BID European Championships 10m

National Sports Centre Papendal, The Netherlands
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In 2015 the Royal Netherlands Shooters Association will celebrate its 125th anniversary. This will be a year in which we will bring the shooting sport to the attention of the public within the Netherlands by organizing a lot of promotional festivities.

More than ever before we then shall emphasize that internationally the shooting sport in fact is one of the largest forms of sports with a rich Olympic history. Although geographically the Netherlands is a small country, it is an important sports country and should therefore also be hosting a large, internationally prominent shooting sports competition.

The Royal Netherlands Shooters Association therefore applies for the candidacy of organizing the European Championships 10 meters Air Weapons in 2015. The best location of the Netherlands has been assigned for that purpose, namely the National Sports Centre Papendal, in the vicinity of the city of Arnhem. In 1990 and in 1999 this National Sports Centre Papendal has also been the podium for these European Championships. Still to this day these earlier championships are remembered with warmth by our Association, as well as by the rest of the international shooting community.

However, in 2015 the organization will even be better! For, still in 2011 a new multifunctional sports accommodation is being built, measuring almost 100 meters in length, which is extremely suited for the organization of the European Championships 10 meters Air Weapons. Apart from this, the Congress centre of the National Sports Centre Papendal will be transformed into a Final-arena, so that all Finals can be held there in the same location.

The Royal Netherlands Shooters Association and the Netherlands are very confident to be able to organize these European Championships in 2015 again and are ready for this.

Karel Greven, President
Royal/Netherlands Shooters Association
Koninklijke Nederlandse Schutters Associatie  
Mr. E.K. Greven  
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3830 AJ LEUSDEN

Subject:  
European Championship Airgun 2015

Dear President,

On behalf of the Netherlands Olympic Committee * Netherlands Sports Confederation (NOC*NSF) I strongly support the bid of the Royal Dutch Shooting Association (KNSA) for organising the ESC European Championships Airgun 2015 in the Netherlands.

NOC*NSF is very much in favour of initiatives to organise important top class sport events in Holland. Useful experience from hosting previous major sports events in the Netherlands can be combined with a sports-minded atmosphere. Even more important is that these Championships can be an integral part of and a contribute to a bigger plan: it is our ambition to take everything Holland has to offer to a higher level, an "Olympic Level".

In that framework we set ourselves challenging goals, using the power of sports. We want to transform our country into a place where citizens of all ages and walks of life are united through sport. A country where the population is healthy and fit. And also a country that is internationally known for its talent to host large-scale events. This all started as an initiative of:

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NOC*NSF, but has meanwhile turned into a widely supported plan, backed by the government, companies, social institutions, sports federations and the public at large.

As shooting has always played an important role in our Olympic and sports history, we would consider it a great honour to host the ESC European Championships Airgun 2015. Moreover, these Championships will promote sport in general and have a positive effect on participation in shooting in particular and thus contribute to our ambitious plan as well.

Yours sincerely,

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President
Sports Department
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Germany

Date
25 APR. 2011

Subject
Support 2015 European Championships 10 meters

Dear Mr. Brokamp,

The Dutch government supports the candidacy of the Royal Netherlands Shooters Association (KNSA) for the organization of the 2015, European Championships 10 meters. The arguments in favour of this candidacy have been set out in this proposal.

This event will be staged at the Papendal sports center in the city of Arnhem. I am convinced that the enthusiasm and commitment of the organisation committee will ensure a successful event in a hospitable, safe and open atmosphere both for participants and visitors.

I can assure you that, within the legal framework, the Dutch government will make every effort to assist the European Shooting Confederation, the local organisation committee and the participants.

Financial support
Starting 2007 - as outlined in the policy document 'Together for Sport - the Dutch Government financially supports the organization of top class sports events (World Championships a.o.)' where the Dutch sports men and women athletes have earned a position at the top (top 8) or will do so in the near future (top 16).

The Dutch government will support the organization of the 2015, European Championships 10 meters under the following conditions:
1. The European Shooting Confederation awards the organization of the 2015, European Championships 10 meters to the Royal Netherlands Shooters Association;
2. Shooting/Air Rifle still has a position at the top-8 or will do so in the near future (top-16) (in this case the national top-10 ambition);
3. The Royal Netherlands Shooters Association submits a request for financial support for the organization of these European Championships.

The Project subsidises for top-class sporting events amount to no more than 30% of the actual costs associated with the subsidised activities, their preparation and organisation, to the extent that these costs are accounted for in the budget as approved by the Minister and do not exceed € 500,000.

