# 88th FIDE CONGRESS

# FIDE ARBITERS’ COMMISSION MEETING

## Goynuk, Antalya, 8 October 2017

Minutes

**Opening**

Chairman Takis Nikolopoulos welcomed the members of FIDE Arbiters´ Commission and all the other visitors of the commission meeting.

He also thanked the Turkish Chess Federation for hosting the FIDE Congress and the Meting.

**1. Arbiters’ Commission Councilors’ Meeting Minutes (Reykjavik, 21-24 April 2017)**

Chairman Takis Nikolopoulos informed about the meeting in Reykjavik in April 2017, during Icelandic Open Championship. He thanked the hosts, the Icelandic Chess Federation and IA Omar Salama, for their hospitality.

The Minutes of the meeting have already been published in the annex of the agenda and on the website of the Arbiters’ Commission.

**2. IA and FA Title Applications**

Chairman Takis Nikolopoulos reported that the titles sub-committee, consisting of Takis Nikolopoulos, Mahdi Abdulrahim and Werner Stubenvoll, is responsible for checking the applications. We had 114 FA title applications and 67 IA title applications. There are still new applications coming in. The final report will be forwarded to the FIDE Executive Board.

**3. FA titles from FIDE Arbiters’ Seminars**

During the last 6 months 34 Arbiters’ Seminars had been organized under the auspices of the FIDE Arbiters’ Commission; the list of these seminars had been distributed.

The list with the direct FA titles was presented.

According to art. 3.10 of Regulations for the titles of Arbiters, applicants from federations which are unable to organize any tournaments valid for titles or rating, may be awarded the title on passing an examination set by the Arbiters’ Commission. A new list of these federations was distributed.

For some federations there had been discussions if they should be kept on the list of federations not to be able to organize rated tournaments.

The list with the direct FA titles was presented.

**4. Activities of the Commission**

As the new Laws of Chess, titles and ratings regulations and swiss rules came in effect from 1 July 2017, we organized a lot of lectures on internet in several languages. We had a conference on internet to discuss some important cases from the Laws of Chess. All interpretations have been included in the Arbiters’ Manual which is already published on our website.

**5. Amendments of the Regulations**

A clarification about “international tournaments” in the article 2.1.3. of the regulations for the titles of Arbiters was decided. It was proposed for an IA title application to have players from 3 different federations and for an FA title application to have players from 2 different federations.

The proposal was accepted.

Lara Barnes (ENG) proposed to accept big chess festivals, as Gibraltar, London Classic, and others, which have about 1000 participants, to be accepted as “B”-tournaments.

This proposal was not accepted.

**6. Update of the List of Lecturers**

Chairman Takis Nikolopoulos informed about the additional lecturers which will be included in the list:

IA Gopakumar, M S (IND), IA Chan, K. K. (HKG), IA van den Bergh, Gunther (RSA) and IA Karabay, Fahri (TUR).

The applications of IA Akkour Abdelfattah (MAR) and Kandelshine, Shlomo (ISR) had been rejected, because they are not classified in “A” or “B” category.

**7. Classification of the Arbiters**

The lists of arbiters classified per categories were presented by Werner Stubenvoll for approval by the Executive Board. Additionally he presented a list of accepted and refused upgrades. There had been 69 requests, 52 had been accepted and 17 rejected. The commission was informed about the reasons for rejecting the applications.

 **8. Arbiters’ Magazine**

The fifth issue of the magazine was presented by the Chairman and was distributed to the participants of the Meeting. It was mentioned the cooperation with the Rules Commission and with the System of Pairings and Programs Commission in the presentation of the new rules valid from 1 July 2017.

The target of the Magazine is to help arbiters in their work and Chairman Takis Nikolopoulos asked all participants of the Meeting to help by sending cases worth publishing in the Magazine.

Chairman Takis Nikolopoulos thanked especially the Secretary of the Commission Aris Marghetis for his excellent work in producing the Magazines.

**9. Arbiters’ Manual**

The 2017 Arbiters’ Manual was presented.

It includes all the changes of the Laws of Chess, of the Swiss Rules and of the titles and ratings regulations that are in effect from 1 July 2017.

The Manual includes now a “Revision list”, which shows what has been corrected since the last issue.

**10. Arbiters’ Training Project**

This project was started after the Baku Congress, coordinated by Aril Marghetis.

The chairman explained the main ideas behind: training, evaluation, retraining and recertification of arbiters.

The final project will be presented to the 2018 FIDE Congress for approval.

**11. FIDE Arbiters’ Commission’s Budget for 2018**

Chairman Takis Nikolopoulos explained that the 2017 Commission’s Budget was very low and the activities of the Commission were limited and hopes that the 2018 Budget will be increased.

**12. Others**

Chairman Takis Nikolopoulos informed that in cooperation with Elista Office the Commission is trying to create a Chief Arbiter’s report form for tournaments, which will include also evaluations for the Arbiters of the event. Additionally in the profile card of the Arbiters on the FIDE website will include information about their licence and their classification.

Chairman Takis Nikolopoulos thanked all participants for the presence in the meeting and closed the session.

 The Chairman The acting Secretary

 IA Takis Nikolopoulos IA Werner Stubenvoll