



IOC COMMISSION IN MOSCOW

From 14 to 17 March, 2005 the International Olympic Committee's Evaluation Commission was working in Moscow. The members of the commission were to evaluate the readiness of the Russian capital to possibly host the 2012 Olympic Games

March, 13. Arrival to Moscow

The International Olympic Committee's (IOC) Evaluation Commission arrived to Moscow from Paris. At the Sheremetjevo-2 airport it was welcomed by Valery Shantsev, Vice-mayor of Moscow, Mikhail Men, deputy Mayor of Moscow, and Dmitry Svatkovsky, sports director of Moscow Bid Committee.

The commission is headed by Nawal el Moutawakel, Moroccan Olympics '84 400m Hurdles champion. The commission consists of 16 people: IOC members, eminent sportsmen, Olympic champions.

March, 14. The commission starts its work

The IOC Evaluation Commission officially started its work on Monday, 10 am.

On the first day it heard reports on the seven main topics of the Bid book: the concept and heritage of the Olympic Games, ecology, sports facilities and sports program, Paralympic Games, the Olympic village, accommodation and transportation. This sequence was proposed by the commission itself. "We're happy to welcome the Evaluation Commission", said Valery Shantsev, Vice-mayor of Moscow and Chairman of the Bidding Committee "Moscow 2012". "At present, we're having quite a positive dialogue. The commission shows great interest in our presentations"



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VALERY SHANTSEV PROMISED TO STAGE BEST OLYMPIC GAMES

Valery Shantsev, Chairman of Moscow Bid Committee to host the 2012 Olympic Games, promises to stage best Olympic Games in the whole history of the movement.

"We're sure in our victory", the Chairman of Moscow Bid Committee says.

"At the moment two thirds of sport facilities already exist". According to his information, by 2010 15 new sport facilities will be constructed, including an aquatics center.

"We'll have 6 soccer stadiums instead of 5 required for the Olympics", reported the Vice-mayor of Moscow. A new tennis center will be built, that will become one of the best in the world.





IT PLANS TO BE:

...Olympic village



... Mediavillage

The Evaluation Commission inspected the concept of the "Olympic river", a unique plan of hosting the 2012 Olympic Games. Maximum comfort of the sportsmen, members of the Olympic family, journalists and spectators is high on the agenda of the Moscow Bid Committee. All the main facilities are situated along the river, within the city limits. It is one of the most space-saving plans throughout all the history of the Olympics.

The members of the commission were offered a unique opportunity of taking a virtual reality tour around sports venues that the city plans to build, and to see them not only on paper. The virtual reality technology was installed in the National Hotel, it is one of the most recent developments of VirtuSphere company. Thus the new technology allowed the evaluators to step onto the courts of Moscow's yet to be built Samaranch Tennis centre and walk round the Luzhniki Olympic 2012 Park.

The members of the commission got to know rich Russian experience in organizing international sport events, as it was holding the figure skating world championship the same week as the IOC visit. Since 1980 Moscow has staged more than a hundred large-scale international events of that sort. The inspectors paid great attention to the questions of transportation and hotel accommodation during the Olympics. Valery Shantsev, Chairman of the Moscow Bid Committee, gave detailed comments on the subject.

"The concept of the "Olympic river" was aimed at facilitating the transfer between the venues to the maximum. By that time there will be five circular highways in Moscow, new high-speed monorail railway and a new international terminal in Vnukovo, the main Olympic airport, while Moscow metro is one of the most loaded but at the same time most effective subway systems in the world. During the Games a new special Olympic system of traffic regulation will be introduced. It will guarantee that in the rush hours the main highways are not overcrowded". As for the plan of guests accommodation, Valery Shantsev assured that '210 new hotels will be constructed in Moscow by 2012. They'll provide the

city with 102 000 rooms. By the end of 2006 the number of rooms of international level will be doubled.

March, 15.
The commission examines Moscow and its sport facilities

During their second day of work the members of the Evaluation Commission visited all major sport venues of the city. They inspected the Luzhniki stadium complex, the Bitsa equestrian complex, and visited the Shelepikhinskaja quay where the Olympic village, International Broadcasting center and the main Press center are to be built. They also had a chance of taking the metro from the Prospekt Vernadskogo sta-

By the 2012 Olympic Games a special river "Olympics Fleet" will be built. It conforms to the to the "Olympic River" concept, as reported Valery Shantsev, Vice-mayor of Moscow.

'Many sport facilities are situated alongside or near the Moscow river We decided to build the Olympic village on the river, too. The Tushino sports center is also built on it', said the Vice-mayor.

