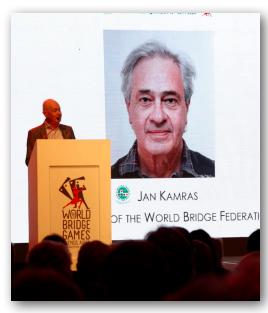


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# YOUR ARGENTINA ADVENTURES BEGIN



WBF President Jan Kamras

The world's finest are assembled in Buenos Aires to contest the 16<sup>th</sup> World Bridge Games. The opening ceremony, orchestrated by Arianna Testa in front of a massive audience (it was standing room only!) saw WBF President Jan Kamras deliver his address, drawing attention to the participation of his father in the first contest in Turin in 1960 and the contributions of the late Paulo Lombardi and Agustin Madala before formally declaring the games open.



Arianna Testa, MC



Co-Head TD Jeanne de Meiracker took an oath on behalf of the Tournament Directors



Tango performers



Camila Nunez took an oath on behalf of the Players

# **SCHEDULE TODAY**

09.00 - 09.55: Registration

# **Open Teams**

10.00 - 12.15: R1 (16 boards) 13.15 - 15.30: R2 (16 boards) 16.00 - 18.15: R3 (16 boards)

# **Women Teams**

10.00 - 11.45: R1 (12 boards) 12.15 - 14.00: R2 (12 boards) 15.00 - 16.45: R3 (12 boards) 17.15 - 19.00: R4 (12 boards)

# **Senior Teams**

10.00 - 11.45: R1 (12 boards) 12.15 - 14.00: R2 (12 boards) 15.00 - 16.45: R3 (12 boards) 17.15 - 19.00: R4 (12 boards)

It's Jan's birthday!

Happy Birthday Mr. President!

Mixed Teams
10.00 - 11.25: R1 (10 boards)
11.55 - 13.20: R2 (10 boards)
14.20 - 15.45: R3 (10 boards)
16.15 - 17.40: R4 (10 boards)
18.10 - 19.35: R5 (10 boards)





# **MATCHES ON BBO**

**Open Teams** 

10.00 - 12.15: Sweden - England

France - Turkiye

13.15 - 15.30: England - USA

China - Switzerland

16.00 - 18.15: Netherlands - Sweden

Italy - Norway

**Women Teams** 

10.00 - 11.45: France - Norway 12.15 - 14.00: USA - Poland

**Senior Teams** 

10.00 - 11.45: France - USA 12.15 - 14.00: USA - Poland

**Mixed Teams** 

14.20 - 15.45: Italy - China

Israel - Poland

16.15 - 17.40: Germany - Italy

HK, China - USA

18.10 - 19.35: France - Norway

Poland - Croatia

# **EDITOR'S LOG**

Star Date 21/10/2024

You can find a Welcome Bulletin at:

# championships.worldbridge.org/buenosaires24-files/welcome.pdf

Please pay special attention to the request of the ABA President Fernando Lema to 'flood the networks with news about the championships.'

It has almost become a tradition that the first issue of the Log recounts the adventures of those travelling to the Championships. A storm prevented planes taking off from Manchester, causing England Seniors David Robinson and Tony Sowter to miss their connecting flight from London that arrived in Buenos Aires on Monday afternoon. The last I heard they were on their way to Madrid to get a flight.

You can have a lot of fun discussing who the eventual winners of the team events will be. Anyone who is brave enough to make a prediction that they are willing to commit to print is welcome to send it for inclusion in the Bulletin. Drop by the office (lower ground floor level) or email it to: markhorton007@hotmail.com

We have a great team of writers covering the Championships, but even their eagle eyes cannot be expected to catch everything. If you have something interesting to report drop by the office or send an email.





