**Arbiters’ Training Project**

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**Presented: Takis Nikolopoulos, Chairman, FIDE Arbiters’ Commission**

**1. Project History:**

**June 2016 @ Madrid:**

**new business (posthumous) from IA Sevan Muradian (USA)**

**September 2016 @ Baku:**

**announcement at FIDE Arbiters’ Commission at Baku Congress**

**April 2017 @ Reykjavik:**

**project plan at annual meeting of FIDE Arbiters’ Commission**

**October 2017 @ Antalya:**

**presentation at FIDE Arbiters’ Commission & Executive Board**

**2. Project Team:**

**Project Leader: Takis Nikolopoulos (GRE)**

**Project Manager: Aris Marghetis (CAN)**

**From Baku: 16 National Federations accepted for this project**

**For Reykjavik: 11 National Federations contributed to project plan:**

 **Australia (AUS)**

 **Belgium (BEL)**

 **England (ENG)**

 **France (FRA)**

 **Germany (GER)**

 **Greece (GRE)**

 **India (IND)**

 **Poland (POL)**

 **Scotland (SCO)**

 **South Africa (RSA)**

 **Spain (ESP)**

**Aris Marghetis & Takis Nikolopoulos thank you for your contributions!**

**3. Project Goals:**

**a) greater FIDE programs for Arbiters:**

 **TRAINING**

 **EVALUATION**

 **RETRAINING**

 **RECERTIFICATION**

**b) significantly improve the Arbiters**

**c) support Arbiters to strive to improve**

**d) better evaluation/selections of Arbiters**

**4. Project Decisions:**

**a) top priority is FA/IA programs, then NA:**

 **[the term “NA” actually refers to “Arbiter of National Level”]**

**- major National Federations already have strong NA programs**

**- recommend NA programs be optional for National Federations**

**- recommend continue having National Federations award NAs**

**b) examinations: multiple standard versions**

**c) mandatory primary language is English**

**- NB: English as second language, not as mother tongue**

**- other supported languages: Russian, Spanish, Arabic**

**d) cost structure for programs TBD:**

 **by ARB Chairman & FIDE Treasurer**

**e) full review at each cycle of Laws changes!**

**5. Project Tasks:**

**a) task: develop video retraining for 2017 changes**

 **who: TBD**

 **notes: training duration of 4-8 hours**

 **National Federations may conduct in person**

 **include case analysis of actual/hypothetical situations**

 **all FAs/IAs must attend within 6 months**

**b) task: develop online FA/IA recertification examinations**

 **who: Mihail Prevenios & Aris Marghetis**

 **notes: must attend video retraining first**

 **all FAs/IAs must pass (mark: IA > FA) within 6 months**

 **multiple attempts allowed (objective is improvement)**

**c) task: new training & assessments of FLs**

 **who: TBD (IAs with superior experience)**

 **note: may be done as a separate project**

**d) task: new Arbiters’ evaluation program**

 **who: Aris Marghetis & Takis Nikolopoulos**

 **note: new mandatory tournament form**

**e) task: review FA classroom training**

 **who: Aris Marghetis**

 **note: training duration of 16-20 hours**

**5. Project Tasks: (continued)**

**f) task: standardize FA classroom examinations**

 **who: Aris Marghetis**

 **notes: include calculation examples**

 **first FA norm must be passed FA examination**

**g) task: develop IA classroom training & examinations**

 **who: TBD & Aris Marghetis**

 **notes: training duration of 16-20 hours**

 **include calculation examples & case analysis essays**

 **first IA norm must be passed IA examination**

**h) task: issue NA program recommendations**

 **who: Aris Marghetis**

 **note: optional for National Federations’ NA programs**

**i) task: develop NA classroom & video training**

 **who: Aris Marghetis & Mihail Prevenios**

 **notes: optional for National Federations’ NA programs**

 **training duration of 8 hours**

**j) task: develop NA online examination**

 **who: Aris Marghetis & Mihail Prevenios**

 **note: FIDE confirmation of National Federations’ NAs**