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Report on the Zone's Activities to the ICCF Congress of 2018 Llandudno - Wales

**Mr President, Members of the Executive Board, Commissioners,
Officials, Delegates, Ladies and Gentlemen**

It is my privilege to report on our zone's activities over the past year since the Congress of 2017 held in Albena – Bulgaria

The Zonal Team

The zonal team consists of the following officials:

- Zonal director and national delegate: SIM Everdinand Knol of South Africa.
- Deputy zonal director and webmaster: Dr Amber Chatterjee of India.
- National delegates:
 - CCE Garvin Gray of Australia.
 - Francisco Carapinha of Cape Verde.
 - Alok Saxena of India.
 - CCM Yosua Sitorus of Indonesia.

During the past year the national delegate of Australia (CCM Brian Jones) experienced a spell of poor health that forced him to stop all his ICCF activities. He was replaced by CCE Garvin Gray as national delegate. Fortunately his condition improved with time and he was able to resume with his games. We are very happy for him and his family and we wish him a full recovery in the near future.

Another setback was when our zonal director (CCM Sailesh Chandra Akkaraju of India) was forced to resign his position due to personal reasons. We thank him for his dedicated work and wish him the best of luck in his private life and profession.

Website

Please visit our zone's website at <https://iccfafroasia.wordpress.com>

Tournaments

The following tournaments were started during the past year:

- The 17th Africa/Asia Zonal Championship Semi Finals with 3 groups of 10 players each.
 - Minor category K
 - Start date: 30 December 2017.
 - Tournament organiser: SIM Everdinand Knol of South Africa.
 - Tournament director: Dr Ambar Chatterjee of India.
- The 20th Africa/Asia Zonal Championship Preliminary with 14 groups of 7 players each.
 - Start date: 31 January 2018.
 - Tournament organiser: Peter S Maylott (IA) of Australia.
 - Tournament directors:
 - Dr Ambar Chatterjee of India.
 - CCM Austin Lockwood of Wales.
- The 15th Africa/Asia Zonal Championship Final with 9 players.
 - Category 2
 - Start date: 27 April 2018.
 - Tournament organiser: SIM Everdinand Knol of South Africa.
 - Tournament director: SIM dr Uwe Staroske (IA) of Germany.

The following tournaments are still in progress:

- Africa/Asia versus Russia.
 - Start date: 31 December 2016.
 - Tournament organiser: CCM Sailesh Chandra Akkaraju of India.
 - Tournament director: IM Mariusz Wojnar (IA) of Poland.
 - With 1 result outstanding the score is: Russia 111 – Africa/Asia 20.
- The 19th Africa/Asia Zonal Championship Preliminary with 14 groups of 7 players each.
 - Start date: 31 January 2017.
 - Tournament organisers:
 - CCM Brian Jones of Australia
 - Peter S Maylott (IA) of Australia.
 - Tournament directors:
 - Shaun Press of Australia
 - Francisco Carapinha of Cape Verde.
 - CCM Sailesh Chandra Akkaraju of India
 - Dr Ambar Chatterjee of India.
 - Alok Saxena of India.
 - CCM Austin Lockwood of Wales.

- The 1st Africa/Asia Zonal Team Championship with 14 teams of 6 players each.
 - Start date: 15 May 2017.
 - Tournament organiser: CCM Brian Jones of Australia.
 - Tournament director: Peter S Maylott (IA) of Australia.
 - The results so far, with 511 out of the 546 games completed, are:

1	Indonesia A	51
2	South Africa	50½
3	Australia A	49½
4	India B	47½
5	Australia B	44½
6	India C	43
7	India A	40½
8	Oceania	38
9	African Barbarians	37½
10	Asian Barbarians	33
11	Australia C	31½
12	Cape Verde	17
13	ASEAN	15½
14	Indonesia B	12
- The 16th Africa/Asia Zonal Championship Semi Finals with 2 groups of 9 players each.
 - Minor category K
 - Start date: 30 Junie 2017.
 - Tournament organiser: SIM Everdinand Knol of South Africa.
 - Tournament directors:
 - Francisco Carapinha of Cape Verde.
 - Dr Ambar Chatterjee of India.

The following tournaments have been completed during this year:

- The 15th Africa/Asia Zonal Championship Semi Finals with 1 group of 11 and 2 groups of 10 players each.
 - Category 0
 - Start date: 17 February 2015.
 - Tournament organiser: SIM Everdinand Knol of South Africa.
 - Tournament directors:
 - Francisco Carapinha of Cape Verde.
 - Dr Ambar Chatterjee of India.
 - Alok Saxena of India.
- The 14th Africa/Asia Zonal Championship Final with 12 players.
 - Category 3
 - Start date: 30 November 2015.
 - Tournament organiser: SIM Everdinand Knol of South Africa.
 - Tournament director: SIM dr Michael Millstone (IA) of USA.
 - This event was won by CCM Loren R Schmidt of Japan – 14th Africa/Asia champion!!

- The 18th Africa/Asia Zonal Championship Preliminaries 17 groups of 7 players each.
 - Start date: 22 February 2016.
 - Tournament organiser: SIM Everdinand Knol of South Africa.
 - Tournament directors:
 - CCM Brian Jones of Australia
 - Francisco Carapinha of Cape Verde.
 - Dr Ambar Chatterjee of India.
 - Alok Saxena of India.

This zone intends to start the following tournaments during the coming year – the format will depend on the amount of entries received.

- The 18th Africa/Asia Zonal Championship Semi Finals.
 - The invitations have already been sent out.
 - Play should start during the last quarter of 2018.
- The 21st Africa/Asia Zonal Championship Preliminaries.
 - Play should start during the first quarter of 2019.
- The 16th Africa/Asia Zonal Championship Final.
 - Play should start during the last quarter of 2019.

Appreciations

In conclusion I thank all the people mentioned in this report as well as a special word of thanks to all the players from our zone many of whom are still participating in cc events under various forms of difficult economic and political circumstances.

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Zonal Director for Africa/Asia – August 2018