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Dear table tennis friends,

we would like to draw your attention to the website of the 2011 European Veterans Table Tennis Championships which will be held in Liberec, Czech Republic from June 20-25, 2011:

<http://www.evc2011.com>

It is our pleasure to cordially invite to the table you who are born in 1971 at the latest.

We have prepared extensive information for your pleasure to assure you we are ready to organise very successful championships to your full satisfaction.

Simply, we want to give back the reputation to the Euro Veterans Championships and our aim is to exceed participants' expectations.

How can we reach it? We want to and we have strong will and ambition to do that:

Championships will be played at least on 114 tables in 4 halls. All halls are ventilated or air-conditioned, floor will be not slippery, mostly taraflex. There will be always at least 20 practise tables for you and despite the official practise schedule on Saturday and Sunday before the Championships, Referee assures to plan competitions in that way that another practise will be available at official tables during competition days as well.

All halls are easily accesible on foot, it does not take more than 5 minutes walk between the most distant halls.

In case that more than 2,700 players will apply, we are ready to rent another ventilated hall with the capacity of 16 tables.

ETTU Competition Manager Mr. Roman Plese and Referee Mr. Petr Bohumsky will schedule competitions so that categories will be played in respective hall all the time. No hectic transfers between your matches.

We want to bring table tennis celebrities to your championships. Ex-world and ex-European champion Mikael Appelgreen is confirmed to come by DONIC, some other very famous players are under negotiation.

We will introduce online List of Participants so you will be able to check who has already registered.

Any participant can make comfortable online registration with immediate payment and immediate registration confirmation. This system offers you similar comfort as online reservation of an air ticket. We have tested our online registration on scale of veteran players to their full satisfaction and so we believe you also find it easy to use.

I would like to mention one important issue. We guarantee that accommodation (hotels, pensions, student hostels) offered by the organizer is not overcharged. Our scheduled rates do not exceed rates offered by hotels themselves. No high season just because of this event! Perhaps you usually do not accept organizer's offer. In such a case, please, be cautious when making your lodging by your own and compare your offer with the official one published here on the organizer's site.

We are proud to present extended accommodation offer with online booking possibility. Although Liberec is not a big city we have arranged wide range of accommodation possibilities for all of you.

Best-selling hit - that is special discounted EVC PARTICIPANT PACKAGE offer consisting of entry fee, 4* hotel accommodation and players' party under very advantageous conditions. You can save up to 80 EUR with the purchase of this package.

We plan to organize Players' Party for 5 Euro admission covering room rental with music of 60's. The aim is to offer opportunity to all of us to talk about various issues, to exchange experience in our play or just to have a nice time with friends. No obligation to pay for anything else, no expensive buffet. First beer for free, everything else according to your taste and preferences.

We provide shuttle buses between official hotels and halls and your participant badge allows you also to use Liberec city transportation for free.

All mentioned arrangements should increase your comfort and redound to championships credit.

Obviously, any changes for better cost money. Therefore we have been forced to adjust tournament conditions (entry fee) accordingly. Maybe you are pleasantly surprised we have increased the entry fee only of 10 Euro from Eur 110 in Porec 2009 to Eur 120 in Liberec 2011.

Although we introduce better infrastructure and reasonable services, we keep the deadline for early registrations till December 31, 2010. Furthermore, contrary of the past championships, we allow late applications even till the end of May 2011!

Individual registration forms are available online. It is very simple online registration and payment for everyone who prefers to apply by his/her own.

If you have any special request (as more-bedded room, room for disabled people, hotel suite, transfer from Prague airport, etc.) please contact the Registration office. Hana and Katerina are there to help and assist you.

EVC Registration Office provides Group Registration Forms in major languages.

We are happy to organize the championships for you and look forward seeing you in Liberec next June!

Yours,

Dr. Zdenek Botek
Chairman
Czech Table Tennis Association

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Event Director
2011 European Veterans Championships

GENERAL SPECIFICATIONS

Dates: June 20-25, 2011
Venue: Liberec, Czech Republic
Event Director: Mr. Milan Simacek
Referee: Mr. Petr Bohumsky

RULES

ITTF Laws of Table Tennis and ETTU Regulations for International Competitions (latest edition) will be applied, although the Rules and Regulations for the European Veterans Championships shall take priority.

