

13th Chess Olympiad for Blind & Visually Impaired Players

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Hellenic Sports Federation for Persons with Disabilities

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The excursion that was realized today at the archeological place of Knossos pleased everyone. All the participants had the opportunity to learn about the Minoan history, the Palace, the theatre, the buildings and the art pieces. Afterwards, they visited Heraklion city, where they were able to learn about its Venetian history and of course to visit its modern part: the shopping centers, the shops with traditional goods as well as the multiple entertainment choices.

At the same time, the I.B.C.A. Congress and Elections was being held at hotel «APOLLONIA». The election of the Greek representative, Mr. Nikolaos Kalesis as Treasurer of the Board, is very pleasant for our country. The composition of the new I.B.C.A. Administrative Board is the following:

President: Ludwig Beutelhoff (Germany)

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Member at Large: Nelson Carrero (Venezuela)

After a two hours break, the Congress continued with the discussion of interesting topics such as the «Global Development of Chess for Blind players» (exponent was the representative of India) and the assignment of future International Chess Organizations (period: 2009-2012). Some of the countries, which were entrusted to organize future events, are Sweden, Turkey, Serbia and Poland.

Tomorrow, the Competition Program continues as normal. The 6th round will begin at 15:00. Following you can find the pairings in detail.