# **DRAW TODAY**

# **OPEN - GROUP A**

ROUND 1			<b>ROUND 2</b>			<b>ROUND 3</b>		
Home Team		<b>Visiting Team</b>	<b>Home Team</b>		<b>Visiting Team</b>	<b>Home Team</b>		Visiting Team
Netherlands	V	Germany	New Zealand	٧	Ireland	Guadeloupe	V	Argentina
Ireland	V	Pakistan	Argentina	٧	Netherlands	South Africa	V	Chile
Argentina	V	Chinese Taipei	Chinese Taipei	٧	Spain	Germany	V	New Zealand
Guadeloupe	V	U.S.A.	HK, China	٧	Romania	Spain	V	England
Sweden	V	England	Israel	٧	Guadeloupe	Romania	V	Pakistan
New Zealand	V	Romania	Pakistan	٧	Chile	HK, China	V	Chinese Taipei
Israel	V	HK, China	South Africa	٧	Sweden	Netherlands	V	Sweden
Spain	V	Chile	England	٧	U.S.A.	Ireland	V	Israel
South Africa	٧	Bye	Germany	٧	Bye	U.S.A.	V	Bye

# **OPEN - GROUP B**

ROUND 1 Home Team		Visiting Team	ROUND 2 Home Team		Visiting Team	ROUND 3 Home Team		Visiting Team
Italy	V	Finland	Kuwait	V	India	Turkiye	V	Korea
Australia	V	Hungary	France	V	Austria	Hungary	V	Kuwait
Norway	V	China	China	V	Switzerland	Brazil	V	India
Austria	V	Switzerland	Turkiye	V	Hungary	Italy	V	Norway
France	V	Turkiye	Korea	V	Canada	Denmark	V	France
Denmark	V	Kuwait	Brazil	V	Norway	Finland	V	Australia
Canada	V	India	Poland	V	Italy	Austria	V	Poland
Poland	V	Korea	Australia	V	Denmark	Canada	V	China
Brazil	V	Bye	Finland	V	Bye	Switzerland	V	Bye

# **LADIES**

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			Ireland	Sweden	V	Canada
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#### **ROUND 4**

	<b>Visiting Team</b>
V	Poland
V	New Zealand
V	Chile
V	Italy
V	Germany
V	India
V	France
V	China
V	England
V	U.S.A.
V	South Africa
V	Australia
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# **SENIORS**

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**Home Team Visiting Team** Italy Scotland V India Turkiye V France U.S.A. V Denmark Canada V New Zealand Poland ٧ HK, China V Germany Brazil Japan Israel Chile Switzerland Australia Argentina Colombia ٧ England Netherlands ٧ Sweden Morocco

#### **ROUND 2**

**Home Team** HK, China Turkiye Israel France Canada Chile Japan U.S.A. Brazil Morocco Australia

India

# **Visiting Team**

Switzerland Colombia V New Zealand V Italy V ٧ Argentina **England** ٧ Sweden Poland Scotland Netherlands ٧ Denmark Germany

## **ROUND 3**

**Home Team Visiting Team** Morocco Germany V Canada V Italy New Zealand **England** V Colombia Scotland U.S.A. lapan Switzerland ٧ Israel HK, China France Brazil Denmark India Chile Poland Australia ٧ Argentina Netherlands V Sweden Turkiye

### **ROUND 4**

**Home Team Visiting Team** HK, China V Morocco Colombia ٧ Israel Scotland **England** ٧ Brazil India V Netherlands Denmark Canada Germany Switzerland ٧ France New Zealand V Japan Poland Italy V Turkiye Australia V U.S.A. Sweden V Chile Argentina

# **MIXED**

# **ROUND 1**

**Home Team Visiting Team** Poland Japan HK, China Italy V South Africa China V Ireland Argentina V Croatia Chile V Germany India Hungary Australia Norway Sweden New Zealand Canada V Denmark France England Colombia V Switzerland Turkiye V Israel Spain Morocco U.S.A. V Brazil Bye

# **ROUND 2**

**Home Team** Turkiye Italy Ireland Sweden Hungary Denmark Croatia Australia Canada France South Africa Japan Israel Norway Argentina

**Visiting Team** New Zealand Spain V U.S.A. Switzerland India V Chile **England** ٧ Brazil Morocco V Colombia Poland V Germany China HK, China V Bye

# **ROUND 3**

**Visiting Team Home Team** Italy China Chile England V Germany Colombia V Hungary Norway Argentina Japan Morocco Turkiye HK, China France Spain Sweden Poland Israel V New Zealand V Switzerland South Africa India V Denmark Australia Croatia V Brazil Canada Ireland V U.S.A. Bye

