

EUROPEAN BRIDGE LEAGUE

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To the Bridge Federations of
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c/c EBL Executive Committee Members
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23rd July 2010

Dear President and Friend,

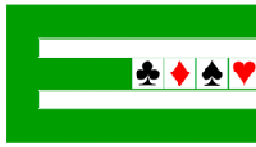
<p align="center">9th EUROPEAN CHAMPIONS' CUP Izmir, Turkey 11th – 14th November 2010</p>

I am pleased to inform you that the 9th edition of the EBL Champions' Cup will be held at the Ege Palace Hotel, Cumhuriyet Blv. 210, Izmir, Turkey, from 11th to 14th November 2010.

According to the results of the 2010 European Open Team Championship held in Ostend, and in accordance with the Rules and Regulations, the National Team Champions (**the teams which won the main national Open Team Championship in 2009**) of the following NBOs, plus the defending Champion "A.S.D. Angelini, Roma", and the Host Team, are invited to participate:

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I am very pleased, therefore, to invite your Open Team Champions to participate in this extraordinary event and I would be grateful if you could **confirm** the team's participation and **send** me the following details of this team as soon as possible, and **before 10th September 2010**:



- name of the club to which the team belongs: if the team is composed by players from different clubs, the team will be named with the name of the Captain followed by Turkish (or Italian or Swedish etc.) National Champion
- names of Captain and players,
- name and e-mail address of the person entitled to receive further information.

Programme

You can find attached the schedule of the event.

After your confirmation and after the EBL Credentials Committee has given its agreement, I will send you all the other information concerning every useful details.

For further information, please contact: EBL Secretariat (Marina Madia), Tel. +39 02 7384450, E-mail: ebf@federbridge.it.

Format

The teams are divided into two groups of six and in each group a complete round-robin of 20 boards will be played. At the end of the round-robin the first two ranked teams will play a KO match of 48 boards (4 sessions of 12: 1st A v. 2nd B – 1st B v. 2nd A) in Semi-final A, the third and fourth in Semi-final B (3rd A v. 4th B – 3rd B v. 4th A) and the fifth and sixth in Semi-final C (5th A v. 6th B – 5th B v. 6th A). The winners of Semi-final A will play a KO match of 48 boards (4 sessions of 12) for the title; the losers will play a KO Match of 36 boards (3 sessions of 12) for the third place; the winners of the Semi-finals B and C will play a KO match of 36 boards (3 sessions of 12), respectively, for fifth and ninth places; the losers of these Semi-finals will not play.

Accommodation & Facilities

The Ege Palace Hotel will apply the following special rates (per day per person) for the participants and their accompaniers:

Single room	€ 90
Double room	€ 70

The cost of the accommodation includes the dinner of Thursday 11th, the breakfast and lunch of Friday 12th, Saturday 13th and Sunday 14th. All the participants will be invited at the Prize-giving Gala Dinner on Sunday 14th November.