

AGREEMENT

AGREEMENT entered into this 7th day of January 2005 between the **EUROPEAN BRIDGE LEAGUE** (herein called the 'EBL') and the **SLOVAK BRIDGE ASSOCIATION**, a National Bridge Organization member of the EBL (herein called the 'Host'):

WITNESSETH

1. Subject to the terms and conditions set forth, the EBL, acting on behalf of the *World Bridge Federation* (herein called the 'WBF'), hereby awards the Host, and the Host hereby agrees to host, the **2006 World Youth Bridge Pairs Championship**, herein called the '*Tournament*'.

The Tournament would normally comprise one series, the **6th World Junior Bridge Pairs Championship** (incorporating the *8th European Junior Bridge Pairs Championship*). However, the EBL intends to introduce in the Tournament a second series, the **1st World Schools Bridge Pairs Championship**, unless it judges that there are valid reasons for not doing so.

2. The Tournament will be held at **Hotel Sorea Slnava** (herein called the 'Venue'), in the town of **Piestany** (herein called the 'Host Town'), in **Slovakia** (herein called the 'Host Country'), over a period of three days, beginning with an opening ceremony on **Friday 30 June 2006** and ending with a Victory dinner and official prize-giving on **Sunday 2 July 2006**. The schedule of the Tournament shall be as decreed by the EBL.

3. The identity of the Venue and the Host Town will not be changed by the Host for any reason whatsoever without the prior written consent of the EBL.

4. The Tournament will be conducted under the sanction and control of the EBL and shall be subject to all applicable provisions of the EBL Statutes, the International Code and the Tournament Rules and Regulations.

5. Sponsorship and advertising are possible, subject to the approval of the EBL. Services and products not appropriate for young people, as for example tobacco, alcohol, drugs, etc. are not acceptable.

6. The EBL shall be responsible for the following:

- a. To appoint the Chairman of the EBL Youth Committee, who shall be accepted by the Host, to act as the official representative of the EBL in all matters pertaining to this Tournament. The Chairman may appoint a Tournament Liaison Officer who shall be accepted by the Host to deputize for him as required. The EBL shall also appoint a Director of Operations who will be responsible for all technical aspects of the Tournament and who will be accepted as such by the Host.

- b. To establish an Organizing Committee for the Tournament, whose function and duty shall be to make all necessary arrangements preparatory to the proper staging of the Tournament. The Chairman (or the Tournament Liaison Officer acting for him) shall be accepted by the Host as a member of the Organizing Committee. This Committee shall function only up until commencement of the Tournament and thereafter the organizational responsibilities relating to the Tournament shall be vested in the Tournament Committee consisting of the Chairman of the EBL Youth Committee as Chairman, the Director of Operations, and the On-Site Organizer who shall be appointed by the Host, and their authorized representatives.
- c. To provide the Rules and Regulations governing the Tournament.
- d. To appoint a Tournament Appeals Committee to rule on protests and appeals, to determine disputed facts, and to act as an investigative body in its discretion during the Tournament.
- e. To appoint the following personnel:
 - Chief Tournament Director
 - Assistant Chief Tournament Director
 - Chief Scorer and the Scoring Team
 - Duplication Supervisor and the Duplication Team
 - Chief Bulletin Editor
 - Assistant Bulletin Editor (or Co-Editor) and Layout Editor
 - Internet Editor and Assistant Editor
 - Hospitality Desk Manager
- f. To award EBL Master Points for the Tournament in accordance with the EBL Master Point Plan.
- g. To announce the Tournament to the NBOs in an appropriate way and invite entries.
- h. To accept entries (the Host NBO shall not accept any entries; if it receives entries they must be forwarded to the EBL Youth Committee without delay).
- i. To assist the Host in the promotion of the Tournament through the WBF and EBL Internet websites, and by timely releases to the news media and other channels of publicity available to the EBL.
- j. To counsel and otherwise generally assist the Host in the planning and conduct of the Tournament.

7. The Host undertakes to work with the Chairman of the EBL Youth Committee and/or his representatives, and the Director of Operations to effect all necessary arrangements for the proper staging of the Tournament according to EBL requirements. In furtherance of the foregoing, but not in limitation thereof, the Host shall be responsible for the following:

- a. Warranty that the Host Country and the Host Town will welcome all NBOs who are members of the WBF and/or the EBL in good standing and who are to participate in the Tournament.
- b. Assurance that officials of the Host Country and the Host Town will welcome the WBF and the EBL, and all participating NBOs to the Tournament.
- c. Co-operation with the EBL and its authorized officers and committees in order to assure the comfort and safety of all participants and officials at the Tournament and otherwise to effect all arrangements considered necessary by the EBL in order to meet the EBL requirements for the Tournament.

