

REPORT
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For the period from October 2014 to August 2016

In the reporting period draughts-64 successfully continues its development and moved to a qualitatively new level.

Currently our members are 54 national federations, and constantly interact with us representatives from more than 65 countries.

We are also constantly in contact with the world's largest sports organizations such as WADA, IOC, TAFISA to declare itself as a separate sport "Draughts-64" and fully integrate into the world sports family.

October 16, 2015 there was important for the draughts-64 event. The International Draughts Federation (IDF) becomes a member of TAFISA, the world's leading organization in the field of sport for all.

Since 2013, we have long-term active cooperation with the specially established a Foundation to promote the development of draughts sports "Russian draughts", which provides support during the most important competitions.

During the reporting period, the following activities were conducted with the support of Foundation at a high level:

In October 2014 in St. Petersburg - European Draughts-64 Championship (Classic and Blitz-Russian version; Rapid-Brazilian version). Representatives of 20 European countries participated in the championship. The prize fund for the first time in the history of the European championships in draughts-64 amounted to 1.5 million rubles (more than 30 000 euros, of which for the Brazilian version - 10,000 euros).

In October 2015 in St. Petersburg – World Draughts-64 Championship among men and women (Classic and Blitz - Russian version, fast game - Rapid-Brazilian version). For the first time in the world championships was attended by representatives of 43 countries, 4 continents. The prize fund of the championship for the first time amounted to 3 600 000 rubles (about \$ 60 000, of which for the Brazilian version - \$ 10,000).

For information - in 2011 world championships was attended by representatives of 25 countries, the prize fund amounted to \$ 15 600, in 2013 - 35 countries, the prize fund amounted to 2 000 000 rubles (about \$ 50 000).

In 2015, in St. Petersburg was also held Victory Cup dedicated to the 70th anniversary of victory in World War II. The competition was attended by representatives of 28 countries.

2016 was marked by significant new events.

Draughts-64 was the first time introduced in the prestigious competition under the patronage of the IOC "Children of Asia".

In July 2016, we held the historic first African Draughts-64 Championship in the Zambian capital Lusaka. Championship was qualifying for the World Championship 2017. The competition was attended by representatives from 6 countries, but the potential of the countries-participants is much more. The next championship is scheduled in 2018. The level of the players was pleasantly surprised. The first champion of the Africa from Democratic Congo has become the first international grandmaster in draughts-64 on the African continent. For the African continent draughts-64 has a great future. In many countries, virtually the entire population knows and loves this intellectual game. I think that in the near future, the African players will seriously compete with the leading players in the world.

In October 2016, Draughts-64 for the first time will participate in the World Games of TAFISA, which will be held in Jakarta, Indonesia. The prize fund is \$ 15 000.

European Draughts-64 Championships among men and women (Russian and Brazilian version) for the first time will be held in Georgia. The prize fund will be in amount to about EUR 30 000.

Successfully developed and the World Cup, which is held annually in 6-7 stages. As a part of the World Cup was held competitions in Russian, Brazilian, Italian, Czech and Portuguese draughts.

The geography of competitions is expanding.

In 2015, 7 stages of the World Cup were held in Russia, Italy, France, Czech Republic and Portugal. The competition was attended by 256 athletes from 24 countries. The total prize fund of the World Cup was more than EUR 12 000.

In 2016, 7 stages of the World Cup are held in Russia, Italy, France, Israel and Portugal. Already after four stages in the competition was attended by representatives of 30 countries. The total prize fund of the World Cup in 2016 will be no less than EUR 18 000.

International Draughts Federation pays more attention to children's sport. At a high level and in excellent conditions annually conducted youth competitions:

European Championships: in 2015 in Yaroslavl (Russia), in 2016 in St. Petersburg.

World Youth Championship is held annually from 2013 in sports complex Aqualife in Bulgaria.

It has already become a good tradition that the winners in all competitions in each age group receive prizes from the organizers.

World Championships among the teams and veterans every year are held in Bulgaria. This year under the auspices of IDF first held the World Championship among people with disabilities.

Under the auspices of the IDF in different countries was held the traditional and new international tournaments in draughts-64. In order to popularize draughts-64 meetings and sessions of simultaneous games were held by me in Zambia and Kyrgyzstan.

