



*A jeśli niedojrzalej wiosny słotna pora  
Lub skwar nas w domu zamknie albo chłód wieczora,  
Czyż to piękną zabawkę wynaleźć zabroni?  
Niechaj się czasem umysł i do gry nakłoni.  
(...)  
Ale czyj duch wznioślejszy, pojętność niestaba,  
Takim lepiej rozmyślna przystoi Warcaba.*

Adam Mickiewicz "WARCABY"

**The Board of the Polish Draughts Federation nominates Jacek Pawlicki as a candidate for the position of President of the World Draughts Federation (FMJD) in the upcoming elections, scheduled for July 3, 2021 in Tallinn during the World Cup.**

Draughts in Poland and in the world have a great chance to become a respected, recognizable and popular sport. The coverage obtained during the promotion and broadcast of the Women's World Cup Match played in Warsaw on April 23 - May 3, 2021 showed the world of draughts the right direction to follow.

The time of the Covid-19 pandemic was a difficult period, in which it was not possible to play many draughts competitions. On the other hand, the global lockdown has been and still is a great opportunity for mind sports that can successfully become commonplace online.

However, virtual space requires appropriate tools and thoughtful activities and programs that should be directed by FMJD. By failing to act in this direction, a lot of this potential has already been wasted.

The Polish Draughts Federation aspires to become a model of a well-managed national draughts organization. The implementation of the plan established by Polish Draughts Federation requires good communication and information flow on the Polish Draughts Federation - FMJD line. Unfortunately, the incident with WADA that took place during the Warsaw Match highlighted the internal weaknesses of FMJD. Damian Reszka, President of the Polish Draughts Association, talked about this situation during a match with Jan Maggi, the current President of FMJD. Unfortunately, in the management model practiced by Janek, we see no chance of avoiding similar incidents in the future..

Jacek Pawlicki is a man whose merits to draughts are known to everyone who has fought with the Polish or international world of draughts.

As we all know Jacek:

- founded and was the first President of the EDC in 1998–2007;
- he was the Director of FMJD Tournaments in 2009-2020;
- was a member of the FMJD Technical Committee in the years 2001 - 2020;
- since 2002, it has operated the FMJD ranking system.

In December 2020, Jacek resigned from the function in FMJD. Later, many players and activists spoke about it, many of them noted a noticeable lack of him in FMJD.

Today, Jacek declares that he wants to lead the World Draughts Federation and lead it to a state in which a modern organization of this type should function. Details can be found in his program.

The Polish Draughts Federation considers Jacek Pawlicki to be the best possible candidate to create a partnership relation between national draughts federations and FMJD. Jacek understands the need to define the clear rules, communication and division of responsibilities. As a passionate and a person professionally related to IT and new technologies, Jacek is a guarantor of technological development not only of the Federation, but also of draughts in general.

After June 13, Damian Reszka will record and publish an interview with Jacek Pawlicki, candidate for the President of the World Draughts Federation, in which the most important issues for the future of draughts will be discussed. If you want to ask a question to the candidate, write to [damian.reszka@warcaby.pl](mailto:damian.reszka@warcaby.pl)

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