

IGF report for EGF AGM 2012

IGF

The IGF did elect in May 2012 a new president Mr. Koichiro Matsuura (Japan). He already visited this years European Go congress in Bonn (and is the first IGF president who did visit the European Go Congress)

This a continuation of the 2 year rotation program of the IGF presidency, in 2014 it is Korea's turn.

The in Europe well known Mrs. Kobayashi Chizu was elected to IGF Office-director The Ing Chang Ki foundation officially became an associate member of the IGF, Mr. Ying Minghaw is now director of the IGF. This is a further step in the long cooperation between the IGF and the Ing Chang Ki foundation

Important IGF events in 2011/2012

The 9th World Student Oza Tournament (28 Feb.~4 Mar. 2011, Tokyo)

The 32nd World Amateur Go Championship (26 May~2 Jun. 2011, Matsue)

The 22nd International Amateur Pair Go Champ. (19, 20 Nov. 2011, Tokyo)

The 1st SportAccord World Mind Games (8~17 Dec. 2011, Beijing)

WAGC 2012 in Guangzhou

WAGC 2013 will be in Sendai Japan

WAGC 2014 will be in Korea

Sport Accord World Mind Games

There was one special event in December 2011, the Sport World Mind Games, 5 European players did participate in this event after winning the European qualification tournament.

They enjoyed playing against professionals and the prize money for this event.

Unfortunately only EU players were allowed to participate in this event in 2011 (decision on high level within Sport Accord).

For 2012 and following years we protested against this and all European players can now qualify for this Sport Accords Mind Sport Games which will be organised every year in Beijing for the coming 4 years.

In the 2012 SAWMG 3 male European players and 3 female European players can play in the Men, Women and Pair Go events.

The qualification tournaments for European players for this year SAWMG are already announced and the names and details have to be submitted by September 15

WMSG 2012

It was a long search for a good venue for the WMSG 2012 but in the end the city of Lille was chosen. Because this decision was very late the announcements for Go at the WMSG were also late. But already a large number of countries has announced that they will participate and players started to register at

<http://www.wmsg2012.org/>

IGF support for WMSG

The EGF will organize the Go part of the World Mind Sport Games in Lille and the IGF did decide to support this event with 10.000 USD.

It is the EGF's responsibility to organize this event within budget.

More sponsors are already found for this event, although the budget remains tight.

Three new members for IGF

Brunei, Latvia and Kazakhstan.

The country Kazakhstan is positioned both in Europe and Asia but did choose to become member of the EGF as well.

Anti-doping program

Anti-doping tests were held at the Sport Accord World Mind Games (organized by Sport Accord) and at the WAGC in Guangzhou.

As expected all anti-doping tests were negative.

In 2013 the Wada organization will start reviewing anti-doping regulations again.

The Mind Sport federations will continue to strive to reduce the anti-doping tests for mind sports.

Review of IGF membership fees for EGF members

A proposal was accepted that the IGF asks the EGF to set the membership fees for EGF members for next year.

EGF has to review and possibly change the IGF membership fee for its members

Every three years.

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