



FIDE Trainers' Commission (TRG)

FIDE Congress 2017 (October 2017)

REPORT - August 23rd, 2017

Dear Mr. President,

Here is our Commission's Report for the FIDE Congress 2017. We have noted all proposals and decisions concerning the operation of our Commission during the last year and we have informed the Executive Director and we were able to solve in perfect harmony all subjects. Most of the **TRG Minutes** contents concerns formalities and general every-day work, but there are some issues which should be exclusively decided by the EB. From these extensive **Minutes** we ask you to approve the following:

1. New TRG Titles: TRG Council voted on applications and confirmed seminar results according to the TRG Regulations and approved the attached titles (Annex: TRG-01-New Titles 2017).

2. TRG Academies: The Council examined Academies' applications as follows:

2.1. By the 'Chess Academy of Luxembourg' (Luxembourg - Luxembourg * Annex: TRG-02-FIDE Academy Application - Luxembourg 1-1 & 1-2 & 1-3 & 1-4 & 1-5 & 1-6). The Application was sent on 28.04.2017, by the Applicant and not the federation. As per Regulations, 90 days should be passed before any decision, so in the meantime several e-mails were exchanged between the TRG, the Luxemburg CF and the Applicant Academy. It is obvious that the Luxemburg CF is not supporting the Academy, but on the other hand no valid reason has been noted, as per Regulations (3.1.3. The National Federation is responsible to officially inform TRG within 90 days on its decision. In case of rejection, a valid reason, according to the FIDE/TRG Regulations, should be noted.). The Council endorses the application, as per Regulations and similar past cases (USA, England).

3. TRG Regulations - Updates: Note that the updates were checked and approved as well by the Chairman of the Commissions Mr. Geoffrey Borg (Annex: TRG-03-FIDE - TRG Regulations - Main 2017).

With kind regards,

The Chairman
Adrian Mikhalchishin
Councillor
Uwe Boensch

Councillor
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The Secretary
Efstratios Grivas
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28.04.2017

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Dear President of FLDE, dear members of the central committee FLDE,
By the present email I would like to submit my official application in regards with the creation of the Chess Academy of Luxembourg .
The scope of this Academy would be to work for the evolution of chess in Luxembourg mostly for young people and its main duties are to establish chess at schools, give training courses and promote chess through chess events.
The rules of the Academy respect all the conditions written in FIDE Trainers' Commission (TRG) FIDE Academies Regulations Article 3. Guideline for FIDE Academies (see in Annex).
The Academy is going to be registered and affiliated (paragraph 3.2.1) in Luxembourg.
Once the present application is approved it should be sent by the National Chess Federation of Luxembourg to TRG FIDE responsables.
I'm putting in copy TRG according to paragraph 3.1.2.
Please inform TRG within 90 days on your decision according the regulation. In case of rejection, a valid reason, according to the FIDE/TRG Regulations, should be noted. 3.1.3.
I remain at your disposal for further information
Thank you in advanced for a favorable decision
Best regards
Alexios Sorras
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P.S. Please return the application to Mr Grivas grivasefs@yahoo.co.uk General secretary of TRG FIDE



FIDE Trainers' Commission (TRG)

Appendix 8

FIDE Academy Application	
National Federation (Applicant)	Federation Luxembourgeoise des échecs
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Federation Official	Fattebene Pierre (President)

N	Academy's Data	Entry
1	Full Name	CHESS ACADEMY OF LUXEMBOURG
2	Date of Establishing	28/04/2017
3	Country - Town	Luxembourg, Luxembourg
4	Address	
5	E-mail Address	Sorras@pt.lu
6	Website Address	
7	Mobile Phone Number	++352190035
8	Residential Address	
9	Director	Sorras Alexios
10	Official Languages	French & English

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LUXEMBOURG 28/04/17


SORRAS ALEXIOS

06.08.2017

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Sent: 02 August 2017 17:22

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Cc: contact@flde.lu; 'Nigel Freeman' <nigelfreeman@fide.com>; 'Adrian Mykhalchyshyn' <gmadrian@hotmail.com>

Subject: Re: FIDE Academy Application - Luxembourg

Dear Sirs,

Unfortunately Mr. Sorras did not contact the Committee of the FLDE for further informations.

