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- To: FIDE Planning & Development Commission Secretary Sonja Johnson
- Cc: FIDE Executive Director Mrs Dana Rezience-Ozola
- Su: Report of the year 2020

January 27th, 2021

Dear Sonja,

We are pleased to submit our annual report concerning the European Development fund

We need to note that we are dedicated to run all the program within the main directions set by FIDE and the new financial conditions due to Pandemic.

Since the program in 2020 started only in May and due to Pandemic situation, there is still two (2) projects on progress and one (1) postponed.

With the report we attach also the ECU report activities for 2020, where included also the projects funded by the FIDE Development fund.

A. TABLE OF ECU PROJECTS APPROVED TILL 30th September 2020

| PROJECTS APPROVED | AMOUNT | STATUS | | | | |
|---|--|-------------|--------|--|--|--|
| ECU School Teacher Webinars | 6,000,0 | Completed | Report | | | |
| Talented Girls & Women training camp | 800,00 | Completed | Report | | | |
| Joint ECU-FIDE Educational Study | 40,000,00 | On Progress | Report | | | |
| ECU/FIDE Online Organisers webinar for women | 1,500,00 | Completed | Report | | | |
| Online Youth Training Camps for top players U18 & U14 | 6,200,00 | Completed | Report | | | |
| Global Chess Festival/Intercontinental Youth Matches | Chess Festival/Intercontinental Youth Matches 5,000,00 Completed | | | | | |
| CIS London Chess Conference Online | 4,000,00 | Completed | Report | | | |
| Tournament Of Peace Croatia | 5,000,00 | Postponed | 2021 | | | |
| Annual ECU Training Online Academy. | 5,000,00 | On Progress | Report | | | |
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| Total (euros) | 73,500 | | | | | |

B. <u>REPORTS FOR PROJECTS COMPLETED BY 30TH September 2020</u>

1. ECU SCHOOL TEACHER WEBINARS

Within ECU Online activities in the period April-May 2020, European Chess Union has organised a series of webinars "ECU101 Training Seminar: The SMART Method to Teach Chess" in period from 15th April – 24th May. The seminars were supported by FIDE development fund and provided free participation for female participants as also partcipants for 18 European federations of DEV levels of 3,4 & 5.

Information:

https://www.europechess.org/ecu-online-teachers-seminars/

2. Chess in Schools 2020 Project

The survey is the result of a collaboration between the International Chess Federation (FIDE) and the European Chess Union (ECU). The goal is to gather reliable information on the current state of chess in schools worldwide as a basis for future development strategies.

There are 3 working groups, the survey group, the certification group and the tech group. More than 120 countries have been already provided data for the national CIS programs.

The project is expected to be completed on the first half of 2021 and a presentation of results will follow.

Information:

https://cissurvey.com

3. Talented Girls & Women training camp

ECU and European Chess Academy organised a complete Lectures program "Improve Your Chess" with leading Chess Trainers worldwide.

10 Women and talented girls participated free of charge including top player GM Valentina Gunina.

Information:

https://www.europechess.org/ecu-trainers-lectures/

4. ECU/FIDE Online Organisers webinar for women

European Chess Union organised a FIDE International Organizers Webinar, ifrom 27th to 30th of July, in cooperation with FIDE Events Commission, FIDE Women's Commission, co-funded by FIDE Development Fund. With 31 participants, among whom were 16 females this Webinar was one of the largest IO Seminar organised in the last years. The official results will be published by the FIDE Events Commission.

Report:

https://www.europechess.org/ecu-fide-international-organisers-online-seminar-concluded/

5. Online Youth Training Camps for top players U18 & U14

ECU Online Youth Camps organised for the Winners of European Youth Online Chess Championship will start on Monday within two groups. The best ranked 8 players of each age category at the European Youth Online Chess Championship were awarded with free participation in ECU Online Youth Camps with top trainers.

