

## **World Youth Chess Championships 2015 Inspection Report**

Three bids were received from the federations of Bulgaria, Greece and Turkey and an inspection of the facilities was made by Anil Surender (former President, Swedish Chess Federation) and David Jarrett (former Executive Director) from May 14<sup>th</sup> to May 18<sup>th</sup> 2013. The inspection was based on probable entries exceeding the Maribor 2012 event of nearly 1600 players and a total of around 3000 including accompanying persons.

Bulgaria (Albena) hosted the European Youth Championships held in 2011, Greece (Porto Carras) hosted the World Youth Championships in 2010 and the World Schools Championships in 2013 whilst Turkey (Antalya) hosted the World Youth Championships in 2009. Therefore, the resorts are well known to European federations and two will also be known to the other continents.

The allocation of stars to hotels varies across borders and resort hotels may have different criteria to inner city business hotels. All the hotels inspected were resort hotels and had a wide range of activities available to participants. All hotels offered free internet facilities in the rooms.

The increase in the size of entries for these Championships has put pressure on available playing facilities. All the bidders would need extra playing space if anticipated number of entries were received.

### **Bulgaria: Albena Resort, Albena.**

This is a closed resort on the Black Sea coast comprising many hotels in different categories in woodland and beach settings. There was one 5 star hotel but we were informed it would be mainly used for VIPs and principals. Players would be hosted in 4 and 3+ stars hotels. Six hotels were inspected and it is recommended that if this bid is accepted then the Flamingo, Gergana, Kaliakra and Sandy Beach be allocated to players being hosted. The first three are four stars and the last one is three stars. These comprise nearly 1000 rooms. There seemed to be a good variety of food offered in the hotels, which each had their own restaurant.

The hall used for a previous event is only 1800 square metres. A new Convention Centre will be constructed by 2014 and have a main hall of 1400 square metres that can also be used. Both halls are centrally located in the large resort complex. Toilet facilities in the current structure are inadequate and it will be necessary to use portable toilet cabins for players use only. No spectator access is possible and special covered areas will be prepared outside the hall for parents and other accompanying persons. There will be 60 electronic boards, which might be increased by 2015.

The nearest airport is 30 minutes from the resort at Varna. There are limited flights to international airports and only two flights a day to the Bulgarian capital, Sofia; Bourgas (160km) and Bucharest (300km) offer alternatives but transport cost would be extra. This is the main concern for this venue.

All main FIDE languages would be covered and seminars would be organised. There would be an organised Press Centre with some free accommodation offered to journalists.

## **Greece: Porto Carras, Halkidiki.**

This is a resort on Halkidiki's central peninsular with two five star hotels each with 480 rooms. It is in a secluded area and there are similar standard hotels within walking distance (not inspected) if needed. The World Schools event was in progress during the inspection and the food offered to participants was plentiful and varied.

The Convention Centre mentioned in the bid is around 2000 square metres and within the resort complex, but two additional halls totalling 960 square metres are available at one of the main hotels. A further 1000 square metres of smaller rooms are also available if required. Toilet facilities at the Convention Centre are sufficient only if accompanying persons are excluded and there is limited space outside the hall for parents, trainers etc. Spectator access is not possible. There would be 200 electronic boards for internet transmission of games.

The nearest airport is 90 minutes from the resort at Thessaloniki. There are many direct international flights and also regular flights to Athens, the Greek capital.

All main FIDE languages would be covered and seminars, cultural events and exhibitions would be organised. There would be a Press Centre at the Convention Centre with some free accommodation offered to journalists.

## **Turkey: Limra Hotel, Kemer, Antalya.**

This is a five star resort hotel with 800 rooms. These rooms are divided between the main hotel and the grounds. The rooms in the main hotel are superior to those in the grounds. A second five star hotel is available in close proximity and with easy access to the playing hall.

The Tournament halls within the resort complex total 1800 square metres but additional space is available at a nearby hotel (which also may be used to accommodate participants). Access to the downstairs hall is restricted or will require using an alternative entrance. Toilet facilities are inadequate and it will be necessary to use portable toilet cabins for players use only. There would be 300 electronic boards for internet transmission of games. Some spectator viewing is possible in the main hall through an overhead balcony.

The nearest airport is 60 minutes from the resort at Antalya. There are many direct international flights as well as regular flights to Istanbul, the Turkish capital.

All main FIDE languages would be covered. There would be an organised Press Centre with some free accommodation offered to journalists.

## **Conclusion**

We have not made a recommendation. Provided that comments made above are taken into consideration, in our opinion, we consider that all three bidders are capable of hosting the event. Specifically we would highlight the following:

In Bulgaria there is the recommendation to use specific hotels. In addition, the additional playing accommodation will not be constructed until next year and the access through the local airport connections would need enhancement.

In Greece there is the need to ensure that only players have access to toilets at the Convention Centre.

In Turkey, attention needs to be given to toilet facilities and access to the playing hall.

