Historical meeting 05 December 2023

Over 40 chess lovers attended the annual historical Zoom meeting, primarily dedicated to the 100th FIDE anniversary and all the projects connected to the celebrations. Dana Reizniece-Ozola, Mark Ghlukovsky, and Willy Iclicki lectured on the subjects in which they are personally involved.

The Committee also discussed and supported the request of the president of the Pakistanis Chess Federation to award the title of Honorary Grandmaster to the UK/Pakistani player Sultan Khan for his chess achievement during a decade before WWII.

The HC Committee proposed to FIDE the nominations of the following persons to be awarded the title of FIDE Honorary Member.
Israel Gelfer (Israel)
Lakhdar Mazouz (Algeria)
Abd Hamid Bin Abd Majid (Malaysia)
Paul Spiller (New Zealand)

The HC Committee proposed to FIDE the nomination of the following person to be awarded the title of Friend of FIDE.
Shrikant Madhav Vaidja (India)

The HC Committee proposed the nominations of the following players to be inducted at the WCHOF.
Oscar Panno (Argentina)
Zhu Chen (Qatar)
Jan Timman (The Netherlands)
Pia Cramling (Sweden)

The HC Committee could not answer the request of Chauhan, Bharat Singh regarding the nomination of M. K. Stalin (India) as 'The Person of the Year' since such a title doesn't exist in FIDE.

The members of the Committee agreed to be involved in the panel, which will decide 'The Best of' medals to be awarded during the 2024 celebrations.

Willy Iclicki

FIDE HC Chairman

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FIDE Honorary Members

Israel Gelfer from Israel. A player who participated in the Olympiad. FIDE Vice President, Delegate, Executive Board member, and Chairman of multiple FIDE commissions. Author of a few chess books.

Lakhdar Mazouz from Algeria. African Continental President, Delegate, Chairman of Verification Commission.

Abd Hamid Bin Abd Majid from Malaysia. Delegate, International Arbiter, Executive Board member,

Paul Spiller from New Zealand. Zonal President and Delegate.

Friend of FIDE

Shrikant Madhav Vaidja from India. CEO of Indian Oil. Under his leadership, more prisons are engaged in Chess for Freedom program in India and became the champions this year in the 3rd Intercontinental Online Chess Championship for Prisoners.

WCHOF nominees

Oscar Panno from Argentina, Grandmaster, World Junior 1953 champion, and often the national and continental champion. One of the oldest GMs alive.

Zhu Chen from Qatar. Grandmaster, Women's World Champion, Girl World Champion, and FIDE Treasurer.

Jan Timman from The Netherlands. Grandmaster, the best Dutch player for a few decades. World Championship's Challenger, author, and the New In Chess Chief Editor.

Pia Cramling from Sweden. Grandmaster, one of the best female players for a few decades, and the Women's European champion twice.