



Zone 4 Africa/Asia

Dear Chessfriends,
Welcome to

ZONE 4 - PLAN 2008 and **HAPPY NEW YEAR 2008**

The new zonal staff has worked hard for a couple weeks, to create a PLAN 2008 and a calendar, where you can see this years activities.

Some of them are old and well-known, like the zonal and sub-zonal championships others are new activities, which can give players more international experience and hopefully also develop their skills.

9th AA FINAL has already started and both **11th AA PREL** and **5th ASIAN FINAL** will start in few days.

GERMANY-AFRICA LADIES MATCH is scheduled to start 18th February . We have five players at the moment, with TAVINSKY, RSA as board 1, but you are welcome to register more ladies for the team. Just send an email.

At the calendar, you will also find a new and, I hope, very attractive match, starting 7th May:

FRANCE-AFRICA TEAM MATCH

All NFs can create one or two national teams of 4 players (e.g. Ghana A, Ghana B, according the ranking). I hope for 6 African teams, which can give The Tricolore a lesson ☺ . We must have an unequal number of teams so I might add a "surprise" team to the match.

ASIAN CUP, ASIAN LADIES CUP are also among the new activities.

Finally I hope that more OTB players will be interested in ICCF, for that purpose we will organize

2nd CHESS CLUB TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP

GOOD LUCK!

ZONAL STAFF:

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Officials from Asian sub-zone will be added later.

PLAN 2008

This years theme is:

COMMUNICATION

I want to develop the communication with the Delegates and other officials in the national federations.

You shall know, that the zonal staff is there for you.

We want to help you in any possible way, whether it is to promote c-chess or to organize new national events e.g. championships, youth tournaments etc.

Just send an email and let us discuss your ideas.

I have many visions, how to innovate our zone, but shortly it is five simple steps:

1. More players, 2. More rated players, 3. More players with fixed rating, 4. More activities and more Category tournaments, 5. More new national federations.

We want to design a one page folder about c-chess and ICCF, which can be used by the national federations and send to our present players, asking them to give it to their friends, chess clubs etc.

BUT.... Without you, we will not succeed.

We need a good and open communication with you and willingness to discuss visions and ideas.

Let us look forward and work together for the benefit of ICCF with a AMICI SUMUS spirit.

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