is a long and unstructured discussion about this item. During this discussion it appears there is not enough support for the proposal, so the proposal is withdrawn by the Executive Board. Some remarks made in this discussion:

Bat Erdene: How about power of decision?

Otten: the main board needs to work in accordance with the rights given by the General Assembly. Important decisions will be presented to the full executive board.

Nikiforov: Section 64 finds that their representative and the representative of Checkers need to be in the main board.

Pashkievitch: we are against this proposal for main board; there are enough possibilities to have contact via the internet.

Bat Erdene asks all members to vote against it.

c. **No more membership of Executive Board for committee chairmen**

Since 2003 the Presidents of the Technical Committee and the Composers committee CPI are members of the Executive Board. The presidents of the new committees created in 2007, the Ethics committee and the medical committee, are not member of the Executive Board. Because of the costs involved the Executive Board should not be too big so the Executive Board proposes that the committee presidents are no longer member of the Executive Board.

Almeida: the working method is not good. Just make new statutes which solve all these problems.

Otten: is there anyone who wants a vote or is there agreement. Nobody wants a vote, the proposal is accepted.

d. **Role of the English and French language in the statutes of the FMJD.**

Otten: here we propose only for the statutes that the English version will be leading. We will have translations in French and Russian but the English texts will be leading.

Otten: is anybody against this proposal?

Cissokho is against this proposal

Fall: we have travelled 1000-s of kilometers to come here so we may say something.

If it is really a meeting of the FMJD this is serious otherwise it is like a joke. We do not get time for discussion. In all international federations it is necessary to change the statutes with 75 % of the members who need to be there. Most important if you want to change the language. Before the main language was French and translations in Russian and English.

Otten: only a few federations speak and understand French and almost all federations speak or understand English. To work with the main documents in English is much more practical.

Ndongo: in all international federations the translations are arranged. The main problem is the management of the translation.

The president asks for a vote. The proposal is accepted with 9 votes in favor and 2 votes against (Mali and Senegal).

e. **Technical proposal to change the name GAISF into Sport Accord in the statutes.**

There is general agreement about the proposal.

Otten: We have finished the EGA, thank you for finishing so fast. We intend to submit new Statutes in Switzerland according to Swiss law. We are then in line with most major Sport Federations who have their Statutes according to Swiss law. We hope to be able to propose to you new statutes in due time for the next General Assembly.

Second part of the second session of the General assembly

voting rights: This is the same as in the extraordinary General assembly: 18 federations are present with voting rights.

5. **Proposal to change some texts in the bye laws about the role of the President and the EVP:** essentially the changes in the statutes about the role of the EVP and president have to be changed in the bye laws also.

No vote is asked, there is general agreement about the proposal.

Proposal/suggestion Ukraine and Russia to add to the official FMJD colophon the presidents of 64 and Checkers. The General Secretary will do this.

Intermezzo about draughts and youth

Mogilianski: we are not discussing the interests of the players. The main goal of the federation should be "Joy for Children". It does not matter so much who is champion of the world, but it is the same if this is Chizjov or Valneris. If we do not create something great for children it has no value.

Otten: I support your words!

FMJD is already 64 years old and one of the things we want to do for the near future is to propose new statutes. We will have discussions about it.

I agree very much with Mr. Mogiliansky. In my presidency I met with many presidents and ministers. The problem with youth is concentration. What I tell them is that a mind sport such as draughts can help develop the concentration of children.

Mogilianski: we have good developments in the Pan-American confederation recently. We created a children draughts academy on Curacao; we developed internet possibilities for children. Material for children that is what is important for the FMJD.

Otten: I agree it is important for FMJD to develop material for all people, children and others. We hope to get more money to be able to do more things. I will have more time available when I am retired of my work next week and you can expect my proposals in this direction.

Langin: I really agree that the future of the Draughts game is in the youth. In many countries in the former Soviet Union the children play on the 64 board.

After lunch the meeting starts at 15:00

6a Financial report

President Otten: we should not say that draughts is for the rich or the poor people but that it is for the smart people.

Luteijn explains about the FMJD and foundation FMJD ("Stichting Werelddambond"). The foundation is responsible for receiving the payments from the municipality of Amsterdam and paying the salary of Johan Bastiaannet.

Otten: from the past years we estimate that from the 50,000 euro which is on the account of the FMJD and the foundation on January 1, 2011, about 25,000 is money from the FMJD and also 25,000 is money from the foundation. Because the foundation does not need all this money we propose that a reserve of 10,000 euro is enough for the foundation and that from

January 1, 2011 40,000 euro is for the FMJD. From now on we will split the reporting so that the administration and reporting of the Foundation is no longer done in the General Assembly of the FMJD because the Foundation is a separate organization.

There is agreement about this proposal about the division of money and splitting the bookkeeping.

Financial report section 64.

The Polish federation has sent a remark: the report is starting at May 2010 but should start in January 2010. Petlicki has given 800 euro at the start of May but on the balance there is only 800 euro. What has happened with the other 4,000 euro?

Langin/Nikiforov: In the section 64 Petlicki did always keep this money and did not pay it to the section. In the board of the 64 meeting we asked Mr. Petlicki to present the financial results of his period. He gave this amount of 800 euro. 4000 Euro was money that Mr. Petlicki should already have paid before. The section 64 will write something about this and send it to the FMJD treasurer to explain it on paper.

Report of the financial committee

Zioltkowski: we have got all detail documents from Mr. Luteijn. The financial committee consists of Zioltkowski, Pashkievitch and de Vroe. We could see all documents. All documents are very good. We thank Mr. Luteijn for his clear reporting.

Zioltkowski also thanks Mr. Otten for his support of 25,000 euro for the FMJD: 10,000 for Berlin tournament and 15,000 for FMJD.

We find the report very good. We accept the report.

Pashkievitch: this is the last time that I am member of the financial committee and there are no problems in the reporting of Mr. Luteijn. I had some remarks and sent them to Mr. Luteijn. He has answered and now I can accept everything.

All federations are obliged to pay the fee until 31 of March. It is in our rules and all member federations should pay this before the 31 of March.