Total in official competitions of the IDF in 2014 was attended by representatives of 40 countries of the world, and in 2015 - already 48 countries!

Information about our activities promptly published on our official website, which was modernized at the beginning of the year. Fans of draughts from 184 countries of the world follow the news in draughts-64!

Our events are also regularly published in various online resources, on TV, in newspapers and magazines.

The main event in 2015 was the fact that in October 2015 Section-64 (Russian-Brazilian) as a sign of disagreement with the adoption of the new discriminatory statute, which declared priority development within FMJD only one kind of draughts - draughts 100, left the FMJD and now operates independently under the brand name of the International Draughts Federation (IDF). We long time made every effort for the existence of Russian-Brazilian Section-64 as a part of the FMJD and offered different acceptable possibilities. FMJD, for its part, deliberately pursued an aggressive policy of promoting only one game, and the elimination or weakening of other types of draughts. On the next attempt at the General Assembly in 2015 in Izmir, a new charter FMJD was adopted. Countries, that do not develop draughts-64, approved the artificial division of the Section-64 on the Russian and Brazilian. Moreover, decisions of the Section-64, in violation of the FMJD statutes were not considered.

In this situation, the Section-64 withdrawal from the FMJD was the only right decision, or draughts-64 in FMJD would have been crushed and thrown on the low, amateur level of regional games.

Thus, thanks to this event, for the development of draughts-64 for the first time in the history established and successfully working independent international draughts federation, united under its aegis different types of draughts on a traditional 64-cell board. Our organization is truly interested in the development of draughts-64 in the world, what it has consistently demonstrated. Founded in 2012 by the members of the FMJD as part of the FMJD for the development and promotion of draughts-64 in the world, the International Draughts Federation IDF after withdrawal from the FMJD Section-64 (Russian-Brazilian) is its legal successor and guardian of the history of draughts-64, which has a long history and tradition.

As an independent organization, we have prepared new regulations, such as the titles of the assignment rules, and the rules of the competition, Code of Ethics, WADA Anti-Doping Code, etc.

Our plans for the nearest future:

- The further promotion of draughts-64 in various parts of the world;
- An increase in mass, attracting players from new countries;
- Systematic work with the new countries on the development of draughts-64, help and support in organizing of draughts activity;
- Co-operation with all stakeholders on the development of draughts;
- Contacts with various international sports organizations;
- In the long term to obtain recognition of the IOC sport "Draughts-64";
- The signing of the WADA Anti-Doping Code;
- A further increase of the level of coverage and holding of competitions, the prize fund;
- Improving the material and technical basis of draughts -64, edition Draughts-64 Code and training materials in various languages, creation of training sites and the possibility of distance learning, the organization of online conferences, games, tournaments, games broadcast.

There will be new activities and projects for the development of draughts in the world.

In particular, it is planned to hold the championship of the American continent in draughts-64.

In 2017, at a high level with a large prize fund will take place next scheduled World Draughts-64 Championship among men and women.

In the development stage are other projects.

Currently IDF is a strong, well-organized international federation, with significant and stable funding, does a lot for the development of draughts-64 in the World, and spends big, in draughts standards, finances for organizing competitions and participation in it of players from different countries. As you know, players have not only rights but also responsibilities. They should be held accountable for their actions. The same applies to the national federations - our members.

We do not recognize the so-called "World Championship in Brazilian draughts" - amateur tournament without selection, the prize fund, with a small number of countries which will conduct Marcos under the aegis of the FMJD, regard the holding of this event as a direct and willful harm to reputation draughts-64 in the world, continued attempts of the FMJD to "rock the boat", split and weaken Draughts-64.

The IDF Board decided: in the case of participation of individual players in such "championships", organized by different organizations and not sanctioned by the IDF, these players will not be able in the future to take part in any competitions held by the IDF or under the aegis of the IDF.

We believe that the FMJD should focus on holding of competitions in draughts-100, which is enshrined in its statutes by the General Assembly of 2015, not interfering in our activities, just like we do not think (at least until we are not forced to do this) to conducting competitions in draughts-100 .

Time has proved that the IDF chose the right course of development, as for the federation, and as for draughts-64 in the World. I am sure that with your support we will be stable and prosperous organization.