According to his words, at the moment there are 70 jetties in the city. They are to be repaired, but that is not expensive. 'We plan to build a special river "Olympic Fleet", naming each vessel after famous Olympic champions. The fleet's capacity will be 60 to 100 thou-

sand fans daily'. The Vice-mayor assures that Moscow concept of hosting the Olympics is the most effective. None of Moscow's competitors made it their principal goal to stage the Olympic Games in the most comfortable way for the sportsmen and tourists.

According to the statistics of the organizational Committee of the Olympics, all the hotels, the Olympic village, and some of the sports facilities are to be constructed by private investors. The transport infrastructure will be built at the expense of the city budget.





...Luzhniki Olympic Park



...Bitsa Equestrian complex

tion to the Vorobjevy Gory station. The sight from the Vorobjevy gory made a lasting impression. The Bid Committee aimed at showing to the Evaluation Commission that two thirds of the sport facilities already exist and are successfully functioning, including the main stadium and the ground for the Olympics opening and closing ceremonies. And the inspectors could see it with their own eyes. During their inspection of Moscow Olympic sites the Evaluation Commission was escorted by: Valery Shantsev, Chairman of Moscow Bid Committee, Leonid Tyagachev, President of the Russian Olympic Committee, Valentin Balakhnichev, President of All-Russia federation of track and field athletics, Elena

Isinbaeva, Olympic champion and world record-holder in pole-vaults, Aleksandr Chernov, general manager of the Moscow-2012 Bid Committee, Dmitry Svatkovsky, sports director of the Moscow-2012 Bid Committee, Aleksandr Polinsky, executive director of the Moscow-2012 Bid Committee. The inspectors appreciated their opinions and comments. Valery Shantsev, Chairman of the Bid Committee, emphasized that the Moscow plan of hosting the Olympic Games is possible to execute, as the necessary space for the construction service is available, the permission for construction is obtained, and the work can start at any moment. One of such venues is State Tennis court named after Juan Antonio

Samaranch. This sports facility of world class will be built irrespective of whether Moscow wins the bid for staging the 2012 Olympic Games. In case if Moscow's chosen as the host city, then, as after the 1980 games, its sportsmen and citizen will enjoy all the Olympic venues, sports facilities of world class. Mr. Shantsev also stressed that Moscow has all the necessary guarantees of support, including financial support, from the Federal Government for the organization of 2012 Olympics.

March, 16.
Meeting Vladimir Putin,
President of the Russian
Federation

During the third day of work, the commission heard the presentations on the key issues, including political and economic situation in the country and questions of security. In the Kremlin the inspectors met with Vladimir Putin, President of the Russian Federation. On greeting the guests, he said: "I think you will agree with me that we have every right to consider our country one of the main sport powers. More than 500 Olympic champions live in Moscow alone. I don't know any other city in the world that would have such a bright constellation of talents". He recalled: "Twenty-five years ago Moscow was the capital of the 22nd Olympic Games. We remember the internation-



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Nawal el Moutawakel meeting President of Russian Vladimir Putin

al political conditions in which those Games were held in Moscow. Thank God, those times are gone. The world has changed, and Russia has changed too. There is only one thing that has not changed: the interest of the Russian people in sport," Putin said. In conclusion Mr. Putin assured the assembly that if the Olympic Games are held in Moscow, they will get the most active support from the majority of Russian citizens

After meeting the President, the guests had a tour around the Kremlin. The members of the commission could watch a spectacular horseback parade in the Kremlin Sobornaya Square before joining Moscow Mayor Yuri Luzhkov for a reception and dinner in the Kremlin's Patriarch Palace.

**March, 17.
The press-conference**

Thursday night a press conference was held on the results of the work of the IOC Evaluation Commission in Moscow.

Here are several citations from Nawal el Moutawakel, Chairwoman of the IOC Evaluation Commission speech: "It is a very serious bid. We have seen all the venues. The team has done a great job".
«We have been given all the necessary guarantees by the Moscow government that the construction of Olympic sites will be finished by 2012".

"We really liked the concept of the "Olympic river", and the fact that all the competitions will be held within the city limits. It is very important, as it is stated in the Olympic Charter ". All the cities are equal in their race for hosting the Olympics, and there are no weak competitors, thinks the Chairwoman of the Evaluation Commission.

The head of the IOC Evaluation Commission stressed, that Moscow provided all the necessary guarantees for the security of staging the Olympic Games in Moscow

On delivering a speech on the press-conference, Valery Shantsev said, "We were very pleased with working with the members of the Evaluation Commission and we're grateful for their sincere interest in Moscow and our Bid, and for their recommendations on its improvement. No doubts, that all the cities, competing for the right to host the 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games, are very strong, and we all have equal chances."

**March, 18.
The commission leaves Moscow**

Moscow was the last of the five finalists to be visited by the IOC Evaluation Commission. Then the inspectors headed to the IOC headquarters in Lausanne where in a month's period it will produce a report assessing all five candidates. The final decision will be adopted on July 6 in Singapore.



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