Teer: The Executive Board thanks the financial committee for their work and for their positive remarks about our treasurer.

A question is posed about the player from Guinea and the world championship.

Otten: we accepted a written promise to pay before the start of the World Championship; that is why on April 1 we did not yet invite the reserve to play in the World Championship.

Pawlicki: we are still before the World Championship. If we did not receive payment from a country there is no participation tomorrow.

Ndjofang: it is always difficult to ask a federation to pay membership fee if there is no tournament in the year.

Otten: if a federation agrees to pay in the near future before the world championship and the FMJD accepted the promise then it is OK for us. This happened also for Cameroon.

Yacenko: the FMJD should act via the national federation

Otten: this is what we do but sometimes we also inform the players so they know that they may have a problem if they want to participate while the federation did not pay.

6c proposals budget 2011-2013.

Question Mali and Senegal: Diop and Cissokho did not receive all information about the General Assembly.

Several persons in Senegal and Mali do receive all documents, also at the official e-mail address of the federation of Mali. Please inform the FMJD about the correct e-mail addresses as we sent them to a number of e-mail addresses in your countries.

Luteijn: The treasurer proposes to raise the membership fees to 500 and 200 Euro.

Pashkievitch does not agree. There are now 9 federations who pay 450 euro, the rest pays 185. Why increase with 50 euro? It would be better that an A member pays 2 times as much as a B member, so I propose for an A member 460 euro and for a B member 230 euro.

Also for participation fees we should have this system that the participation fee for an A member is 50 % of the participation fee from the B member.

The Executive Board will adjust the participation fees if there will not be too large changes using this 50 % principle.

The president asks if there needs to be a vote. The proposal is accepted with general agreement.

6d nomination of a new financial committee.

Janek Mäggi proposes Mr. Harek Aare, from the Estonia federation.

Bat-Erdene Chimeddorj is candidate number 2.

Fall: we propose our president Mr. Malick Ndiaye.

The General Assembly agrees with these candidates for the financial committee.

After some discussion between the two candidates present (later during the meeting) Mr. Harek Aare will act as president of the financial committee.

6e discharge of treasurer with applause for his work.

7. Reports on activities, planning for coming period

7a President

Otten: my goal from the beginning has been to make draughts better known in the world and to create better financial possibilities. As you can see the FMJD will receive money for organizing the Sport Accord World Mind Games.

At this moment Sport Accord wanted only a very small group of top players and not several versions of our game. After comments of the section 64 we have reached agreement with Sport Accord to get some rights for 64 too. By communication with the president of Sport Accord Hein Verbruggen I have got the possibility to have 64 participating in Beijing with a demonstration tournament.

The prize fund for the main event of International draughts is 60,000 dollar for men and 30,000 for women.

Also we have as IMSA a sponsor deal with Dentsu, a Japanese publicity company . They will make a considerable budget available to be divided between the mind sports, which will give some tens of thousands of euro through IMSA.

IMSA is developing more ideas to get more money for the mind sports.

In three weeks we will meet with IMSA. We will try to develop an application for mobile phones for the mind sports.

The Sport Accord World Mind Games will probably be held every two years and maybe even every year. Sport Accord demands from us that we make draughts interesting. Also for the viewers and spectators and the internet.

We also know that the Grandmasters recently have had a reunion with the sponsor Bessel Kok. From this meeting there was the conclusion that there has to be more emphasis on rapid and blitz games in draughts on a top level.

We agreed with Sport Accord that we will play with a new system including rapid and blitz. We will play this system for the first time in Beijing and I am confident that this is an interesting development for draughts. We have a contract with Sport Accord about this, so if the General Assembly will have another playing system in the SAWMG then probably the simple conclusion is that we will not be accepted for the Sport Accord WMG.

For 2012 it is 95 % sure that we have a new World Mind Sports Games like Beijing 2008. This will be next year, for 85 % sure, in the UK and probably in Manchester. This is a medal event like in the Olympic Games without large money prizes. Likely period is 8-17 august 2012. The number of participants will be big, there will be enough room for 64, for checkers and for international draughts.

Nikiforov: The section 64 wants to play in Beijing with Russian rules.

Pawllicki: we agreed in Beijing in a meeting of Tournament Directors that this is possible; it is up to the section 64 to choose. Everything is arranged that 64 also gets official medals in Beijing.

Mogiljanski: we have made a new move in America with a new president Agata. We are ready to organize any world championship in the coming years.

Otten: The World Championship Women will be between August 15 and September 15; we have found a major sponsor and we will be able to announce it in the very near future, within some weeks.

We want to have more World Cup tournaments to qualify for the Sport Accord World Mind Games. We have one in UFA, the World Championship counts as World Cup. May be there will be possibilities in Netherlands or Estonia. We will be active in this direction.

Finances for World Draughts have increased a lot and I expect them to improve even more in the time to come.

Yacenko: these are beautiful proposals. It would be nice to organize something related to our 65th anniversary in 2012.

7b. report of the EVP.

No report was received from the EVP Mr. Fofana. We have not heard from him since November.

Otten: please Mr. Cissokho: can you say what is happening with Mr. Fofana.

Cissokho: Fofana has a function in the cabinet of the minister. There is instability in the government.

Otten: is this a reason for not answering the messages of the FMJD?

Cissokho: no. I understand this, but I can only explain his situation.

Almeida: we are much too easy with board members who do not work. We need to have better statutes

Teer: This is not a question of wrong statutes; it is written in our bye laws: "No member of the Executive Board should be idle. They should all participate in the current business of the FMJD". The problem is that there are no consequences for board members who are not active.

7c. report of the General Secretary

Otten: there is no separate report for the General Assembly but you have seen all reports from our meetings and all documents for this General Assembly made by our General Secretary.

7d. Report tournament director.

Mogiljanski: We should have a committee of 3 persons for a youth committee to promote draughts among children. Mogiljanski will try to find two other members and if they can be found here they will be nominated tomorrow, otherwise Mr. Mogiljanski may try to find other members for this committee.

Pashkievitch. I have a lot of remarks.

Otten: we have to postpone these till tomorrow.

