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It has been a privilege for me to serve FMJD for the past eight years of which six as your president. We have substantially increased the reach of our organization. China has become a cornerstone in draughts and the number of African member states is growing further.

For the top players we have been able to organize good tournaments with prize money that is substantially higher than eight years ago.

However, the politics of the 'big world' have also entered FMJD. You throw something in the air, freeze it and then start to sell it as the 'truth'. In the mean time you try to destroy the organization and to hurt as many hard working people, all unpaid volunteers, as much as possible. The gain from this is unclear to me but maybe in the view of those people this is their way to levy them from the very bottom where they live.

When there comes a moment that all negative energy you have to deal with is much more than the positive energy you get from achieving things, the time has come to stop and count your blessings. Why enjoy your grandchildren many years less because you die too soon? Is it worth all that? The clear answer is no. That is why I have decided to resign as President of FMJD with immediate effect; this means the 1st of January 2016.

When I can continue to play a role in the further development of draughts in China and Africa, I will be all too happy to do that. It is now up to the board of FMJD to decide on next steps.
You will certainly be informed soon.

I wish you all well.

Harry Otten
President FMJD