

Russian Sochi 2014 House venue at Vancouver 2010 Olympic Games confirmed

27 March 2009, Sochi, Russia – Sochi 2014 will showcase its unique Olympic and Paralympic spirit to the Olympic Family, Olympic partners, Russian Olympians the international media and thousands of local and international visitors at the prominent Vancouver city landmark Science World facility, which will be transformed into Russian Sochi 2014 House during the Vancouver 2010 Olympic Games.

Located in the immediate vicinity of the Olympic Village and two major 2010 Games venues, BC Place (Opening and Closing Ceremonies) and Canada Hockey Place (ice hockey), Science World will become the official Sochi 2014 presentation and hospitality facility during the 2010 Winter Games and will welcome champions from Russia and across the world following success in their competitions.

Russian Sochi 2014 House will showcase a major exhibition of the innovative facilities that Sochi 2014 will offer athletes and officials alike. Russian Sochi 2014 House will also showcase the incredible Russian hospitality and vibrant culture that will be on display at Russia's first Winter Games.

In the year to come, Sochi 2014 will work closely with the Vancouver Organizing Committee for the 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Games (VANOC), the International Olympic Committee (IOC) and the City of Vancouver to ensure that the facility operates to the highest standard and fulfills the necessary transportation, security and other requirements. In partnership, Sochi 2014 will ensure that Russian Sochi 2014 House is a hospitable, entertaining and safe environment for all to enjoy.

Dmitry Chernyshenko, President and CEO of Sochi 2014 Organizing Committee, said:

"With the 2010 Games less than a year away, the spotlight is on Vancouver. Sochi 2014's presence at the Games will provide an important opportunity for athletes, members of the Olympic family and the international media to see our innovative plans for themselves. We are honored to occupy Science World's unique facility and will work toward making it a great success and an engaging experience for all Olympic Games guests."

"As the next host of the Winter Games following Vancouver, we are delighted that Sochi 2014 will be prominently showcased during the 2010 Games", said VANOC Chief Executive Officer John Furlong. "Our team is working closely with the organizers to ensure that this remarkable venue falls within the framework set out for hospitality venues and will indeed be a spectacular space to showcase Russian culture and to warmly welcome all visitors during the Games."

The rental fee paid to Science World will contribute to enhancing the science and technology exhibits of Science World and enriching the current educational program that will benefit future generations and leave a lasting legacy for the city of Vancouver.

Bryan Tisdall, President and CEO of Science World, said:

"Science World is delighted and honored that Sochi 2014 has selected our facility as the home for their presentation during the 2010 Olympic Winter Games. We are proud of our role in providing engaging experiences to local residents and visitors to British Columbia, and we are thrilled that Sochi 2014 will continue this role in providing a preview of their plans for the 2014 Olympic and Paralympic Games."

The program, project concept and other operational details for Russian Sochi 2014 House are currently under development and will be announced shortly.

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