

**Present:**

**Members of the FMJD council:**

**Janek Mäggi** President, **Yuriy Chertok** General Secretary, **Aare Harak** Treasurer, **Jacek Pawlicki** Tournament Director, **Daniele Macali** Tournament Director Youth, **Ingrida Drukteinyte** President of European Draughts Confederation.

**Invited:**

**Ibrahim Ismailov** coordinator of the Section-64 (Brazilian version), **Roberts Misans** President of Latvian Draughts Union.

**1. Activity report of FMJD President**

In April Janek Mäggi, FMJD President attended the SportAccord meeting in Bangkok. The SportAccord family is getting stronger and stronger; many young federations get involved in it. In that regard new opportunities are opening up for the FMJD to promote draughts.

**2. Reports of FMJD Council members on the activity directions**

Ingrida Drukteinyte reported that all planned European Championships will be conducted. This year for the first time the European Youth Championship has been held in Vilnius. There are two additional (new) tournaments. The European Men and Women blitz and rapid championship will take place in Netanya, Israel. The question about the place of the European Men and Women Championship (classic program) is still in suspense: it is preliminary planned to be held in Russia (Sochi), but if there are not financial guarantees by the end of September, it'll be held in Turkey on the same dates (November 20<sup>th</sup> - December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2018). The final decision will be communicated after September 30<sup>th</sup>.

**3. Financial situation of the FMJD**

Financial situation of the FMJD is quite stable. We've paid out all prize money to the participants of the World Mind Games 2017, Abidjan Open; supported Pan American Championship, African Championships of Women and Youth. The majority of the countries have already paid the yearly fees.

**4. Calendar**

- **Current calendar.** The date of the IMSA Elite Mind Games shifted to December 7-15<sup>th</sup>. As there are also Female World Title Match and the European Championship at the end of the year, it is preliminary decided that the Match should be conducted earlier.

- **Next year Calendar:**

- **The World Championship Women** is planned to be held in Yakutsk (Russia).

- Africa is considered as a candidate for conducting **the World Championship Men**.

- **World Championship Rapid and Blitz.** It was decided to conduct one of these competitions on the 29<sup>th</sup> of July, after the World Cup which is planned to be held in Riga. The tournament will be held (during 1 day) on any kind of acceptable systems.

- **World Cup 2019.** The following candidates for conducting the World Cup stages are determined: Burkina Faso (Africa), Abidjan (Africa), Turkey, the Netherlands (Rotterdam), Latvia (Riga), Poland, Israel (at the beginning of November- but the official document is not received yet), Lishui (China) – (in question yet).

- **World Championships Youth.** The World Championship Youth 2019 will be held in Turkey. Dates: end of October - beginning of November; place: Antalya or Izmir (2<sup>nd</sup>- if lots of players participate). The Executive Board agreed that a document (a contract between the FMJD and the organizers) should be worked out that would contain the rules and minimum conditions for conducting tournaments. The development of such a document is assigned to Jacek Pawlicki and Daniele Macali.

- **Female World Title Match** will be held in Riga. The confirmations from the National Sport Committee and from the city are received. The money for the prize fund is allocated by the city of Riga and sponsors from Latvia and Poland.

## 5. Promotion of draughts in new countries

Jacek Pawlicki made a report on promoting draughts through a special website and programs sent to schools and shared his experience of promoting draughts in Poland. It was decided to use such a strategy in other countries, as well.

## 6. New events

- It's suggested that the question about **National team tournaments** be considered at the General Assembly. Optimally, this tournament should be held every 2 years.
- It was decided by the Executive Board to revive **club competitions**. The Club tournament will be included into the Calendar. The regulations of the Champions Cup will be published later.
- Daniele Macali shared Italy's experience of conducting School Team Championships, where in each team play the representatives of some school. Such a championship is suggested to be held next year together with the National Team Championship final (Italy), and it'll be possible to invite there 3-4 teams from other countries (where similar competitions are held). Such championships are suggested to be conducted under the shortened time control and within the age category under 10.

## 7. FMJD logo, corporate identity, website

- The FMJD Board made the decision to change the official FMJD logo from the 1<sup>st</sup> of October 2018. At our disposal we have 6 new FMJD logo variants by different designers from different countries and it was determined that the National Federations should be asked to express their opinions on the given logos by September 10<sup>th</sup>. After that FMJD Board together with experts and specialists in the field of design will take the final decision upon the official FMJD logotype.
- Following the approval of the logo we'll have to take into consideration the FMJD web-site issue; the issue of changing its design. The FMJD needs an independent database with results, games etc. – under full control of the FMJD. Jacek Pawlicki is appointed to take lead on that. The details of the matter will be discussed at the next meeting which will take place at the end of October- beginning of November.

## 8. Section-64

- Any kind of draughts is important for the FMJD. It's decided to support national variants of draughts. The Executive Board approved of the possibility of conducting high-level Mixed Championships in Draughts-64. The Draughts-64 event will be included into the overall FMJD Calendar.

## 9. Other questions

Referee courses (added point).

The following titles were awarded:

the title of International referee – Villem Lüüs from Estonia;

the title of FMJD referee: Chojjilsuren Dovdon from Mongolia, Eldar Khasayev from Azerbaijan;

the title of Technical referee: Ganbaatar Manal from Mongolia.

During the Council meeting the decision was made that special courses for referees are needed to promote the process of getting referee titles. The Technical Committee is entrusted with elaborating a standard of an international referee course.

- Qualification for the Elite Games. In 2019 three Elite events are planned to be held in China (the IMSA tournament and 2 more major events). The selection systems for the above-mentioned competitions will be published later. But the Executive Board agreed that the qualification systems for the three events should be different.