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"AVANT, AVANT, LYON LE MELHOR"

The 43rd World Bridge Championships - Lyon 2017 - are under way following the opening ceremony at the Hotel du Ville, one of the largest historic buildings in the City, classified as an historic monument since 1886. The ceremony, hosted by the Mayor of Lyon, **M. Georges Képénékian**, was attended by **M. Alain Galliano**, Vice-President of Greater Lyon Metropole, **M Gianarrigo Rona**, President of the WBF, **M José Damiani**, President Emeritus of the WBF, **M Patrick Grenthe**, President of the French Bridge Federation, **M Yann Cucherat**, deputy Mayor of Lyon and players and officials.



At the opening ceremony from left to right:
Georges Képénékian, José Damiani, Alain Galliano, Gianarrigo Rona,
Patrick Grenthe, Yann Cucherat

Today's Programme

BB, VC, OT

Round 1	11:00 - 13:20
Round 2	14:30 - 16:50
Round 3	17:10 - 19:30

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Welcome to the Official Bulletins of the Championships. We have assembled an outstanding team of Journalists to bring you the best of the action. Make sure you visit the Internet version of the Bulletin, as it may contain additional reports that do not make it into the printed version. There is also a Live Bulletin (internet only) which will bring you up to date news as it happens - to access it go to the Championships web site: worldbridge.org and follow the link to Live News.

If you would like to ask a question or comment on any aspect of the Championships please send an email to: markhorton007@hotmail.com



VuGraph-SCHEDULE*courtesy of***BBO, FUNBRIDGE, OURGAME**

The VuGraph Theatre is located in the Salle Pasteur

11:00

USA1 - MONACO (BB)	VG/BBO I
EGYPT - ITALY (BB)	BBO 2
BRAZIL - ARGENTINA (BB)	BBO 3
RUSSIA - USA2(VC)	BBO 4
FRANCE - ENGLAND (VC)	BBO 5/ Funbridge
USA1 - TURKEY (OT)	BBO 6/ Funbridge
BULGARIA - FRANCE (BB)	BBO 7/ Funbridge
CHINA - GERMANY (BB)	BBO 8/ OG

14:30

USA2-CHINA (BB)	VG/BBO I
MONACO-GERMANY (BB)	BBO 2
ARGENTINA-NETHERLANDS(BB)	BBO 3
USA2-ITALY (VC)	BBO 4
FRANCE-EGYPT (BB)	BBO 5/ Funbridge
POLAND-AUSTRIA (OT)	BBO 6/ Funbridge
FRANCE-INDIA (VC)	BBO 7/ Funbridge
RUSSIA-CHINA (VC)	BBO 8/ OG

17:10

NETHERLANDS-SWEDEN (BB)	VG/BBO I
BULGARIA-BRAZIL (BB)	BBO 2
SOUTH AFRICA-GERMANY (BB)	BBO 3
USA2-ISRAEL (OT)	BBO 4
FRANCE-GUADALOUPE (BB)	BBO 5/ Funbridge
FRANCE-ISRAEL (VC)	BBO 6/ Funbridge
USA1-POLAND (VC)	BBO 7/ Funbridge
MONACO-CHINA (BB)	BBO 8/ OG

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**Bermuda Bowl****11:00 - 13:20**

EGYPT	ITALY
BULGARIA	FRANCE
USA 1	MONACO
BANGLADESH	MEXICO
CHINESE TAIPEI	SOUTH AFRICA
BRAZIL	ARGENTINA
NEW ZEALAND	NETHERLANDS
INDIA	SWEDEN
GUADALOUPE	AUSTRALIA
CHINA	GERMANY
INDONESIA	USA 2

14:30 - 16:50

ARGENTINA	NETHERLANDS
CHINESE TAIPEI	ITALY
MEXICO	AUSTRALIA
MONACO	GERMANY
FRANCE	EGYPT
USA 2	CHINA
INDONESIA	GUADALOUPE
BULGARIA	INDIA
USA 1	NEW ZEALAND
BANGLADESH	BRAZIL
SOUTH AFRICA	SWEDEN