8. The Host shall be responsible for ensuring that the Venue shall be available for the tournament from the morning of Thursday 29 June 2006 until noon on Monday 3 July 2006. In particular, the three halls on the first floor of the Venue (totalling more than 1,000 m²) shall be used as the playing area; the area must be equipped with a sound amplification system and shall be cleaned after each playing session. Other rooms required for the Tournament include the cafeteria and the office on the first floor, and up to five function rooms on the ground floor; to be assigned with the prior agreement of the Chairman of the EBL Youth Committee. All rooms must be adequately illuminated for their intended use, and the offices must be air-conditioned as required. The Venue may not be used for any other function during the time period defined at the beginning of this paragraph.

9. The Host agrees to provide three additional Tournament Directors (at least one of them must come from a foreign country) who have attended successfully an EBL Tournament Directors' Course, and up to seventeen other personnel and assistants, as required for the comfortable running of the Tournament and all Tournament operations. The Host shall also propose a suitable person, national of the Host Country, to act as Hospitality Desk Manager, to be appointed by the EBL (§ 6.e.). All personnel must be English-speaking.

10. The Host shall be responsible, at its own expense, for the provision of appropriate air conditioned full-board accommodation during the tournament at the venue, to the WBF and EBL Presidents and up to five additional Executive Members of the WBF or EBL (including the Chairman of the WBF/EBL Youth Committee) or special WBF/EBL guests, the members of the WBF/EBL Youth Committees, the Chairman of the Appeals Committee and the Director of Operations. The total number of these guests at any single night will not exceed thirteen (13).

11. The EBL agrees to obtain the services of and pay the travel expenses of the foreign personnel listed in §6.e above. The Host shall have no financial obligations towards these persons apart from providing full-board accommodation to them at the Venue.

The Host shall obtain the services of all additional personnel detailed in § 9 above, and shall be responsible for any expenses pertaining thereto. The appointment of these persons shall be subject to the approval of the EBL.

12. The Host agrees to provide all necessary equipment for the Tournament operations, except the material detailed in §13 below, which is to be provided by the EBL. The Host's obligation includes, but is not limited to, adequate square bridge tables with green table cloths, side tables, chairs and bidding boxes; table and section numbers; adequate pens; three digital count-down timing systems; two video projectors, four overhead projectors and six projection screens; two photocopying machines (capable of at least 45 copies per minute, with automatic stapling, and immediate maintenance available) and a supply of 20,000 sheets of photocopying paper; ten personal computers and five laser printers of appropriate specification for scoring and for secretarial purposes, including the Daily Bulletin; etc. At least one direct telephone line shall be installed in the room to be designated as EBL Office and a second one in the Daily Bulletin office, with calls charged at standard rates to the EBL (telephone meters required).

The Host agrees to provide the necessary forms (samples to be provided by the EBL); the official programme booklet (cf §19); name badges for the officials, staff and players (cf §19); and the front page of the Daily Bulletin, pre-printed with the Championship information, as required.

The Host shall also provide normal requisites including, but not limited to, banners; appropriate signposting; three notice boards; normal office stationery including two paper cutters; three lockable cupboards; trolleys and boxes for the transportation of boards, etc.

Internet access through a local provider must be available at no charge to the EBL. A minimum of five workstations is required (one in the EBL Office, one in the Daily Bulletin office, and three or more in an appropriate place designated by the Operations Director for the convenience of the players).

All equipment and installations must be checked and approved in advance by the Director of Operations.

13. The EBL agrees to provide an adequate number of boards with playing cards, duplicated in advance (otherwise, with the necessary equipment and personnel for duplication on site).

14. The Host agrees to arrange for full-board hotel accommodation (breakfast, lunch, dinner) to be available at the Venue to all participating players and accompanying guests at a rate of no more than €50 (fifty euros) per person per night in a single room, €45 (forty five euros) per person per night in a double room, €40 (forty euros) per person per night in a 3-bedded room with private facilities (toilet and bath/shower).

There will be three meals every day: breakfast, hot lunch and hot dinner served at an appropriate time to all participants as provided by the programme. Food may be simple but must be of an acceptable standard to the EBL and adequate for young people who usually require more quantity than adults; special care should be taken to avoid local and/or specialized dishes which are not always to everybody's liking, and adopt international cuisine. It is essential that participants should have a choice for the main course. Vegetarians, and those with special dietary requirements must be catered for, provided advance notice is given.

Meals will be served under a marquee to be installed in the garden and immediately outside the restaurant. The marquee should be of adequate size to accommodate all participants dining seated at tables in one shift.

Snacks and refreshments (coffee, tea, soft drinks, beer, wine, etc. - but no other alcoholics) should be available in the playing area during the Tournament hours at the standard Venue cafeteria rates. Drinking water shall be available free of charge.

15. The Host will provide free transportation to all players, journalists, officials and accompanying guests from Bratislava Airport and Bratislava and Piestany Railway Stations to the Venue at the beginning of the Tournament and vice versa at the end of the Tournament.

16. The EBL agrees to provide silver cups to the first three pairs of each series of the competition, and gifts to the remaining pairs finishing among the top ten in the Junior series and the top five in the Schools series. The Host shall provide souvenir gifts to the first three pairs of each series.

