

Present: President **Harry Otten**, Executive vice President **Ibrahima M'Bouillé Fofana**, tournament Director youth **Johan Demasure**, Treasurer **Frits Luteijn**; General Secretary **Frank Teer**, representing CAJD: **Ndongo Fall**, guest: President Federation of Mali Douah Abraham Cissokho

### **1. Opening ceremony of Executive Board meeting**

It was a great and positive surprise for the members of the Executive Board to see what kind of opening ceremony was organized by the federation of Mali and the Executive Vice President Mr. Fofana.

There was music and dance and speeches. Two Ministers of Mali were present: the Minister of Youth and Sport and the Minister charged with the relations between the institutions.

The minister of Youth and Sport officially opened the meeting.

For the closing ceremony the President of the National Olympic committee and representatives of the Russian and Dutch Embassies were present..

### **2. Sport Accord Mind Games in Beijing China,**

The Sport Accord Mind Games 2011, for which Nanjing, China was a candidate have been moved to Beijing, China. Sport Accord President Hein Verbruggen has been very active to organize these Sport Accord Mind Games and recently on November 11, the contract has been signed between the Chinese authorities and Sport Accord for the first Sport Accord World Mind Games in Beijing from 2 until 11 September 2011. There is still discussion about the dates; may be China will move to November or December. The event will be composed of the six mind sports Bridge, Chess, Go, Draughts, Xiang Qi and Duplicate Poker and will be accompanied by a cultural program.

The competition will take place in an all-in-one venue and will feature the best players worldwide. Winners will be awarded with attractive prize money. For the participants the costs of stay and tickets will be paid. Also the FMJD as organizing world Federation will receive a good amount for the organization costs which may improve the financial situation of the FMJD.

Sport Accord has demanded that only the most international version of draughts 100 will be represented here. Probably there will be room for 12 players and 8 women players who will play in a special system with rapid and blitz games in each round so that there will be a winner in each game in each round. For the general tournament of 12 at least 1 player will qualify from each continent. Both the section 64 and the section Checkers have asked to be included in the mind games too. The president will try to get agreement from sport Accord for some kind of 64 and checkers demonstration event.

### **3. Contract of IMSA with sponsor West-Nally.**

Duplicate Poker sponsor West Nally has signed a contract with IMSA which gives West-Nally the right for obtaining sponsors for IMSA events in exchange for receiving a part of these sponsoring amounts. Also West Nally will pay an attractive sum to IMSA every year just to receive this right. This may also strengthen the financial position of the FMJD.

### **4. Compensation for financial damage from the annulations of the world Championship in Brazil.**

FMJD president Harry Otten has agreed, under certain conditions, to give a loan to the FMJD so that the FMJD will be able to repay the federations for the financial damage for costs of tickets to Brazil in 2009. The FMJD has to repay this loan to Mr. Otten as soon as there will be enough money to be received from the sponsoring of West Nally or from the contribution of sport Accord to the organizing world federations in the mind games.

The Executive vice President Mr. Fofana will write a letter to the Brazilian confederation to ask to pay a part of the amount necessary to compensate the federations.

The payments to the national federations will be decreased by the fees these federations still have to pay to the FMJD like membership fees and participation fees.

The condition which is posed by the FMJD president is that it will be sure he receives this loan back if the FMJD has the money for it. For this goal a vote by correspondence will be issued among the

federations. If the federations are in favour of such a solution they will have to sign their agreement and sign also for not coming back on this agreement, after they have received the money, in the coming General assembly. Only if the majority of the federations with voting right react in favour of the proposal the FMJD president will give the loan so that the federations can be compensated. The FMJD will only count reactions which have been given. A federation with voting rights which will not react will be considered to be against the proposal. This will be done so there will be enough guarantees for the president that he will get this money back.

**5. World Championship international draughts 2011**

The preparations are going well and there is regular contact between the organizing committee and the executive board of the FMJD. On November 26 a meeting is planned between the organizing committee, the KNDB and some FMJD executive board members.

Almost all participants are known; only one participant for the direct place from Russia and 2 participants from the Pan-American confederation still have to be qualified.

For the World Championship women 2011 there is not yet a candidate and the Tournament Director Mr. Pawlicki is searching for candidates to organize this tournament. All federations are invited to investigate the possibilities for this World Championship Women 2011.

**6. World Championship 2013**

The president of Gambia has given his approval that the World Championship 2013 can be organized in Gambia. Some members of the Executive Board will visit the president of Gambia in the week to come.

For the world Championship women 2013 an option has been given to the Dutch federation KNDB.

**7. World Championship cadets also boys and Girls**

The Mongolian federation cannot find the necessary support from the government for organizing this World Championship in 2011, so candidates are to be found to organize the youth world championships 2011. For the year 2012 an option will be given to the Netherlands.

**8. World cup system**

The FMJD is initiating a World Cup system with open tournaments which have to be with good conditions: good prize money and compensation of ticket costs and stay until maximum for the best 20 men and the first 10 women players. The FMJD will try to find a sponsor for this World Cup system such that every 2 years the player with the most World Cup points will receive a prize as World Cup winner. The points gathered in the last 3 or 4 world Cup tournaments will decide about the qualification for the sport Accord Mind Games and the World Mind Sports Games.

The FMJD president is negotiating with several partners to organize these World Cup tournaments. One of them will probably be held in Ufa in July 2011.

**9. Finances**

Only 27 federations have paid their membership fee for the year 2010.

The Executive vice President Mr. Fofana will take initiatives within Africa to stimulate payment of this membership fee by more African federations

**10. New titles**

A number of new titles were agreed upon. Among these the title of International Grandmaster for Mor Seck from Senegal for his second place in the African Championship 2010 and the title of International Grandmaster of Composing problems for Alexander Rom (USA).