Report:

https://www.europechess.org/ecu-online-youth-camps-starting-on-monday/

6. Global Chess Festival/Intercontinental Team Matches.

Inter-continental Youth Team Online Chess Cup, organised by Global Chess Festival and European Chess Union. After 6 played rounds played through Tornelo Online playing server, the Winner of the event became Team of Asia, with score of 11 match points (5 victories and 1 draw). Second place went to Team Europe with score of 9 match points (4 victories, 1 draw and 1 loss). Team America got the third place, while team Africa came fourth.

Report: <u>https://www.europechess.org/team-asia-wins-intercontinental-youth-team-online-chess-cup/</u>

7. CIS London Chess Conference Online

Running parallel to the FIDE Congress was ChessTech2020, the online conference on chess and technology, which drew 526 registrations from more than 70 countries. Following a welcome to the two-day-meeting from Zurab Azmaiparashvili, President of ECU, the FIDE President Arkady Dvorkovich gave a keynote address Chess: Driving Technological Innovations in the 21st Century and answered a wide range of questions afterwards. The event, the 8th in the sequence of the London Chess Conferences. FIDE was a foundation sponsor through its continental funding of the ECU.

Reports:

https://www.europechess.org/chesstech-2020-conference/ https://www.fide.com/news/873

8. Annual European Online Training Academy

European Chess Union and European Chess Academy, supported by FIDE Development Fund, organise the annual training program in period from December 5th, 2020 to June 5th 2021. ECU annual training program is open for all ages and levels and will be organised within four levels:

LEVEL 1 – for players below 1300 ELO LEVEL 2 – for players between 1300 and 1600 ELO LEVEL 3 – for players between 1600 and 1900 ELO LEVEL 4 – for players above 1900 ELO

Two nominees per European Chess Federation are supported by the European Chess Union (55 spots) and FIDE Development Fund (55 spots). Total 110 free young participants.

Report:

https://www.europechess.org/ecu-annual-training-program-develop-practical-way-of- thinking/

CONLCUSION

ECU adopting the new guidelines of FIDE DEV program and the necessary financial reductions because of the pandemic, had limited ability to organise its own programs in comparison with 2019. Taking in account that common FIDE/EDU project was the 60% of the spending for 2020, there was a further amount of about 30,000 euros approved for the ECU projects (trainings, webinars, conference, events).

For 2021 we hope that the budgeted amount of 100,000 euros will be in toral available and we will be able to get approval for the main projects with the submission of the initial application for 2021. Under current circumstances we agree also that the KPis policy shall be updated to be in line with the current period parameters.

With kind regards,

Theodoros Tsorbatzoglou, ECU Secretary General





COMPETITIONS





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|---|----------------------------------|----|-----|---------|-------------|-----|------|----|-----|--|--|
| | No. of players: | | | | | | 4411 | | | | |
| | No. of federations: | | | | | | 56 | | | | |
| | No. of players with FIDE rating: | | | | | | 3927 | | | | |
| | No. of women: | | | | | | 743 | | | | |
| | Average tournament's rating: | | | | | | 1632 | | | | |
| Titles' statistic | | | | | | | | | | | |
| No. of players with international titles (total: 847) | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | GM | WGM | IM | WIM | FM | WFM | СМ | WCM | | |
| | | 8 | 42 | 20 | 35 | 7 | 39 | | 27 | | |







EUROPEAN ONLINE YOUTH CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP





40 countries – 60 venues – 800 players

LIVE STUDIO #EOYCC



EUROPEAN CORPORATE ONLINE CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP







1st Intercontinental Online Youth Team Chess Cup



6th GLOBAL CHESS FESTIVAL

ONLINE • BY JUDIT POLGAR



-10th October -4 continents -64 players -4 age categories -Supported by FIDE Development Fund















SIMOULTANEOUS EXHIBITIONS

European Online Chess Championship



6th June, 17:00 CET

European Online Chess Championship





European Online Chess Championship







WORLD CHESS CHAMPION IN RAPID & BLITZ (2012 & 2016)

12th of June, 16:00 CET



Webinars



Capacity Building Webinar Digitalisation of Meetings







The Evolution of Board Communication: From Face to Face to a Global Workplace

Schedule

Wednesday 15th April 17.00 CET Invitational through Zoom For National Chess Federations and Other Entities