# **ROUND 4**

**Home Team Visiting Team** Germany Italy Spain Poland V Australia Argentina Chile France V HK, China U.S.A. New Zealand Sweden China **England** Croatia Japan Denmark Brazil V South Africa Norway Switzerland Morocco V Israel India Turkiye Ireland V Hungary ٧ Colombia Canada Bye

### **ROUND 5**

**Visiting Team Home Team** Chile New Zealand India Ireland V Italy Australia South Africa Japan V HK, China Germany Sweden Denmark France Norway Switzerland U.S.A. Poland Croatia V Spain Canada Colombia Morocco V Hungary Israel **England** Turkiye V Argentina ٧ Brazil China Bye





# **WROCŁAW REDUX**

# **Mark Horton**

The last incarnation of the World Bridge Games was the 15th edition, in Wroclaw 2016, the wonderful Polish city that subsequently played host to the 16th edition of the World Bridge Series in 2022. Here is a selection of the deals that set the pulses racing 8 years ago:

Dealer East. E/W Vul. ♠ J9 ♥ KJ9 ♦ J 10 7 3 **9** 9653 **↑** 73 AKQ8642 ♥ AQ10864 7 ΑK ♦ Q 4 **4** 10 4 2 ♣ AQ8 105 532 ♦ 98652 ♣ KJ7

# Open Room

West	North	East	South			
Phelan	Frey	Mitchell	D'Ovidio			
	_	2♣*	Pass			
2 %	Pass	3♠*	Pass			
<b>4</b> ♠	Pass	4NT	Pass			
5♣*	Pass	5NT*	Pass			
6♣	Pass	6 <b>♠</b>	All Pass			
3♠ Solid suit 4NT RKCB						
5 1 keycard						
5NT King	ask					

South led the  $\clubsuit7$  which simplified declarer's task, +1430.

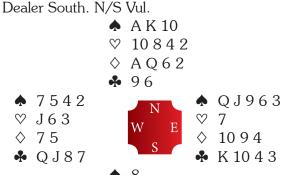
# Closed Room

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West	North	East	South
Reess	Greenwood	Zochowska	Kenny
_		2♣*	Pass
2♡	Pass	2 <b>4</b>	Pass
3♡	Pass	<b>3♠</b>	Pass
4♡	Pass	<b>6</b> ♠	All Pass

Here declarer South led the  $\lozenge 8$  and declarer won with the  $\lozenge A$  and played six rounds of trumps, South discarding three diamonds and the  $\heartsuit 5$  while North pitched three clubs and a diamond. Declarer cashed the  $\lozenge K$ , went to dummy with the  $\heartsuit A$ , ruffed a heart and exited with the  $\P Q$ . South could win, but had to lead into the split tenace.

Not a bad way to tie the deal!



♠ 8♡ AKQ95◇ KJ83♣ A52

# Open Room

West	North	East	South
Nogueira	Grude	Mandelot	Øigarden
			1 %
Pass	2NT*	Pass	3♦
Pass	3♡*	Pass	3♠*
Pass	4◊*	Pass	4NT*
Pass	5♡*	Pass	5NT*
Pass	7 💠	All Pass	

2NT Game forcing with hearts

3♥ Shortage?

3♠ Spade shortage

4♦ Control

4NT RKCB

5% 2 keycards

5NT Grand Slam try

This was the only table in the Open and Women's teams where  $7 \diamondsuit$  was reached. Bravo!





Dealer South. N/S Vul.

♥ J107632 ♦ A 7 4 3 ♣ K6

K8642 854

♦ Q 8

**♣** J93

♥ AKQ9 ♦ KJ1062 **\$** 5

♠ 1093

AQ75 ♦ 95

♣ AQ108742

### Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Gromöller	D'Avossa	Fritsche	Di Bello
_	_		2♣*
Dble	2♡*	2 <b>♠</b>	Dble
Pass	3♣	Pass	4
5♦	Dble	Pass	5 <b>^</b>
Pass	6 <b>%</b>	Pass	Pass
Dble	All Pass		
2♣ Prec	ision style nded as natur	ral hut syste	micallu

showing spades

In the other room Roy Welland and Sabine Auken had stopped in 3% for +150.

