

## Report from QC Chairman to FIDE Council June 2020

The period since my report to the Abu Dhabi Congress has been busy, both despite and because of the Covid-19 lockdown.

Looking back, the Congress was useful, even though it was shortened and many of the usual participants were missing. The questions asked after I presented my report revealed that there is a continuing and informed interest in our work among FIDE Delegates. I hope there will be an opportunity this summer for an open ( presumably online ) QC meeting, perhaps as part of a FIDE Congress.

Immediately afterwards, we were able to hold a meeting of QC Councillors in Solihull, England – we were fortunate to have scheduled this for the last weekend possible before the lockdown. The agenda was lengthy and fully covered, with the most important outcome being revised draft Title and Rating Regulations. These are included in the papers for the Council meeting.

There are many amendments – some are merely technical, others are of significance. I had previously been asked to provide explanatory notes for the latter and these are now attached.

I believe that Federations should be free to see and comment on these documents before they are considered for final approval, since they are affected by them and have on occasions in the past drawn attention to matters of importance. Following our meeting with the FIDE President on 27<sup>th</sup> May ( see below ) we shall in coordination with the Secretariat circulate these papers with a deadline for comment.

There are a small number of changes which I would like to take immediate effect. Some are necessary clarifications which have caused difficulty, while others respond to recent changes in the underlying framework. These are highlighted in red in the covering notes.

The Zoom meeting with the President and other FIDE officials was highly anticipated and did not disappoint. All of our questions were discussed freely and I believe we now have a clear idea of the direction of travel. We are particularly pleased to have it confirmed that we shall have ongoing involvement in all issues surrounding Registration, Licencing and Transfer of players. I thank the President for devoting a considerable amount of his time to our issues.

It is evident that QC now has a considerable amount of work to do, and the freedom to do it.

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QC Chairman 28.05.20