

DIS commission report 2019

to FIDE PB

this report has the following objectives:

- Activities in which the Commission was engaged for 2019 including any major achievements. Reference should also be made to the activities related to the proposed KPIs shared earlier this year.
- Feedback on what worked well for the Commission for the year.
- Feedback on what can be done differently to improve the effectiveness of the Commission in its service to FIDE.

In 2019 the DIS commission was involved in the following activities:

World Junior Championship for players with disabilities:

DIS helped identifying players, promoting the event, providing political education of stakeholders this help of commission members was done pro bono or for little compensation at event the inclusive training camp was a success and is advised to hold again during events media coverage was excellent, including CNN report that was seen by millions of people planning for event 2020 in progress

DIS online meetings:

took place in March, in May, in August, planned in November/December
all minutes were sent to Fide office

Workshop for equal opportunities:

first workshop took place in Thessaloniki, Greece
education of organizers, arbiters, trainers for special needs
planning for 2020 is on the way, including a conference to discuss the way for chess to the Paralympics

Chess Paralympiad:

this event is planned for August 2020 in Khanty-Mansisyk, Russia
a trial event takes place in Ankara, Turkey in December 2019, organizing is quick and ongoing

Paralympic Project:

talks to national paralympic organizations are ongoing
DIS is gathering people who could help to bring chess to the way to the Paralympics
planning of an event in Budapest, Hungary in 2020 to promote Paralympic Project is ongoing

talks with Hungarian CF took place
preparation of booth /show event in Tokio Paralympics 2020 is ongoing

planned championships:

World Chess Championship for people with disabilities in Dresden, Germany is planned for October 2020

talks were successful, budget should be finalized in February 2020

tournament in Cardiff was a failure, organizer could not provide the required budget and Wales Chess Union withdrew their support for the same reason

DIS involvement in Cardiff was minimal despite repeated attempts of contact, the organizer tried to bypass the DIS commission and were not interested in having serious conversations about feedback from previous tournaments

the advice is to require proof of budget at the time of initial bidding and if not able to provide within the required timeframe, to terminate talks. Lots of time and resources were lost

regulations:

regulations for DIS events: are ready for approval
regulations for DIS workshops need to be written
guidelines for DIS championships need to be written

media:

website ongoing, ready and set up since early September, www.dis.fide.com, still not connected to fide.com, approval awaited

facebook: page for commission working with more than 1000 followers

facebook page was very effective in communicating to players with disabilities – most successful posts have reached over 2000 people

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in November 2019