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WELCOME MESSAGE

WORLD BRIDGE FEDERATION PRESIDENT | FRANCK RIEHM

Dear Players,

Welcome to the 17th World Bridge Series!

In fact, some of us arrived in Katowice a few days early to attend a truly innovative event: the eBridge Cup.

After competing online for many months on Funbridge and BBO, the finalists came to Katowice to play the final face-to-face. The eBridge Cup is a unique initiative,



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bringing together online and face-to-face bridge, players from all over the world, and direct support for our National Bridge Organisations, which receive a share of the proceeds generated by the event.

My warmest congratulations go to the winner, Michał Wróbel of Poland, to runner-up Paweł Wittenbeck (also from Poland), third-placed Bernhard Bussek (Germany), and to all the players who took part.

I would also like to congratulate and thank the 52 Entertainment team behind this innovative project: the CEO Olivier Comte, Ivan Pavlovic, Djazz Prevel, Alexandra Quintin, Ambre Lefebvre and of course José Damiani, WBF President Emeritus, whose vision and lifelong commitment to the development of bridge continue to inspire new initiatives for our game.



And now, the World Bridge Series begins.

Held every four years, the World Bridge Series is one of the great transnational events on the international bridge calendar, bringing together players from across the world to compete for World Championship titles.

We are delighted to welcome you to the International Congress Centre (MCK) in Katowice, an impressive modern venue in the heart of the city, which will be our home for the coming days and provides an excellent setting for a World Championship of this scale.

From the very beginning, I would also like to express my sincere thanks to the Polish Bridge Union and its organising team. Working together with the World Bridge Federation, they have created a strong and enthusiastic team, committed to supporting our players and doing everything possible to make these World Bridge Series a great success.

Now the tables are ready, the cards are waiting, and players from around the world are here.

I wish you all an enjoyable stay in Katowice and a wonderful championship.

**WELCOME MESSAGE
POLISH BRIDGE UNION PRESIDENT |
MAREK MICHAŁOWSKI**



Dear Bridge Friends,

It is a tremendous honor and pleasure for me to welcome you, on behalf of the Polish Bridge Union, to the 2026 World Bridge Championships in Katowice.

We are very proud that the World Bridge Federation has entrusted us for the second time with organizing such an important world championship-level event. I would like to sincerely thank the World Bridge Federation and its President, Mr. Franck Riehm, for their trust and for giving us the opportunity to host one of the most prestigious championship tournaments.

Bridge enjoys enormous popularity in our country. The last 70 years of the Polish Bridge Union's existence - YES, this year we're celebrating this wonderful anniversary - our players have repeatedly stood on the top step of the podium at the World and European Championships, giving us many reasons to be proud.

Organizing these championships would not have been possible without the support of our wonderful sponsors and partners. I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to our main Partner—the Mayor of Katowice, Mr. Marcin Krupa—as well as to the Ministry of Sport and Tourism, the Marshal's Office of the Silesian Voivodeship, and the Metropolis GZM.

I wish all competitors, tournament staff, journalists, and guests a pleasant stay in our beautiful city. I warmly invite you to discover Katowice, its unique atmosphere, culture, and attractions. I hope your stay in Katowice will leave you with many wonderful memories.

I also wish the players every success at the bridge table, thrilling moments of competition, and the satisfaction of competing at the highest international level.

See you in Katowice!