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PRESIDENTS REPORT 2013

My third year as Zone President has been a mixed one as I began to grow frustrated with FIDE and the lack of funds made available for development in Oceania. Furthermore, it became clear to me that OCC required significant additional financial resources for both the development of existing federations and to seek out new member federations. Nevertheless OCC achieved some of its goals in 2013, and continued without assistance from Australia who again chose not to join.

2013 Main Achievements

- Guam International Open attracted 26 players in February (IM Stopa)
- Oceania Seniors Championship held in April in Christchurch (Lovejoy and Milligan)
- Oceania Zonal Championships held in Fiji. (IM Bjelobrk and IM Berezina)
- FIDE Development Commission travelled to Fiji for OCC meeting in May.
- New Caledonia Open held in Noumea (Gary Bekker)
- 2013 Yulgilbar-Think Big Oceania Grand Prix won by GM Zong-Yuan Zhao (AUS)
- Final year of Myer Tan New Zealand Grand Prix sponsorship completed
- Solomon Islands Chess Federation re-activated (FA Jamie Kenmure)
- 100 Chess Sets donated to PNG (Asian Chess Federation)

As we enter 2014, we must thank the Asian Chess Federation for its recent allocation of \$5,000 from the FIDE Asian Development Fund. Also, we must thank FIDE President Kirsan Ilyumzhinov for his recent generous personal donation of \$25,000. With regular support and sponsorship in the next few years, OCC can do bigger and better things. Already we can see the FIDE accreditation of additional arbiters and trainers throughout the Pacific.

I must personally thank the OCC 2013 Executive; namely Paul Spiller, Shaun Press, Hilton Bennett, Virgilio De Asa and Gary Bekker. Paul Spiller is my recommended successor as Zone President in August in Tromso. Under Paul's leadership I am happy to remain on the OCC Executive if invited.

Brian Jones
President FIDE Zone 3.6 and Oceania Chess Confederation
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