



Asian Chess Federation

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Asian Chess Federation Report to Online FIDE Congress 6 December 2020

1. Obituaries

We mourn the passing in the preceding year of:

Ardeshirpour, Hossein (IRI) bronze medallist, Online Asian Seniors +65
WIM Arianne Caoili (AUS)
IA Emad Ghalayini (PLE)
Bob Hasan, President, Indonesian Chess Federation 1990-94
IA Wilfredo Neri (PHI)
IA Generoso Poliarco (PHI)
NA Goharchin, Shahram (IRI)

Section A: Administrative Matters

2. Report of the President

Since our last meeting this year when the Asian Chess Federation organized the FIDE Congress, February 26-29 February 2020 in Abu Dhabi, the COVID-19 pandemic forced chess activities to go online.

2.1. Asian Online Juniors and Girls Chess Championships

Asia was the first continent to conduct a traditional official online championship with the staging of the Asian Juniors and Girls Online Championship 2020 from 27 May-4 June 2020 at Chess.com. Over 200 players from 43 countries joined the Zonal championships and we thank Zone Presidents for their support and national federations for fielding their players. GM Nodirbek Abdusattorov (UZB) and WIM Ning Kaiyu (CHN) won the juniors and girls championships, respectively.

2.2. Asian Online Seniors Over-50 and Over-65

The ACF organized the Asian Seniors for Over-50 and Over-65 age groups from 13 to 21st July on Chess.com. Five GMs competed in the 7 Zonal championships among 246 players from 28 countries.

GM Rogelio Antonio Jr. of the Philippines emerged champion in the Asian Seniors Over-50 while Marat Primbetov of Kazakhstan won the over-65.

WIM Liang Zhihua, 50, of China won the best woman prize in the Over-50 age group while Nadezhda Iskichekova, 69, of Kazakhstan won the best woman prize in the Over-65 age group.

2.3. Asian Online Chess Camp for Girls Under-20

The Asian Chess Federation, in cooperation with the FIDE Women's Commission, conducted the Asian Online Chess Camp for Girls Under-20 from 1st to 20th August 2020. It was the first such professional chess camp for girls. The Asian Chess Camp was supported by the FIDE Development Fund and Asian Chess Federation.

Renowned lecturers were GM Artur Jussupow, GM Victor Bologan, GM Jacob Aagaard and GM Lev Psakhis. Former world champion Viswanathan Anand and chess star Judit Polgar inspired students with lessons from their stellar careers.

Federations were invited to send players and 66 girls from 30 Asian countries attended the seminars including Asian winners of world youth/cadets/schools championships in various age groups.

2.4. Asia Wins Intercontinental Online Youth Team Chess Cup

The Asian Youth Team won the Intercontinental Online Youth Team Chess Cup held 10th October 2020 online. The Asian youth team was captained by Deputy President Bharat Singh and assistant captain Gopakumar of India. The Asian team was composed of former world youth, cadet or school champions and convincingly beat their counterparts from Europe, Americas and Africa.

2.5. Asian Online Nations Cup

The Asian Chess Federation organized the Asian Online Nations Cup 10-25 October 2020. There were 38 men's teams and 31 women's teams competing in the tournament which offered \$20,000 in cash prizes supported by the FIDE Planning and Development Commission and Asian Chess Federation.

FIDE President Arkady Dvorkovich honoured the winners at closing ceremonies in Zoom with the attendance of FIDE Executive Director Victor Bologan, ACF Deputy President Bharat Singh, Organizing Committee Chairman Hisham Al Taher and other dignitaries. Oceania Chess Federation president Paul Spiller, Zone 3.2 president Syed Shahab Uddin Shamim of Bangladesh were on hand to congratulate the winners.

Australia won the Open event, beating India in the finals. Tied for 3rd place were Kazakhstan and Iran. The women's event went according to rating as India beat Indonesia in the finals. Tied for 3rd were the Philippines and Mongolia.