Now there is only one very special point for which the representative of the Netherlands is asked to leave the meeting.

The president proposes given the 100th anniversary and the importance of the Netherlands, to introduce a new title in the FMJD and give this title to the KNDB:

“Membre d’honneur extraordinaire” or : extraordinary Member of Honor.

It is clear that the Netherlands is special for the FMJD with their organization of many World Championships and title matches and with their support for a bureau for the FMJD for a very long period.

There is general agreement about this proposal and the title and diploma will be given to the KNDB during the reception for the 100-th anniversary.

The meeting is adjourned until tomorrow so that all representatives can visit the reception of the KNDB.

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Start at 9:13

7d. Report tournament director.

The General Assembly asks to be informed about the problems with participants in the World Championship:

Otten: With pain in my heart I have to announce that reserve participants for the world championship Valneris and Gantwarg have taken the place of Moussa Camara from Guinea and Ndiaga Samb from Senegal.

I was angry yesterday, I am sad now.

About Guinea: they know from June 2010 that they had to be here in May. The bureau has worked hard for them. The day before yesterday we received an e-mail from Guinea with the message that they had administrative problems and could not arrive before Monday; it was not made clear what the problems were and if it was sure they would be able to arrive on Monday. Guinea is not in time so they will not participate.

About Ndiaga Samb: he did not sleep the night before the flight and when he should get his plane he was sleeping. He did not take immediate action. Even yesterday evening there was contact and we offered him to buy a ticket for him Dakar - Paris - Amsterdam.

Instead of going to the airport directly as requested Samb involved other people which caused considerable delay. Samb arrived too late the the airport to apply for a ticket with my help.

Otten: Somewhere stupidity ends. We cannot accept this. There will be a sanction from his federation.

Cissokho: we had other candidates who could play at the last moment.

Otten: after April 1, if a player could not play a player will be taken from the FMJD reserve list.

Pashkievitch

Do you have news about the World Championship women 2011?

Otten: in Europe within the period half August-half September

Pashkievitch: Belarus has a reserve place and Africa and America have a place.

For the future it is important how to develop women draughts and how to give places to these players.

Pawlicki: we need geography. But we have no information about these continents. We have to say: please organize a tournament. It is up to the General Assembly to make a decision about this. I expect that there is a problem with these places.

Otten: we have a proposal that qualification from continents may only be done if there is a qualification tournament.

Pawlicki: we have only 8 countries who regularly organize tournaments. There should be more rights for such countries as for other countries without women draughts championships. There is a proposal for 2013, but we can add this to the qualification for 2011 that there is only right is there is a continental tournament.

Pawlicki: we have to propose a deadline for Africa and America for end of June.

Teer: in Annex 2 it is written already that there have to be qualification tournaments.

Pashkievitch: the 6 months period that is given in Annex 2 has already expired.

Danileviciene : we did not know about this qualification for the Women World Championship 2011; we did have a national championship in Lithuania recently.

Pawlicki: qualification from Europe was in the European Championship 2010.

We will look for the reserve list for countries which are not yet qualified and who organize regularly women championships.

Otten: we don't want a situation where strong countries with women's championship cannot play while draughts tourists from other continents can.

Otten: for 2013 we really need to have good qualification rules and not have friends of federation members without a qualification tournament.

Pashkievitch: we propose the first place for our champion who also has won the men's championship recently.

Otten: we cannot solve this problem during this meeting, but as the FMJD was responsible is for finding the sponsor the FMJD can also appoint the sponsor place and take into account the remarks made by Belarus.

6d report Tournament director youth

Teer gives some main lines from the report of Mr. Demasure:

We have had 108 participants in our World Championships from 17 different countries. In the World Championship Juniors 2010 we had for the first time players from all continents Europe, America, Asia and Africa. We have organisations of our youth tournaments for 2011 (Mongolia) and even some days ago the Netherlands (Hijken) confirmed the organisation of the World Championship junior boys and girls and cadets boys and girls for 2012, dates 15-21 December. We still need candidates for all youth tournaments in 2013, preferably outside of Europe.

Danileviciene: Mogiljanski told me that he wants to know details about youth tournaments. The tournaments directors will contact him about this.

Bat-Erdene: there is a question mark on the FMJD calendar about girls' cadets

Pawlicki: we will delete the question mark.

6e report of the section 64

Nikiforov: we did a big work in all direction of section 64. One very important point is: section 64 is a part of FMJD; they organize the tournaments with the rules of FMJD. They want to develop their work with the motto of FMJD: our strength is the unity of draughts.

Otten thanks Mr. Langin for the clear report of the section 64.

6f report of the section Checkers

Richard Beckwith: our 2010 qualification is won by the Italian player Michele Borghetti; he will challenge for the world title against Moiseyev in Cleveland, Ohio from 13 to 23 August. The current World Champion ladies is Armangul Durdyeva from Turkmenistan. The winner of the challenger tournament is Hugmangul Toyeva from Turkmenistan. The match for the title is not yet scheduled.

The World Qualifier tournaments 2011 will be held in San Remo, Italy, from 18-23 October. We are looking forward to compete together with international draughts and section 64 in the planned 2012 World Mind Sports Games.

6g report of the federations

There were no reports received from the continental confederations

Otten: we hope to receive reports in the future to know more about what happens in the continents.

6g report of the Technical committee

This will be treated in point 13 on the agenda.

6g report of the Composers committee CPI

Mr Matus has written an extensive report about the work of the Composers committee. The members of this committee are Vladimir Matus (Russia), President, Algimantas Kaciuska (Lithuania), Secretary, Victor Shulga (Belarus), member, Ivan Ivatsko (Ukraine), member. The president of the CPI would like to see members from France and Holland in the CPI committee but there were no candidates.

There are no questions or remarks about the report.

Otten thanks the composers committee for their good work.

6g report of the Medical Committee

The medical committee consists of president Mr. Omar Thiero from Mali and members Daan van Os, Netherlands and Adama Gueye, Senegal.

Daan van Os represents the medical committee in this meeting and gives their report:

We would like to thank all FMJD for they support and contribution for the medical committee.