So for the moment, we only know that the official address of the academy is his domicile address.

If FIDE is still interested in concluding a contract with Mr. Sorras, it should only concern FIDE and Mr. Sorras.

The committee of the FLDE refuses to be concerned in any way.

As the Luxemburgish is not part of the official languages, we would be pleased if the name of a possible academy would not be "CHESS ACADEMY OF LUXEMBOURG" but rather "PRIVATE CHESS ACADEMY OF LUXEMBOURG" or something else.

Kind Regards

Pierre Fattebene

president of the FLDE

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15.06.2017 - 23:05

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Sorras

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Dear Chairman of the FIDE Trainers Commission (TRG),

On 28 April 2017, the Luxembourgish chess federation (FLDE) was contacted by Mr. Alexis Sorras on behalf of the creation of a "Chess Academy" in Luxembourg.

According to paragraph 3.1.1 of FIDE Academy Regulations our Federation should endorse this project.

The committee of the FLDE, in the session of 23th of May 2017 decided that our federation refuses to endorse the application. Please find as an attachment a detailed report concerning the position of the committee of the FLDE.

Kind Regards

Pierre Fattebene

President of the FLDE

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26.08.2017

Dear Sirs,

Please find in the attachment the application form of the Chess Academy of Luxembourg filled with the points asked.

Sadly I can't make known yet a website or a Facebook page since that the official approval of the Academy has not been yet done.

After the approval I'll create all the necessary things (logo, scope, etc) concerning our chess Academy.

Thank you for the understanding

Kind Regards

Sorras Alexios



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Secrétaire Général : Philippe Wesquet +352 / 661.888.877

Luxembourg 13 June 2017

Subject: creation of a “Chess Academy” in Luxembourg

Dear Chairman of the FIDE Trainers Commission (TRG),

On 28 April 2017, the Luxembourgish chess federation (FLDE) was contacted by Mr. Alexis Sorras on behalf of the creation of a “Chess Academy” in Luxembourg.

According to paragraph 3.1.1 of FIDE Academy Regulations our Federation should endorse this project. In view of further information FLDE asked Mr. Sorras to provide and clarify the following issues:

- i) To clarify the aim of the Chess Academy, given by himself.

“The scope of this Academy would be to work for the evolution of chess in Luxembourg mostly for young people and its main duties are to establish chess at schools, give training courses and promote chess through chess events”

In the opinion of the committee of the FLDE a project should have a precise definition and proposals how to realise the scope.

Furthermore, we asked Mr Sorras:

- ii) If the Chess Academy should be a private organization or if it should work as an institution of the FLDE.
- iii) The Address, Phone Number, Website Address, etc (According to Appendix 8).
- iv) Precisions about the employees of the Chess Academy (FIDE trainers, etc).
- v) If the social assurance obligations were verified for the employees.
- vi) If Mr Sorras could present as a budget concerning the Chess Academy.



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His answers

"I Thank you for your interest for the creation of the Academy. My first object will be to fill the education chess gaps of young people of the country. The Academy will work as a private organization, with several projects concerning the evolution, the promotion, and the exposure of Chess in accordance of the laws of FIDE. The Address of the Academy could be my private address. A Website web will be created and the details will be known soon. The employees of the Academy will be provided with contracts corresponding to the Luxemburgish Laws. The Academy will pay all financial obligations."

Mr. Sorras assures that the Academy will operate respecting the FIDE, national and FLDE laws. The academy will cooperate with the FLDE for a good development of our sport.

