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# **AMERICA REPORT**

After 2019 FIDE elections big changes came in force and Continents have to adjust their policies to this new facts; the main one was the establishment of the support for chess activities in Continents and Federations according with Mr. President program promised during his campaign, another was the change of regulations in the World Championship Cycles which might affect Zonal and Continental structure plus other changes to be dealt with.

Regarding the support given by FIDE on January 2019 a CCA delegation met at Frankfurt with the FIDE representatives leaded by GM Victor Bologan in which a supporting Plan was approved to be confirmed and signed in a later meeting with FIDE President; this was done at Astana PB meeting in March 2019 but before the signature an important meeting was held between the four Continental Presidents and Mr. Dvorkovich where a paragraph in A Apendix of the contract where executive powers were given to the President's Advisers were given was strongly challenged by the CPs. Mr. President ordered the paragraph to be deleted and the contract was signed, hence it started working on April 2019.

Later and after the signature of the appoved Plan FIDE Executive Director tried to modify it changing some items already accepted; mainly to cut some of them to augment the purchasing of chess material for Federations and giving the execution of this task to the President Adviser in a clear violation of what was ruled in Astana meeting which was strongly rejected by CCA although some minor changes were accepted.

Concerning the change of regulations in the WCC Cycles we exchange our points with GMS which is the Commission who rules them in order to keep the actual Zonal and Continental structure, we appreciate very much the open behaviour of GM Sutolvski and Tregubob in reaching a way to keep them alive.



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Besides of the work explained in the Plan and the Cycle CCA fulfilled its normal work regarding Continental Board meeting and General Assembly to deal with our finances reports, events calendar and preparing to adjust our Estatutes and Regulations according with the new Charter to be approved by FIDE. I can inform the PB and the GA that our finances remains in black; concerning the Event Calendar the situation was not so easy due to the chaos in Peru Federation where the President was ousted by the Ministery of Sport, IPD, due to internal situations and a "Working Group" were established to call for new elections according with Peruvian Laws; FIDE kept the support to the ousted President for a while in which I believe was a decision due to bad advising of some officials which meant some unpleasant situation seems in a path for solutions with election called on February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020; FIDE withdrawled its support to the ousted President but kept supporting some junior federations officials who has no executive power according with Peruvian Laws and Federation Estatutes.

Due to this facts the Continental Board moved the Zonal 2.4 and Continental Championship to be held in Peru in the first half of 2019 to new venues to avoid any lawsuit from the IPD and to protect Peruvian players, situation that was duly informed to FIDE and GMS Commission; the ousted President protested by the moving, being backed by the President Adviser, but nothing happened beyond exchange of e-mails. Later and due that the chaotic situation remained the EVE Comission moved the 2020 Scholar World Championship out of Peru but in this case no protest were sent.

I hereby inform that the 2019 Absolute Continental held in Rio de Janeiro was a great event, also I inform the massive participation in youth events held at Guayaquil, Buenos Aires and Medellin.

We fulfilled our technical support proposals given online and personal seminars and lectures on Arbiters and Social matters.

I shall refer to our Continental General Assembly held at Rio de Janeiro on the second half of 2019, usually in the past our meetings were mild with no discussions and any controversial



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one being solved as in a family, 2019 was an exception due to the interference done in internal affairs and elections in Guatemala Federation done by FIDE officials violating FIDE Statutes, this polarized the meeting with a small group leaded by the Venezuela President defending the right to intervene in internal affairs and the Zonal 2.3 President defending Guatemala rights, the discussion became very hot, the Venezuela

President lost control and menaced the delegates with Ethic Commission and CAS, fortunately the USCF delegate came to the rescue proposing to support the non intervention in federation internal affairs but not mentioning the names of the officals that did it. I called for a vote to finish the discussion and the USCF proposal was approved by an overwhelmly majority.

I sent President Dvorkovich a report estating what happened in the Assembly but not adding my personal opinion to avoid a conflict of interest due I am also Guatemala Delegate.

Mexico City, January 14th, 2020.

Jorge Vega Continental President for America