This is good opportunity for us to draw up some remarks to all CD's members here:

1) We as members of the FMJD Medical committee, are just trying to do our job as best as we can and also to be compliant with WADA rules. Now we are fully compliant with WADA rules and all of our rules are what WADA ask for, so we made the rules according to WADA rules nothing more, nothing less.

2) We think, it will be good, for any situation or decision to be made for FMJD which is related to or concern directly the Medical committee duty, the Medical committee should be associated to make such decision or to be asked for their advice/opinion before the final decision.

Example: For the doping test during this WC, the Medical committee never had any information telling the KNDB will be in charge of the test, until the last minute (2 weeks before the WC and after Medical committee plan reported to FMJD and WADA). We need to correct such kind of situation for next time.

3) It is true that, we need support and help from other Organization, so we thank KNDB for their support and for helping us to conduct the doping test during this WC. We welcome them always and again.

Finally, according to our program (which was sent to WADA and FMJD), we should perform 4 "in competition doping test" this year, but here the decision was made with KNDB for 3 test. That should be Ok, since we still have a possibility to catch up the issue with the "out of the competition doping test"

Otten: in April in the meeting of IMSA we discussed doping issues with representatives of WADA; there are basically 3 things:

In-competition-tests, out-of-competition tests and whereabouts.

We talked about the necessity of out of competition tests. Are there medicines that influence the thinking power on the long term? The experts say no, but still WADA wants to have the rules the same for all sports.

But they allowed us to interpret the out of competition tests as on a rest day or just before the tournament.

Whereabouts may involve serious privacy issues. We will implement whereabouts, with support of WADA, by setting up a list of e-mail addresses of players who may be tested in out of competition tests.

Maybe the next year special rules may be developed for the mind sports.

Otten: many thanks to Oumar and Daan for their good work for doping control in the FMJD.

6g report of the Ethics Committee

The Ethics Committee has presented an extensive report.

There appears to be difference of opinion about what is the role of the Ethics committee as may be seen from the following remarks:

Diop: I have a question to all of you. Can the Ethics Committee go to all competitions and be able to travel abroad? We can pay our travelling costs and would need invitations for all tournaments to get there.

Otten: I don't think it is necessary that an Ethics committee is present at all tournaments. I believe that an Ethics committee has another role than to be present at tournaments.

Diop: ethics is about morality; you have a different idea about ethics. Our report is also about the behavior of the players. Ethic is the behavior, the way you look, even a code for the spectators. The IOC has also defined what ethics is. We should have the same idea about it.

Almeida: The Ethics committee should discuss about the possibility of fraud with electronic devices. There is also the possibility to agree about a result; what is the opinion of the ethics committee about that?

Otten: I agree that these are things for an ethics committee.

Otten: behavior is something else than ethics. Ethical things are on a higher level than just a code of conduct of players. The role of the ethics committee is described in our statutes and regulations. If it necessary to change the role of the ethics committee to be present at all competitions in the world the General Assembly should change the description in our statutes and bye laws.

Fall: the FMJD texts on the ethics are explicit. The ethics rule are valid for all personnel, board, sections, organizations. As an example the ethical code should pronounce itself about the fact that the Executive Vice President does nothing, or about the fact that players do not come to the World Championship.

Bat-Erdene : We should thank Mr. Diop for his report. It is not a point of the General Assembly to discuss this in too much detail. It would be good if the task of the Ethics committee is discussed by the Executive Board.

Otten: In the bye laws 9.4.5.1 we can read about the task of the ethics committee. The committee is reactive and not actively searching for all kinds of problems. The ethics committee should not take a larger role than agreed in the FMJD

Diop: all federations have received the report and may react to the Ethics committee.

8. discharge Executive Board members.

No remarks. The General Assembly agrees unanimously on the discharge of the members of the Executive Board.

9 election.

Otten: we have elections for tournament director youth and treasurer. Both current members of the board are candidate for re-election. The federations did not propose other candidates.

We ask for a replacement for our Tournament Director youth for the time being due to his illness. Jan Zioltkowski accepts to be assistant Tournament Director youth and cooperate with Johan Demasure for the coming period. The General Assembly wishes the best for the recovery of our Tournament Director youth, Johan Demasure.

Fall wants to say something about the candidate treasurer: he is a hard worker and does a great job, but we ask your attention for an ethical problem. He has to respect the rules of every continent. Some countries will not accept his behavior.

Otten protests fiercely against this statement of Mr. Fall and points to our statutes which forbid any kind of discrimination and quotes article 1.5 of the FMJD statutes: The FMJD forbids all political, racial, social or religious discrimination in all its activities.

Pashkievitch : is it possible for Frits to continue his work for FMJD

Otten: Frits will decide for himself which country he goes to as FMJD treasurer and which country not.

Pashkievitch: we support Frits.

Everybody supports Frits.

Does anyone want a vote on paper about this candidates?

Unanimous vote that the candidates are accepted.

10. Proposals of the Executive Board

10a general proposals.

Proposals 1 and 2 have already been treated, so we discuss proposal 3: confirmation of the 2 electronic votes.

Pashkievitch : I have remarks about the e-vote about the World Championship women in Ufa. I would like to mention that for 2009 in Brazil the number of participants was increased to 24. In Ufa it was a completely different situation with only 6 players. This was completely against the rights of the participants of Brazil 2009. It was not possible to vote for this question.

Otten in principle the situation was that we had a situation that normally we would have to take to the General Assembly. Because there was no General Assembly in the near future, we have had an e-vote. This is the right procedure for the FMJD as it is described in our bye laws. This opportunity was given to the FMJD. We asked the federations if they were in favor of this proposal. If you vote the majority decides.

Pashkievitch it was better not to organize the World Championship at all.

Pashkievitch There were 3 versions of the voting. There were different reports about the voting. I consider this as falsification of the results of the vote by the General Secretary. I propose that this World Championship was invalid.

Otten: if you want to disqualify the World Championship in Ufa you had to make a proposal about this. This point is about the validity of the vote not of the proposal.