17. The Host agrees to provide a Daily Bulletin for the Tournament. The EBL reserves the right to control the format and contents of the Daily Bulletin.

18. The Host agrees to provide, at its expense, drinks and snacks to all present at the opening ceremony, and a special Victory dinner (served at the table; no buffet) at the closing ceremony. All participants and official guests are to be invited to these ceremonies.

19. The Host shall provide an official briefcase with programme (to be approved by the EBL before printing - see §12) and contents which shall include badges (see §12) indicating clearly the first name, surname and country of each participant, official and member of staff; tourist leaflets; playing cards; pen; keepsake, etc.

The Programme must have on the front cover the WBF and EBL logos, the phrase: '*World Youth Bridge Pairs Championships*', '*6th World Junior Pairs Championship*', '*1st World Schools Pairs Championship*', the Host City and Country, the dates of the Championship and the name of the Venue. To be included inside are:

- a. Messages from dignitaries, the President of the WBF, the President of the EBL, the Chairman of the WBF Youth Committee and the President of the Host NBO.
- b. Lists of the WBF/EBL Executives, the WBF/EBL Youth Committees, the National Juniors' Officials, the Officers and Executives of the Host NBO, the Organizing Committee, the Tournament Committee, the Tournament Appeals Committee, Tournament Directors, Daily Bulletin Editors, Hospitality staff and other key personnel.
- c. Articles about the Junior Championships, one article about the WBF/EBL, and a list of the member countries of the WBF/EBL.
- d. The Tournament programme, broken down to the day and hour.
- e. A general layout of the Venue and, where appropriate, a map of the host town.
- f. The Rules and Regulations of the Tournament.
- g. A list of previous Junior Pairs Championships and the names of past medal winners.
- h. Any other information.

Advertising is possible inside the programme, but must be of good quality and for prestigious advertisers, but NOT bars, night clubs, alcoholic drinks, tobacco etc. All advertising is subject to approval by the EBL. *No advertising may appear on the front cover.*

The Programme must be in English, and must be approved by the Chairman of the EBL Youth Committee before printing.

20. The Host undertakes to provide participating NBOs with all necessary information regarding travel and transport arrangements, how to obtain a visa when necessary, foreign currency regulations and facilities, local conditions etc., through at least one Information Bulletin to be mailed no later than two months before the start of the Tournament. *The Host NBO must ensure that all letters, enquiries and bookings are acknowledged promptly.*

21. The entry fees for the Tournament shall be determined by the EBL, and shall be paid to the EBL. The EBL shall offer to the Host €50 (fifty euros) per pair as a contribution to the organizational expenses of the Host. There shall be no additional entry fees payable by any participant, nor shall they be charged for the Daily Bulletin, the use of sports facilities, the opening and closing ceremonies or any other part of the programme.

22. The rights, duties and obligations of the Host and EBL under this Agreement are subject to the following provisions:

- a. Neither party shall assign this Agreement without the other's written consent, nor shall the Agreement be deemed assignable by operation of law without such consent.
- b. Any controversy or claim arising out of or under this Agreement or any breach thereof shall be arbitrated in accordance with the rules, then obtaining, of the British Arbitration Association. Any such arbitration shall be held in London unless the parties otherwise agree.
- c. The Agreement shall be construed under the laws of England.
- d. Each party shall take any and all steps, and execute, acknowledge and deliver any and all further documents that the other may reasonably request, to effect the intent and purpose of this Agreement.
- e. No modification of any of the terms hereof shall be valid unless in writing and executed by the parties with the same formality as this Agreement.
- f. No waiver of any breach of, or default under, any provision of this Agreement shall be deemed a waiver of such provision, or of any subsequent breach or default.
- g. This Agreement is intended for the sole benefit of the parties hereto and no third party shall have any rights whatsoever against either of the parties hereto by virtue of the provisions hereof.

23. This Agreement constitutes the entire understanding of the parties. The parties heretofore had dealings with each other on the basis of informal arrangements. The purpose of this Agreement is to define the legal relations of the parties.

24. If the Chairman of the EBL Youth Committee is unable to attend the Tournament, then the person nominated by the EBL in writing to the Host as his authorized representative shall exercise and enjoy the rights, powers and privileges conferred on the Chairman of the Youth Committee by this Agreement. There shall not at any time during the Tournament be more than one such authorized representative.

25. The Host agrees to ensure that an insurance policy, acceptable to the EBL, will be available at the Tournament to cover third party liability.

The Host agrees to indemnify the EBL and to hold it harmless against any loss, liability or expense incurred without negligence or bad faith on the EBL's part, arising out of or in connection with the holding of the Tournament (other than expenses undertaken by the EBL herein), including any costs or expenses incurred by the EBL in defending any claim or liability asserted against it.

26. In the event of proven damage caused by any participant at the Venue the EBL will use its best endeavours to get the NBO of that participant to indemnify the Host.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Agreement on the date first above written.

**SLOVAK BRIDGE
ASSOCIATION**

**EUROPEAN BRIDGE
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