

Executive Director / FIDE Delegate

This has been a year of ups and downs . I like to end on a positive so lets start with the negative. I applied for a lottery grant to enable us to purchase sensory boards. In December we had an acceptance in principle but unfortunately the offer was revoked on a technicality. We are considering what changes we need to make to allow us to resubmit the application.

Now for the positives. Strangely they all seem to involve Alex. Firstly we managed to get him recognised as a FIDE Arbiter trainer and then secondly he is invited to be an arbiter at the World Championship qualifiers. Fantastic achievement for a Scottish Arbiter!

As Mike mentioned we are preparing for the Chess in Schools initiative. I would say we are about 2 years away from having the infrastructure in place to allow us to start. There is still a lot to do and we are only at the start of it!

I am pleased to see that we are now seeing more people coming forward to help. We have had offers of help for fundraising, marketing and interest in the vacant director roles. I am hopeful that we will have an almost full directorate next year.

This has been the busiest I have ever been with the FIDE delegate role. I did not make the Olympiad due to the extortionate costs they were looking for. We were well represented at the meetings.

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