Project subsidies allocated for the purpose of financing the temporary adjustments/completion of one or more event venues shall amount to no more than 30% of the actual costs associated with the subsidised activities, per event, to the extent that these costs are accounted for in the budget as approved by the Minister.

Visa
Regarding the issuing of visas I want you to know that visa application procedures must be observed. This means that these documents will be granted to all applicants requiring one regardless of nationality, provided that the general conditions governing entry are fulfilled. These conditions laid out in article 5 of the 'Convention implementing the Schengen Agreement' to which The Netherlands is legally bound, are as follows: the applicant must be in the possession of a travel document valid for an adequate period of time and must have sufficient means of support. Entry will not be granted to any applicant registered as undesirable or considered to be a threat to the public peace, public order (including foreign policy) or national security.

The visa procedures must also be observed with regards to individuals who are entering The Netherlands for the organization of this event. Although I don't foresee any issues I cannot offer an absolute guarantee that visas will be issued unconditionally to this group of people.

On behalf of the Dutch government I would like to underline that I consider it an honour to host the 2015, European Championships 10 meters.

Yours sincerely,

Erik Schippers
Minister of Health, Welfare and Sport
General information

Events
The European Championships Air Weapons 2015 will be organized in the 10 meter events.

Rifle, Pistol and Running Target
In all these events competitions are shot in the following categories:
- Men
- Women
- Junior Men
- Junior Women

Location
All the competitions will take place at the National Sports Centre Papendal, situated in the vicinity of Arnhem, the Netherlands. Arnhem is one of the 10 largest cities of the Netherlands with approximately 150,000 inhabitants. A city with a rich history, a lot of places of interest, good opportunities for socializing in the evening or at night, excellent restaurants, hotels and bars. The National Sports Centre Papendal is situated at approximately 5 kilometers distance of the city centre of Arnhem.

In 2011 the construction of a completely new multifunctional indoor sports accommodation a broad variation of sports can be practiced, such as all kinds of indoor sports, athletics, combat sports and sports shooting. Part of this new accommodation will be a spacious sports hall of 90 meters length in which all 80 rifle and pistol ranges for the European Championships will be arranged, as well as 4 ranges for running target. The sports hall will also offer enough space for spectator's galleries.

All the Finals of the shooting-events will be held in the National Sports Centre Papendal, not in the competition sports hall though, but all Finals will take place in the hall named “Athene” (Athens), situated in the congress centre. The “Athene” hall is a spacious room of approximately 30 x 45 meters in which the 8 Final ranges will be set up together with a gallery, in the shape of an arena. This gallery will have a total capacity for approximately 2,000 spectators.

Furthermore the National Sports Centre Papendal offers possibilities for hotel accommodation and meals, but also other sports activities can be practiced there. The sports centre disposes of a 25 holes golf-course (pitch & putt), a large jogging parcours and a power and fitness room, which will all be available to the participating sports shooters.

Transportation
The National Sports Centre Papendal and the city of Arnhem are centrally situated in the Netherlands at about 100 kilometers distance of the national Airport Schiphol, near Amsterdam. From the national airport in Amsterdam there is an excellent railway connection to Arnhem and when travelling by car, Arnhem and the NSC can easily be reached by highway from the various European countries.

From the national Airport Schiphol transportation will be arranged to all hotels and to the shooting ranges by the organizing committee. As from the official arrival date up to and including the departure date, also local transportation will be arranged between the hotels and the shooting range during all trainings and competitions. A schedule will be set up in order to take care for the regular traffic between hotels and shooting range vice versa.

Facts & Figures Arnhem
Inhabitants Arnhem: 148,047
Distance Arnhem – Amsterdam: 90 kilometers / 60 minutes
Distance Arnhem – Scheveningen: 116 kilometers / 75 minutes
Normal day temperature in March: 7 degrees Celsius
Normal amount of rain in March: 0,16 centimeter (per day)
Chances that it will rain in March: 31%

Guns and ammunition
In the Netherlands owners of air guns do not need to have any permit for the possession of these weapons. This implicates that all air guns as well as the belonging ammunition (gallets), as far as these comply with the international standards, can be imported from all European countries into the Netherlands without any problems.

Press / media
On behalf of the press and other media, an extensive media room will be set up in the new multifunctional sports accommodation of the NSC Papendal in which the competitions will be held, in the vicinity of the shooting ranges. In this media room copiers, fax machines and sufficient internet connections, through cable as well as wireless, will be available.