The committee of the FLDE, in the session of 23th of May 2017 decided that our federation refuses to endorse the application for the following reasons:

- i) The project "Chess Academy" is not well-defined. No analyses of the actual Chess situation in our country has been done. The goal is very vague. By this way it is difficult to see the purpose of the chess Academy.
- ii) Many key points for a well-working academy are not given (location, composition, Website...). Mr. Sorras didn't produce one single step towards FLDE in order to assure the seriousness of the chess academy by for example providing detailed didactic/educational material. Furthermore, his verbal (written) behaviour became very questionable when FLDE pushed for information's.
- iii) We have no information concerning the financial structure of the Academy. An action plan or business model as requested was not provided by Mr. Sorras.
- iv) Finally, the official languages will be French and English. In Luxembourg, most of the children start speaking English only at the age of 13 years; in general, they do not understand English conversations until the age of 16 or 17 years. The comprehension of the French language is another big problem for most of our youngsters.

Kind regards

Pierre Fattebene
President of the FLDE

**FIDE Trainers' Commission (TRG)****18.06.2017****Attention: Fédération Luxembourgeoise des Échecs (FLDE)****President Mr. Pierre Fattebene****Subject: FIDE Academy in Luxembourg**

Dear Mr. President,

We would like to thank you for your 13.06.2017 letter and your detailed investigation and explanations on the subject. We fully agree with you that the Application of Mr. Sorras is not complete; numbers 4, 6 and 8 should be clearly filled-up.

Now on your objections, we have to comment the following:

1. The project is defined as per Regulations. The federation has the right to monitor the activities of a FIDE Academy in its territory and taken necessary measures.

2. Location, structure and website must be given. Didactic/educational material will be provided by FIDE. For his verbal behaviour we are not in a position to comment.

3. Nothing of these is required, as per Regulations.

4. Chosen language(s) is not an obstacle for a potential Academy, as per Regulations.

We cannot see serious problems on Mr. Sorras Application (except no 2) and we would kindly call both sides to reconsider their actions.

The FIDE Academies project is expanded worldwide and today a valuable net of 60 Academies has been created. As the federation is in control, we fail to see any future problem that can arise for the Luxembourgian federation.

With kind regards,

The Chairman
Adrian Mikhalchishin

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FIDE Trainers' Commission (TRG)

Appendix 8

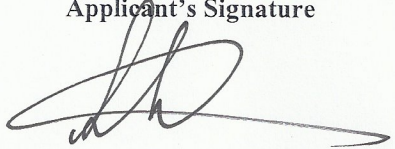
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Applicant's Signature

Date 28.04.2017



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FIDE Trainers' Commission (TRG)

FIDE Trainers' System (Regulations)

FIDE Titles - TRG Seminars

The TRG (Appendix 1), by taking into account previous decisions of FIDE Presidential & Executive Boards & General Assemblies and various proposals of recent years, revised and finalised the present Regulations.

These Regulations will apply to the FIDE Trainers' System, dealing with FIDE Titles and TRG Seminars. All previous decisions on these matters will have no further validity and are replaced by the present document (FIDE EB 2017).

1. Trainers' Titles

1.1. FIDE & TRG recognise the following titles (in descending order of expertise):

- 1.1.1. FIDE Senior Trainer (FST)
- 1.1.2. FIDE Trainer (FT)
- 1.1.3. FIDE Instructor (FI)
- 1.1.4. National Instructor (NI)
- 1.1.5. Developmental Instructor (DI)

1.2. Title Descriptions - Requirements - Awards:

1.2.1. FIDE Senior Trainer (FST)

1.2.1.1. Scope - Mission:

- a. Lecturing in Seminars as Lecturer/Seminar Leader (if approved).
- b. Training the trainers, developing the future of chess training, inspiring, encouraging and innovating.
- c. Training players particularly with rating above 2450.

1.2.1.2. Qualification - Professional Skills Requirements:

- a. Proposal/endorsement from his/her national federation.

- b. FIDE Trainer or minimum 10 years experience as a trainer in general.
- c. Holder of the title GM, IM or FM.
- d. Achieved a career high FIDE ELO rating of 2450 (strength).
- e. Knowledge, besides his/her native language, of at least one of the FIDE approved languages: Arabic, English, French, German, Portuguese, Russian and Spanish.
- f. Has published material, such as manuals, books or series of articles.
- g. Proof of World/International successes, as below:

- g1. Trainer of Olympic medal winning team.
- g2. Trainer of a World Champion.
- g3. Trainer of a Challenger for the World Championship (final match).
- g4. Trainer of the Continental team gold medal winner.
- g5. Trainer of the Continental individual champion.
- g6. Trainer of more than 3 World Champions in Youth and Junior categories.
- g7. Trainer - Founder of chess schools, which have developed a minimum of 3 IGM or 6 titled players (GM, IM or WGM).
- g8. Trainer, who originated and developed educational systems and/or programmes.