17:10 - 19:30

NETHERLANDS	SWEDEN
ARGENTINA	AUSTRALIA
SOUTH AFRICA	GERMANY
BANGLADESH	ITALY
MONACO	CHINA
FRANCE	GUADALOUPE
USA 2	INDIA
INDONESIA	NEW ZEALAND
BULGARIA	BRAZIL
USA 1	CHINESE TAIPEI
MEXICO	EGYPT

Venice Cup

11:00 - 13:20

JORDAN	CHINA
NETHERLANDS	MOROCCO
NEW ZEALAND	SWEDEN
CANADA	BRAZIL
RUSSIA	USA 2
ARGENTINA	USA 1
ISRAEL	INDONESIA
AUSTRALIA	ITALY
INDIA	POLAND
EGYPT	CHINESE TAIPEI
FRANCE	ENGLAND

14:30 - 16:50

USA 1	INDONESIA
RUSSIA	CHINA
BRAZIL	POLAND
SWEDEN	CHINESE TAIPEI
MOROCCO	JORDAN
ENGLAND	EGYPT
FRANCE	INDIA
NETHERLANDS	AUSTRALIA
NEW ZEALAND	ISRAEL
CANADA	ARGENTINA
USA 2	ITALY

17:10 - 19:30

INDONESIA	ITALY
USA 1	POLAND
USA 2	CHINESE TAIPEI
CANADA	CHINA
SWEDEN	EGYPT
MOROCCO	INDIA
ENGLAND	AUSTRALIA
FRANCE	ISRAEL
NETHERLANDS	ARGENTINA
NEW ZEALAND	RUSSIA
BRAZIL	JORDAN

d'Orsi Trophy

11:00 - 13:20

JAPAN	ITALY
USA 1	TURKEY
EGYPT	POLAND
NEW ZEALAND	PAKISTAN
ARGENTINA	SWEDEN
SOUTH AFRICA	USA 2
AUSTRALIA	CHINA
CANADA	GUADALOUPE
FRANCE	ISRAEL
BRAZIL	AUSTRIA
CHINA HONG KONG	INDIA

14:30 - 16:50

USA 2	CHINA
ARGENTINA	ITALY
PAKISTAN	ISRAEL
POLAND	AUSTRIA
TURKEY	JAPAN
INDIA	BRAZIL
CHINA HONG KONG	FRANCE
USA 1	CANADA
EGYPT	AUSTRALIA
NEW ZEALAND	SOUTH AFRICA
SWEDEN	GUADALOUPE

17:10 - 19:30

CHINA	GUADALOUPE
USA 2	ISRAEL
SWEDEN	AUSTRIA
NEW ZEALAND	ITALY
POLAND	BRAZIL
TURKEY	FRANCE
INDIA	CANADA
CHINA HONG KONG	AUSTRALIA
USA 1	SOUTH AFRICA
EGYPT	ARGENTINA
PAKISTAN	JAPAN

WBF President's Welcome

Mr. Mayor of Lyon, Georges Képénékian, Mr. Deputy President of Lyon Metropole, Alain Galliano, Mr. President of the French Bridge Federation, Patrick Grenthe, Mrs. President of the International Mind Sport Federation, Chen Zelan, Mr. President Emeritus of the WBF, José Damiani, Authorities, dear friends and colleagues of the World Bridge Federation, ladies and gentleman, dear players, dear friends, I am very pleased and honoured to welcome you here in Lyon at the Opening Ceremony of the 43rd World Bridge Teams Championship and thank you for coming.

France hosted several times the World Championships since the Bermuda Bowl 1956 in Paris up to the World Bridge Games, incorporated in the World Mind Games 2012 in Lille, but it is the first time that a World Championship has been held in Lyon.