Registration/Info: ecu.secretary.general@gmail.com

Free Webinar



HOW TO TEACH CHESS ON THE INTERNET

Jesper Hall

European Chess Unio

FIDE Senior Trainer Chairman of ECU Education



Jop Delemarre

FIDE Senior Trainer Full-time trainer on the net

Thursday, 16 April 2020 10.30-12.30 Central European Time

Free Webinar WOMEN'S CHESS IN EUROPE



Alice O'Gorman

European Chess Uni

Report Author Member of ECU Women's Comission



Eva Repková

ECU Vice President Chairman of FIDE Women's Commission

Friday, 24 April 2020 17.00-19.00 Central European Time

Maximise Your Preparation with the Chess Engines

How do chess engines work and what we need to know to use them in their full potential?

Nikos Ntirlis May 2, 2020



COVID19 - Chess Protocols Thursday 21 May 2020 13.00 CET Zoom Meeting of European Chess Federations

Women in Leadership Roles

22 June 2020



Introduction to Tornelo

Quick start guide to running events





Presented by David Cordover A free 45-minute seminar providing a quick overview and instruction in the main features of Tornelo for Organisers and Arbiters. Monday 9 November @ 15:00 CET







FIDE/ECU SEMINARS







27-30 JULY 2020



EUROPEAN CHESS UNION IN COOPERATION WITH FIDE EVENTS COMMISSION & FIDE WOMEN'S COMMISSION



CONTACT: secretariat@europechess.org

ADDITIONAL SPECIAL SUBJECT MODULE: ORGANISATION OF CHESS ONLINE EVENTS





TRAINING CAMPS





JUNE 20 - ADRIAN MIKHALCHISH

Chess Academ

NL.

JUNE 23 - EFSTRATIOS GRIV

Grandmaster (Greece) 17:00-19:00



Trainer of Greek and Turkish teams. Author of 15 chess books.

JUNE 13 - ARSHAK PETROSIAN





Soviet Champion. Author of own trainings methods and books. Trainer of Garry Kasparov, Bacrot, National Teams of France and Switzerland.

JUNE 18 - ALEXANDER BELIAVSKY JUNE 30 - OLEKSANDR SULY Grandmaster (Slovenia) 17:00-19:00 CET Grandmaster (Ukraine) 17:00-19:00

My Match against Garry Kasparov

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4 times Soviet Champion, World Championship candidate. 3 times Olympiad Champion. World and European team Champion. Trainer of Karpov , Kasparov, Muzychuk sisters, Vachier Lagraeve, Caruana, Rapport.



Trainer of Ukranian National Team, medal winners on Olympiads, World and European Championships. Trainer of Vassili Ivanchuk.







Slovenian Champion. Author of 4 Chess books. Trainer of National teams Slovenia and Turkey.





IMPROVE YOUR CHESS WITH

ALEXANDER BELIAVSKY

MY MATCH AGAINST GARRY KASPAROV JUNE 18, 5PM CET





IMPROVE YOUR CHESS with TOP TRAINERS VOLUME 2

27th August – 28th September

twice per week, Monday and Thursday from 5PM to 7PM CET



Thursday – August 27 "The way of Vishy Anand to become World Champion" GM ELIZBAR UBILAVA



Monday – August 31 "Exchanging a good Bishop for a Knight" GM MIGUEL ILLESCAS CORDOBA



Thursday – September 3 "Modern dynamic play" GM ALOJZIJE JANKOVIC



Monday – September 7 "My games against Kasparov, learning from the world champion" GM ARTUR JUSSUPOW



Thursday – September 10 "Isolani in Middlegame. Plans for both sides" GM GABOR KALLAI



Monday – September 14 "Icelandic Chess school – how to become Grandmaster" GM MARGEIR PETURSSON



Thursday – September 17 "How young talents shall train & improve" GM VLADIMIR CHUCHELOV



