



**Tromsø, 27.4.2010**

**World Chess Federation  
FIDE  
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Athens,  
Greece 11743**

**Subject: Application to stage the 41<sup>st</sup> Chess Olympiad in 2014**

The city of Tromsø and the Norwegian Chess Federation (NSF) hereby present their application to organize the most important gathering in the game - the FIDE Chess Olympiad, and the associated Congress and election in 2014. The proposal also includes holding the 2013 World Cup. This bid is the result of a long and thorough process by Sjakk Tromsø 2014 AS, a company formed and dedicated to bringing the Olympiad to northern Norway.

Through the experience gained by hosting the Arctic Chess Challenge Festival, chess has secured strong political support at every level in the northern regions. We are pleased to deliver a bid that has the full backing of the city of Tromsø, the northern regional authorities and the Ministry of Culture in Norway's current majority government.

The spirit of regional mobilization runs through the documentation of the Tromsø bid – with input and offers from local providers of vital infrastructure and services, from a city that is developing and expanding its facilities in tempo with its ambitions to host major international events, and to play a leading role in Norway's future. The 41st Chess Olympiad in 2014 also coincides with two major anniversaries – the 100<sup>th</sup> year of the NSF and 200 years since the signing of Norway's Constitution – which gives a greater incentive to mark the occasion in style.

Besides outlining the plans, aims and finances involved with a Tromsø Olympiad, the application bid and attached documents also detail other aspects of our process, including the bidding company, the modern site being built which will house the events, and the background of various budget calculations. We welcome you to Tromsø for the Presidential Board meeting on 23-25 July this year, and look forward to meeting you there.

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