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Accommodation Shooting Range

Papendal: at an Olympic level

At the northwestern side of Arnhem, in the centre of the inspiring and beautiful natural scenery of the National Park Hoge Veluwe, the National Sportcentrum Papendal is situated. This terrain of 155 hectares disposes of all the facilities for athletes and coaches. A large number of National Selections, among which ball- and power-sports, mountainbike, BMX, fencing, cycling and archery, train at this location everyday, as well as the National Shooting Selection can be daily found here. The terrain is completely accessible for wheel chairs and is only six kilometers away from the city centre of Arnhem. It is not for nothing that Papendal is considered as the centre of top sports in the Netherlands!

Hotel and Congress-centre Papendal disposes of the golden Green Key, an international hallmark given to companies that in a serious and controllable manner, operate with durability and Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR).

Shooting accommodation

At Papendal you will find various accommodations. On behalf of the European Championships Air Weapons two of them are important, the Arnhem-hall for the Qualifications and the Athene-hall for the Finals. The distance between both accommodations is approximately 100 meters (one minute when walking, no stairs).

Arnhem-hall

The Arnhem-hall – delivery medio 2012 – is the largest en most modern sports hall in the Netherlands and will be used for the Qualifications in all events. This permanent accommodation disposes of a large area, suitable for the 80 SiUS ASCOR electronical systems and 4 Running Target ranges. Immediately next-door to this shooting hall is a restaurant with an excellent view of the firing-points.

Before and after the European Championships Air Weapons, this hall will be used by various sports as a training location in preparation for the Olympic Games of London 2012 and Rio de Janeiro 2016. Also immediately next-door to the shooting-hall, changing-rooms and rooms for dry firing and for the storage of guns and equipment will be created in separate rooms. You will also find a "square" with several exhibitors and gun-manufacturers in the vicinity of the shooting-hall.

Athene-hall

This congress-hall continuously is the scenery for various events: product presentations, symposiums and company festivities. The National Championships for Air Rifle and Air Pistol also yearly take place in this hall. The measurements of the Athene-hall make it possible to create a unique Final range: with a bipartite gallery in a half circle around the ten (10) firing-points. The finalists will be walking on a red carpet, between the audience towards the firing-points. The interaction between shooters and audience has never been this great.

In this Athene-hall also changing-rooms will be created, together with a television studio (at a raised platform) providing a direct view of all the Final-shooting ranges.

Facilities Papendal

Staying at top (sports) level!

As National Sports Centre and highly qualified hotel and congress-centre Papendal offers divergent facilities to the athletes as well as the officials. All these facilities and both shooting sports accommodations can be reached by foot within five minutes.

Features Athene-hall

Length : 36 meters
Width : 43 meters
Height : 5 meters
Surface : 1650 m²

Features Arnhem-hall

Length : 90 meters
Width : 35 meters
Height : 8 meters
Surface : 1350 m²

Facilities for athletes

Apart from its sports accommodations Papendal even offers more: fully-equipped fitness and wellness rooms (sauna and massage), several rooms for sports medical support and an athletics-accommodation.

Facilities for spectators

Spectators who visit the European Championships can utilize the gallery facilities. Separate locations will be realised for those using a wheelchair, providing a direct view of the shooters.

Within 100 meters distance from the main entrance 300 parking places are available, of which 10 reserved for disabled persons. Overall Papendal disposes of 950 parking places of which about 25 for coaches.
### Preliminary Competition Program

**Monday, March 2nd**
- **08.00-19.00** Arrival of Delegations
- 13.00-19.00 Free Training (Air Rifle, Air Pistol, Running Target)

**Tuesday, March 3rd**
- **08.00-19.00** Equipment Control
- **08.30-12.30** Official training
- **12.30-13.45** Air Rifle M Qualification
- **14.15-15.45** Air Rifle M PET
- **12.30-14.45** Air Rifle W Qualification
- **14.15-15.45** Air Rifle W PET
- **11.00-12.00** Running Target Mixed
- **08.00-18.00** Equipment Control
- **16.00** Award Ceremony

**Wednesday, March 4th**
- **08.00-19.00** Equipment Control
- **08.30-11.00** Running Target Slow 50 M JM Qualification-Competition
- **11.15-12.30** Running Target Slow 50 W JW Qualification-Competition
- **12.45-15.15** Running Target Fast 30 M JM Qualification-Competition
- **15.30-17.10** Running Target Fast 20 W JW Qualification-Competition
- **16.30-17.00** Award Ceremony

