

EDU Commission – CEL (Chess in Education Lecturer) PoL (Preparation of Lecturers) Pilot February 12-14

The course was held 12-14 February online by Zoom.

- 13 people signed up
- 12 people attended the course – one dropped out after contracting Covid19
- 2 Lecturers from CSRI (Chess Scientific Research Institute, which was responsible for creation of the course) and one from EDU ran the course.
- 10 attendees took the exam, thus completing the requisite combination of active participation, project & exam for a full evaluation.
- Special dispensation was allowed for attendees to submit their projects. In principle, submission should have been done on February 15. Several attendees did not submit until much later.
- Evaluation by the Lecturers required one week.
- Results of the evaluation were sent to the attendees on 28 February.
- 6 passed the course, 4 'failed'.
- Failure is relative ; the 4 do not qualify for CEL but nevertheless learned a lot.

Details of the completed project/programme :

- Much feedback was received
- The feedback was extremely positive about most of the content
- There were two consistent complaints : (1) not enough about what EDU does and what 'educational chess' means ; (2) not enough advance information about timings and what the exam involved, but especially the placement of delivery of the project after the third day.
- All the major complaints were corrected (largely) in time for the first 'real' CEL course (12-14 March).

Photos and videos of key activities should also be included as it may form part of FIDE's annual reporting.

- The Padlet Wall : <https://padlet.com/sargsyantamara/PoL>

Evidence of the FIDE brand being profiled.

- ? This was an internal Pilot for people from within FIDE and its Commissions.

Media releases, news articles, links to social media mentions, etc.

- <https://edu.fide.com/chess-in-education-lecturers-2/> with quotes from three of the attendees :
- 'I have learned a lot' WGM Eva Repkova, Chairperson of FIDE Commission for Women's Chess.
- 'A nice experience, fantastic course' FM Vlad Ungureanu, national coordinator of Romania chess in schools programme.
- 'This kind of course is a very good idea' FM Leontxo Garcia
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Breakdown on the use of funds (€1000):

- 3x€250 = €750 to the 3 Lecturers.
- €250 as determined by EDU Chairman

Lessons Learned :

- implemented for the course 12-14 March
- That first course attracted 34 applications (too many!).
- It was limited to 20 – first come, first served
- An administrative hiccup meant that we had 21 who each paid €75
- 14 of the 21 passed and the feedback has been consistently high (better – more consistent - than in the Pilot).

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