Here in Lyon we celebrate this great event under the auspices of the International Olympic Committee and with the high patronage of the European Olympic Committees, SportAccord, ARISF and IMSA. During the championship we will be visited by some representatives from both the IOC and SportAccord. This is the sign of the importance of our role in the great sport family and we are and we have to be very proud of it.

First of all I want to express our gratitude to the Mayor of Lyon, Mr. Georges Képénékian, for hosting this Opening Ceremony and welcoming us in this magnificent City Hall.

I am pleased to underline that this event has materialized thanks the generosity and support of the City of Lyon, Lyon Metropole and the French Bridge Federation, led by my dear friend Patrick Grenthe. Not forgetting of course the great help received from Funbridge and all the other sponsor-friends to whom we extend our thanks.

I would like in addition to congratulate the Local Organizing Committee, with Jean-Philippe Daublain, the Chairman, Jean-Claude Thuillier, the Vice-chairman and Jean-Louis Counil, the On Site Organiser, remarking on the excellent job done by them in preparing and organising this event.

It was not an easy task considering that here in Lyon,

in the following two weeks, we will have at the same time the World Teams Championship, the World Open Transnational, the World Youth Teams Championship, the World Computer Championship, the Grand Prix Ville de Lyon and the International de France, involving all together such an impressive number of 5,000 players.

An unique event, involving players of every age, coming from everywhere in the world, from kids to seniors, a marvelous messenger of our beloved discipline, a concrete demonstration of the universality of bridge, an extraordinary mirror reflecting our image. I am sure that this event will achieve the deserved success rewarding the excellent work done by them with passion, enthusiasm and dedication.

This championship was conceived and executed with the comfort and needs of the players in mind. We have all the benefits of a magnificent venue, with ample space and with the most modern bridge technologies, continuously updated. Dear players, we tried to do our best in the preparation and we will continue to do it in managing the event to meet your expectations, as well the expectations of all the bridge lovers who can follow, everywhere in the world, live online your performances.

As I already said, the wonderful, historical City of Lyon is ready to welcome and to host you, being up to its motto "Avant, Avant, Lyon le meilleur".

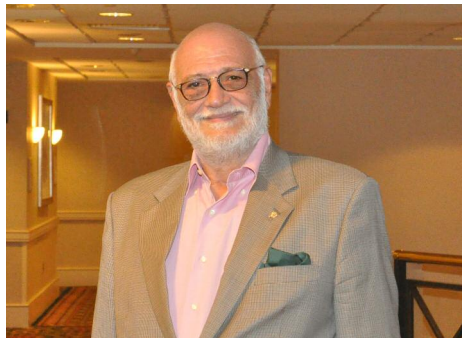
Now the stage is yours. Competing against each other in spirit of sportsmanship and high standard of ethics will be your contribution to the success of this event. Bridge for Peace is our motto and once again you will show that to defeat hatred you will play the Card of Peace.

You have the great opportunity to enjoy once again a great bridge event in peace and harmony and, as a wise player said, even you are not winning every hand you play represents another wonderful experience.

I am pleased and proud to declare open the 43rd World Bridge Teams Championship.

Enjoy your stay and your play and good luck..

Gianarrigo Rona, President of the WBF



FFB President's Welcome



Mr. Mayor, Mr the vice-president of Metropole de Lyon, Mr. President Emeritus, Mr. President, ladies and gentlemen,

I am honoured, on behalf of the French Bridge Federation, to be with you today in Lyon to celebrate this great festival of bridge.

When the project was born to organize the world championships in France, we immediately thought of Lyon to welcome them. An internationally renowned metropolis, famous in many respects, the capital of the Gauls seemed to us the perfect setting for an event of this magnitude.

Gérard Collomb immediately grasped the interest of the operation for his city and made a commitment with us. I would like to thank him warmly for the unfailing support he has given us throughout the preparation of this championship.

At the same time, I thank Georges Képénékian, his successor to the town hall and our host. The wonderful way in which we are received this evening proves the consideration that he too accords to our championship. Thanks also to his teams.

