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REPORT TO THE ICCF CONGRESS OF 2011

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

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

The Zonal Team

The zonal team consists of the following officials:

- Zonal Director (ZD): SIM Everdinand Knol of South Africa.
- Deputy Zonal Director (DZD) and Tournament Organiser (TO): Iain Smuts of South Africa (IA).
- Web Master (WM): SIM Giorgio Ruggeri Laderchi of Italy (IA).
- Tournament Director (TD): GM Mark Noble of New Zealand.

Tournaments

The following tournaments were started during the past year:

The TO for all these events is Iain Smuts (IA):

On 20 February 2011:

- The 14th Africa/Asia Zonal Championship Preliminary Sections A to E – TD GM Mark Noble.
- The 14th Africa/Asia Zonal Championship Preliminary Sections F to J – TD SIM Everdinand Knol.
- The 14th Africa/Asia Zonal Championship Preliminary Sections K to P – TD Iain Smuts (IA).

The following tournaments are still in progress:

The TO and TD for all these events is Iain Smuts (IA):

- The 11th Africa/Asia Zonal Championship Semi Final Sections B and C.
- The 12th Africa/Asia Zonal Championship Semi Final Sections A to D.
- The 13th Africa/Asia Zonal Championship Preliminary Sections A, F, H, J, K and O. This tournament had a total of 585 entries – a new record for our zone!

The following tournaments have been completed during this year:

The TO and TD for all these events is Iain Smuts (IA):

- The 10th Africa/Asia Zonal Championship Final.
- The 13th Africa/Asia Zonal Championship Preliminary Sections B, C, D, E, G, I, L, M, N and P.

This zone intends to start the following tournaments during the coming year – the format will depend on the amount of entries received. The start dates will depend on the completion of previous cycles:

- The 6th Africa Continental Championship.
- The 6th Asia Continental Championship.
- The 1st Afric/Asia Team Championship.
- The 11th Africa/Asia Zonal Championship Final.
- The 12th Africa/Asia Zonal Championship Final.
- The 13th Africa/Asia Zonal Championship Semi Final.

Our zone is currently participating in the 6th Interzonal Team Tournament (IZTT):

The team consists of the following eight players:

- Board 1 – GM Mark Noble of New Zealand
- Board 2 – SIM Sergey Simonenko of Turkmenistan
- Board 3 – Ben Bester of South Africa
- Board 4 – Marius Fourie of South Africa
- Board 5 – Pervez Godrez Mandviwala of India
- Board 6 – SIM Pieter Kemp of South Africa
- Board 7 – Alok Saxena of India
- Board 8 – Iain Smuts of South Africa – Team Captain (TC)

Achievements

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

- Our zonal TO, Iain Smuts, qualified for the IA title and his medal and certificate were awarded during this congress.
- Attila Gurmen of Turkey won the 10th Africa/Asia Zonal Championship – his medal and certificate were awarded during this congress.

Appreciations

In conclusion I thank all the people mentioned in this report as well as everybody else that assisted with the administration and development of CC in our zone. A special word of thanks goes to Iain Smuts for his outstanding work as the zonal TO for the past 5 years and to SIM Giorgio Ruggeri Laderchi our webmaster and also to Dr Gian-Maria Tani the ZD of Europe for allowing us the beneficiary use of their website.

SIM Everdinand Knol
Zonal Director for Africa/Asia
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