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Bid Withdrawal

On April 30, 2012, the Estonian Chess Federation submitted to FIDE a bid for the right to organize the 2016 Chess Olympiad in Estonia, to celebrate the 100th anniversary of chess grandmaster Paul Keres who has been elected the Estonian sportsman of the century.

We have received feedback from FIDE that the right to organize the 2016
Chess Olympiad is connected with organizing the 2015 World Cup and if
Estonia does not wish to organize the World Cup, then our bid to organize the Chess Olympiad will not qualify for consideration at the FIDE Congress in Turkey.

In this situation, Estonia considered amending the bid and, if possible, organizing the 2015 World Cup, but in the end we decided that in the current economic situation it is not feasible for Estonia, which has great chess traditions but is a small country, to apply for the right to organize two very large-scale and important competitions in two consecutive years.

Therefore we decided to withdraw our bid to organize the 2016 Chess Olympiad in Estonia. We wish the remaining candidates good luck and constructive electoral competition. We hope that in 2016 we can organize a high-level chess festival in Estonia in cooperation with FIDE to commemorate the great chess player Paul Keres. Yours sincerely, /digital signature/ Hendrik Olde Chairman of the Board Estonian Chess Federation Tallinn, 5th September 2012 Bid Withdrawal (5.09.2012).ddoc (42 kB) | View source Reply | Reply all | Forward | Delete | Spam | - OK Move to folder INBOX