1.2.1.3. Title Award:

- a. The application (Appendix 2-a) must be sent through his/her national federation (mandatory).
- b. It is strongly noted that the most important criteria of a FST title (obligatory/mandatory requirements) are: f. (Published material) and g. (World/International successes) and TRG will mainly focus on

these areas. All other requirements can be treated as non-mandatory.

c. For the FST Title Award a ballot among the five TRG Board members will take place and a 70% positive number (Yes = 20% * Abstain = 10% * No = 0%) will be needed. If the application fails, the FIDE Trainer title may be awarded. The applicant is obliged to accept this procedure and fulfil the necessary payments.

d. TRG reserves the right to investigate and accept or reject any statement of the applicant, without any further explanation.

e. The Applicant accepts that all licence fees will be invoiced to the affiliated federation.

1.2.2. FIDE Trainer (FT)

1.2.2.1. Scope - Mission:

a. Introducing the trainee to important aspects of chess, such as the concept of and preparation for competitive success. This is necessary for trainees who wish to reach a high level of play or seek competitive success in any form.

1.2.2.2. Qualification - Professional Skills Requirements:

a. According to the relative evaluation tables.

1.2.2.3. Title Award:

a. By successful participation in a TRG Seminar.

b. Rejected applicants for the FST title but who achieve the necessary qualification for this title.

1.2.3. FIDE Instructor (FI)

1.2.3.1. Scope - Mission:

a. Teach the trainee the theory of the middlegame and the endgame. He will work closely with the trainee towards the creation of the trainee's personalized opening repertoire, which he will also help enrich with new ideas.

b. Raise the competitive standard of national youth players to an international level.

1.2.3.2. Qualification - Professional Skills Requirements:

a. According to the relative evaluation tables.

1.2.3.3. Title Award:

a. By successful participation in a TRG Seminar.

1.2.4. National Instructor (NI)

1.2.4.1. Scope - Mission:

a. Raising the level of competitive chess players to a national level standard.

b. Training trainees with rating up to 1700.

c. School teacher.

1.2.4.2. Qualification - Professional Skills Requirements:

a. According to the relative evaluation tables.

1.2.4.3. Title Award:

a. By successful participation in a TRG Seminar.

1.2.5. Developmental Instructor (DI)

1.2.5.1. Scope - Mission:

a. Spread the love for chess among children and methodically bring them to a competitive level.

b. Instructor for beginners, elementary, intermediate and recreational level players.

c. School teacher.

1.2.5.2. Qualification - Professional Skills Requirements:

a. According to the relative evaluation tables.

1.2.5.3. Title Award:

a. By successful participation in a TRG Seminar.

1.2.6. Evaluation Tables

1.2.6.1. Highest FIDE or National Rating (strength). Counts 20% on final title:

Rating	Points Awarded
0-1100	0 x 20 = 0
1101-1250	1 x 20 = 20
1251-1400	2 x 20 = 40
1401-1550	3 x 20 = 60
1551-1700	4 x 20 = 80
1701-1850	5 x 20 = 100
1851-2000	6 x 20 = 120
2001-2150	7 x 20 = 140
2151-2300	8 x 20 = 160
2301-2450	9 x 20 = 180
2451-2900	10 x 20 = 200

1.2.6.2. FIDE titles. Evaluation according to the Lecturer. Counts 10% on final title:

Scale	Points Awarded
0	0 x 10 = 0
1	1 x 10 = 10
2	2 x 10 = 20
3	3 x 10 = 30
4	4 x 10 = 40
5	5 x 10 = 50
6	6 x 10 = 60
7	7 x 10 = 70
8	8 x 10 = 80
9	9 x 10 = 90
10	10 x 10 = 100

