

CHESS IN EDUCATION (EDU) REPORT & PROPOSALS

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CSRI (Chess Science Research Institute)

A road map has been designed for a detailed *Research on the Current State of Educational Chess in the World*. The roadmap describes the focus of, background to, purpose and objectives of, the methodology for sampling and research questions, and perhaps most importantly gives a detailed timetable for the work. Work is ongoing examining and discussing training materials, collecting and analysing chess programs for pre-school children from various countries, as well as searching for institutions involved in research work for the establishment of collaboration.

OTT Online Teacher Training

Work is nearing completion on this huge project.

The platform is in testing this month.

Recommendations for Lecturers are currently being received from national federations.

Lecturers will receive their training in September-October.

In November, teachers will receive training and will be able to take the exam for the FIDE SI title.

Cartoons

Work is progressing on the creation of promotional chess cartoons for pre-school children. Samples are here: <https://cloud.fide.com/s/iQxFTxSgL6QBixt>

New Web Site

edu.fide.com has been live for more than a month and is now linked from the main FIDE web site.

Meetings

Aside from EDU workgroup meetings (HQS, WEB, UNI, COM) there have been important online meetings (in addition to regular internal EDU meetings), mostly to build on cooperation in the field of educational chess: (1) 24 April meeting with Sergio Panno and Oscar Panno re cooperation; (2) 30 April with CCA EDU Commission (Darcy Lima, Esteban Jaureguizar, Charles Mourra Neto); (3) May 1 video conference with the chess community of Turkmenistan headed by the chairman of Turkmenistan Chess Federation Muratdurdy Hashayev: main focus on educational processes, the training of chess teachers and trainers, as well as methods of online chess teaching. (4) 1 May FIDE-ECU Project “Chess in Education 2020” (<https://edu.fide.com/fide-ecu-project-chess-in-education-2020/>); (5) 18 May FIDE President meeting with Chess Scientific Research Institute (<https://edu.fide.com/fide-president-meeting-with-chess-scientific-research-institute/>); (6) 21 May EDU Council meeting; (7) 22 May EDU meeting with FIDE President (<https://edu.fide.com/edu-online-meeting-with-president-dvorkovich/> minutes: <https://cloud.fide.com/s/3qRkW337sZprkty>); (8) 26 May with Iranian representatives of chess in education led by Mr. Mohammadnaghi Ebrahimzadeh (Chairman of the Educational Commission of the Iranian Chess Federation) and Mr. Seyed Mostafa Hashemi Taba (Director of Tehran State Chess College and member of FIDE’s EDU Commission).

Communication

The first EDU newsletter (as discussed in Abu Dhabi) was produced

(<https://edu.fide.com/newsletter-1/>) and, as requested in several of the above meetings, a short explanation of the big difference between ‘educational chess’ and ‘sport chess’

(<https://cloud.fide.com/s/BQMz3fEs97gPOLw>)

Suggestions

We repeat our suggestions (1 & 2 - made to PB Q3 2019):

(1) We recommend that FIDE address to all national federations the desirability of the creation of their own national EDU commissions.

(2) We suggest that DEV allocations to the continents for CiS be discussed with EDU so that we may advise which projects may be effective in our area of expertise.

Also:

(3) Approve the inclusion of proposed 4 new members: Luis Blasco, Boris Bruhn, Sophia Rodhe and Anzel Laubscher.

EDU Chairman, GM Smbat Lputian; 2020 0605