

## **FIDE TRAINER'S SEMINAR**

**7 – 12 March, 2011**

**Nassau, Bahamas**

The Bahamas Chess Federation (BCF) is pleased to announce the hosting of its first World Chess Federation (FIDE) Seminar. The week long seminar will be lead by Geoffrey Borg. The seminar will give participants an opportunity to earn Developmental and National Instructor Certifications.

Mr. Borg is a FIDE Trainer and is certified to boost international level players in achieving playing strengths of up to FIDE ELO rating 2450. Further as a player he holds a FIDE Master Title and two FIDE International Master norms. Presently, Borg is the Chief Executive Officer of FIDE and President of The Malta Chess Federation.



**Sava Stoislavljevic, Chief Arbiter of World chess Olympiad 2010 held in Khanty-Mansiysk, Russia and Geoffrey Borg, FIDE Chief Executive Officer**

Mr. Borg is not a stranger to The Bahamas having visited in 2006 and 2010. Besides meeting with Officials of The BCF while here in 2010, Borg met with Hon. Desmond Bannister, Minister of Education and Hon. Charles Maynard, Minister of Youth, Sports and Culture to discuss FIDE's focus and initiatives on Chess in Schools. BCF President, Kean Smith said that "Geoffrey Borg has contributed significantly to the development of chess in The Bahamas by acting as an unofficial advisor and resource person to the BCF since 2006." Smith also said that the FIDE Seminar will support the BCF's mid term goals of establishing a Chess in Schools Programme and hosting The Pan American Youth Chess Championship. In addition to the Trainer's Sessions Borg will conduct individual and group technical training sessions with a group of strong players who earned this opportunity during the recently completed Bahamas National Chess Championship held in November, 2010.

All interested players desirous of signing up for the FIDE Instructor's Course should contact Byron Small at [bssmall@yahoo.com](mailto:bssmall@yahoo.com) or any member of the BCF Executive Committee before on or before Sunday February 27, 2011.