Teer explains about the results of the vote. From 26 federations with right to vote we received 9 answers, 5 in favor and 4 against the proposal. If we would count the 17 votes from federations that did not answer as positive then the result is 22 in favor and 4 against. If we should not count these votes as positive the proposal is accepted with 5 against 4. Also after this explanation of the results of this vote Mrs. Pashkievitch claimed that the General Secretary has falsified the results.

Teer: I protest strongly about the accusation of falsification. With such an accusation the federation of Belarus should have come with documents for the member federations to prove this point and not just make such accusation without any written proof.

Diop: as president of the Ethics committee I conclude that this is a very grave accusation against the credibility of our organization. The Ethics committee will have to sanction this and investigate the accusation.

Otten asks to prove this accusation of falsification with original documents to send to the members of the FMJD.

Otten asks for confirmation of the e-votes about the World Championship women and the financial compensation for Brazil. Accepted with one vote against from Belarus.

Mr. Damiani, president of IMSA, the International Mind Sports Association, has arrived to speak to our federation:

The IMSA is here to help you. There are 4 official members of IMSA: Chess, Draughts, Bridge and Go. Our goal is to help the international federations. The federations of Chess and Bridge are recognized by the IOC.

With the organization of the World Mind Sports Games (which has already been officially accepted by Sport Accord) we wish to have an event recognized by the IOC, so that they can consider the WMSG as an Olympic event.

We have signed an agreement with a Mind Sport partner, Dentsu, from which we hope to get money for all mind sports. And possibly also for national mind sports federations.

We are thinking about developing towards national mind sport organizations with national mind sport events. We need visibility and publicity. With internet we have a perfect tool and a perfect sport for internet presentations.

China made a tremendous job in the WMSG 2008 for Chinese television. The result is that draughts is increasing in popularity in China, which is good for the FMJD.

We have to cooperate with the mind sports to make the mind sport events more and more popular.

The meeting is adjourned for a visit to the opening ceremony of the World Championship.

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Present: Mr. Artikov (Uzbekistan) is no longer present because he plays in the world Championship. China has received a mandate for Uzbekistan.

Start at 14:20

Proposal 4: **In a vote by correspondence only votes made are counted.**

Pashkievitch: I come back to the decision about the world Championship women; I propose to nominate a commission to decide about this.

Otten: we do not accept stealing the meeting by discussing previous points.
There is general agreement about proposal 4.

Proposal 5: Right to ask for a vote

Otten: Not every proposal is voted for at the General Assembly because many times it is clear that the proposal is supported by (almost) all federations or not supported at all, and the President decides that it is not necessary to vote.

However:

Every federation has the right to ask for a vote about a proposal at the General Assembly, even when it may seem clear what the outcome of such a vote may be.

There is general agreement about this principle and no federation asks for a vote, so the proposal is accepted.

Proposal 6. Role of the English and French language in the FMJD.

See also a corresponding proposal for the extraordinary general assembly about the statutes.

Since 2000 the English language has been assigned as first working language of the FMJD. All proposals on General assemblies and all reports are written in English because it is the most practical international language. Most international sport federations use English as their first language.

The proposal: that for all documents of the FMJD English will be mentioned as first language of the FMJD. In case of differences between versions in English, French and Russian the English version will prevail.

There are no remarks.

The president asks if someone wants a vote.

There is general agreement, so the proposal is accepted.

10b Finance and membership proposals Executive Board

1. Proposal to give the Executive Board the right to ask for a financial guarantee from an organizing federation for the organisation of a World Championship. (for the main World Championship maximum 25,000, for other World Championships less)

At the moment there is an amount of guarantee fund 250 euro in our bye laws financial regulations 2.5. Also the amount of damage for the FMJD to be paid by the organization is maximum 250 euro. This is not realistic given the risks as can be seen from the cancelled World Championships in Brazil.

The president asks if someone wants a vote about this. No remarks, accepted with general agreement.

2. Better description role/task/responsibility financial committee.

The current description in the bye laws article 4.6 is not clear and not according to the way we work. The investigations should not be done in detail during the General Assembly as the text of the bye laws is now. Of course all details will be present at the General Assembly to be able to ask and answer questions.

There is general agreement about this point; nobody asks for a vote.

Proposal 3 is already discussed earlier in the meeting.

4. Proposal to make suspension and expelling of federations easier (now 2 times decision of GA).

Pashkievitch: why do we discuss this?

Teer: At the moment if a federation refuses to pay for several years or we lost contact we need two General Assemblies to decide to expel a federation. First a decision to suspend a federation and two years later to expel the federation. The Executive board proposes to make this somewhat easier: the Executive Board suspends a federation which did not pay for many years and the General Assembly decides about expelling.

Pashkievitch: every federation should report to the FMJD about their membership and tournaments. Belarus gives their report which is accepted with thanks.

Teer: I will ask in January 2012 this information from all federations.

Almeida I am in favor of never expelling a federation.

Luteijn: It would be good if the Executive Board would have the possibility to end to membership of a federation which is no longer active or with whom we have no more contact to be able to accept a new active federation in the same country.

After some discussion the Executive Board withdraws the proposal.

5. How and when to change from A membership to B membership

The proposal is that a change from A to B members must be done before January 1 of the year in question.

Otten: I would prefer that all federations would pay the same membership fee.

There is general agreement about the proposal how to change the membership from A to B. No federation asks for a vote.

6. players from a country where there is no federation.

Pashkievitch: members of the FMJD are national federations. Persons cannot be a member.

Otten: the proposal is not that the player is a member but only that he can participate.

Pashkievitch: under which flag he will play, for which country will he play?

It is more important to help such a country to become member of the FMJD.

Cissokho: this will give enormous problems.

Langin: in the previous meeting we already had a proposal that we are very interested to attract new countries; in section 64 we allow the players of countries which are not member, but they are not allowed to qualify for the world championship.

Nikiforov: for youth children we can make an exception.

Cissokho: If you make exceptions then you will not have more federations.

Yacenko: If we do this we have to support him to organize a federation. If he does not want to organize a federation he should not be allowed to play more times.

Almeida supports the idea.

There is a vote about the proposal which is accepted with 6 in favor and 1 against.

