

support of Yilmaz Kartal, began in August 2023. It has successfully fostered the development of female teams from nine countries: Liechtenstein, Guernsey, Grenada, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, St. Kitts and Nevis, the US Virgin Islands, St. Lucia, Nauru, and the Cayman Islands. Looking ahead, the final stages of the initiative will involve collaboration with the FIDE Trainer Commission (TRG) to enroll these countries in the Olympiad Training Support Program (July-August 2024). This program is set to provide further support and resources to these debutants.

Chess Ladies Art Film Milestone – Conceptualized by the chess artist Juga, this project showcases an all-female chess artistic performance from 160 countries, set to become a chess music video for Juga’s upcoming song “Queen Trap.” This event will take place in an epic setting, a Budapest landmark, during the Olympiad 2024. The production team is honored to be already counting on Judit Polgar, Tania Sachdev, Elisabeth Paehtz, and Alexandra Kosteniuk’s appearance in the music video. The project is at preparational stage to be launched soon.

FIDE WOM meetings & Women’s Conference – scheduled official online WOM meeting took place on 14 July 2024. The Chair Anastasia Sorokina as well as working group leaders presented their informative reports on the running projects. The meeting participants also discussed the WOM plans for the second half of 2024 including WOM activities during the 45th Chess Olympiad 2024 in Budapest, Hungary: WOM meeting in hybrid format and Women’s Conference planned on 21 September 2024 at the Olympiad venue. Topics to be discussed at the conference: personal brand development, social media management, mental health, balancing family & professional life, business etiquette, healthy sports diet, stress management.

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The abovementioned initiatives collectively reflect WOM’s commitment to empowering women across the globe and improving the prospects for women’s chess. I would like to express my deepest gratitude to the FIDE President and FIDE Council for the extensive support of women’s chess, for allocating resources on our initiatives. To continue our meaningful mission, empowering women to play chess (we are very proud of and grateful for support of National teams project – 9 new teams are joining the Olympiad 2024 and ChessMom project, which expands worldwide already) we kindly ask the FIDE Council to save the previous WOM budget in the amount of at least 100 000 Eur, because we are planning to organize numerous significant events till the end of 2024 and several educational seminars for women (within the budget).

Anastasia Sorokina
FIDE WOM Chairperson