1.2.6.3. Attendance. Evaluation according to the Lecturer. Counts 10% on final title:

Scale	Points Awarded
0	0 x 10 = 0
1	1 x 10 = 10
2	2 x 10 = 20
3	3 x 10 = 30
4	4 x 10 = 40
5	5 x 10 = 50
6	6 x 10 = 60
7	7 x 10 = 70
8	8 x 10 = 80
9	9 x 10 = 90
10	10 x 10 = 100

1.2.6.4. Bibliography - Published Material. Evaluation according to the Lecturer. Counts 10% on final title:

Scale	Points Awarded
0	0 x 10 = 0
1	1 x 10 = 10
2	2 x 10 = 20
3	3 x 10 = 30
4	4 x 10 = 40
5	5 x 10 = 50
6	6 x 10 = 60
7	7 x 10 = 70
8	8 x 10 = 80
9	9 x 10 = 90
10	10 x 10 = 100

1.2.6.5. Experience as noted in the CV. Counts 20% on final title:

Years	Points Awarded
1	0 x 20 = 0
2	1 x 20 = 20
3	2 x 20 = 40
4	3 x 20 = 60
5	4 x 20 = 80
6	5 x 20 = 100
7	6 x 20 = 120
8	7 x 20 = 140
9	8 x 20 = 160
10	9 x 20 = 180
+10	10 x 20 = 200

1.2.6.6. Written Exams. Counts 30% on final title. For a 30-question exam the final result is divided by three and multiplied by 30. For a 15-question exam the final result is divided by one-and-a-half and multiplied by 30. The numbers are rounded.

1.2.6.7. According to the total result of the previous evaluation tables, the titles are awarded as following:

Points Awarded	Title
1000-800	FT
799-600	FI
599-400	NI
399-200	DI
199-0	No title

1.3. Procedures - Financial

- a. After successful graduation from the seminar course, each participant will receive a participation certificate signed by the Lecturers/Seminar Leaders.
- b. After the detailed report submission by the Lecturers/Seminar Leaders to TRG, the latter will submit the title applications /proposals to FIDE for approval by an official body (PB, EB or GA).
- c. Following approval, the trainer will receive the official diploma and badge (the badge shall include the photograph of the trainer and the licence validity) from FIDE, if the following conditions are fulfilled:
 - c1. Requirements (Qualification) for each title as described above.
 - c2. Diploma of the successful participation in the FIDE Trainer Seminar (except for FST).

c3. Written examinations for all titles except for FST.

c4. Payments of FIDE fees (participation and titles), according to the following table:

Title Awarded	Title Award (one-time)	Licence Fee (valid for 4 years)
FIDE Senior Trainer	300 Euros	180 Euros
FIDE Trainer	200 Euros	120 Euros
FIDE Instructor	100 Euros	60 Euros
National Instructor	50 Euros	30 Euros
Developmental Instructor	50 Euros	30 Euros

d. The FIDE fee for a participant to a TRG seminar is 100 euros and it must be paid to the affiliated federation/body, co-organiser of the Seminar. The affiliated federation/body, co-organiser will be invoiced by FIDE for the total amount of the participants' fees. It must be noted that the seminar fee, under certain and strict circumstances, could be varied from 0 to 100 euros.

e. It is allowed for a participant to pay his Title Fee in advance to the affiliated federation/body co-organiser or to FIDE directly. In this case he/she must inform FIDE in writing of this action. In the case that his/her title fails to be approved by FIDE, the Title Fee is not refundable.

f. Approved titles by PB/EB/GA will be invoiced to the trainers' federations. A federation reserves the right to refuse to be invoiced if appeals to TRG by thirty (30) calendar days after the approval of the title. In this case the trainer will be suspended and will not have the right to apply for a title for the next two calendar years.

g. A titled Trainer will be charged a 'Licence Fee' after two calendar years have passed since the title has been awarded by TRG Board. Each licence (except the first one) will be valid for four (4) years. Ex-FIDE World Champions and the FST of the 2004 Direct Approval (founders) are exempt from these licence regulations. Failing to fulfil the licence's obligations will lead to a suspension from the trainers' title lists.