<b>BULGARIA</b>		
<b>INSPECTION REPORT</b>		
Catalogue of criteria		
<b>CATEGORY 1: ORGANISATION</b>		
<b>1.1 Tournament Hall</b>	Points	Inspector Points
- excellent	30	
- good	15	15
- normal	0	
- fair	-10	
- not sufficient	-50	
Items to be checked for the tournament hall:		
* Space (2s-m at least for adult events. 1.5 s-m at least for youth events)		
* Equipment		
* Access		
* Lighting		
* Surroundings		
* Ventilation		
* Toilets		
* Office-Internet Access		
<b>1.2 Distance Tournament Hall to Hotels</b>		
- accommodation & playing hall in the same complex	15	15
- walking distance (not more that 15 minutes)	12	
- more that 15 min, but free bus transportation	6	
- more that 15 min, but paid bus transportation	0	
- more that 15 min, and no transportation	-10	
<b>1.3 Covered languages (English, Russian, French, German, Spanish etc.)</b>		
* for each language covering competition web site	2	10
(max 5 languages- max 10 points). The competition web site should operate in all languages 5 months before the start of the competiton		
<b>1.4 Parallel chess activities (seminar, tournament, exhibitions, etc)</b>		
- for each activity - <b>Seminar</b>	2	2
(max 5 activities-max 10 points) final results will be checked by FIDE Technical Director.		
<b>CATEGORY 2: HOTELS</b>		
<b>2.1 Quality of hotels</b>		
- 5 stars* and better	25	
- 4 stars*	20	20
- 3 stars*	10	
- 2 stars*	5	
<b>2.2 Free Internet Access in hotels</b>		
* free internet access in rooms	10	10
* free internet access in Reception Hall	5	
* paid internet access	0	
* no internet access	-15	
<b>2.3 Other free offers</b>		
- for each free offer - water	2	2
(max 3 offers-max 6 points) Final results will be checked by FIDE Technical Director		
<b>CATEGORY 3: ROOM RATES &amp; transportation rates in comparison with other bids</b>		

<b>3.1 Room rates and transportation rates:</b>		
- excellent	20	20
- good	15	
- normal	10	
- fair	0	
- high	-10	
- higher than for normal clients	-20	
<b>CATEGORY 4. TRAVEL CONNECTION</b>		
* international airport in a distance of not more than 1 hr by car/train	20	
* international airport in a distance max 2 hr by car/train	15	
* local airport in a distance of not more than 1 hr by car/train	10	10
* local airport in a distance max 2 hr by car/train	5	
* no airport	-10	
(Airport is international if there are daily regular flights from at least ten different countries in Europe)		
<b>CATEGORY 5. PRESS-PROMOTION</b>		
- Organised Press Centre	3	3
- invitation with free accommodation for some journalist	3	3
- live games in internet, (number of boards)	0 - 5 - 10	5
- Other special arrangements for publicity	0 - 5 - 10	
<b>CATEGORY 6. CIRCULATION OF EVENTS</b>		
* The bidder (NF)organised the same event the prior-year	-10	
* The bidder (NF)organised the same event 2 years before	-5	
<b><u>TOTAL POINTS:</u></b>		
<b>CATEGORY 1: ORGANISATION</b>		
1.1 Tournament Hall		15
1.2 Distance Tournament Hall to Hotels		15
1.3 Covered languages		10
1.4 Parallel chess activities		2
<b>CATEGORY 2: HOTELS</b>		
2.1 Quality of hotels		20
2.2 Free Internet Access in hotels		10
2.3 Other free offers		2
<b>CATEGORY 3: ROOM RATE &amp; TRANSPORTATION RATES</b>		20
<b>CATEGORY 4: TRAVEL CONNECTION</b>		10
<b>CATEGORY 5: PRESS - PROMOTION</b>		
5.1 Organised Press Centre		3
5.2 Invitation with free accommodation for some journalist		3
5.3 Live games in internet, depending on number of boards		5
5.4 Other special arrangements for publicity		
<b>CATEGORY 6: CIRCULATION OF THE EVENTS</b>		
6.1 The bidder (NF)organised the same event the prior-year		
6.2 The bidder (NF)organised the same event 2 years before		
<b>TOTAL POINTS:</b>		<b>115</b>
<b>DATE: 14/09/2013</b>		
<b>INSPECTOR'S NAME: A Surrender and D Jarrett</b>		
<b>SIGNATURE:</b>		

<b>Greece</b>		
<b>INSPECTION REPORT</b>		
Catalogue of criteria		
<b>CATEGORY 1: ORGANISATION</b>		
<b><u>1.1 Tournament Hall</u></b>	<b>Points</b>	<b>Inspector Points</b>
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<b><u>1.4 Parallel chess activities (seminar, tournament, exhibitions, etc)</u></b>		
- for each activity - seminar, exhibition, cultural	2	6
(max 5 activities-max 10 points) final results will be checked by FIDE Technical Director.		
<b>CATEGORY 2: HOTELS</b>		
<b><u>2.1 Quality of hotels</u></b>		
- 5 stars* and better	25	25
- 4 stars*	20	
- 3 stars*	10	
- 2 stars*	5	
<b><u>2.2 Free Internet Access in hotels</u></b>		
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<b>CATEGORY 3: ROOM RATE &amp; TRANSPORTATION RATES</b>		20
<b>CATEGORY 4: TRAVEL CONNECTION</b>		15
<b>CATEGORY 5: PRESS - PROMOTION</b>		
5.1 Organised Press Centre		3
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5.3 Live games in internet, depending on number of boards		10
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6.1 The bidder (NF)organised the same event the prior-year		
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<b>TOTAL POINTS:</b>		149
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Turkey		
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