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### **CHESS: A GAME TO GROW UP WITH**

### **A WORLD CONFERENCE ON CHESS IN SCHOOLS**

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The conference “Chess: a game to grow up with” has offered an important opportunity to meet and to compare the numerous and various experiences of “Chess in Schools” in the world.

Our Commission wish to thank the Piedmont Committee of Italian Chess Federation for this precious occasion, whose aim has been to confront ourselves at an international level with the topics concerning chess in schools, since that will prove very useful towards the definition of common guidelines to organize the basic teaching of chess in schools in our country.

The conference of Torino 2009 has given evidence, through the studies produced by world-known researchers, of the connection between chess and cognitive capacities. The several different experiences presented pointed out remarkable values: didactic, character-forming and, above all, *motivating* values.

In particular, the contents of all italian methods showed an extraordinary original touch and a strong communicative efficacy. Relevant qualities, in our opinion, for any FSI instructor who intends to candidate himself to teach chess basis in schools. It becomes evident as well that different methods can vehiculate the same technical skills, contributing to the development of creative thinking and learning abilities in young students. Especially, the schedules sent in by the participants in the competition promoted by the organizers, have contributed to enrich the common fund of knowledge.

The guidelines of the didactic protocol that our Commission intend to propose in federal ambit will contain some general principles arisen from this meeting. The Commission expresses his satisfaction for the proceedings of this congress, since we believe that they will be extremely useful for the development of chess practise in Italy as well.

I like to conclude with a proposal. On behalf of all the members of the Commission, I suggest to set a periodic frequency, at least every two years, to these meetings concerning the “Chess in Schools” situation all over the world. To speak all together again about this fascinating world, that represents our future!

**Marcello Perrone**

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