



## **2021 3<sup>rd</sup> FIDE Council Meeting FIDE Events Commission Informational Report**

Dear Mr. FIDE President, FIDE Council members and FIDE Management Board members,

FIDE Events Commission would like to inform you about actual situation of two FIDE EVE 2021 World Championships.

### **a) FIDE World Youth U16 Chess Olympiad 2021 - Nakhichevan, Azerbaijan**

Organizer requested postponement of event to 2022 and their request approved due to the previous discussions and decisions.

### **b) FIDE World Junior Championships 2021**

FIDE supported “JUNIOR U21 ROUND TABLE OPEN CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP” which was held at Plovdiv, Bulgaria from September 26th to October 3rd, which was organized with high prize money, with high level participation and successfully organized.

Alexey Sarana (Russia) came out the winner of the Junior U21 Round Table Open Championship, a nine-round Swiss tournament that took place in Park Hotel Imperial, Plovdiv, Bulgaria, from September 26 to October 3.

Despite severe travel restrictions, the tournament attracted an impressive line-up. The event brought together 58 junior players, including 9 GMs, 8 IMs, 1 WGM and 4 WIM.

The first edition of the tournament was organized by chess club ChessBomb – Plovdiv under the auspices of FIDE and in cooperation with Bulgarian Chess Federation 1928, Plovdiv Municipality, boasted of the total prize fund of €20,000 with €10,000 going to the winner. The prizes were guaranteed by the main sponsor of the event Club Round Table Bulgaria. The organizers hope that this competition will become a traditional Junior Cup.

Organization of FIDE World Junior Online Chess Championship 2021 seems difficult and not logical as the tournaments calendar for October, November and December will be busy with many OTB and Online events especially for youth players.

On the other hand, if there will be request come from a strong organizer and sponsor, FIDE EVE has been ready to evaluate organization of the event that could be organized in December.

Events commission is begun to update the calendar of 2022 by communicating with organizers.

**FIDE Handbook Task Force**

EVE is participating actively in the work of task force and meetings related with different issues.

**International Organizer (IO) Seminars:*****IO Online Seminar in Arabic organized by Asian Chess Federation***

FIDE IO Online Seminar was held on the Zoom from 28th to 31st July 2021. It was organized by the Asian Chess Federation Academy, and under the auspices of FIDE Events Commission.

The opening session was attended by Hisham Al-Taher, Secretary General of the Asian Chess Federation, Solakoglu Ozgur, Chairman of the FIDE Events Commission, Casto Abundo ACF Executive Director, and Mehrdad Pahlevanzadeh, Secretary of FIDE Rules Commission. The Lecturer was the FIDE Lecturer IO/IA Mahdi Abdulrahim (UAE) FIDE Rules Commission Chairman and Chairman of the ACF Arbiters Commission. The seminar was moderated by Hisham Al-Taher, Secretary General of the Asian Chess Federation. Daily lectures were from 16.00-22.00 Dubai Time (+4 GMT). 1st August 2021 was the seminar examination test (16 Hours +3 Hours Exam)

Thirty-Three (33) participants are registered from Twelve (12) federations: IRI, OMA, IRQ, YEM, KSA, LEB, KUW, EGY, LBA, SOM, SUD, PLE. Twenty-Five (25) of them passed the examination test which was held after the end of the lectures.

***IO Online Seminar in English organized by Asian Chess Federation***

FIDE IO Online Seminar was held 6th to 9th August 2021 by Zoom. It was organized by the Asian Chess Federation (ACF) under the auspices of FIDE Events Commission.

The Lecturers were Solakoglu Ozgur, Chairman of the FIDE Events Commission, Abdulrahim Mahdi, Chairman of the FIDE Rules Commission, Casto Abundo ACF Executive Director, and Mehrdad Pahlevanzadeh, Secretary of FIDE Rules Commission. The seminar was moderated by Hisham Al-Taher, General Secretary of the Asian Chess Federation. Daily lectures were from 10:00-13:00 Dubai Time (+4 GMT). 9th August 2021 was the seminar examination test.

There were 49 participants from 23 federations, namely ALG, BOT, EGY, GUM, IND, IRI, IRQ, KAZ, LES, MAS, MDV, MGL, MRI, NZL, PHI, SOL, SRI, SUD, SYR, TPE, UGA, YEM and ZIM. Thirty-nine passed the examination test which was held after the end of the lectures.

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