

Thank you for taking the time to read my mini manifesto setting out my vision for the future of the ECF within FIDE and the role I believe I can play in increasing our engagement while protecting our interests. Some members will be aware of my work in chess over the last 30 years which is summarised below.

Before I discuss the state of the game's governing body and our role within it I want to make one thing clear. As FIDE delegate my role would be to act and vote in accordance with the instructions of the Board, International Director and CEO. Indeed if I am unable to attend any meetings I propose my alternate be the International Director.

There are two main strands to the work of the FIDE delegate; political and practical.

Political activities have largely subsided after the elections. ECF policy guidance going forward has been published in the council papers and I concur with it. Members may be aware I was involved to a limited extent with the Kasparov campaign and attended the election to give my support in a private capacity. What I witnessed was shocking and I would be pleased to share details with members who are interested but it made FIDE look like an open honest and transparent organisation. In any event this battle has been lost decisively, we must put the election result behind us and attempt to engage, influence and improve matters where we can without compromising our basic principles.

My objectives are:

- To improve and manage relationships with FIDE and to look after member's interests while stimulating more participation from members in activities and commissions.
- To lobby for our tournament organisers and arbiters to be awarded positions at representative events. My extensive contacts with tournament organisers worldwide will facilitate this.

Through my work with politicians I will try and raise funds for a FIDE event to take place in the UK.

Through my extensive contacts with other federations I will encourage chess clubs to twin with clubs in other countries.

I am particularly keen to develop our links with other federations in the British Isles through the BICC

I will encourage members to participate in commissions where we are poorly represented. I will start the ball rolling by getting involved in the schools commission. Members should be encouraged to get involved in the women's commission and training commissions. We do not use some of the freely available FIDE resources. FIDE publishes many excellent training articles which could usefully be distributed but there is no conduit. So far this year there have been 34 FIDE training seminars and not one in England see: <http://trainers.fide.com/index.php>

I am well qualified for the post because I have strong relationships with many FIDE officials as well as heads and staff of national federations in Europe and Africa who I have met and worked with in my chess career. I also have excellent contacts in the playing community and with tournament organisers. I will call any member who would like to discuss this. Please in the first instance email chesspromotions@gmail.com

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Player: Former British Junior Champion and IM. Coach: Trained many of our leading junior players in the 80s and 90s. Schools Chess: Started a nationwide charity that has taught over 30,000 children in 400 schools and still expanding. Fund Raising: I have raised over 4 million pounds for the charity Chess in Schools and Communities. Grass Roots: I have played club, league, county and congress chess for the last 40 years and given countless simuls and lectures around the country. Journalism: Correspondent of the Daily Telegraph and Editor and publisher of Chess Monthly. Organiser: Organised weekend congresses, been club captain and staged the London Chess Classic one of the world's most prestigious events.