2.6. Asian Online FIDE Seminars for Arbiters, Organizers and Trainers

The ACF organized Online Arbiters Seminars 4-8 July in Persian with 20 students and 10-12 July 2020 for Southeast Asia with 25 students from 8 countries, in Arabic from 16-20 October 2020 with 24 participants from 11 countries. ACF organized Online International Organizers Seminar 16-19 July 2020 with 65 students from 16 countries.

ACF organized FIDE Trainer Online Seminar for East Asia & Oceania, 25-27 September 2020 with 52 participants from 22 countries. ACF shall organize FIDE

Trainers Online Seminars in Arabic, Russian and English 19-21 November, 27-29 November and 11-13 December 2020. Former World Champion Anatoly Karpov leads the illustrious list of Lecturers.

2.7. Asian Online Chess Camp for Boys Under-20 and Girls Under-14

Asian Chess Federation will organize Asian Online Chess Camps for Boys Under-20 from 1-9 December 2020 and for Girls Under-14 from 15-24 December 2020.

Section B: Asian Calendar

3. Asian Chess Federation 30th Anniversary

FIDE President Arkady Dvorkovich attended the 30th Anniversary celebration of the Asian Chess Federation 28th November 2020 at the Grand Hyatt Hotel in Dubai. Former world champion Anatoly Karpov gave a 15-board simultaneous exhibition against players from the UAE, Jordan, Kuwait, Philippines and India.

In his keynote address, Sheikh Sultan said that since its establishment on November 30th 1990, the Asian Chess Federation has grown to 52 member countries all over Asia and Oceania. He cited the over 200 events every year that the ACF conducts including championships, tournaments, seminars, symposiums, webinars, summits, and programs to develop all aspects of the game including for organizers, trainers and arbiters, chess camps and the annual Asian Chess Excellence Awards to recognize hard work and achievement.

Sheikh Sultan took the occasion to announce the new event next month, the Asian Super Grand Open chess championship with \$30,000 Dollars in cash prizes and said he hoped this will motivate Asian players to raise their level

4. Asian Indoor and Martial Arts Games 2021

The Olympic Council of Asia (OCA) has officially signed the Host City Contract for the 2021 Asian Indoor and Martial Arts Games (AIMAG), which will be hosted 21-30 May 2021 in Thailand. Bangkok and Pattaya will share the sixth edition of the Games next year, when 24 sports will be on the programme including chess.

5. Asian Games Hangzhou 2022

Asian Chess Federation is closely coordinating with HAGOC, the Hangzhou Asian Games Organizing Committee 2022 in Hangzhou, China, involving the PROC Chess Association for technical supervision. ACF is providing guidance on the preparation work for the chess event, competition venue, test tournament, etc. to provide athletes with optimum competition and training facilities

The ACF has partnered with the Olympic Council of Asia and Organizing Committees of multi-sport events since the 2006 Asian Games in Doha, 2007 Asian Indoor Games in Macau, 2009 Asian Indoor Games in Hanoi, 2010 Asian Games in Guangzhou, 2013 Asian Indoor and Martial Arts Games in Incheon and 2017 Asian Indoor and Martial Arts Games in Ashgabat.

6. Asian Paralympic Games 2022

Following agreement between the Asian Chess Federation and the Asian Paralympic Committee, the ACF is coordinating the 2022 Asian Para Games, also known as the 4th Asian Para Games, which will be held in Hangzhou, China. There will be team and individual events in standard, rapid and blitz.

In Asian Para Games there will be classification of chess athletes to be conducted by licensed classifiers who are mostly medical practitioners. Classifiers will determine who are qualified in terms of disability and which classification they belong for men and women categories: 1. B1-completely blind; 2. B2 & B3-partially blind; 3. P1-Physically impaired.

7. Asian Games 2030

The Asian Chess Federation has been consulted by the Bidding Committees for the Asian Games 2030 for input to insure that the Games give the highest standard for chess and players in the multi-sport Games. This close collaboration and partnership shall continue to the actual Games.

8. Asian University Sports Federation

Asian Chess Federation is partnering with the Asian University Sports Federation for close cooperation between the two sports organizations. The AUSF and ACF will organize the Asian Online Universities Chess Championship for men and women from 14-29 December 2020.

Sheikh Sultan bin Khalifah Al Nahyan
President