These valuable supports have enabled us to forge the partnerships essential to the success of the operation. One with Lyon Metropole, represented tonight by its vice-president, Alain Galliano, whose benevolent efficiency has been marvellous for almost two years. The other with the Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes region, and particularly for the handicapped tournaments.

The mission of the French Bridge Federation in Lyon is twofold. First, to provide the most functional and comfortable playing conditions possible to the world

champions who visit us. It is up to you to tell us in two weeks' time whether this objective has been achieved. If so, it will be thanks to the WBF teams, with whom cooperation has been particularly easy and rewarding. Thanks to Giannarigo Rona and his teams.

I also would like to thank José Damiani for his great help in this project.

Next, we aim to assemble bridge in all its aspects in Lyon. We are happy to host the youth championship. It is a pleasure to welcome three hundred schoolchildren from all countries in the ordeal reserved for them. Proud to organize, for the first time, the Handibridge. Finally, we are delighted with the success of these first French Internationals, open to players of all levels and from all backgrounds, where more than 2,000 participants are already registered.

To them and to all of you, I hope that this fortnight brings, through the pleasure of meetings, the joys and sorrows of competition and the smoothness of Lyon life, all the happiness of bridge.

Good championships to all!

Patrick Grenthe
President FFB



Le (bon) coin francophone



Nous nous retrouverons, chaque jour, avec des informations concernant des équipes françaises, anecdotes, coups de bridge, récits de cette quinzaine lyonnaise.

Jean-Paul Meyer

LA FRANCE DANS LES CHAMPIONNATS DU MONDE.

43ème Bermuda Bowl, 21ème Venice Cup et 9ème Trophée d'Orsi.

La Bermuda Bowl a adopté plus ou moins son format actuel en 1961. Auparavant, c'était un duel USA/Europe. Depuis elle a été disputée 33 fois, dont une seule fois en France à Paris 2001.

Notre équipe Open a remporté une fois le titre (Hammamet 1997) une médaille d'argent (Taïpeh 1971) et 6 médailles de Bronze (Buenos Aires 1961, Saint-Vincent 1963, Miami 1967, Bermudes 1975, Stockholm 1983, Pekin 1995)

La **Venice Cup, épreuve féminine**, sous sa forme moderne se joue depuis 1981, 17 fois avec un palmarès fourni pour la France

3 médailles d'Or (Estoril 2005, Veldhoven 2011, Chennai 2015), donc tenante du titre.

2 médailles d'Argent, (1987 Jamaïque, 2001 Paris)

3 médailles de bronze (Sao Paulo 1985, Pekin 1995, Sao Paulo 2009).

Le **d'Orsi Trophy, épreuve senior**, a été créé en 2001, au cours de ses 8 épreuves la France a gagné :

1 médaille d'Or (Veldhoven 2011), une médaille d'Argent (Monte Carlo 2003) et deux médailles de bronze (Paris 2001 et Indonésie 2013)

ILS NOUS REPRESENTERONT

Open : Thomas Bessis, notre numéro 1 au classement, François Combescure, il est de Lyon, Cedric Lorenzini, il fut joueur de l'année aux Etats-Unis il y a un peu plus d'un an, jeune marié Jean-Christophe Quantin, considéré comme le mentor de l'équipe, Jérôme Rombaut, Monsieur Funbridge, et Frédéric Volcker, champion d'Europe 2016 comme les 5 autres. Ils retrouveront Lionel Sebanne, comme capitaine comme lors de leur succès européen à Budapest.

Dames : Bénédicte Cronier, Vanessa Reess (Madame Libbrecht dans la vie) et Sylvie Willard ont déjà été associées à 3 reprises dans la victoire en Venice Cup et Joanna Zochowska, compagne de Pierre Schmidt, membre de l'équipe senior, l'a été lors des deux dernières fois. Anne-Laure Huberschwiller et Jennifer Mourges sont les jeunes nouvelles venues dont la présentation est très attendue. La capitaine sera Catherine Mus, qui fut elle-même membre de l'équipe de France, pour une formation

100% féminine.

