



## INCORPORATING THE 16th EUROPEAN JUNIOR CAMP

# 7th WORLD JUNIOR BRIDGE CAMP

PIESTANY, SLOVAKIA • 3-10 July 2006

The WBF Youth Committee is proud to announce that the **7th World Junior Camp** will take place in one of our newest member-countries: Slovakia. We are grateful to the *European Bridge League* and the *Slovak Bridge Association* for providing us with an excellent venue in a very convenient location, and appreciate their cooperation and the warmth of their hospitality.

Thirty years have passed since Junior Bridge Camps were introduced in Europe - eleven since they were adopted by the WBF - and their contribution to the development of the game among young people has been significant. Camps do not mainly address the champion players but the lesser mortals; they aim at helping young people make new friends, and strengthen ties already developed between older friends, under the umbrella of their common hobby. In the Camps there are very few rules, but many possibilities open to those who wish to take them. Many great players, including some of today's World Champions, started their careers as shy participants at the European Camps where experience has shown that whoever joined once, came back again and again.

We hope that all Zones and NBOs will back the World Junior Camp by advocating it to their young players and by supporting them, financially and otherwise, to participate. It may not be obvious, but as the concept of the Junior Camp spreads around the world, so will bridge itself!

### • VENUE

**PIESTANY** (pop. 30,000) is a spa town, situated on the banks of river Vah and lake Slnava, 80 km north-east of Slovakia's capital Bratislava.

Except for cure facilities, Piestany offers a variety of tourist attractions, while its green surroundings feature many hiking routes, etc., and are particularly well known to sports- and nature lovers.



The Camp will be held in Hotel **Sorea SLNAVA**, which lies in a quiet and colourful environment on the outskirts of the town, some 2 km from the center of Piestany. The hotel provides ample space to satisfy Camp requirements. Free **transportation** will be provided from Bratislava airport and Bratislava and Piestany railway stations to the venue and vice versa.



All rooms have en-suite facilities (bathroom with shower), balcony, colour TV, radio, telephone, etc. Breakfast is served from a buffet, while there is a choice of various dishes for lunch and dinner, including a vegetarian menu.

Sports facilities available on site include, an indoor swimming pool, sauna, jacuzzi, fitness centre, mini-golf, badminton, table tennis and billiards. Nearby there are tennis courts, a squash hall, fields for volleyball, mini-football, etc. Nature lovers can rent mountain bikes and enjoy the unique surroundings.



## • PROGRAM

The Opening Ceremony will take place at 7 pm on **Monday 3 July**, after dinner and before the first tournament. The Camp will be closed with the traditional festivities on the night of **Monday 10 July**. Participants are expected to leave on Tuesday 11 July, after breakfast.

The daily program includes **lectures** (for weaker and stronger players) on various bridge subjects to be given by acknowledged teachers. Certain hours will be devoted to physical **sports**. In the numerous **bridge** tournaments, the mixing-up of nationalities will be systematically encouraged. There will be at least one organized **outing** to places of interest nearby. Naturally, participants will have plenty of **free time** to spend as they wish within the framework of the Camp.

## • COST

All participants will be lodged in double rooms at the venue.

The cost of full-board accommodation for eight nights is **Skr 10,840** (Slovak koruna) per person, payable upon arrival. There is also an entry fee of **€100** per person which - if not paid on site - will be charged to the NBO of the participant after the Camp.

There are no other costs involved, apart from the usual personal ones. Naturally, participants must make and pay for their own travel arrangements, either directly or through their NBO.

### The Venue

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## • QUALIFICATION

Junior Camps are not mainly addressed to champion players but to the anonymous mass of lesser mortals. Therefore, the level of play should **not** be regarded as a qualification.

Participants should, in general, be **17-23** years old. This is a guideline rather than a strict limit. NBOs wishing to enter people who are one or two years *younger*, will be advised to send a group leader whose primary function will be to take special care of these young people. On the other hand, the Youth Committee is prepared to allow *older* participants, nominated by countries where Junior Bridge is not highly developed. In any case, the standard age limit of 25 years (*born on or after 1 January 1981*) cannot, of course, be exceeded.

## • WBF YOUTH AWARDS

Established in 1989, the **WBF Youth Awards** aim at rewarding aptitude, diligence and international spirit shown by participants at the World Junior Camps. The winners do not receive any material prize, but earn the honor of enabling their countries to have a free place in the next Junior Camp.

Nominations are made by the participants themselves, and the selection of the WBF Award winners is decided among them by the Youth Committee. The result is announced at the Camp's closing ceremony.

As the result of their nationals winning the 2004 WBF Youth Awards at the previous Camp, *Romania, Sweden, Thailand* and *USA* are entitled to one free place in the 2006 Junior Camp.

### WBF Youth Committee

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## • ENTRIES

The Champ is open to all member countries of the WBF.

**Participation** is by invitation only. Applicants are requested to submit the full name and the exact date of birth of each participant for consideration by the *Credentials Committee*. Upon arrival, players will be asked to present their passports for verification of the age eligibility.

**Entries** should be made electronically through the WBF's website, using the form available at [www.worldbridge.org/tourn/Piestany.06/CampReg.asp](http://www.worldbridge.org/tourn/Piestany.06/CampReg.asp)

All entries will be automatically forwarded to the Zone/NBO of the applicant, and are subject to their approval.

**Deadline:** Applications submitted after **15 June 2006** will be accepted only if the upper limit of 200 participants has not been reached. Withdrawals of accepted entries *must* be acknowledged by email to the WBF Youth Committee by the same deadline, to avoid payment of the entry fee.

Accepted entries are automatically guaranteed accommodation at the venue, so there is no need for room reservations.

## • CAMP RULES

Participants are subject to the WBF Camp Rules & Regulations, available at [www.worldbridge.org/categories/juniors/WorldCampRules.pdf](http://www.worldbridge.org/categories/juniors/WorldCampRules.pdf)

When applying to participate, Juniors must acknowledge that they have read the WBF Camp Rules & Regulations and accept to abide by them.

### Information & Registration

[www.worldbridge.org/tourn/Piestany.06/CampMain.htm](http://www.worldbridge.org/tourn/Piestany.06/CampMain.htm)