



IOC President tours facility with World Archery President

International Olympic Committee President Thomas Bach was given a tour around the World Archery Excellence Centre by World Archery President Prof Dr Ugur Erdener at the beginning of June 2016, as the construction process moved into its final stages.

With the building fully insulated and water-tight, and the doors, windows, ceilings and office-level floors all installed, the IOC President was able to see how the building will look when in operation later this summer. The last tasks left to complete include laying the sports floor in the main hall, constructing the indoor



President Bach and President Erdener with the Centre's construction team

target range, putting in the fixtures and fittings, and seeding the outdoor range.

The IOC President said he was impressed by the building and congratulated Prof

Dr Erdener on the progress of the important project. President Bach asked a number of questions about the environmentally-friendly aspects of the design, including the geothermic

wells, which heat the entire facility, and rooftop-covering solar panels.

The panels began operating in February 2016 and have contributed electricity to the City of Lausanne.



Andrew Ryan ASOIF Executive Director

“World Archery’s investment in the growth of the Olympic Movement continues with the construction of this world-class facility, which will serve well both the international archery community and the international sports community in Lausanne.”



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The Centre façade

Even before the World Archery Excellence Centre started its design process, it was decided that it was going to be as eco-friendly and integrated into the green areas that surround it as possible.

The latest component of the construction to be delivered and installed on site, the façade – which is the exterior of the Centre – is made up of wood lamellas, with geometry and design that resembles the trees in a forest, just like the ones surrounding the building's grounds.

The wood lamellas were coated to resist all weather conditions and pre-assembled on a

structure, as they were delivered as panels on site. Adding the panels to the building was one of the last steps in finishing the structure.

After being dropped site, it was estimated that the façade would take three weeks to fully install – and was completed on time.

The façade was built by the Swiss company Charpente Vial, which is located nearby Fribourg, and occupies a surface of 675 m² with a height of 4 metres on average.



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MEET THE TEAM

Maintenance Coordinator **Fermin Sul**

Fermin Sul is a 28-year-old Guatemalan based in Switzerland since 2007. A former technician in commercial computing, he has worked as a tennis coach throughout most of his life, gathering experience in maintenance and facility management.

His passion for archery started one year ago, after meeting the World Archery Excellence Centre Director Juan Carlos Holgado. The Centre, said Fermin, is something that garnered his attention for the importance that it brings to the local and international sport communities.



At the end of 2015, Fermin travelled to the Easton Foundations Centre in Salt Lake City, United States, to practise archery and gain more knowledge in maintaining an archery centre.

With this expertise, Fermin expects to create an atmosphere of quality and efficient problem-solving at the World Archery Excellence Centre.

Administrative Assistant **Mathieu Gerber**

Swiss ice hockey player Mathieu Gerber was appointed as Administrative Assistant in April 2016, as part of a fourth-month internship at the World Archery Excellence Centre.

At 20 years old, Mathieu's experience has been mainly orientated to working with children. While learning about archery and getting more experience



in administrative fields, Mathieu's currently waiting for a response from the University of Pennsylvania on a full scholarship application to study and play hockey there.

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Patrice Iseli



Patrice Iseli is the Head of Sport for the City of Lausanne, which has been a supporter of the centre since the initiative was first presented and is now a major project partner.

Why is the City of Lausanne supporting the World Archery Excellence Centre?

PI "With the presence of the IOC and over 50 international sports federations (including World Archery), Lausanne, the Olympic Capital, is the world of sports' administration center. But we do not want to be only the place where the sport is administered. We also want to be a town of sport, where the skills, new technologies, innovations developed by the federations find their way in the field. This centre will allow archers from around the world to come to Lausanne and enjoy this place of excellence."

How do you think this centre will benefit archery and the City of Lausanne?

PI "Lausanne and archery have built a strong relationship over the years. Besides the headquarters of World Archery, we regularly host international events of the highest level. The last time was in the summer of 2014, with the final of the Archery World Cup. In addition, the archery club of Lausanne is one of the most important in the country, with a beautiful outdoor venue next to the lake and indoor premises whose space has recently been doubled. The centre will further strengthen this relationship."

What's the importance of promoting sports like archery in the City of Lausanne?

PI "In general, the promotion of sport is one of the main policies of the City of Lausanne's. As the Olympic Capital, we wish to develop all sports, especially Olympic sports. Archery fits particularly well in this context and we want to offer its community the best possible conditions for its development. It is a discipline that is well suited to younger people and it is very successful in the sports programme we organise every week for students in city schools."

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