

# FIDE Chess in Education (EDU) Commission Activities 2019

This report should be read in conjunction with the Executive Reports that have been submitted during the year and also the Chairman's Reports to the PB meetings.

## 1. ACTIVITIES – Commission as a whole (see below – 2 - for the Groups)

### 1.A. CHAIRMAN

- chaired several EDU Commission meetings, and many bilateral discussions (using FreeConferenceCall and Skype).
- co-chaired the FIDE-EDU, ECU-EDU, FFE meeting in Paris on 8 March.  
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- visit to Astana (Nur-Sultan), Kazakhstan, where he met the Vice-minister of education.
- visit (with FIDE President) to Iceland in April at the start of the Reykjavik Open. Chairman met the Minister of Education of Iceland (Lilja Dögg Alfreðsdóttir), and also had discussions with Iceland Federation President (Gunnar Bjornsson).  
<http://cis.fide.com/en/chess-news>
- prepared and chaired the Tsaghkadzor Conference (see below).
- On June 3-6 the Chairman attended the international Chess in Schools conference that was held during the finals of the Belaya Ladya (White Rook) schools event in Sochi, Russian and international experts were present, The reports included experience and findings of the Chess in Schools project from 11 regions of the Russian Federation. The Chess in Schools project is co-organized by the Russian Chess Federation and the Elena and Gennady Timchenko Charitable Foundation.
- Chairman spent much time on directing development of the CSRI & Journal.
- Chairman also followed up on negotiations with Iceland and Uruguay.
- Chairman presented FIDE-EDU programme at the major conference in New Delhi (see below).
- Meeting with Adam Roczek, President of European University Sports Association (EUSA) .
- Meeting with Consul General of Uruguay, Eduardo Rosenbrock.
- Participation in the 5th Global Chess festival in Budapest, Oct. 12, 2019.
- Meeting in Croatian Chess Federation in Zagreb on 13th and 14th of October to discuss future collaboration in “chess in schools program” and chess education in general.
- Meeting with the Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Russian Federation to Armenia Mr. Sergey Kopirkin.
- Chairman will have meetings in Bucharest 21-23 November, including discussions with Darcy Lima about plans for Americas development.
- Chairman will have participate in London Chess Conference (30 November – 1 December) and have meetings with ECU-EDU (regarding cooperation), Alessandro Dominici (re ACES Europe) as well as EDU members present.

## **1.B. SCHOOL INSTRUCTOR SEMINARS**

This year's programme of School Instructors has been curtailed while programme improvements have been worked on by the HQS group. However, several seminars have been held:

- Internet ONL7 (25 titles)

- Internet ONL 8 (2 titles)

- Asuncion, Paraguay (47 titles)

<http://cis.fide.com/en/chess-news/378-2019-07-08-09-34-38>

- Bamako, Mali (25-28 November)

The 3 completed provide income of €4000+ for FIDE-EDU

## **1.C. CONFERENCE Tsaghkadzor**

This Conference was coorganized by FIDE and Armenia. It took place in Tsaghkadzor, Armenia (7-8 May).

Agenda <https://cloud.fide.com/s/cCfdKoagyJgp6Gw>

Agenda Details <https://cloud.fide.com/s/eYorTXofyCsFK4g>

Minutes <https://cloud.fide.com/s/2tJe3kRamzqcdiZ>

Web: <http://cis.fide.com/en/chess-news/373-educommission-meeting>

photos: <https://chessacademy.am/gallery/list/?lang=en>

Conference: <http://icce2019.chessacademy.am/>

Chess Science Research Institute (CSRI): <http://chesstudy.com/>

Presentation PPTs: <http://www.icce2019.chessacademy.am/static/article/70?lang=en>

Presentation videos to follow

CSRI Journal articles pre-print PDF: <https://cloud.fide.com/s/6gJMRzZjgqnRZND>

Online Teacher Training (OTT): <https://cloud.fide.com/s/W67TE52gJGWQsjS>

photos: <https://cloud.fide.com/s/seT5C3pRTe3Yqr4>

## **1.D. CONFERENCE other**

- GUAYAQUIL, Ecuador (28 July)

"Women's empowerment in chess and its impact on education. Councillor Uvencio Blanco represented FIDE-EDU.

- PARANA, Brasil (13-14 August)

1st International Chess Researchers Meeting . Councillor Uvencio Blanco represented FIDE-EDU.

- NEW DELHI (7-8 September)

Chairman & Vahan Sargsyan (head of CSRI) represented FIDE and made presentations

-agenda (<http://cis.fide.com/en/chess-news/380-new-delhi-conference> )

-<https://chessbase.in/news/International-Chess-in-Education-Conference-Delhi-2019>

Chairman also had discussions about Asia, development primarily India.

- BRUSSELS (26 September)

#### 2nd EUROPEAN EDUCATION SUMMIT

Honorary Chairman represented FIDE-EDU at this major education conference, hosted by Tibor Navracsics, EU Commissioner for Education, Culture, Youth and Sport.