10c Tournament and technical proposals Executive Board

1. Proposal to have an official World Championship cadets girls

There is general agreement about this proposal. In 2011 and 2012 we will already have an official World Championship girls cadets.

2. Proposal to have an official World Championship mini-cadets boys and girls together or apart if an organizing federation wants to organize such a tournament.

Agreement to have such a World Championship if a federation proposes itself as candidate for such a tournament.

3. Continental championships official FMJD tournaments or not?

Continental tournaments, should they be official FMJD tournaments or not? The Executive Board asks for a discussion about this question. Should the continental championship be organized in full accordance with the regulations of the FMJD?

Fall: the FMJD organizes all international competitions, so it is automatically that a continental championship is an official FMJD tournament with all rights belonging to that.

Pashkievitch: when it is a qualification tournament it needs to be following the official rules.

Otten: the minimal demands should be that if the championship is qualifying for the World Championship all FMJD rules should be followed.

Otten: in the last African tournament 7 from 10 countries did not pay the membership fee of the FMJD.

Bat Erdene : continental championship should be recognized as official FMJD tournament. We want to accept new countries. The confederation has many members who are not members of the FMJD. We are asking these countries to be member of FMJD.

We do not have good contacts between FMJD and continents.

Otten: we should like to receive contact data of such new federations, so that we may send them information about FMJD tournaments.

Fall: the last African championship we sent all regulations to the FMJD for approval.

Almeida: we are all interested in the development of the game. We should have to accept new federations which are not member in the continental championships.

Fall: In 1996 the CAJD has organized the World Championship. One of the new federations, Cameroon, is now one of the strongest federations. The FMJD should support new federations, like Togo who wanted to come as observer to the General Assembly but they did not get an invitation.

Teer: we have asked the CAJD to receive a letter from Togo, so we would not only have a request from the CAJD, but we did not receive anything from this federation. Why a federation does wants to take the trouble of getting visa, buying tickets, travelling to the General assembly, if they do not even want to send a short request to the FMJD?

Fall: a federation who wants to have contact with the FMJD they ask to the confederation, who represents them. It is the task of the confederation.

Teer: I don't think that Mr. Fall is general secretary of all African federations

Otten: as FMJD we have good connections with many countries in Africa. We are not going to send invitations to persons who do not answer to any message of us. When we do it we run the risk that a person is not legal in Europe. The FMJD will have problems in the future and that will also mean problems for the African federations to get their players to the FMJD tournaments.

Fall : I speak about the administrative side. FMJD needs to have contact with the confederations and federations. All members of the Executive Board need to visit all

continents and meet the confederations and federations. The tournament director has not been in Africa, but he should also visit Africa to meet the federations.

Diop: We have no trust in the General Secretary. When Mr. Fall organizes the African championship he takes care that many countries participate. The General Secretary should be more intelligent to invite federations as observer to the General Assembly.

It is in the interest of the FMJD and the federation.

The General Secretary has no trust in us. We have big problems for visa. We need to have visa much more easily.

Otten: We are not sending invitations to persons who do not want to have contact with us.

Diop: you cannot expect a federation to contact the FMJD. They should contact only via the confederation.

Otten: we do not do this.

Danileviciene (Estonia, EDC). We are discussing continental tournaments and now we are speaking about invitations and visa.

The European Draughts Confederation is an independent organization. They organized the European Championship following FMJD rules. In the European Championship the federations need to have paid the FMJD membership to be able to participate.

The conclusion is that the confederations want to accept federations who are not yet member, but that the confederations should inform the FMJD about this before the tournament and the FMJD should receive the contact data about these new federations from the confederations. When the continental championship is qualifying for the World Championship then all FMJD rules should be used.

4. Assignment of referees in a World Championship; contradiction between practice and some of our regulations.

There are no remarks about the proposal and no country asks for a vote. The proposal is accepted.

5. Regulations about organization place and sponsor place and make even place.

Haijink: the KNDB proposes to add for the sponsor place a minimal amount of money for sponsoring. Preferably this should be the full prize money for the tournament, but at least 50 % of the prize money. This will give the right to assign a sponsor place, in cooperation with the organization of the tournament.

No further remarks. The proposal is accepted with general agreement with the suggestion of the KNDB.

6. Proposal form of World Title Match women like Match men of 2010.

Haijink does not agree with flexibility for the players to have the match in another form. The General Assembly decides about the form of the match.

Pawlicki: Only if there is agreement between the FMJD tournament Director, the players and the organization of the match then we may choose for another system, may be to make it more attractive.

Pashkievitch: we should listen to the World Champion.

Otten: the World Championship women, Zoja Golubjeva, agrees with this system. The president asks for a vote for the new system, without the last sentence about the flexibility; there is 1 in favor, 1 against. In case of a tie in voting the bye laws of the FMJD say that the president decides. The president decides that the proposal is accepted. The president asks for a vote for the second part of the proposal to give the flexibility to Tournament Director and players. Nobody is against this proposal, so the full proposal is accepted.

7. Proposal for changing the criteria to be on the official FMJD A rating list.

There are no remarks about the proposal and no country asks for a vote. The proposal is accepted.

8. Proposal for coming too late for a game (0-60 minutes)

This proposal was already accepted in an earlier session of the meeting

9. Confirmation of technical change in rating system: also counting tournaments with less thinking time, but with a smaller adjustment of the ratings.

There are no remarks about the proposal and no country asks for a vote. The proposal is accepted.

10. Proposal that in a qualification tournament for the World Championship already qualified players cannot participate

There are no remarks about the proposal and no country asks for a vote. The proposal is accepted.

10d special rewards

The Executive Board proposes to nominate Henri Macaux as Membre d'Honneur Eminent (Eminent member of honor).

Teer: The criteria for this title are that the candidate should have been minimal 8 years member of the board of the FMJD, or have made an outstanding contribution to the FMJD. Henri was Tournament Director for 8 years and tournament director youth for 4 years. He did a tremendous job for the FMJD for the World Mind Sports Games in 2008 in Beijing. He was also member of the Technical Committee FMJD for many years.

