

REPORT
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For the period from 1st September 2016 to 29th August 2018

August 29, 2016 in Bulgaria was held reporting General Assembly, after which a new count began, and our team has done a great job on the further development and promotion of draughts-64 in the world.

Currently our members are 65 national federations, and constantly interact with us representatives from more than 80 countries.

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

2016

In 2016, there have been some significant events, which combine the word "first." This was the first championship of Africa, TAFISA World Sports Games and VI International Sports Games "Children of Asia".

The first historical African Championship was held in the Zambian capital Lusaka and was qualifying for the World Championship 2017. At the end of the competition the best African players were awarded by international titles. Champion of Africa Richard Mwammba from Democratic Congo became the first African international grandmaster in draughts-64. Silver medalist Moses Winesi from Malawi became an international master. The first African international arbiter, who received the title of Arbiter IDF, became Suzgo Alpha Nkhoma from Malawi.

In October 2016, Draughts-64 was first presented at the TAFISA World Sports Games in Jakarta (Indonesia). In this global world sports forum, which takes place every four years, 12,000 athletes from 87 countries in 62 sports participated. The competition was held under the patronage of the IOC, TAFISA and UNESCO. Participation of Draughts-64 in such an event is a huge leap forward in the promotion and popularization of the sport in the world. We allocated a prize fund of 15,000 dollars for this important tournament.

The next TAFISA World Sports Games will be held in 2020 in Lisbon (Portugal). We plan to take part in them and hold a number of important events in draughts-64.

In November 2016, for the first time in Tbilisi (Georgia), despite a number of organizational problems, was successfully held European Draughts-64 Championship among men and women (Classic and Blitz – International draughts-64 (Russian Draughts), Rapid - Brazilian Draughts). The prize fund of the Championship was 30 000 US dollars.

Everybody liked Georgia and Tbilisi so much, that now the World Cup stage is held there every year.

In 2016, 7 Stages of World Cup was held in Russia, Portugal, Italy, France, and, for the first time in Israel. Over 260 players from 38 countries took part in the competition. In the framework of the World Cup was held competitions in draughts-64: International (Russian), Brazilian, Italian and Portuguese. The total prize fund of the World Cup was about 17 000 Euro.

International Draughts Federation (IDF) paid much attention to children's sport. At a high level and in good conditions was held youth competitions: European Youth Championship in St. Petersburg (Russia) and the World Youth Championship in Bulgaria.

Since 2016 in the world and European youth champions the winners of the competition in each age group in addition to the official awards received prizes from the organizers (tablets).

For the first time under our auspices at the same time with World Championships among youth, teams and veterans in Bulgaria the World Championship among people with disabilities was held.

2017

In 2017 IDF celebrated its 5th anniversary. Over the past period draughts-64 have made a giant step forward and turned into a serious and full-fledged sport. Currently IDF, being the only organization specially created to promote and develop draughts-64 in the world, is stable and successfully develop its sport at the international level.

Of course, not everyone likes our success. This is evidenced by the destructive activity of the FMJD, the organization for draughts-100 that competes with us. Members of its leadership, Jacek **Pawlicki** and Yuri **Chertok**, are trying to destroy draughts-64 from within and to split the draughts, creating within FMJD a nominal section of Russian draughts with the help of the "fifth column" in Russia. How this section works - you all see for yourself.

Despite the demarche of some of the FSHR leaders, IDF confidently and fully continue its work on the development and promotion of draughts-64 in the world. All the possibilities for this we have. We thank all the countries that are developing draughts-64, for the support of IDF in this difficult situation.

And now about the results of 2017.

The main event of the year was the World Championship in draughts-64 among men and women (Classic, Blitz - international/ Russian version of draughts-64, Rapid - Brazilian version) in October 2017 in St. Petersburg (Russia).

Representatives from **44 countries** took part in the competition. The prize fund of the championship was about **53 000 US dollars**. It was one of the best championships in the history of draughts-64.

In April, in Tashkent, under the patronage of IDF Asian Championship among men, women and youth in five age groups was held at a high.

6 stages of the World Cup were held in Russia, Portugal, Italy, and, for the first time, in Georgia. More than 250 players from 38 countries took part in the competition. Within the framework of the World Cup, competitions were held in various versions of draughts-64: international/Russian, Brazilian, Italian and Portuguese.

