Short report of the meeting of the Executive Board FMJD 23, 24 February 2008

1. Present: EVP **Harry Otten**, treasurer **Frits Luteijn**, General Secretary **Frank Teer**, tournament Directors **Hanri Macaux** and **Johan Demasure;** for EDC: **Janek Mäggi, Viktoria Lehtmets** and **Rima Danileviciene;** for the section **C**heckers: **Ian Caws** and **Margery Joan Caws** (England) and **Richard Beckwith** (USA); **Eleonora Bubbi** former Tournament Director, international relations;
   Absents: President **Vladimir Ptitsyn**, representatives of Section 64, representatives Africa, Pan-America and Asia and the world champions **Alexander Schwartsman and Tamara Tansykkuzhina**

2. World Mind Sports Games (WMSG) in Beijing,
   The invitations have been sent to the federations and many federations have already answered. We expect about 250 players to be present in Beijing: for International draughts (160), for Checkers (30) and for 64 (70).
   For all players the stay in China (hotel, meals) is paid by the organisation. The FMJD tries to find possibilities for sponsoring of part of the travelling costs.
   There will be an open inscription to fill all places which have not been filled by the federations. The right to these places will be evenly divided over the countries who apply for these open places with the aim to fill all available places. The players who participate by this open inscription pay an extra inscription fee of 200 euro to the FMJD.
   At the end of March the inscriptions of the federations must be known and at the end of May the names of all participants and officials have to be given to the Chinese organisation.
   There will be tests for doping at the WMSG.

3. General Assembly 2007
   The following commissions have been formed:
   - Medical commission 1 member, Dr. Oumar Thiero (Mali) we need more members.
   - Ethical committee 3 members: Mr Moustapha Diop, president, Mr. Aboubacar Bemba Kante (Mali), Mr. Jean Marc Ndjofang players representative.

   The FMJD has applied for the recognition by the IOC. An extensive document was prepared by Mrs Eleonora Bubbi and sent to the IOC in December 2007.
   The statutes will be renewed, as proposed by the Belarus federation. The treasurer Frits Luteyn will prepare a concept proposal for the executive board, and if necessary a commission will be formed to create the new statutes.

4. FMJD and the draughts world
   The Executive Board will try to regularly publish news from the executive board on the FMJD website.
   The short report of the meetings of the executive board will be published on the FMJD website in English, French and Russian language.
   The full report of the meeting will be sent to all member federations.

The Executive Board will try to find assistance from the federations in creating versions in English, French and Russian of important FMJD documents like statutes, bye laws and rules and regulations.

5. Calendar 2008.
   International draughts:
   - The World Championship Match Women Tansykkuzhina-Tkachenko will be held from June 13-30 in Ukraine (1 set) and in UFA, Russia (2 sets).
   - The Russian federation has not yet found enough sponsoring to organise the World Championship men between Georgiev and Schwarzman

   Checkers
   - Men's GAYP Challenge Match between Ron King and Lubabalo Kondlo.
   - Women's GAYP Challenge Match between Amangul Durdyeva and Jan Mortimer.
   - 3-Move Qualifiers.

6. Commissions
   The draughts composition commission CPI: The FMJD executive board supports the CPI. It is important the CPI stays part of the FMJD organisation. We will create an Annex in the FMJD regulations with the formal rules for compositions and for rules for juries in composer's contests.

7. Meetings of the Executive Board.
   The Executive Board will have 2 meetings each year with the full executive board (including sections, confederations and commissions) and 2 meetings with the 6 main members: President, EVP, Treasurer, Secretary and the Tournament Directors. The next meetings of the Executive Board are planned in Salou (full board meeting because of preparation for the WMSG, May 18 and 19, 2008) and Tallinn (August 23,24 2008)

8. Situation in Russia.
   The FMJD received several unfriendly letters from the Russian Draughts federation (**ФЕДЕРАЦИЯ ШАШЕК РОССИИ**). No decision was made because the situation with the Russian federations is unclear. Also there were no Russian CD members present who could explain the situation.