

## Report of QC Chairman to FIDE Council April 2021

I did not expect this report to contain much that has not previously been mentioned, but one major issue has arisen during the past week, which has caused it to arrive late.

While we were in the process of checking title applications, a large amount of information abruptly disappeared from the FIDE website. After a period of confusion, we discovered that this had been ordered for GDPR reasons. With help from the IT Department we have completed the task, although all titles are still subject to the 60 day rule, which will cause delays in awarding them.

This is a very serious issue, since it is an essential requirement that all TAs are open for general inspection. Some way must be found to fix this problem, otherwise it will no longer be possible for any titles to be approved. We look forward to being able to discuss the matter with those who make these decisions.

OTB chess remains restricted in many parts of the world, and we are hoping that Hybrid tournaments will be able to fill part of the gap. The first such experiment ran into technology issues and some unfortunate publicity, but lessons have been learned and the Oceania Zonal, played on this basis, appears to have encountered no problems at all. We are optimistic that there will be more such events.

There has been no progress on some other major issues, notably FID status, but I have submitted a discussion paper on this very difficult topic and hope that a better understanding will be reached in the coming months.

Nick Faulks

QC Chairman 6.4.2021