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Dear Chess Friends,

Congratulations to the *Journal of Chess Research* on the launch of the first international scholarly journal that focuses on research related to the game of chess across all academic disciplines. I have frequently said that chess is a kind of human activity which has room for manifestations of both intellect and the competitive spirit. Through the new journal, research conducted around the world concerning the benefits of chess will be fostered and reported, thereby filling an important void in the world chess community.

An important initiative of FIDE is to develop a worldwide 'Chess in Schools' program, working with governments and institutions to embed chess into educational process. In support this initiative, the *Journal of Chess Research* will help provide further scientific evidence of the positive impact of chess on cognitive development, education, and other areas important to those institutions.

Congratulations also to journal's distinguished editorial and advisory boards, and to its sponsors including the International Society for Chess Research, the Susan Polgar Foundation, and Webster University. Your willingness to take the initiative and financial risk to get this important new project off the ground has not gone unnoticed by FIDE.

I am pleased to announce that at the upcoming FIDE Presidential board meeting in early November, a new committee of the FIDE Trainers' Commission related to Chess Research will be appointed:

| FIDE Trainers' Commission - Chess Research 2015-2018 | | | |
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| 1 | Research Chairman | Niro Frank | US America (Americas) |
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| 6 | Research Member | Truong Paul | Cambodia (Asia) |

Thank you all for your efforts to further promote the game of chess around the world

Kirsan Ilyumzhinov
FIDE President