West led the ♥A and declarer ruffed, went to dummy with the  $\Diamond A$  and led the  $\spadesuit J$ . Had East covered there would have been no story, but that was hardly an obvious play and when the jack held declarer ruffed a heart, ruffed a spade, ruffed a heart, ruffed a spade, ruffed a heart, cashed the A and the A and exited with the  $\lozenge 9$ . His last two cards were the  $\clubsuit Q10$  which added up to a majestic +1540.

In due course the different explanations given to EW resulted in the score being adjusted to +200 for NS.

Dealer North. None Vul.

♠ K9872 ♥ Q6 ♦ K1052 **8** 4

**♦** J 10 3 ♥ K542 ♦ Q86

♣ J97

54 J 10 8 7 3 ♦ 74 ♣ Q 10 6 3

A Q 6 Α9 ♦ AJ93 ♣ AK52

West	North	East	South
Chen	Muzzio	Furuta	Camberos
_	Pass	Pass	2♣*
Pass	2◊*	Pass	$2 \heartsuit^*$
Pass	2♠*	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♡*	Pass	3♠
Pass	$4\diamondsuit$	Pass	4♡*
Pass	<b>4</b>	Pass	6 <b>♠</b>

All Pass

2%Kokish 3♡ Transfer

40 Control

4%Control

Needing to locate the  $\Diamond Q$ , declarer guessed wrong for -50.

# Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Crusizio	Kaku	Pellegrini	Takayama
	Pass	Pass	$2 \diamondsuit^*$
Pass	2♡*	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♡*	Pass	3 <b>^</b>
Pass	4◊*	Pass	4♡*
Pass	4 <b>^</b>	Pass	4NT*
Pass	5 <b>%</b>	Pass	5♡
Pass	5 <b>^</b>	Pass	6♦
All Pass			

 $2\Diamond$ Multi

2 %Pass or correct

3♡ Transfer

40 Control

4%Control

4NT RKCB

5 0 keycards

When South offered 60 as a possible contract North was happy to accept and with West unable to lead a heart, declarer only needed a 3-2 diamond break. He cashed the top diamonds and claimed, +920 and 14 IMPs.







Dealer West. None Vul.

♠ K62 ♥ Q1098 ♦ 862 ♣ J75 9 A 7 ♥ A754 3 ♦ A 7 4 3 ♦ KQJ95 ♣ K 10 6 4 3 ♣ AQ92 QJ108543 KJ62 10 **%** 8

Open Room

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West	North	East	South		
Terraneo	Nystrom	Simon	Upmark		
$1 \diamondsuit$	Pass	$2 \diamondsuit^*$	<b>4</b>		
5 <b>♠</b> *	Dble	Pass	Pass		
6◊	All Pass				

It was slightly surprising that East did not redouble to show first round spade control. If West had then bid 6%, a grand slam would not be out of the question.

# Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Sylvan	Linermann	Wrang	Babsch
$1 \diamondsuit$	Pass	$2 \diamondsuit^*$	<b>4</b>
Dble	Pass	4NT*	Pass
5◊*	Pass	6♣*	Pass
<b>7♣</b>	Pass	7♦	All Pass

# 4NT RKCB

 $5 \diamondsuit 3$  keycards

6♣ Looking for help in clubs

That was worth 11 IMPs.

I wonder what would have happened if NS had bid  $7 \spadesuit$ ?



Dealer West. N/S Vul.

★ K4 ♥ K1097 QJ874 **9** 7 A 10 96 3 AJ82 ♦ K52 A 10 9 3 ♣ AQ106543 ♣ KJ2 QJ87532 ♥ Q654  $\Diamond$ 6 **%** 8

Open Room

1			
West	North	East	South
Semenov	Drijver	Kholomeev	Brink
2♣*	Pass	2◊*	Pass
2NT*	Pass	3♣	<b>3♠</b>
4◊*	Pass	4♡	Pass
<b>4</b> ♠	Pass	6♣	All Pass

2. Precision

20 Asking

2NT Maximum

4♦ Control

4♥ Control

4♠ Control

In the other room after the same start to the auction Igor Bavchine bid  $3 \spadesuit$  directly over  $2 \diamondsuit$  and Simon de Wijs settled for 3NT and +460.

