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goodmorning bridge

Hello everyone!

Welcome to the 49th Pula Bridge Festival!

Finally the day has come, we are at the very beginning of another Pula bridge festival. Your mailings tell me that many of you can hardly wait to see each other, to start playing and partying, and do all the other great things that are obviously done only in Pula and nowhere else.

They say (those weather persons) that we will have sunny days, with warm sea, so you will have a difficult decision ☺ between staying awake gathering all the night and enjoying the morning sun. I know you can do it both. Go strong.

So, this year we welcome our friends from: Austria, Belarus, Belgium, Bulgaria, Bosnia & Herzegovina, China, Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark, England, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Hungary, Ireland, India, Italy, Latvia, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Russia, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Sweden, Ukraine and USA. If I failed mentioned your country, please let me know and you will receive a little present to apologize for that mistake.

I have no idea how many of you are really coming, first prognosis were quite bad, but in last weeks the numbers significantly improved so about 900 participants will be there. Of course many of those are not players, but I predict there will not be great decrease in number of pairs.

This tournament could never work without Ms **Ada Bogović**, our Arenaturist agent who makes all the bookings and helps with many other things as well. Special thanks to Mr **Radek Kielbasinski**, the president of Polish bridge federation, and **Slawek Latala**, our chief TD, for helping us again with bridgemates and other equipment for the tournament. Thanks to Mr. Radek Kielbasinski we will have special cups that will be given to best polish pair in all three pairs tournaments. Also, Mr **Reli Slonim** again helped with sponsoring Open Teams tournament, so the first prize is 3,000 Euros. Again, Teams tournament will be

broadcasted by BBO, so thanks to **Roland Wald** and his team, and Mr **Zoran Šimec** and his team.

Finally, special thanks go to all TD-s, Registration desk ladies, Press-office members, technical support, caddies and staff team. We just couldn't run this tournament without your help.

As you may presume I am writing this text few days before the beginning of the tournament so I do not know yet how it all started, first Saturday of the tournament is the most stressful day, since hundreds of people come, and it is very busy and hectic. This little bulletin will be issued every second day, so there will be 4 of them during the tourney. You can get your free copy at the Enrolment desk, approximately every even-dated day, at approximately any time.

**HAD ENOUGH OF WOMEN?
MENS TEAMS
WILL BE PLAYED SIMULTANEOUSLY
WITH MIXED TEAMS**

I am not just saying, your help in writing interesting articles for this bulletin is highly welcome. If you have an interesting board, funny story, tournament to be presented, announcement or a comment, please come to press room or e-mail me. Are *you looking for a partner (team-mates) for some of the tourneys?; anybody's birthday during Pula fesitval?, did you lose/find something?*, photos from festival, comments & views, questions (*would you like to find out how would experts bid or play a certain hand, we will ask them*), whatever ☺.

So, what are the news this year? Most important (and I cant really think of anything else ☺), we will be playing mens teams, simultaneously with mixeds. Since mens pairs that we introduced few years ago works fine, we will try and see what happens with teams.

Good Luck to all of you!