To the Presidents of all EBL NBOs
C.C.: EBL Executive Committee Members

17th July 2002

Dear President and friend,

I am very pleased to inform you that the EBL will be holding the above-mentioned Seminars for the National Federation President and Officers from 3rd to 5th October 2002 at Telecittà Studios, in San Giusto Canavese (Turin), Italy.

At these Seminars we will examine and discuss together the problems relating to the organisation of the National Bridge Federation, training of Federation Management staff, the development and promotion of bridge, school teaching programmes and youth activities, consequences of International Olympic Committee recognition and resulting opportunities. For this reason it is important that the people responsible for NBO policy decisions, teaching programme and technology attend the Seminar.

The joint Seminar is organised as follows:

• Thursday – a general introduction for all participants, including the welcome, aims of the Seminar, IOC matters, EBL policy in organising and developing bridge, health and antidoping.
• Friday – the participants will be divided into three sections as per the attached schedule, and each section in three or five working groups. The work groups will work separately with the group leader and co-ordinator of each work group.
• Saturday – In the morning, each section will meet separately in a round-the-table system in order to discuss together the previous day’s experiences. In the afternoon, general subjects and closure. Farewell dinner in the evening.

Please find attached the Programme for the Seminar, and a Questionnaire which all NBOs are kindly requested to answer and return to José Manuel De Oliveira, Chairman of the EBL NBO Liaison Committee, as per the instructions given in the Questionnaire.

I am convinced that you will welcome this initiative, which will repeat and improve on the experience gained in Viserbella in May 2000, which will reinforce the close co-operation between the EBL and its NBOs and will support the EBL projects and plans.

I am also pleased to inform you that the EBL invites 3 people from each NBO: the President, an officer responsible for the technical administration and an officer responsible for the teaching programme. The EBL will offer each NBO one single and one double room with full board free of charge to three officers, starting with dinner on Friday and ending with breakfast on Monday. If any NBO prefers to have three single rooms, the third room will be charged at a rate of 70 Euro per day. Any accompanying guests, sharing a room with an invited NBO officer, will be charged 40 Euro per day. Requests from NBOs to send additional officers may be submitted and will be fulfilled according to the availability of hotel rooms.

The EBL will also offer transfer to and from Telecittà from Turin Caselle Airport. Transfer will be offered from and to Milan Airports only for countries not connected to Turin Caselle Airport.

Please send confirmation of attendance by faxing or e-mailing the form sent herewith not later than 10th September 2002 to:

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Considering the great importance of this initiative I trust that all NBOs will participate and I look forward to seeing you in Turin.

Yours sincerely,

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