

Fédération International des Échecs



World Chess Federation

## Fair Play Commission

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Honourable members of the Fide Council,

FPL is continuing its difficult task of prosecuting computer assisted cheating and match-fixing cases. Especially in this latter application, the Commission suffers from the lack of regulatory tools (such as the introduction of anonymous witnesses, the inversion of the burden of proof and the so-called “assumed cheating” provisions) and with the lack of provisions that require federation officials and chess persons in general to cooperate with the Investigatory Panels. Hopefully, this situation will improve now that FPL and EDC are meeting on a weekly basis to harmonize current regulations into the new regulatory framework, and in doing so also adding the much needed new provisions. We also believe this will lead to increased cooperation and understanding between the two commissions.

FPL is also in the process of restructuring and rewriting its own procedural rules.

FPL Chair will polish last year’s application for the EU Erasmus+ programme to obtain funding for an online screening tool. Deadline for the application is the end of April.

Very recently Mrs. Dana Reizniece-Ozola was “assigned” to FPL as liaison officer with Fide Management. The Commission wishes to express great satisfaction and gratitude for this initiative, because Mrs. Reizniece-Ozola has taken a keen interest in our work since day one and is putting all herself into understanding FPL’s most peculiar work. She also appears to be endowed with the right set of skills to “translate” the Commission’s needs into a language that Fide Management can understand. Through Mrs. Reizniece-Ozola we look forward to improve our communication with Fide Management and hence to improve our overall effectiveness.

Recently Mr. Vincent Gereraeets also joined the Commission.

Lastly, we are listing a few previous proposals that have not been implemented so far, which in our view still require attention, such as:

- the introduction of the roll of Anti-Cheating Lectures;
- the introduction of the roll of Anti-Cheating Arbiters;
- the implementation by ARB of the obligation for arbiters to report on AC failures by the organizers, as foreseen by Section 1 of the ACPM in force;
- the introduction by ARB of specific sanctions for arbiters who do not check on the implementation of AC measures by the organizers and do not report failures on the tournament report;
- the enforcing by EVE of the provision in Section 1 ACPM whereby the Organizer is responsible for implement the relevant Anti-Cheating Protection Measures in the tournament and the introduction specific sanctions for International Organisers who do not materially comply with the ACPM, including removal of title.
- the organization of specific Anti-Cheating Seminars for both Arbiters and Organizers, held by Anti-Cheating Lecturers in cooperation with ARB and EVE where necessary;
- the institutionalization of Fair Play Panels at all major (on-line and OTB) Fide events, to be nominated by FPL according to previously set indications as to composition (e.g. 5 members, 2 FPL experts, 2 GMs and 1 tournament arbiter who cannot act as chair and a platform liaison officer). FPPs should operate according to previously set regulations and should receive proper remuneration (with the exception of the arbiter);
- liability insurance for FPL and FPP members.

FPL Secretary  
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