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2022, overview of 8 months activity of the ECU Arbiters Council

During the previous General Assembly of ECU in Thessaloniki, the ECU Arbiters Council presented their annual report. In fact it was not a report over a full year but only over 8 months because the General Assembly of 2021 was held in November of that year.

Compared with 2020 and 2021, one can say that, until now, 2022 was a normal year. Almost all measures related to Covid 19 were stopped.

Every chess player, chess organiser, board member and chess lover was relieved that over the board tournaments could be organised again without almost no restrictions whatsoever. Until now, in 2022 ECU organised 6 OTB tournaments during which 49 arbiters were active.

A detailed overview of all the arbiters who were appointed can be found on our website. In this overview all arbiters who were active during these events are listed and are classified by title and category (IA – FA/ A – B – C – D). It is possible to find in what event the arbiter was active, what position he/she had in that event and the number of events in which he/she was active. It is also possible to find the man/woman ratio and the local/foreign ratio. Furthermore, a report of each tournament with the arbiters also can be found.

At the end of last year ECU Arbiters Council set up a new call of interest for all European FIDE Arbiters and International Arbiters in order to be appointed as arbiter during ECU Events in 2022.

The system of points was based on the system which was already used in 2020.

Where necessary, it was adjusted based on the experience and feedback we received from the Call of Interest of 2020. ECU AC graded all applications giving points to the arbiters. In that way, we created some kind of queue, according to the given points. We received 152 applications which was a little bit less than 2 years ago. After checking all of them, all 152 applications were accepted. Until now 8 arbiters have been appointed by ECU Arbiters so far.

Just like in the previous years, the members of the council monthly wrote an article for the Arbiters Corner of the ECU Magazine. According to several reactions, this initiative was highly appreciated, specially the articles about “the good and the bad arbiters”. Every article which was published in the ECU Magazine was also published on our website.

The ECU Arbiters Council submitted a proposal to increase the stipend for arbiters mainly because of the increase of the costs for transportation. Detailed information about this proposal can be found on our website. During the 2022 ECU General Assembly (in Thessaloniki), it was decided the Board of ECU will make the final decision about this proposal.

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Until now, 2022 was, like the previous 4 years, a very challenging year for the ECU AC. We did our best to accept these challenges and to make sure that new and necessary projects were launched. It was a pleasure and an honour to work together so well with all the council members and with everyone who wants to best for chess in general and for chess in ECU. ECU AC would like to thank everyone who helped us succeed in all our goals this year. Without this very good cooperation this would not have been possible!

Finally...

2022 was also the last year of the term of the council in this composition. After the ECU General Assembly in Thessaloniki, a new council will be formed. At the beginning of this term, ECU AC made a working plan of what we wanted to achieve.

We are proud to confirm that we accomplished everything that was mentioned in this plan.

Worth to mention is the creation of our own website; the monthly articles in the ECU Magazine; several proposals for ECU tournament rules which were approved; the call of interest; several forms like reporting procedures (arbiters report form, tournament report form...), evaluation forms, GDPR form etc.; the creation of the titles of Online Arbitrer and National Online Arbitrer; organisation of several seminars, workshops and webinars (online as well as physically) and many more.

This 4 years really were amazing. On behalf of the ECU AC, I would like to express my gratitude for the trust and the confidence we have received to do this job during this 4 years.

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For all the Arbiters Corner articles and more information about the work of the ECU Arbiters Council, see the webpage of the council.