



ICCD FRIENDS OF CHESS - 2014-15 REPORT

2014 was a quiet year with no requests from any ICCD member-country.

But in 2015, I am pleased to report that we were able to help out two Asian countries, Uzbekistan and Kazakhstan, financially.

In the case of Uzbekistan, we ensured their participation in the 3rd Asian Deaf Individual Chess Championships at Ulaanbaator, Mongolia. Without Uzbekistan, it would not have been the same. I was impressed by how the Mongolian organisers cooperated with me to ensure that Uzbekistan would be represented in Mongolia.

In the case of Kazakhstan, we were happy to help their six chess players partake in the 1st European Ladies team event and the European Club Team Championships at Baku, Azerbaijan.

By helping out Kazakhstan and Uzbekistan, it can be said that the objectives of the ICCD Friends of Chess has been met with success.

It was a wonderful gesture that the Baku chess organisers had kindly made a donation of 250 Euros to the Friends of ICCD.

In August 2015, the President, Anthony Boyce, decided to step down having done everything he could to promote the ICCD Friends of Chess. As a result, the ICCD decided to appoint me as Interim President so that I could keep the ICCD Friends of Chess stable. I think I have done my job.

I am pleased to announce that our finances remain stable with 7650 euros.

Best wishes,

**Michael Freund, Interim President
Friends of ICCD**