# FIDE ARBITERS’ COMMISSION MEETING

## Athens, 21-23 June 2013

Minutes

**Present:**  Takis Nikolopoulos (chairman),

Dirk De Ridder (secretary),

Mahdi Abdulrahim,

Klaus Deventer,

Werner Stubenvoll (councillors)

1. **IA and FA Tas.**

The submitted IA and FA title applications will be checked by the subcommittee (T. Nikolopoulos, D. De Ridder, W. Stubenvoll).Up to now only a small number of applications were received.

It was decided that the deadline for submitting applications should be consistent with that for other commissions (e.g. QC) and this must be in effect both for Congresses and Presidential Board meetings.

1. **FA titles and norms from FIDE Arbiters’ Seminars.**

Statistics will be presented at the Tallinn FIDE Congress.

The list of upcoming FIDE Arbiters’ Seminars was briefly commented.

A budget of 12000 $ is available for organizing seminars at major events, thanks to the IOC-ARISF-FIDE programme.

It was decided a FIDE Arbiters’ Seminar to be organized in Al Ain (UAE) during the World Youth Chess Championships 2013 in December, with Werner Stubenvoll as the Lecturer.

1. **Internet based FIDE Arbiters’ Seminars.**

The number of participants for this type of seminars is increasing.

The Arbiters’ Commission is planning to organise internet based seminars in all official FIDE languages. All these Seminars will be free of charge for the participants.

Chairman introduces IA Michalis Prevenios (GRE), who was the Technical organizer in several FIDE Arbiters’ Seminars on Internet and who gives a report and an analysis about the method of organizing the Seminars by using a conference platform.

1. **Amendments of the Regulations.**

According to the Baku FIDE Presidential Board decision, each FIDE commission shall be responsible for rewriting the relevant chapter with its regulations in the FIDE Handbook.

A lot of FA title applications are received with only round robin tournaments or with only Swiss tournaments with less than 100 participants. In order to avoid this confusion a new article 2.1.3 (two different types of tournaments) will be introduced and the current 2.1.3 shall be renumbered into 2.1.4. The title of B.06.2 will be changed into “General Regulations”.

The age limit is not changed.

The number of experts in 1.1.6 might be increased to 13 (i.e. chairman + secretary + 3 councillors + 4 members + 4 continental representatives + 2 women)

Regulations for the classification of the arbiters: only two proposals were received by David Sedgwick and Egmont Poenisch. Only the proposal to include round robin tournaments with an average rating above 2600 is accepted.

The Sport Accord World Mind Games is included in the Minor World Events (B Category).
The World Chess Championship for Disabled is added to the Minor World Events.

The Continental Individual and Team Senior championship is added to 3.4.3.

The Zonals are also included to 3.4.3 (explicitly excluding sub-Zonals).

Add to 3.3.3.: all World events included in the FIDE Calendar.

Add to 3.4.3.: all Continental events included in the FIDE Calendar.

3.2.3 and 3.2.4, respectively 3.3.3 and 3.3.4 should be changed into 3.2.3 a) or b), respectively 3.3.3 a) or b).

Regulations for the training of the chess arbiters: the Baku Presidential Board requested to delete 2.2 of the current regulations. However, translation of the lectures into other languages can be approved by the Arbiters’ Commission.

Article 2.2 is proposed to change to: “The lectures of a FIDE Arbiters’ Seminar and the evaluation test shall be in one of the official FIDE languages however translation of the lectures into other languages can be approved by the Arbiters’ Commission”.

1. **Update of the List of Lecturers.**

In order to be included in the list of FIDE Lecturers any candidate should be assistant-lecturer in at least 3 FIDE Arbiter Seminars, as per regulations.

The applications of IA M. Prevenios (GRE) and IA Al Radj Naji Mohammed (UAE) to be included in the list of FIDE Lecturers were accepted, according to the regulations.

It was decided to be proposed that only licensed arbiters can be included in the list of lecturers.

1. **Classification of the Arbiters.**

Federations are sending applications continuously. Initially it was decided to publish the list only after each Olympiad. It is proposed to publish the list after each Congress. Deadline for applications is one month before the start of the Congress.

1. **License for Arbiters.**

About 5100 licensed Arbiters are in the list, coming from 132 federations.

Starting 1st of July all arbiters in a tournament should be licensed before the start of a tournament.

The following table gives the overview according to the different arbiter classes:

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| A | B | C | D | NA | inactive |   |   | titled | titled |
| lic | no lic | lic | no lic | lic | no lic | lic | no lic | lic | no lic |   | sum | lic | no lic(+inactive) |
| 48 | 5 | 63 | 14 | 263 | 75 | 1345 | 562 | 3381 | 496 |   | 6252 | 1719 | 1152 |

1. **FIDE Arbiters’ Commission’s website.**

The website is open for any type of publication.

Arbiters and FIDE Officials are invited to send any contribution to be published on the Arbiters’ Commission website.

1. **Arbiters’ Manual.**

The project started in 2011. The parts regarding the Laws of Chess will be sent to the councillor members by Werner. Comments should be sent by each councillor to all other councillors by July 14th. It will be presented in the Tallinn FIDE Congress

1. **FIDE Arbiters’ Commission’s Budget for 2013-2014.**

Any proposal should be sent to the chairman.

The budget will be finalised between the chairman and the treasurer before the Tallinn Congress.

1. **Bangkok FIDE Meeting – Minutes.**

There were discussed the main points of the meeting concerning the Arbiters Commission.

1. **Disciplinary Regulations for Arbiters.**

Chairman proposes that a number of federations to be contacted to find out which kind of disciplinary actions they have in their regulations to be taken for arbiters.

A subcommittee will be established in Tallinn FIDE Congress Arbiters’ Commission Meeting to work for creating such regulations and present them for approval in the next FIDE General Assembly.

1. **Others.**
* Rajkovic case: The decision of the Maribor 2012 Appeals Committee and the letters received from Mr. Rajkovic, from members of the Commission and from the President of the Serbian Chess Federation were discussed.

During the discussion of the issue there were a number of unclear matters in the case. Next to this and taking into consideration that IA Radisa Rajkovic had never been involved in such incidents in the past, the Commission decided to send him a letter of warning, asking him to take care to avoid any such situations in future.

* Training of the Arbiters: The FIDE Executive Director mentioned that IOC requests for other sports that arbiters are doing a test on a regular basis in order to ensure that they are up to date with the rules. Arbiters Commission should study in which way such an examination can be done. Therefore re-training of arbiters is an absolute necessity.

 THE CHAIRMAN THE SECRETARY

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Athens, June 22nd