North led the **K** and declarer won, played a heart to the ace, ruffed a heart, went to dummy with a club, ruffed a heart and repeated the exercise to ruff dummy's remaining heart. After cashing the top diamonds declarer exited with a spade and South was forced to win and offer up a ruff and discard.

Not too shabby!

Dealer South. E/W Vul.

♠ AKJ98 ♦ 87654 🗣 AKJ 542 76 ♥ AJ6 KQ8542 A 9 3 J 10 2 **4** 10 9 4 2 **%** 85 Q 10 3 ♥ 10973 ♦ KQ ♣ Q763





#### Open Room West North **East** South Kalita Nustrom Nowosadzki Upmark Pass **1♣**\* $1 \heartsuit^*$ **Pass Pass** 2**♣**\* **Pass** 1NT\* **Pass** 2◊\* 2♡\* **Pass Pass Pass** 3♣\* **Pass** 3◊\* **3**♠\* **4♣**\* Pass **Pass** 6 **Pass** $4 \diamondsuit$ **Pass**

1♣ Strong

All Pass

1♥ Balanced positive

1NT Minimum unbalanced hand, major suit orientated

2♣ Relay

2 Short hearts

2♥ Relay

 $3 - 4 + \diamondsuit$ ,  $\heartsuit$ void

3\$ Relay

**3**♠ 5053

4♣ Relay

4♦ AAKK

East led a club and declarer won and played a diamond, West taking the  $\Diamond A$  and traying the  $\Diamond A$ . Declarer ruffed, went to dummy with a diamond, played a spade to the ace, ruffed a diamond and claimed, +980.

They were the only pair to bid the slam.

Dealer North. None Vul.

### Open Room

West	North	East	South
Sanborn	Huang	Deas	N Wang
_	$2 \diamondsuit^*$	Pass	4 %
5♦	All Pass		

2♦ Weak, 4+♥ and 4+♠

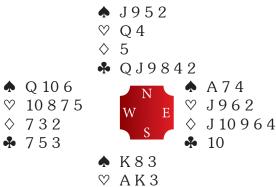
West had no real alternative to bidding  $5\diamondsuit$ , but it left East guessing and she elected to pass.

# Closed Room

West	North	East	South
W Wang	Palmer	Shen	Shi
	Pass	1 🛧	Pass
2♦	Pass	2 <b>^</b>	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♦	Pass
4NT	Pass	6\$	Pass
7♦	All Pass		

This is how the auction appeared on BBO – even if one doubts its accuracy, it delivered 14 IMPs.

Dealer West. All Vul.



♦ AKQ8
♣ AK6

# Open Room

West	North	East	South
Muller	Multon	De Wijs	Zimmermann
			2♣*
Pass	2◊*	Pass	2♡*
Pass	2♠*	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♣*	Pass	3◊*
Pass	4 <b>.</b>	Pass	4◊*
Pass	5 <b>%</b>	Pass	6♣
All Pass			

2♣ Strong 2♦ Waiting 2♥ Kokish 3♣ Stayman 4♦ Control

West led the  $\clubsuit$ 6, so the defenders took a trick.





### Closed Room

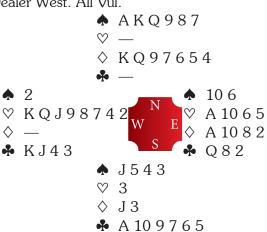
West	North	East	South
Helgemo	Drijver	Helness	Brink
			2♣*
Pass	$2 \diamondsuit^*$	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♣*	Pass	3♡*
Pass	4 \( \rightarrow \)*	Pass	4♡*
Pass	<b>4</b> ♠*	Pass	4NT*
Pass	5♣*	Pass	6NT
All Pass			

2**%** Strong  $2\Diamond$ Waiting 3**%** Stayman 3♡ No 4/5 card major  $4\Diamond$ Clubs 4♡ Relay 4 4216 4NT Relay **5** Minimum

Once South had denied a major a series of relays disclosed North's hand.

