

# IBCA report for events/DIS 2021-2023

## **1)2021 IBCA OLYMPIAD (17 to 26 October 2021)**

The IBCA Olympiad in 2021 was held in Rhodes/Greece with a participation of only 22 countries, mainly as a result of the global COVID restrictions

The Olympiad was a successful event, in the first three places we had: 1) Russia 2)Poland 3)Serbia

## **2)2022 IBCA World Junior and World Women individual Chess Championships July 10th – 17th July 2022**

Both tournaments organized in Castelnaury, France

The Tournaments was a success with 26 women participants and 13 Juniors

The first three places in Women: 1) Zsiltzova-Lisenko Lubov 2) Stolarczyk Anna 3) Egeman Emilia

The first three places in Juniors: 1) Johansson Tage 2) Aryan B Joshi 3) Racis Michal

## **3) 2022 IBCA World Team Chess Championship for the Blind and Visually Impaired in Ohrid, North Macedonia June 27 – July 08, 2022**

8 top countries participated in the Tournament

Final standings: 1)Poland 2)Ukraine 3)Hungary

## **4) PANAMERICAN CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP FOR THE BLIND AND VISUALLY IMPAIRED , MEXICO 2022 October 23 – October 29, 2022**

This was an important event for IBCA, it was the first time after 30 years that a member of the executive board, the B' Vice President, Mrs Tsykina Diana, following the instructions of the IBCA board, was present to follow a Pan-American IBCA Championship.As a result, the relations of the IBCA with IBCA America are now in closest cooperation

The Tournament organized in four sections with 54 participants:

**Totally Blind / Open section:** 1) Fredy Alexander Jaimes 2) Saulo de Jesus Torres 3) Fernando Daza Samboni

**Totally Blind / Women section:** 1) Yolima Franco Perez 2) Maribel Yepes Bermudez 3) Leidy Tatiana Contreras Sandoval

**Visually Impaired / Open section:** 1) Harlen Jose Otero Munelo 2) Henry Monterrey 3) John Mike Rosales

**Visually Impaired / Women section:** 1) Leidy Johanna Bautista Chiquillo 2) Jessica T. Lauser 3) Eunize Nikol Espinosa Toala

**5) 2023 IBCA European Team Chess Championship for the Blind and Visually Impaired at Genoa, Italy April 19 – April 30, 2023**

Another successful event, with 14 countries participated

The final results: 1)Serbia 2)Poland 3)Ukraine

**6) 2023 IBCA World Women's and Junior Individual Chess Championship for the Blind and Visually Impaired Valencia, Spain**

Unfortunately, both events are cancelled from the organizers as a result of low numbers participation

For the first time, we tried to organize both events two years in a row, perhaps that was one reason for the cancellation of the events

The new IBCA board should take into consideration many parameters to conclude if is possible for the future to organize the events yearly

**FIDE DIS COMMISSION 2021/2023**

FIDE DIS commission is responsible for the organization of the following events:

1)FIDE Olympiad for people with disabilities, every two years after or together with the FIDE Olympiad

2)FIDE World Championship for people with disabilities, occasionally, as per the bids from Organizers

Both events are mixed with participants from all 3 disabilities

It is important every time to avoid clash with the IBCA events

IBCA is affiliated and recognized by FIDE as the only Global Organization representing the Braille Chess. Therefore, we are in continuously cooperation with FIDE and DIS

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