Monday – September 21 "Improving our bad pieces (bad Bishop)" GM MIKHAIL KOBALIA



Thursday - September 24 "Middlegame – play on both flanks" GM IOSSIF DORFMAN



Monday – September 28 "Problems in calculation technique" GM DRAGAN SOLAK

Online Registrations:

www.europechess.org/ecu-online-training-series---v2/

Entry fee 5 lectures = 50€ 6 lectures = 60€

Venue: Zoom Platform



Contact: Tadei Sakelšek


EUROPEAN CHESS UNION

ANNUAL TRAINING PROGRAM DEVELOP PRACTICAL WAY OF THINKING

4 levels program December 5th 2020 - June 5th 2021 Every Saturday Open for all ages and levels Lessons in English language Zoom platform ECU certificate Digital materials

OUR LECTURERS

GM, FST ADRIAN MIKHALCHISIN GM, FST GEORG MOHR IM, FT TADEJ SAKELSEK

REGISTRATION AND INFORMATION

European

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Deadline: November 25th 2020 info.zavod.esa@gmail.com thttp://european-chessacademy.com European Chess Union European Chess Academy

ELO below 1300 Program:

2 school hours weekly (total 48 hours) Every Saturday, 10am CET

- . Attack the king and typical tactical motifs (20h)
- Typical opening principles (6h)
 Basic theoretical endgames (6h)
- Basic strategical elements (16h)



2 school hours weekly (total 48 hours) Every Saturday, 12pm CET

Attack the king and typical tactical motifs (12h)
 Openings and active opening repertoire (8h)
 Theoretical endgames (8h)

- Calculation of variations (6h)
- · Basic strategical elements (10h)
- Computer education (4h)



Program:

2 school hours weekly (total 48 hours) Every Saturday, 10am CET

· Calculation of variations (6h)

- Typical opening ideas (4h)
 Theoretical and practical endgames (10h)
 Advanced strategical elements (20h)
 Advanced tactical elements and attacks (8h)
- ELO above 1900 Program:

2 school hours weekly (total 48 hours) Every Saturday, 12pm CET

Typical opening ideas (10h)
Practical endgames (10h)
Advanced strategical elements (18h)
Advanced tactical elements and attacks (4h)
Calculation of variations (6h)

Chess Teachers Courses





ECU ONLINE ACTIVITIES May/June 2020

ECU101 TRAINING COURSES The SMART Method® to Teach Chess The Basic Didactic Principles Suitable for teachers and chess tutors Course Certificated by the European Chess Union Certificate awarded on completion of course and passing online test



WWW.CHESSPLUS.NET



ECU101 The SMART Method to Teach Chess TRAINING COURSE REPORT





Attendees with different backgrounds gathered together for a weekend to study a new approach, get fresh ideas, and improve their chess teaching skills. 95% of them enjoyed the training course and would recommend it to others. All the participants

successfully passed the online test for the ECU School Chess Teacher Certificate. BORIS BRUHN

FEEDBACK

The mini-games are incredibly convincing and will have a safe place in chess lessons thanks to their incredibly versatile application options.

Many new inputs - such as mini-games, chess room contracts, different types of tournaments - e.g. Pyramid game chess pieces, ideas for the timetable very useful.

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- I wanted to learn new methods how to teach chess, organise lessons, make them more fun - and we discussed all of that.
- I basically thought I would do the course just to get the certificate, but actually I learned a lot from it.
- I have already attended this course in person before, and I am impressed with how well the material can be also delivered online.

Growing numbers of ECU School Chess Teacher Certificate



Special Events/Projects





We invite all federations and associations to join this project and disperse the information in their chess clubs and among players!



European Chess Union

Checkmate Coronavirus



#InternationalChessDay

ECU - FIDE CHESS IN SCHOOLS PROJECT LAUNCHED



https://cissurvey.com/



GLOBAL SURVEY ON CHESS IN SCHOOLS









ON-LINE PLATFORMS ANALYSIS



Board Meetings



31 Jan - 1 Feb 2020 Larnaca Cyprus



4-Online Board Meetings