([https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/api/files/document/print/en/agenda\\_19\\_3809/AGENDA\\_19\\_3809\\_EN.pdf](https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/api/files/document/print/en/agenda_19_3809/AGENDA_19_3809_EN.pdf)).

[https://ec.europa.eu/education/summit\\_en](https://ec.europa.eu/education/summit_en)

- LA NUCIA, ALICANTE, Spain (18-19 October)

I Congreso Internacional De Ajedrez Educativo Y Pedagogía. FIDE-EDU was represented by Councillor Leontxo Garcia who also gave a presentation “El Poder Educativo Del Ajedrez En La Educaciòn Del Siglo XXI”.

<https://ajedrezyeducacion.org/> ; video <https://www.edami.com/i-congreso-internacional-de-ajedrez-educativo-y-pedagogia-2019/> ; detail

<https://www.ajedrezalaescuela.eu/i-congreso-internacional-de-ajedrez-educativo-y-pedagogia-en-la-nucia/>

- LONDON (30 November – 1 December)

“Chess and Female Empowerment”. FIDE-EDU will be represented by Chairman, Honorary Chairman, Councillor Garcia and presentations will be made by Vahan Sargsyan (CSRI) and Jerry Nash (editor of the Journal).

### **1.E. JOURNAL**

*Chess : Education and Science* will begin to appear next year.

The scope for articles for *Chess: Education and Science* will include news in the field of Chess in Education, pedagogical issues in chess education, and chess-related research along with literature reviews. The Editorial Board (Editor in Chief – Jerry Nash) is completing its review of the Journal now and we anticipate the first issue sometime during the first half of 2020, with one issue each year (increasing to two per year later on).

Journal articles will include emphasis on the following areas:

- Psychological (cognitive processes, intelligence, psychological conditions and phenomena etc.)
- Sociological (the educational potential and possibilities of chess and social attitudes towards chess as an educational innovation)
- Pedagogical (aspects of teaching chess, interdisciplinary interconnections and issues of professional training)

- Chess (research based on the essence and uniqueness of chess in the context of education).

## **2. ACTIVITIES – by Group**

Four workgroups are establishing a new web site – edu.fide.com - (WEB), tertiary level education (UNI), communication (COM), and assessing and improving the quality of materials (HQS).

### **2A. COM**

An important achievement in 2018 was the publication of our 48-page booklet *Chess – A Tool for Education & Health* (<http://cis.fide.com/images/stories/OGF3/ogf3en2-180322.pdf>) together with French and Spanish versions. This year we have added a German language version (Schach - Ein Tool Für Bildung & Gesundheit).

### **2B. HQS**

This group has concentrated on examining, assessing and improving the materials relating to the School Instructor seminars.

### **2C. UNI**

The group has been working up proposals and regulations for University World Rapid and Blitz Championships, with entries from Universities (not just countries). This will be made as a formal proposal to FIDE as soon as the proposed regulations are finalized.

The group has also begun work on collecting materials from universities around the world to assist universities currently without any programme to start one. This potentially applies to thousands of universities, so no single model would work for all of them.

### **2D. WEB**

The group has been working on the outline of the new web site. This has been greatly complicated by the lack of any budget for it this year and the unknown nature of 2020 budget. It has made it impossible to plan for what can be (and what cannot be) included. Discussions in London (December 2) should finalize a template for the edu.fide.com site at least on a temporary basis, while ensuring that the desired components can be added as when and if budget permits.

## **3. MAJOR ACHIEVEMENTS**

- Tsaghkadzor Conference
- Journal (*Chess : Education and Science*) Editor & Editorial Board in place.

- *Schach - Ein Tool Für Bildung & Gesundheit*, the German version of *Chess – A Tool for Education & Health*.
- Methodological improvement of training materials.

#### **4. ACTIVITIES RELATED TO KPIs noted in 2019 Budget**

##### **4.1. List of approved Chess materials for teachers**

New materials are being prepared in Armenia.

##### **4.2. List of approved Chess materials for students (by age)**

New materials are being prepared in Armenia.

##### **4.3. Delivery of On Line Training programmes and certification for teachers**

The OTT (Online Teacher Training) programme being developed in Armenia is on target for introduction by the end of 2020.

##### **4.4. CiS plan by Continent**

- Europe : Extensive discussions in Paris (March) and since by email and Skype, with more to follow during/after the London Conference.
- Africa : Chairman has held discussions with African Chess Confederation.
- Americas : Chairman holding discussions in Bucharest this month.
- Asia : Chairman held fruitful discussions during New Delhi Conference but difficulties in progressing matters with Asian Chess Federation.

#### **5. WHAT WORKED WELL**

Internal cooperation activities have become more effective.

#### **6. WHAT CAN BE DONE DIFFERENTLY TO IMPROVE EFFECTIVENESS**

The creation of the new website should be accelerated.

Cooperation with continental bodies should be more activated.

More finances should be invested to implement more effective projects and activate people in their work.

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