h. A penalty of 15 euros will be added to each trainer who has failed to renew his licence in time.

i. Each federation is obliged to inform all its affiliated trainers on their titles and licences financial obligations following the annually

January relative letter of the FIDE Executive Director. By the end of each February, the federation is obliged to inform in written form the accepted licences to be invoiced. Failing to follow that, all licence fees will automatically be invoiced to the federation without the right for a reverse decision.

j. English is the official language between TRG, federations and Trainers.

k. GMs and IMs do not have to attend a seminar, but would be given the lowest title together with all the TRG literature (optional - Appendix 2-b).

2. TRG Seminars

2.1. Order of Procedures

2.1.1. Application of the co-organising body(s) to TRG (Appendix 3).

2.1.2. Approval by TRG and Continental Presidency.

2.1.3. Approval of Lecturers/Seminar Leaders (Appendix 4), program and lectures.

2.1.4. Announcement on FIDE and TRG websites by completing the obligatory draft forms.

2.1.5. Results submission by the Lecturer to TRG for approval (Appendix 5 & 6).

2.1.6. TRG's submission of the proposed results to PB/EB/GA and payments to FIDE.

2.2. Lecturers - Seminar Leaders

2.2.1. All TRG seminars are conducted by Lecturers/Seminar Leaders (FST title holders). Lecturers/Seminar Leaders are highly skilled professionals, each with many years of experience in the chess training field. They combine the expertise of a professional

trainer, expert practitioner and TRG seminar experience, offering proven teaching and facilitation skills that will ensure an active and participatory learning experience.

2.2.2. All Lecturers/Seminar Leaders (Appendix 2) are appointed by the TRG once per year (December) and a federation approval and application is needed in order to add a new FST to the list. Any Lecturer is obliged to have successfully served at least in 1-2 past seminars as Assistant Lecturer.

2.2.3. In each 30-hour seminar two Lecturers/Seminar Leaders will be in charge. Exceptions are allowed if approved beforehand by TRG. For a 15-hour seminar one Lecturer is allowed.

2.2.4. Assistants (other titled trainers, psychologists, etc) are allowed after approval.

2.2.5. The Syllabus guideline will be used in TRG seminars. A copy (hard or pdf) must be given (free or by debit) to all participants before the written examinations.

2.2.6. When organising seminars for National Instructor and Developmental Instructor titles, it is possible that they can be conducted by FIDE Trainer or FIDE Instructor title holders. But this has to be approved in advance by TRG.

2.2.7. A recommended estimated cost for Lecturers' fees for TRG seminars is 3.500 euros for a 30-hour seminar and 1.750 euros for a 15-hour seminar. That amount includes neither travel expenses nor board & lodging. Various other expenses (auditorium, bulletin, coffee-breaks costs) will be the responsibility of the co-organiser.

2.2.8. A co-organiser is granted the right to charge each participant a 'participation fee' up to 450 euros. Any such 'participation fee' is deemed to include the FIDE fee of 100 euros (1.3.d).

2.2.9. In each seminar programme (prospectus) the following must be analysed:

2.2.9.1. Dates.

2.2.9.2. Location.

2.2.9.3. Titles' analysis.

2.2.9.4. Order of events and course plan.

2.2.9.5. Various costs and payments.

2.2.9.6. Lecturers.

2.2.9.7. Various other information.

2.2.10. All participants must complete their personal ID-Card (Appendix 7) and return it in electronical form to the Lecturer.

2.2.11. Any seminar participant is obliged to fully accept the present Regulations with his/her written participation. Appeals against the Lecturer's decision are allowed within 30 days and only via the national federation. The decision of TRG will be final.

2.2.12. The conduct of seminars via the Internet may be permitted, but only after TRG's approval of each specific case.

2.2.13. In case of a seminar cancellation on the organiser's responsibility, the total agreed amount must be paid to the Lecturer/es by the organiser. In case of an argument, TRG reserves the right to investigate each case separately and advice FIDE.

