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REPORT OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE EDC 2015
August 1, 2015 in Paul Keres Chess House, Vene str 29, Tallinn, Estonia

Present

Janek Mäggi President, **Irina Pashkevich** representing the Belarussian Federation, **Vital Aniska** Belarus, **Edgars Ratnieks** representing the Latvian Federation, **Ali Kadir Benzer** representing the Turkish Federation, **Ibrahim Ismaylov** Turkey, **Yuriy Chertok** Russia, **Isik Eskiizmirililer** Turkey, **Ingrida Drukteinyte** Lithuania, **Romualda Šidlauskiene** representing the Lithuanian Federation, **Aleksey Shonin** Vice-President, Russia, **Anatoly Nikitin** President of Russian Federation representing the Russian Federation, **Ludy Brink** the Netherlands, **Jacek Pawlicki** President of Polish Federation, representing the Polish Federation and having a mandate of German Federation, **Viktorija Lehtmets** representing the Estonian Federation and having a mandate of Bulgarian Federation

EDC board members **Jan Zioltkowski** could not come because of personal reason, **Youry Lipnitsky** and **Aare Harak** could not come because they were busy with the European Youth Championship.

Johan Demasure (Belgium) announced in advance about non-attendance.

A total of 11 federations are represented from which 10 with voting rights.
27 members belong to EDC from which 16 federations fulfilled their financial obligations.

Candidate for the President: **Janek Mäggi**

Candidates for the EDC Board: **Youry Lipnitsky, Jan Zioltkowski, Aare Harak, Yuriy Chertok, Vital Aniska, Ingrida Drukteinyte, Isik Eskiizmirililer**

Agenda

1. Opening and Welcome
2. Report on activities
3. Election of candidates for the EDC President and the EDC Board
4. Discussion points
5. Closing and Reception

The President Janek Mäggi opens the meeting at 16.00 and welcomes the attendances.

The Executive Manager Viktorija Lehtmets announces the list of persons present in the meeting: the official representatives of federations and others.

J.Mäggi: I have been leading the European Draughts Confederation since 2007. Leading the European Draughts Confederation is an honor, responsibility and obligations. The main goal is to organize all important title championships and almost all of them have taken place, regardless of the economic crisis. The Estonian State has been consistently supporting the activities of European Draughts Confederation and will continue doing so in the future as well. The city of Tallinn and Estonian Draughts Federation have been in good co-operation for years, too. Tallinn has supported all European title competitions that have taken place in Tallinn. At the same time I would like to highlight others strong draughts federations like Russia, Poland, Latvia, Lithuania etc who have the competence and will organize good tournaments. We are glad that now Turkey belongs to our membership.

EDC logo has been changed, EDC website as well, for the future it is necessary to renew the statute.

As you know EDC is the part of FMJD and at the present time FMJD is going to renew its statute.

One important aim is activating European draughts life considerably and attracting new countries to join in.

When the headquarters of European Draughts Confederation is located in Tallinn then the keywords for the next four years are going to be high level organization of all European championships and overall promotion of draughts in all of Europe – including countries where draughts is played a little or not at all.

One of the biggest goals is to organize MM in 2017.

Last year Vice-President Rima Danileviciene passed away. She had an important role in EDC board.

The attendances stood up to commemorate her.

Presidential elections

Candidate for the President: Janek Mäggi

It was decided to vote in open way.

Voting Yes – 10

Voting No - 0

All 10 voted for Janek Mäggi.

Decision: Janek Mäggi re-elected as President of European Draughts Confederation for the third term.

Elections for the EDC Board

All candidates introduced themselves.

Yurij Chertok: the first important work is the preparation of competition calendar for 4 years.

To optimize the costs - arrange several tournaments at the same time and place.

Develop a system for sponsor places.

We agree to organize EC 2016 in Moskva. The prize fund for EC must be respectable.

More blitz and rapid tournaments, more resulted places, medals. State officials support the sport based on the results.

Isik Eskiizmirliler (speaks Turkish and Ibrahim Ismaylov translates him): Turkish Federation belongs to EDC and FMJD since 2013. We develop draughts game among young people in schools. Currently, 16 young players take part in EC in Tallinn. We are ready to organize

EYC in 2017. We promise to work carefully to develop draughts game because we love this game very much.

Vital Aniska: Master player, referee, coach (for 10 years). I am fond of draughts, I have time to dedicate to the development of draughts. I agree with the thoughts of Y.Chertok: the most important thing is starting the preparation of competition calendar timely. Some tournaments are problematic like EC Students&Youth up to 26 – less participants, also EC teams – players must pay all costs themselves, they have to stay at fixed hotel which is quite expensive. Being a coach, it is my advantage among board members.

Ingrida Drukteinyte: I have lots of energy to continue draughts work, championships. I have good relationships with Scandinavia. It is important to listen to national federations and to cooperate with them. Seriously to compose the calendar. I am good at foreign languages (English, Russian, German, Swedish), I am a translator. I wish to use my time, energy, knowledge of languages and experience in draughts and business matters in helping to promote draughts. My vision for the future: finding solutions to the costs of all events, so that especially young players can compete more often; commitment to the needs of the players and of national teams; improved communication and interaction with national federations; strong development focus (involving new countries), balanced and respectful relationship with national federations; commitment to improving the calendar to suit the needs of the national federations and their players.

Election for the EDC Board.

It was decided to vote in open way and the entire list of candidates jointly.

Voting Yes – 10

Voting No - 0

Decision: Youry Lipnitsky, Jan Zioltkowski, Aare Harak, Yuriy Chertok, Vital Aniska, Ingrida Drukteinyte, Isik Eskiizmirliler were elected as members of EDC Board.

Discussion points.

Iryna Pashkevich: Compose the competition calendar timely. It is necessary to know which tournaments will be arranged. If it's not clear where it will be held then indicate at least the tournaments what are you planning.

Janek Mäggi: We cannot take a responsibility if nobody arrange them.

Iryna Pashkevich: About EC teams- we are interested that sufficient number of countries take part in them and we'd like to know about it in advance. In order to increase the number of teams – find a way to support their participation at least partially. European Youth Championship is a profitable tournament. Proposal, another less profitable tournament should be added to it.

Edvard Bužinskij supported the thought to compose EDC calendar for 4 years.

Aleksey Shonin: EYC could consist of 3 parts: main, blitz and rapid.

Janek Mäggi: good proposal, the board will discuss it and make a decision.

Roma Šidlauskiene: Proposal that EC teams tournament in Bulgaria this year should be cancelled. If there are less than five registered teams, the tournament will not arrange.

All attendances supported this proposal. Probably, Lithuania will be able to arrange this competition next spring. We also look forward to the suggestions from others.

Y.Chertok: team classification accounting in blitz and rapid (in Bacol, Italy).

The formal part of the General Meeting ended at 7 pm.

Reception and free conversation.

Protocolled by Viktoria Lehtmets