West led the  $\heartsuit$ 7 and declarer took dummy's  $\heartsuit$ Q, cashed the ♣AK, the ♥AK and then ran the clubs, squeezing East for the overtrick.

### Dealer West. All Vul.

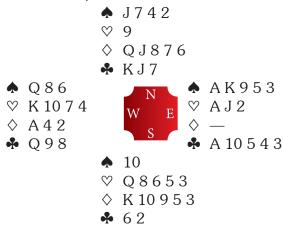


West	North	East	South
Mendoza	Silver	Negrin	Carruthers
$1 \heartsuit$	2\$	3◊*	Pass
4♡	5 <b>^</b>	Pass	6 <b>4</b>
Pass	Pass	Dble	All Pass

3\$ Heart support

When East led the  $\heartsuit A$  declarer was +1660. Only Italy's Berardino Mancini found the killing lead of the  $\Diamond A$ .

# Dealer East. N/S Vul.



In the Open Room Brazil stopped in  $4 \spadesuit$ .

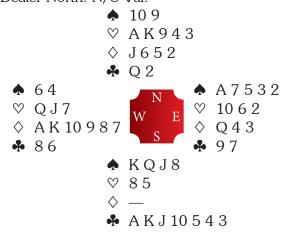
# Closed Room

West	North	East	South
X Shen	Chagas	M Shen	Barcellos
		1♣*	Pass
1NT*	Pass	2 <b>^</b>	Pass
3♡*	Pass	6♣*	All Pass

**1♣** 16+ 1NT 8-13 or 16+ balanced 3♡ 0-3 controls, AQxx or better 6 Choice of slams

South led the  $\spadesuit 10$  and declarer won with dummy's  $\mathbf{A}$ Q and led the  $\mathbf{A}$ Q. When it was covered he took the A and continued with a club to the eight, North winning and exiting with the \$7. Declarer won in dummy, played a spade to the king, cashed the ♥A, went to dummy with the  $\heartsuit K$ , pitched the  $\heartsuit J$  on the  $\diamondsuit A$ and took the marked finesse in spades for 10 IMPs.

# Dealer North. N/S Vul.







West	North	East	South	West	North
Mancini	Goel	Vecchi	Shah	Jacobs	Di Franco
_	Pass	Pass	2♣*	_	_
2♦	2 %	Dble*	5 <b>♣</b>	Pass	2♣*
Pass	6 <b>%</b>	All Pass		Pass	$2 \heartsuit^*$
				Pass	4♣*
2 <b>4</b> 11-	15, 6+ <b>♣</b> or	5+ <b>%</b> and 49	<b>%/</b> ♠	Pass	4♠*
Dble Spa	des and dian	nond toleran	ce	Pass	5 <b>♠</b> *
•				Pass	7♣

With West unbale to ruff a second round of spades the contract was secure, as were all the match points, 16-0.

Dealer South. None Vul.

- ♠ AK10
- $\otimes$  A
- ♦ Q74
- ♣ AKJ1092
- ♠ J643 ♥ K86
- ♦ 8652
- **♣** 43
- ♠ Q975
  - ♥ J1052 ♦ J 10
  - **4** 765
- ♥ Q9743
- ♦ AK93
- ♣ Q8

West	North	East	South
Jacobs	Di Franco	Thompson	Manno
			$1 \heartsuit$
Pass	2♣*	Pass	$2\Diamond$
Pass	$2 \heartsuit^*$	Pass	3♠*
Pass	<b>4♣</b> *	Pass	$4 \diamondsuit^*$
Pass	4♠*	Pass	5♣
Pass	5 <b>♠</b> *	Pass	5NT*
Pass	<b>7♣</b>	All Pass	

- 2**.** Natural game force or start of relays
- 2 %Relay
- **3**♠ 2542
- **4♣** RKCB for clubs
- $4\Diamond$ Odd number of keycards
- 4 Control
- 5 **♣**Q?
- 5NT Yes

As it happens the favourable position in diamonds delivers all the tricks in notrumps, but +1440 was still worth 75%.

I have no doubts that we will be equally entertained here in Buenos Aires!