Fall: can we nominate someone, who is active, as eminent member of honor. It is normal to nominate persons who have stopped.

Teer explains about the 2 current eminent members of honor who were also active for the FMJD after they were nominated, so this is possible. Also Mr. Macaux is not a member of the Executive Board anymore.

Fall: That Africa was present in Beijing it is thanks to Mr. Macaux, who helped us very much with invitations and tickets.

The General assembly accepts the proposal unanimously.

11. proposals from the section 64

11a the communication between the section 64 and the FMJD

The section 64 has asked to put several points on the agenda and yesterday a 2 pages document was presented to the participants of the General Assembly.

Otten: There are many proposals and they have not been submitted in time. I suggest that there will be a meeting between the FMJD president and 64 president and we make a report about our conclusions how to cooperate. I agree that we need to have more understanding between 100 and 64. However, to be equal, there needs to be something equal in financial contribution too.

Nikiforov: we want to discuss this point now because it is important for us. We have a new board of the section 64. Their policy is to have better contacts with the Executive Board of the FMJD and to develop draughts in the world. All federations should know about these ideas. From the 18 countries represented here yesterday 12 are playing also the 64 game. We want to read the report and add the contents to the General Assembly report so that all federations know about it.

Langin reads his proposals as copied for the FMJD meeting yesterday:

1. FMJD and Section 64 status quo

- *Section 64, likely Section 100 and Checkers Section, is one of the three parts of the FMJD structure, having equal rights inside this structure and in communication with other organizations.*

- *Section 64 sets rules of official tournaments in draughts 64 organizing and holds competitions itself. Winners and participants of such competitions get an official FMJD titles in draughts 64, for example title of FMJD World champion in draughts 64, GMI 64 and so on.*

- *Financial relationships between FMJD and Section 64*
 - i. As is:*
 - 1. In the Section 64 official tournaments, including youth championships, takes part players from more than 20 countries (WMSG in Beijing – 23, Youth WC in Saint Petersburg - 21).*
 - 2. FMJD member countries pay annual fees to FMJD for possibility to participate in official competitions in both games – draughts 100 and draughts 64.*
 - 3. Section 64 doesn't take an additional fee from the countries participating in its tournaments.*
 - 4. Section 64 has no financial support of FMJD from annual fees or other financial sources of FMJD.*
 - 5. Section 64 Office completely covers all Section 64 vitality issues. There is only one our issue decides with FMJD Board – recognition of official FMJD titles in draughts 64.*
 - 6. Section 64 does its job for the money came from the Section 64 tournaments fees (Section 64 financial report was presented in Mr. Langin's report).*

7. *At the Olympiad in Beijing all tournaments fees from draughts 64 tournaments fully went to FMJD.*
 8. *Section 64 doesn't share with MFJD the fee to Sport Accord now (about 3 800 euro per year).*
 9. *Section 64 haven't got even a cent of the money FMJD got from Sport Accord for organizing WSMG 2011 in Beijing (only the prize money counts to 90 000 euro).*
- ii. *Propositions for the future financial relationships*
1. *Situation with tournament fees and other Section 64 financial sources continues: FMJD and Section 64 recognize that both structures have no financial claims to each other.*
 2. *Section 64 are ready to pay 1/3 of the annual Sport Accord fee in a condition of equal participating and funding in a Sport Accord events.*
2. *Problems and perspectives of communications*
- *We are worried of tendentious we observe in the FMJD course in a last time. We all know the FMJD motto: "Our strength is in the unity of draughts", but at the same time the last FMJD Board movements aimed to discrimination of draughts 64 and checkers. It is illegal.*
 - *FMJD President is also is the Section 100 President but he shouldn't lobbying only the interests of Section 100.*
 - *Mr. Otten in his letters insists that mainly post-Soviet countries plays in draughts 64. It is incorrect: firstly new 15 independent countries changed Soviet Union more than 20 years ago. Secondary, "ex-Soviet counties" nowadays is the financial basis of FMJD, many of them pays maximal annual fee to FMJD, holds official FMJD tournaments with a good organization level and prize money, in most of them draughts are officially recognizes as a sport. It means financial support of draughts from government and development of youth sport.*
 - *At the same time most of "primary" countries have no such support and has a little possibility to develop the game.*
 - *The last Mr. Otten's letters consists of permanent claims of money from Section 64. The point is: you should pay a money and then you'll get something (for example, participating in WMSG 2011 just for a 6 players in a condition of presentation of draughts 64).*
 - *Our opinion is:
Firstly we are interesting in work together with FMJD but in the basis of equal rights. Secondly, as we told before, Section 64, as a part of FMJD structure, bears its cost for itself and never got money from FMJD from national federation's annual fees or other financial recourses. Thirdly, all our necessary vitality questions Section 64 decides without help of FMJD.*
 - *It is necessary to make relationships inside FMJD more constructive.*
 - *Section 64 is ready to participate in dialogue with Sport Accord and other international organizations, for example, now Section 64 working on including draughts into the Maccabiad's program.*

3. *Presentation of Section 64 Statutes*

- *In the aim of making our work more clear and systematic the Section 64 Board decided to make Section 64 Statutes.*
- *The Statutes of Section 64, as a part of FMJD, will be made at basis of FMJD Statutes.*
- *Draft of the Section 64 Statutes will be presented to the Section 64 General Assembly in 2012. After that Section 64 Statutes will be sent to FMJD for studying and publication at the FMJD Internet site.*

Nikiforov: our main idea: We are part of the FMJD and we want to develop draughts together. We want to remind that FMJD is not only draughts 100.

It is important for us to be also in contact with Sport Accord. Money for us is not the most interesting thing. Our main interest is to be included also in Sport Accord events. The new board of the section 64 wants to cooperate more with the board of the FMJD. To make the work clear and transparent for all members we want to write statutes for the section 64, which will be part of the statutes of FMJD.

Otten: we will have to see where statutes are similar.

Your opening move is constructive and we want to be constructive. We should sit together and make an effort to come to a common opinion. There are many valid points that we need to have a thorough discussion about the relation between the FMJD and the sections.