In Bulgaria, traditionally were held world youth championships in 6 age groups, world championships among teams and veterans.

Under the auspices of the IDF, European Championships among people with disabilities were held, as well as various international tournaments.

In August 2017, another important historical event occurred. For the first time for the development of draughts-64 in Africa, representatives of African national federations established the African Draughts Federation, which was headed by **Suzgo Alpha Nkhoma** from Malawi.

2018

It became another important milestone in the development of draughts-64 in the world and brought a lot of new things into our activity.

All planned events of the calendar 2018 are held:

World Championships:

In Bulgaria, traditionally are held world youth championships in 6 age groups, world championships among teams and veterans.

World Cup:

6 stages of the World Cup are held on three continents: in Europe, Asia and the Americas in Jamaica, Italy, Estonia, Portugal, Georgia and for the first time in Uzbekistan, including programs in international (Russian), Brazilian, Portuguese and other versions of draughts-64. The prize fund has been increased, both at the stages and in the overall standings of the World Cup.

Continental Championships:

2018 is the year of the continental championships, qualifying for the 2019 World Championship.

The first Pan American Championship in draughts-64 was held in February 2018 in Jamaica. (6 countries)

In July, the second African championship was held at a high level in Malawi. (8 countries)

Holding these important events gave a great impetus to the development and promotion of draughts-64 on the American and African continents. Champions of the continents in accordance with our rules received the title of "International Grandmaster" and a trip to the World Championship 2019, where they will be able to compete with the strongest grandmasters of the world.

In April, The European Youth Championship in 6 age groups was successfully held in Bulgaria. 10 countries took part in the competitions, 8 countries received medals.

In September, European Draughts-64 Championship among men and women will be held in Bulgaria at a high level and with a good prize fund.

Tournaments under the aegis of IDF:

Due to the fact that all stages of the World Cup 2018 are held in different countries except for Russia, under the auspices of IDF, traditional, reputable tournaments were held: "White Nights" (St. Petersburg), Cup of Information Technologies (Kazan), tournament memory Sokov (St. Petersburg).

The first international tournament was organized in Armenia. In all these tournaments, the norms of international titles are established; tournaments are included in the rating calculation. For the first time under our aegis in Uzbekistan, a children's tournament for the prizes of the President of the Draughts Federation of Uzbekistan Yunus Amindzhonov was held. The tournament was successful, and we hope that this tournament will become traditional and on it new stars will shine, that will grow into grand masters and will fight for the highest titles in draughts sport.

What else is new in 2018?

Tournament fees in youth championships significantly reduced. (50 euros in total for 3 programs).

It was decided to provide accommodation and meals at the expense of the organizers in the youth championships, not four, but six participants from each country – IDF member (one participant in the age groups up to 27, 20, 17, 14, 11, 9 years - a boy or a girl).

In total, more than 1000 players from more than 50 countries of the world take part in the official IDF competitions annually!

Great support for IDF is constantly provided by the Fund for promoting the development of Draughts Sport "Russian Draughts", for which we express our great appreciation to him.

In addition to direct competitions, a lot of systematic work is carried out to popularize draughts on various Internet resources, on television, in newspapers and magazines, to create and improve regulatory documents, material resources, and to develop and produce award attributes.

In 2016, the federation's website was updated. Website promptly published information about our activities. Now the draughts-64 news are watched by fans of draughts from 201 countries (more than 500 000 visits)!

In 2017, by the 5th anniversary of the federation, award badges were established, manufactured and presented: the best functionaries were awarded with the Honorary Badges “For the Development of Draughts in the World”, the judges – “The International Arbiter”, players - “The International Grand Master and “The International Master”, and also, special award medals and IDF award attributes were made.

Since 2017, in the official competitions, the new approved tables for the debuts of men and women have been used. At the World Championships for the first time a new formula for the competitions was applied. These innovations revived the game and exacerbated competition in the fight for medals.

In 2018, the publication of the first textbook in draughts-64 (international / Russian version) in English is planned. The textbook in electronic form is already ready, before the end of the year it will be published. Work is under way to create an official program for drawing and score counting.

The technical commission is actively working. Regularly international titles are assigned and ratings are calculated. Regulatory documents are being finalized and modernized.

Thus, the International Draughts Federation (IDF) has approached the regular reporting and election General Assembly 2018 as a stable and successful organization with clear development prospects.