

of one FIDE family, so our utmost goal is to contribute to successful event, not to complain about accommodation.

We prepared a system of selection- after communication with Continental Arbiters' Commissions and National federations and collecting data about each arbiter who answered the Call of Interest, we presented the list of arbiters which included representatives from each Continent, had Women arbiters representation of at least 25%, and, even better, more arbiters able to include an Olympiad in their profile. The downside of this approach means that some arbiters with experiences from previous Olympiads did not get selected, but this is the only way to give a chance to newcomers at the Chess Olympiad.

In cooperation with both DCA's and IA Marika Japaridze we prepared a letter to Sector Arbiters and Match Arbiters which assigned duties (including, in part, how to prepare before the Olympiad for the role of arbiter). We would like to have detailed knowledge about each arbiter, including not just language skills but also details about the current stage with their visas, flight details, etc. At least one month before the Olympiad we will organise online seminars (3x, one each week) to prepare arbiters, additionally each sector arbiter is supported in planning the preparation of the team as well. We know some arbiters face difficulties – mostly regarding Schengen visas, insurance, appointments at Embassies for visas, expensive flight tickets and many other difficulties.

Not only was the selection of arbiters our task, the Chairman of ARB is Chief Arbiter and the Secretary of ARB is a Sector Arbiter, we closely cooperated with FIDE and LOCAL organisers, in cooperation with the Deputy Chief Arbiters (Sabrina de San Vicente and Jiaqi Zhu, TAP (Alex Holowczak as a Chair of TAP) and other sector arbiters.

J) 100-YEAR FIDE AWARDS

For this special year (FIDE 100) we participated with more commissions or in working groups. FIDE ARB Councillors prepared the list of arbiters for FIDE 100 Awards, so a jury can choose from this list the best arbiter.

K) GUINNESS RECORD

FIDE ARB was involved in the Guinness World record attempt. We published an article, shared a presentation on social media and contacted arbiters via Continental Arbiters' Commissions and directly. As it was an arbiter who was allowed to register the event for GWR, we were part of this goal. 350 arbiters participated in events held all over the world and thanks to them more than 75000 games were played OTB (over the board). Big thanks belong to PDC chair, Mr. IA Laurent Freyd for his contribution and cooperation with ARB.