



## INTERNATIONAL CORRESPONDENCE CHESS FEDERATION

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### ZONAL REPORT TO THE ICCF CONGRESS OF 2006

#### DRESDEN: GERMANY

**Mr President, members of the Executive Board, Commissioners, Officials, Delegates, Ladies and Gentlemen**

#### **General**

When our zonal director (ZD), SIM Mohamed Samraoui, was elected ICCF president in Villa la Angostura during the 2005 congress, we lost a very valuable pair of hands in our zone. Fortunately our loss is the gain of the entire ICCF and we once again congratulate him with the election and wish him the best of luck.

I on the other hand as deputy zonal director (DZD) had been playing a very modest role due to his wealth of experience and competency and suddenly I was handed the reigns of command. After a slow and stumbling start which was mainly due to a few unforeseen problems beyond my control things started to move along.

It is therefore now my privilege to report on our zone's activities over the past year.

#### **The Zonal Team**

The following appointments were made in the zonal team:

- DZD: Dr Ole Jacobsen of Burkina Faso
- Tournament Organiser (TO): Iain Smuts of South Africa

The following people over and above the those already mentioned also acted as tournament directors (TD) and/or team captain (TC) in our zonal events:

- SIM Med Samraoui of Algeria
- SIM Arif Kucukali of Turkey
- Nikhil Kamat of India
- Takahiro Horie of Japan
- SIM Eric Ruch of France

## Tournaments

Here is a list of the tournaments that were started during the past year as per the submission made to the 2005 congress in Villa la Angostura:

- The 4<sup>th</sup> Asian CC championship on 15 December 2005 - TD SIM Med Samraoui
- The 9<sup>th</sup> Afro Asian championship on 15 January 2006 - TD SIM Arif Kucukali
- The 7<sup>th</sup> Afro Asian web server open on 15 February 2006 - TD dr Ole Jacobsen
- The 1<sup>st</sup> West African regional championship on 15 February 2006 - TD SIM Eric Ruch

The following tournaments were announced during the past year by DZD dr Ole Jacobsen:

- The 1<sup>st</sup> African team championship on 14 July 2006
- The 1<sup>st</sup> Afro Asian web server open for ladies on 14 July 2006

The following tournaments were announced during the past year by ZD SIM Dinand Knol:

- The 10<sup>th</sup> Afro Asian championship on 8 September 2006
- The 5<sup>th</sup> African championship on 8 September 2006
- The Interzonal 2006 on 8 September 2006

This is a list of tournaments currently in progress:

- The 3<sup>rd</sup> Afro Asian web server open
- The 5<sup>th</sup> Afro Asian web server open
- The 3<sup>rd</sup> Asian championship
- The 4<sup>th</sup> African championship
- The 7<sup>th</sup> Afro Asian championship final
- The 8<sup>th</sup> Afro Asian championship preliminaries

Our zone is currently participating in these team events:

- The 17<sup>th</sup> ICCF Olympiad in the form of a team consisting of Isolated Chess Players (ICP)
- England versus Afro Asia
- Austria versus Afro Asia - Team Captain (TC) Takahiro Horie
- Romania versus Afro Asia - TC Iain Smuts

The following team events were completed during the past year:

- Sweden versus Afro Asia - Sweden won 32 to 20 - TC Nikhil Kamat
- Chess Friends Rochade 5171 - We scored a modest "also ran" - TC Arif Kucukali

The following tournaments were completed:

- The 6<sup>th</sup> Afro Asian championship final - won by Satoru Hayakawa of Japan - congratulations to our new zonal champion! Ms Natalia Litvinenko of Kazakstan achieved a LM norm in this tournament - well done!
- The 7<sup>th</sup> Afro Asian championship preliminaries
- The 5<sup>th</sup> Afro Asian email open - won by Ms Natalia Litvinenko of Kazakstan
- The 1<sup>st</sup> Afro Asian web server open - won by Ron Opperman of South Africa
- The 2<sup>nd</sup> Afro Asian web server open - won by SIM Khalid Chorfi of Morocco

- The 4<sup>th</sup> Afro Asian web server open - won by IM Mark Noble of New Zealand
- The 7<sup>th</sup> Afro Asian web server open - won by Mahendra Lakyani of India

## **Achievements**

Players from our zone accomplished the following achievements during the past year:

- Satoru Hayakawa of Japan won the 6<sup>th</sup> Afro Asian championship and is our new zonal champion.
- Ms Natalia Litvinenko of Kazakstan achieved a LM norm in the above mentioned tournament.
- The Olympiad team of Kazakstan qualified for the final - this is only the second team from our zone to do so. The first one was the team from Qatar.

## **Member Federations**

- The national CC federation of Burkina Faso joined our ranks in November 2005. We wish them a long and happy future with ICCF.
- The national CC federation of Ghana has applied for ICCF membership and we trust that congress will consider it favourably.
- The national CC federation of Algeria has applied to return as an ICCF member and we trust that congress will consider it favourably.

Communications have been exchanged with players from Malaysia in an attempt to form a CC federation, but nothing has realised to date. These actions will continue in the future.

## **Appreciations**

In conclusion we thank all the people mentioned in this report as well as everybody else that assisted with the administration and development of CC in zone 4. A special word of thanks goes to Giorgio Laderchi our webmaster and also to Gian Maria Tani the ZD of Europe for allowing us the beneficiary use of their website.

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