I propose that we meet and discuss for one or two days about our relation between 2 people of 64 and two people of the Executive Board to sit together to try to find an opinion together.

Langin proposes to meet in Tallinn in early august; this may be a good idea.

Beckwith: is there a chance that the Sport Accord mind games will be more extensive for draughts and checkers?

Otten: the Sport Accord Games are relatively small for the total mind sports. It is not clear if this will change in the coming years. The limits set for draughts from Sport Accord do not make it possible to play with all variants. I have had many contacts and meetings with Mr. Hein Verbruggen, President of Sport Accord about the participation of the section 64.

Pawlicki: in Beijing sport accord asked why we came with more variants while the other mind sports come with one variant. Sometimes it is a question of the sponsor who sets the rules for us.

Otten: it may be impossible to ask Sport Accord to have 3 versions, men and women with 4 players for each game. They will not accept it.

Nikiforov: we should try this.

Langin: it is not most important to talk about money and medals but prestige for the sections.

11b technical proposals from the section 64.

1. Automatic titles in the world Championship Youth until 23 like in the world championship Juniors.

The Technical Committee FMJD advises positively about this proposal.

There is general agreement. No federation asks for a vote. The proposal is accepted.

2. Recognition of the personal European Championships 64 as official FMJD tournaments

There is general agreement. No federation asks for a vote. The proposal is accepted.

3. Recognition of the club World Championship 64 and club European championship 64 as official FMJD tournaments

The Technical committee FMJD advises not to accept club competitions as official FMJD tournaments.

After some discussion the proposal is withdrawn by the section 64.

4. Lowering the threshold for the number of necessary games to fulfill the title norms

The section 64 proposes to lower the number of games to fulfill the norms for a title from 30 or 40 to 25.

There is discussion about the micro matches which are used in the 64 tournaments if they should be considered as 1 or 2 games. After agreement that these 2 game micro-matches should be considered as 2 games the section 64 withdraws this proposal.

12. Proposals from the federations; no proposals

13. Affirming titles and approbation of World Records.

a. Approbation of World Records

The World Record clock simultaneous games by Ben Provoost of 34 games and the World Record simultaneous games by Jos Stokkel of 251 games are accepted by the General Assembly. The players will be given a diploma.

b. New master and grandmaster titles international draughts

Teer: These titles have been calculated by Mr. Pawlicki and checked by me, as president of the Technical committee.

There are no remarks. The titles are affirmed.

Teer: The Asian confederation proposes to accept the automatic titles from the Asian Championship. These titles were not accepted by the Executive Board because a number of regulations of the FMJD were not met in this tournament, like thinking time which was one hour shorter than the official FMJD time schedule. However it is up to the General Assembly to decide about this request.

Haijink: thinking time is important.

Langin this was clearly a mistake from Asia; for the future they will do better.

The president asks for a vote. There are 6 votes in favor, 2 against.

This means that Erdenebileg Dul as champion of Asia 2010 will be International Grandmaster and Alisher Artikov as vice champion will be International Master.

For the women championship of Asia the conditions of the FMJD regulations with regards of the minimum number of participants were not met. So there will not be automatic titles for the women's champion ship of Asia. Dul and Artikov will receive their diploma at the start of the second round of the World Championship.

c. New master and grandmaster titles section 64.

Accepted without discussion.

d. New referee titles international draughts.

Teer: we will add as candidate Mr. Zioltkowski from Germany as FMJD referee. We overlooked the request of the federation of Germany in 2010. The Technical committee has had an e-vote about this in April 2011 and advises positively. All referee titles accepted including Mr. Zioltkowski.

e. New referee titles section 64.

Accepted without discussion.

f. New master titles and referee titles for problem composers

Teer: It is difficult for the Executive Board to judge these titles but we have to trust our composer's committee with president Mr. Matus on this. Titles accepted without discussion.

14. Calendar of main events till 2015, asking for candidates:

Otten: The Gambia has withdrawn its candidature for the World Championship 2013. We have some contacts with federations about this World Championship but no candidate yet. Please come with your proposals for the tournaments in the coming years.

There are no reactions. No federation proposes its candidacy for an FMJD tournament.

Qualification for the World Championship 2013

Pawlicki: we forgot about the proposal for the qualification for the World Championships 2013. We only discussed the consequences for the rights from the World Championship 2011.

Some remarks:

- The nomination of players from continental qualification tournaments have to be finished before the end of 2012.
- Limits per country: 2 if the country organized their national championship and reported it to the FMJD and 1 if they did not.

I hope to receive more results from the national federations. I have worked 9 years for the FMJD rating now and every time it looks as if federations and referees are not interested in sending the results to the FMJD. Everything seems to be more important than sending the results. Some countries say: yes we have national championships but they never send results.

The Challenger tournament will be played in the first months of 2013 and every confederation has the possibility to prove they are so strong they deserve more places.

The president asks if there are remarks or if a federation wants to have a vote. There is general Agreement. The proposal is accepted.

Qualification for the World Championship 2013 women

Pawlicki: The proposal for women is clear; it is the same as the proposal on the previous General Assembly. Only we have made it clearer that there have to be qualification tournaments in all continents to have a right for the participation in the World Championship.

Pashkievitch: It is important to support the countries organizing regular national championship;

Pawlicki agrees.

Pawlicki: a possibility is to have a qualification tournament for the places which become free from continents that do not organize qualification tournaments. In this qualification tournament federations may participate which are not yet qualified for the World Championship but who organized and reported their national women's championship.

Vote: there is agreement about the proposal with exception of two votes against, Mr. Bat Erdene is against.

China asks some explanation and this is given by Mr. Pawlicki.

15. Discussion points

Kosters: In the General Assembly 2009 we accepted the 5 euro proposal for the recognition of tournaments. During the last year there have been many protests. We invite the Executive Board to put this on their agenda and for the next General Assembly to evaluate this 5 euro.

Haijink: The KNDB thanks all federations for their presence on the 100-th anniversary reception of the KNDB.

Otten: Many thanks to all federations for being here. Many thanks to China for being here for the first time and for organizing the mind games in Beijing.

Now I wish all of you a cold beer.

The meeting is closed at 17:40.