2.2.14. In case of a seminar cancellation on the Lecturer/es responsibility, the organiser is entitled to ask for compensation from the Lecturer/es. In case of an argument, TRG reserves the right to investigate each case separately and advice FIDE.

3. Guideline for FIDE Academies

3.1. Procedures.

3.1.1. A FIDE Academy application must be endorsed and sent by the National Chess Federation (which must be a member of FIDE), where the Academy is registered and affiliated.

3.1.2. The applicant must address an official application to its National Chess Federation, with a copy to TRG.

3.1.3. The National Federation is responsible to officially inform TRG within 90 days on its decision. In case of rejection, a valid reason, according to the FIDE/TRG Regulations, should be noted.

3.1.4. The applicant has the right to appeal against a rejection. TRG's decision would be

final upon approval by Presidential Board or General Assembly.

3.2. Obligations.

3.2.1. An approved and endorsed FIDE Academy shall conduct its activities in accordance with the requirements, obligations, and rights assigned by FIDE, TRG, and any official terms of agreements reached between the FIDE Academy and the National Federation.

3.2.2. Shall carry on all its official documents the FIDE title and the FIDE logo.

3.2.3. Shall follow FIDE & TRG Regulations and Guidelines.

3.2.4. Shall follow the FIDE Trainers' Commission 'Syllabus' and the FIDE and TRG Official Books.

3.2.5. Shall pay the Registration Fee (200 euros) and annual fee (300 euros per year) to FIDE. The financial obligations will be invoiced annually (April-May) to the affiliated federations.

3.2.6. Shall cooperate with TRG's approved FIDE Lecturers/Seminar Leaders.

3.2.7. Shall cooperate with FIDE licenced trainers.

3.2.8. Shall provide and regularly update requested necessary information for TRG's archives and microsite.

3.2.9. Shall cooperate in harmony, with all.

3.3. Rights.

3.3.1. Can submit via the National Federation its internal tournaments for FIDE Rating calculations. No additional costs other than the official FIDE costs can be added by the National Federation.

3.3.2. Can organise FIDE Training Camps.

3.3.3. Can issue FIDE Attendance Certificates.

3.3.4. Can apply (via the federation) to TRG to organise FIDE Trainers' Seminars for FIDE Trainers' titles.

3.3.5. Can send its trainees (maximum one player per category - wild cards) to World & Continental Youth Chess Championships and the World and Continental Chess School Championships. In this case the registration must be made via the National Federation. A fee for each FIDE Academy player up to 100 euros can be issued by the National Federation (administrative fees). In case of disagreement on the amount, the FIDE Academy can appeal to TRG, which will make the final decision.

3.3.6. Any world chess Academy/Institute is obliged to have been approved as an official FIDE Academy before is allowed/approved/endorsed to carry a FIDE Continental Academy status.

4. Licenced Trainers

4.1. All Head of Delegation/Captain/Coach/Trainer at official FIDE events such as Olympiads, World, European, Continental, Pan-American, and Asian Team Championship, and World and Continental Youth Individual Championships, are obliged to have FIDE certified & licenced trainer status.

4.2. No Head of Delegation/Captain/Coach/Trainer will be offered free board & lodging (where it is offered by the organisers) at official FIDE events such as Olympiads, World, European, Continental, Pan-American, and Asian Team Championship, and World and Continental Youth Individual Championships, if he/she does not hold any official & licenced FIDE-TRG title.

4.3. No Head of Delegation/Captain/Coach/Trainer will be offered access to the official playing hall (where the playing hall conditions allow for access) at official FIDE events such as Olympiads, World, Continental, European, Pan-American, and Asian Team Championship, and World and Continental Youth Individual Championships, if he/she does not hold any official & licenced FIDE-TRG title.

4.4. A violation of the article 4.1. or 4.2. or 4.3. may carry a financial penalty of a minimum 500 euros (per Head of Delegation/Captain/Coach/Trainer), charged to the

federation of the offending Captain/Coach/Trainer.

4.5. Each national federation shall nominate an 'Official Contact Person' with the TRG.