Seniors : Nicolas Déchelette, lui aussi Lyonnais, Pierre-Yves Guillaumin, Georges Iontzeff, Jean-Jacques Palau, Pierre Schmidt et Philippe Toffier sont des acteurs majeurs du bridge français qui auront la lourde tâche de reprendre le flambeau de l'équipe du Président de la FFB, Patrick Grenthe et ses coéquipiers multi médaillés. Leur capitaine Eric Gautret est également président du comité de sélection.

UNE DONNE TRES BIEN JOUEE ... IL Y A DEUX ANS

♠ 3
♥ V 8 7
♦ RV 9 6 2
♣ 10 6 3 2

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♠ A DV 6 5 4
♥ 10 5 2
♦ A D 5
♣ A

Elle fut jouée par Frédéric Volcker, lors des quarts de finale contre la Pologne, en Inde.

Le contrat est 3♠ par Sud, enchéri dans le silence adverse Entame du 3 de Cœur pour l'As, puis le Roi d'Est qui rejoue Roi de Trèfle.

Analysons comme le déclarant, Est possède As et Roi de Cœur secs, il a en plus Roi et très probablement Dame de Trèfle, il est très peu probable qu'il soit resté silencieux avec le Roi de Pique en plus.

Exécutons si on joue As et Dame de Pique, on chutera
-soit parce qu'Ouest possédait Roi de pique quatrième
-soit par ce que celui-ci, jouera un quatrième tour de Cœur après la Dame et obtiendra un uppercut grâce à la coupe de son partenaire

La solution trouvée par Sud à la table jouer pour la seule position gagnante le Roi de Pique second en Ouest : As et **petit Pique**. Très joli !

SIGNATURE

On connaît le succès remporté par le tome des "Enchères au Bridge" par M.Bessis, P.Cronier et JC Quantin.

Le tome 2 consacré aux enchères après intervention vient tout juste de paraître, ce sera l'occasion d'une signature par les auteurs. Renseignements au stand du Bridgeur au foyer Lumière.

Allez les Bleus !

Suivez le parcours des équipes de France et encouragez les joueurs : rdv sur la page Facebook de la Fédération Française de Bridge.



Le chiffre du jour

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C'est le nombre de personnes qui se sont investis dans les Mondiaux, côté bridge. La World Bridge Federation (WBF) a confié l'organisation à la Fédération Française de Bridge (FFB). Une trentaine de personnes réparties entre le siège de la FFB et le comité régional lyonnais travaillent depuis 18 mois sur le projet.

150 volontaires lyonnais sont mobilisés pendant les championnats. La WBF gère l'aspect compétition. A Lyon, son staff est composé d'une centaine de personnes (arbitres, caddies, informaticiens, journalistes, photographes, community manager...).

Revue de presse

« *Lyon capitale du bridge mondial* », la presse s'intéresse à l'évènement : « France Info, RTL, Le Figaro Magazine, Huffingtonpost, France 3 Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes, Le Progrès, l'AFP. En tête des sujets traités : la famille Combescure. François, le père évolue en équipe de France open, Baptiste et Sarah, les jumeaux jouent en équipes nationales Juniors. Le bridge se vit et se partage sans modération et traverse les générations ! (AFP). Des portraits de « Bridgeur de haut vol », comme le titre Le Figaro Magazine du 11 août à propos de Cédric Lorenzini.

Panorama de presse sur le site mondialbridgetlyon2017.fr

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Bridge will get your Pulse Racing

While travelling to Lyon, I read an article which reported that the organisers of the World Chess Championships are considering requiring its stars to wear biometrics devices which will measure a player's heart rate during matches.

Just as in chess, bridge matches can be dramatic and biometric data would give coaches, supporters and spectators an opportunity to follow and relate to them on a deeper level. How would the players react to bidding a grand slam or incurring a huge penalty? Would the figures change going into the last session of a close match? How would declarer react at the sight of dummy?

With big matches attracting thousands of online spectators, it would add an extra dimension to the viewing experience.



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