**Thursday, March 5th**
- **08.00-18.00** Equipment Control
- **09.30-12.00** Running Target Mixed M JM Qualification
- **11.15-14.40** Running Target Mixed W JW Qualification
- **16.15-17.30** Air Rifle W PET
- **17.30-18.30** Top Gun Mixed MJ/WJ
- **16.00** Award Ceremony

**Friday, March 6th**
- **08.00-18.00** Equipment Control
- **08.30-10.30** Running Target Mixed M JM Competition 1st stage
- **11.00-12.00** Running Target Mixed W JW Competition 1st stage
- **12.30-14.30** Running Target Mixed M JM Competition 2nd stage
- **15.00-16.00** Running Target Mixed W JW Competition 2nd stage
- **09.00-10.45** Air Pistol M Qualification
- **11.15-14.40** Air Rifle W Qualification
- **16.15-17.30** Air Pistol W PET
- **16.30** Award Ceremony

**Saturday, March 7th**
- **08.00-16.00** Equipment Control
- **08.00-10.15** Air Pistol W Qualification
- **12.00-13.45** Air Rifle M Qualification
- **14.15-14.40** Top Gun Mixed M/W
- **15.30** Award Ceremony
- **17.45-18.30** Closing Ceremony
- **19.30** Official Banquet

**Sunday, March 8th**
- **10.00-18.00** Equipment Control
- **13.00-19.00** Free Training (Air Rifle, Air Pistol, Running Target)

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### Board and lodging

#### Hotels

In the vicinity of Arnhem there is a lot of variety in possible hotels, varying from bed & breakfast to luxury equipped 4-star hotels.

At the National Sports Centre Papendal itself two 3* and 4* hotels are available. Immediately at the entrance of Papendal another 4* hotel (Van der Valk Arnhem) is available.

Apart from the hotels at the Papendal site, a large number of 3* and 4* category hotels are situated in the near vicinity of the National Sports Centre, at distances varying from 4 to 15 kilometers. On the basis of price/quality and travel distance/time, the following hotels have been chosen by the Organizing committee:

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The prices of the hotels vary from approximately 50.00 euro per person per night, including breakfast (+) to maximum 75.00 – 80.00 euro per person per night (+) (price level: 2011). The total capacity of all hotels comes to over 1,500 rooms for a upwards of a 300 persons.

#### Lunch and dinner

The National Sports Centre Papendal offers a wide selection of lunch and dinner possibilities. Apart from a large bar/bistro situated at ground level, you will also find a modern restaurant named "20 28" at the first floor. This restaurant is named after our national ambition for organizing the Olympic Games in 2028 in the Netherlands. The restaurant offers a daily changing menu, based on the principle "healthy and sharing".

Most of the other hotels, mentioned in the survey also dispose of an extensive international menu card.

Exclusively and especially for the sport shooters a healthy lunch, at a reduced rate, will also be offered at a separate location.
Side-events

For some years past the 10 meter 5 shot Air Pistol event has been embodied in the ISSF Rules.

Not long afterwards some active Dutch pistol shooters expressed their wishes to be able to practice this event at national competitions. Meanwhile about 60 shooters, in age varying from 16 to 70 years old, regularly participate in the 10 meter 5 shots Air Pistol event at National Championships.

In order to give more international attention to this dynamic and for the spectators attractive shooting event, we aspire to organize these National Championships as a side-event during the European Championships Air Weapons.

These Championships will however only be possible when there are enough participants.

Social events

Whether you like shopping, going out at night, culture, nature or like visiting events and other attractions, Arnhem will offer you all of this, in order to make sure that your stay there will be an unforgettable one.

Burgers’ Zoo is the most visited attraction in the Province of Gelderland with 1.5 million visitors a year. Nationally Burgers’ Zoo is the fourth best visited attraction of the Netherlands. This animal park with ‘open’ cages is divided into various communities: Burgers’ Safari, -Bush, -Mangrove, -Desert, -Ocean and Burgers’ Rimba (website: www.burgerszoo.nl).

The Netherlands Open Air Museum gives an idea of the history and the living in the Netherlands during the past centuries by using authentic buildings, objects and true stories to bring this past to life. Living and working of the Dutch people are shown through authentic buildings, such as farmyards, farmhouses, cottages and businesses; farmer’s café and shops. A number of these buildings are “inhabited” by museum staff who welcome the visitors as if they were the original residents. The living history will make a lasting impression, bringing back memories and astonishing visitors, who can immerse themselves in the past and get to know the Dutch people and their history (website: www.openluchtmuseum.nl).

Closing party

In order to conclude the European Championships Air Weapons 2015 a spectacular closing party will be organized with the co-operation of one of Netherlands foremost DJ’s and radio-stations.