



## **55<sup>th</sup> EUROPEAN BRIDGE TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS - 2020**

The Portuguese Bridge Federation (FPB), in partnership with Madeira Bridge Association (hereinafter called “the Host”), is submitting to the European Bridge League (EBL) a candidature for hosting the 2020 European Bridge Team Championships.

The main person responsible for the organization of the Championships will be the president of the Madeira Bridge Association, Luis Miguel Teixeira, who has been responsible for organizing the Madeira Open International Bridge Festival, for the last 20 years and continuing being a great success.

### **1. Venue of the Championships**

The Championships will be held in Funchal, the capital of the Autonomous Region of Madeira, bordered by the Atlantic Ocean.

The city has a population of 111.892, making it the 6th largest city in Portugal, and has been the capital of Madeira for more than five centuries. Because of its high cultural and historical value, Funchal is one of Portugal's main tourist attractions.

Funchal has a subtropical Mediterranean climate with even temperatures all year around (average 20 °C).

Today Funchal is a major tourist town, with hotels, port, and an international airport, Cristiano Ronaldo Airport (FNC), located in the nearby municipality of Santa Cruz (20m drive from Funchal). Daily and direct flights are available from most European cities.

In Madeira there are restaurants for all tastes, from the most modern and sophisticated eateries with international cuisine to regional restaurants and welcoming traditional taverns.

The Championships Headquarters, the playing area and all the connected services will be based at the Pestana Forum, in the **Casino da Madeira**.

The main playing area, located on the 2nd floor, has 1.360 m<sup>2</sup>.

Close to the playing area, there will be spaces dedicated to:

- Main Office
- Storage room
- Scoring room
- Press room
- Daily Bulletin room
- Duplication room
- EBL meeting room
- EBL President's Office
- EBL Secretary's Office
- Staff room
- Open and Closed Rama rooms (5+5 boxes)
- Main Lobby

Some of these spaces will be located on the Casino da Madeira 3rd floor, which includes a mezzanine with 757 m<sup>2</sup>, other 5 rooms with approximately 26,5 m<sup>2</sup>, 47 m<sup>2</sup>, 16 m<sup>2</sup>, 23 m<sup>2</sup> and 68 m<sup>2</sup>, and the Auditorium with capacity for 628 people.

The playing areas and other areas that require special equipment to be set up will be available to the EBL staff from no later than three days before the Opening Ceremony.

Early arrival and late departure, as required by EBL Officials and EBL staff, will be available.

Use of meeting rooms and offices in advance of the Championships, as required by the EBL, will be available.

The service hours and meal times will be set in accordance with the requirements of the EBL.

The Vu-graph room and the Internet Café will be located at Pestana Casino Park Hotel (100m from the Casino da Madeira).

## 2. Organisation and Logistics

a) The Host will establish an Organising Committee whose function and duty shall be to ensure the necessary arrangements are made for the proper discharge by the Host of its obligations, as per the Agreement to be signed.

b) The Host will provide the following local staff:

- an On-site Organiser
- a Security Officer
- the Facilities Manager of the Venue
- 2 Assistant Tournament Directors
- 1 Daily Bulletin Editor
- 3 Hospitality & Information Desk Staff (English-speaking)
- 2 Line-up Staff (English-speaking)
- 1 Vu-graph Commentator (English-speaking)
- 3 Video Cameras Vu-graph Operators
- 2 technical Vu-graph operators
- 6 Keyboard Operators for Technical Services
- 2 Duplication Operators
- 3 Main Office workers to help with the set-up and scoring
- 1 Assistant Press Room Manager
- 8 Caddies

c) The Host will provide the following technical equipment and furniture:

- 1 large colour photocopying machine (60 copies/min.) for the Main Office
- 1 large photocopying machine (45 copies/min.) for the Press Room
- 3 normal-sized photocopying machine
- Chairs in sufficient quantities as required by the Championships format
- 10 pre-paid Portuguese SIM cards for local use only in mobile phones owned by the EBL
- Small tables to be set up beside play tables.

- d) The Host will provide 24-hour Internet connection through a (minimum) 10 Megabit link in the Internet Office, the Bulletin Room, the Press Room, the EBL Office, the Scoring Room and the EBL President's Office.
- e) The Host will provide comfortable and efficient transfers, free of charge, for EBL Officers and Staff between Funchal airport and the **Pestana Casino Park Hotel**, prior to the start of the Championships and in like manner back to the airport at the end of the Championships.
- f) The Host will provide the following bed and breakfast accommodation:
- a Presidential Suite for the EBL President and his spouse, for the duration of the Championship in the Pestana Casino Park Hotel.
  - 16 Deluxe rooms for the EBL officers and Honorary officers in a 4 stars hotel (=160 room nights).
- g) The Host will provide 30 standard rooms, with full board accommodation, for the EBL staff in a 3 stars hotel (=420 room nights).
- h) The Host will provide the following supplies, miscellaneous items, rooms and services:
- 1 briefcase (containing gifts, Championships dossier, 1 deck of Championships cards, map and information, etc.) for each player, Officers, staff operators and journalists (1.000)
  - 100 VIP gift bags
  - Flowers and typically local gifts for the prize winners
  - Podium and any other requirements for the prize-giving ceremonies
  - A First Aid Room continuously throughout the Championships and assistance/connection with a local doctor and hospital
  - A minimum of 10.000 sheets of A4 and A3 paper
  - Small notebooks (with approximately 10 sheets each) for the playing tables, as required by the Championships
  - Water (through dispensers) for all Championships participants, as required by the Championships
  - Soft drinks for the officers and staff operators

- 2 coffee machines, in the Main Office and EBL Office
- i) Special arrangements will be made, and several options will be available for the accommodation of players, officers, staff and non players, that will be sorted as soon as this candidature will be approved.
- j) The Pestana Casino Park Hotel will be able to supply around 800 meals in 1 hour and 15 minutes.
- k) Within walking distance from the playing area there are plenty of good restaurants to choose from.

A new 5 star Savoy Hotel, with excellent facilities and accommodation, very close to Casino da Madeira, will open in 2019, and could also be considered, as alternative or complementary.

### 3. Opening and Closing Ceremonies and other entertainments

The Host will provide the following ceremonies and entertainment events:

- an Opening Ceremony and Cocktail-Buffer for approximately 900 people
- a journalists Lunch and entertainment, for approximately 20 people
- the FPB President Gala Dinner for approximately 100 people (for EBL and NBO Officers, local Authorities and guests)
- a Staff Dinner for approximately 120 people
- a Closing Ceremony with Cocktails for approximately 900 people

To make this event even more special, a traditional dinner and a fireworks display will be organized.

### 4. Financial conditions

The Host will take in charge the following costs:

- Championships Headquarters, playing area and all the connected services, as described in clause 1 above

- Organisation and Logistic costs, as described in clause 2 above
- Opening and Closing Ceremonies and other entertainments, as described in clause 3 above

Complementary information to this candidature will be presented to the EBL Executive Committee in Ostend, during the 54th European Bridge Teams Championships.

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