European Draughts Confederation

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To the Board of FMJD
To all the European Draughts Federations
To the FMJD GA 2021 and all concerned

Subject: EDC Report for GA FMJD 2021

Dear Friends,

Starting from the General Assembly on 3rd August 2019, a new EDC Executive Board took office. During the 2019 World Assembly, in Turkey, were presented the reports of the aforementioned EDC GA and of the first Executive Board Meeting, held in Rome on 28 September 2019, the year in which the EDC activity was regular.

After the previous FMJD General Assembly, held in Izmir, Turkey, on 26th October, the EDC concluded the year 2019 with the European Blitz and Rapid Championships, male and female, held in Netanya, Israel, on 29th and 30th, November 2019.

2020

In 2020, due to the Covid-19 pandemic, all the program of the European championships was canceled, despite the efforts and commitment of the EDC Board, which met 7 times during the year, to look for any possible way to do draughts activities.

In June the EDC Board, thanks to the confederal sports doctor, adopted a protocol for safe play during European draughts events, based on the criteria established by the World Health Organization, taking inspiration from the rules of the European Community and by the FID, where all the Italian championships scheduled for 2020 were held safely.

Extraordinary time which has required an extraordinary approach. For this reason, for the first time in the history of the European Draughts Confederation, was organized an official youth tournament online: the 1st European Youth Online Cup, in international draughts, organized from the EDC, in cooperation with the Estonian Draughts Federations (EDF), from 1st to 8th August, 2020. A successfully tournament, with twenty different categories: Blitz and Rapids, for male and female, for Hopes, Minicadets, Cadets, Juniors, Under 26.

In this way, nearly 700 young draughts players, from all over Europe played in the competition, and this is definitely one of the largest numbers of participants in the draughts tournament in the world.

In the end of 2020 was launched the European Cup of Draughts Composition 2021-2022.

2021

At the beginning of 2021, the EDC Board started again working on a demanding activity of planning, following, with great efforts, a double track: in the event of the resumption of ordinary activities, or in the case of the continuation of the pandemic from Covid-19.

And in particular, at the beginning of the year, the EDC Board sought to organize the European Qualifying Tournament for the 2021 World Cup, as a recovered EDC Championship, or only such a selection for the World Cup, and also the organization of the European youth championships. The EDC great job gave great results, finding different availability to hold both the Qualifying Tournament and Youth Championships. Unfortunately, the new and burdensome pandemic wave, between March and April, and the travel restrictions, forced the EDC to opt for the plan B, selecting the European participants in the 2021 World Championship through criteria already established and announced in 2020.

Currently, the European Team Championships and individual Blitz and Rapid Championships, are scheduled in Italy, in Tuscany as in 2019, presumably from 4 to 10 October. While, on the other hand, nothing has been defined for the EC Veterans, but it is hoped to organize them regularly, by the end of the year.

About the European Youth Championships, the EB took note that the Belarus Draughts Federations renounced to organize them, caused of the pandemic. And that is impossible that the youth participants would be vaccinated before September, considering they will be left for last. A safe EYC may be not expected before the end of the year. In August might be organized the online European Youth tournament as in 2020.

An upgrade of EDC Statute, was discussed and shared in the Board, starting on 24th July 2020. This work has been necessary to have an official registration of EDC, missing, and also an EDC proper Bank Account.

The review of EDC Statute has started from the current EDC Statute and has considered the European laws requirements (to register the new Statute by a notary), some part of the FMJD statute and other similar European statutes and officially registered and accepted by their international organisms recognized from IOC, Saisf/SportAccord, WADA, etc.

On 15th December, 2020, the EDC Statute was sent to National Federations, which had two months to send suggestions and proposals for changes: only Latvian Federation has sent suggestion. Then the Board will define the final version to propose to the next EDC GA, if possible to hold in Italy during the European Team Championships, in October 2021.

The most important elements are already present in the current statute, so the main differences between the EDC Statute upgrade and current are two:

- to hold the General Assembly every two years, instead of one to save resources and allocate them to the activities;
- to establish differences between European Draughts Confederation “Ordinary Members” (those that are active members) and “Associated Members” (those that do not carry out activities) with the aim to associate further ones, and enlarge the Confederation and the Draughts in the Europe.

With the Meeting of 29th May 2021, the EDC Executive Board has already met five times during the year. During the last Meeting the Board has scheduled the following event for the 2021:

- **2nd European Youth Online Cup**, August, ongoing regulation;
- **European Championship Youth** (just age 19-26), to verify possibility, September/October, in Belgium (or Korbach, Germany), to be verify possibility, travel restriction and youth vaccination.
- **European Team Championships** (male and female, classic, blitz and rapids) and **individual Blitz and Rapid Championships**, from 4 to 10 October, in Chianciano (Italy);
- **European Draughts Confederation General Assembly,** 9th October, Chianciano (Italy) (to be confirmed within August)
- **European Championship Veterans**, late October/November, presumably in Turkey (to be confirmed).

Please note

In the management of the EDC, a protocol system of the main documents has been activated, and since the new Board took office, 13 meetings have been held, all the minutes have been published on the official website and have been sent by e-mail to all federations. The financial statements of 2018, 2019 and 2020 have been drawn up, probably for the first time in the history of the EDC, and made public to all. Furthermore, in all the decision-making processes of the Executive Board the EDC Committee of players and trainers was consulted and invited.

Finally, for the life and development of the game of Draughts in Europe, the EDC Executive Board believes that, in the absence of its own revenue from the Federations annual fee, totally given to the FMJD, it would be fair to foresee that at least a part of this annual membership would be transferred to the EDC the activity carried out and so that Europe, which is the main world draughts actor, can continue to act as a driving force and promoter towards all world activity.

Annexes:

1. EDC EB Meeting Minutes 2020 06 13
2. (during which Meeting was adopted the annex) EDC_Covid19_Protocol
3. EDC EB Meeting Minutes 2020 07 25
4. EDC EB Meeting Minutes 2020 08 08
5. EDC EB Meeting Minutes 2020 08 22
6. EDC EB Meeting Minutes 2020 10 03
7. EDC EB Meeting Minutes 2020 10 31
8. EDC EB Meeting Minutes 2020 11 28
9. EDC EB Meeting Minutes 2021 01 16
10. EDC EB Meeting Minutes 2021 02 27
11. EDC EB Meeting Minutes 2021 03 20
12. EDC EB Meeting Minutes 2021 04 05
13. EDC EB Meeting Minutes 2021 05 29
14. EDC Financial Statement 2018 and 2019
15. EDC Financial Statement 2020
16. EDC new Statute (proposal)

(Minutes in Russian and French are visible on the EDC Official Website: europedraughts.org)

On behalf of EDC.

Best Regards.

The EDC President