ELIGIBILITY

All individuals older than 40 years of age or who will be 40 years of age in the year of the EVC are eligible to participate. Upon Organizers' request the participants are required to present their ID Cards as proof of age.

Categories

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| * 40 - 49 years (born 1971 or before) | * 70 - 74 years (born 1941 or before) |
| * 50 - 59 years (born 1961 or before) | * 75 - 79 years (born 1936 or before) |
| * 60 - 64 years (born 1951 or before) | * 80 - 84 years (born 1931 or before) |
| * 65 - 69 years (born 1946 or before) | * 85 years and over (born 1926 or before) |

Each category will have the following events:

- * Men's and Women's Singles
- * Men's and Women's Doubles

In the event of less than four players entering any event, the EVC Committee has the right to either cancel the said event, or introduce a reasonable alternative for all concerned.

Player is allowed to participate in one singles and one doubles event.

Player must participate in her/his own age category, except in doubles if the players of a pair do not belong to the same age group, when they shall be placed in the category of the younger player.

A doubles pair shall not be altered if both players are present and fit to play. However, injury, illness or the absence of one player may be accepted as justification for an alteration to take place, but only before the announced deadline, which is June 19th, 2011 at 6:00 p.m.

ORGANISATION

The championships is an official competition supervised by the Czech Table Tennis Association and approved by the ETTU.

ACCREDITATION

The accreditation for participants and accompanying persons in the main arena
on Saturday June 18th 2011 from 12:00 to 21:00
on Sunday June 19th 2011 from 09:00 to 22:00

PLAYING SCHEDULE

Monday June 20th 2011 from 9:00	Thursday June 23rd 2011 from 9:00
Tuesday June 21st 2011 from 9:00	Friday June 24th 2011 from 9:00
Wednesday June 22nd 2011 day off	Saturday June 25th 2011 from 10:00

Practice possibilities are on Saturday June 18th 2011 from 12:00 to 20:00 and on Sunday June 19th 2011 from 9:00 to 18:00.

The Opening Ceremony is scheduled for Sunday June 19th, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. in the Tipsport arena. All accredited players and accompanying persons will receive free entry upon presentation of their personal accreditation. All other interested spectators have to pay entry.

SYSTEM OF PLAY

Each category in singles and doubles, matches will be played best of five games (until 3 games are won), and as follows:

The Qualifying Competition is played in groups of four, all members play with each other.

The first and second placed will play in the European Championships Competition, the third and fourth placed are applied to play in the Consolation Competition.

The European Championships Competition as well as the Consolation Competition will be played according to the knock-out system.

The ranking order in a group shall be decided as follows: Two match points shall be awarded for a win, 1 for a loss in a played match, and 0 for a loss in an unplayed match.

The ranking order shall be determined primarily by the number of match points gained.

If two or more members of the group have gained the same number of match points, their relative positions shall be determined only by the results of the matches between them, by considering successively the numbers of match points, as far as is necessary to resolve the order.

If at any step in the calculations the position of one or more members of the group have been determined while the others are still equal, the results of the matches in which those members took part shall be excluded from any further calculations needed to resolve the equalities in accordance with the above procedure. If it is not possible to resolve equalities by means of the above procedure the relative positions shall be decided by lots made by the referee.

DRAW

Qualifying Competition of singles - about 7 days before the beginning of the 2011 EVC.

Qualifying Competition of doubles - Sunday, June 19 from 7:00 p.m.

European Championship Competitions and Consolation Competitions - immediately after completion of each age category's qualification matches in the Qualifying Competition.

For any changes or additions to the draw, the Organizer is required to obtain the approval of the Jury.

MATCH OFFICIALS

The Organizer will provide umpires for the European Championships Competition and the final stages of the Consolation Competition. In the Qualifying Competition members of the qualifying groups when not playing shall make themselves available as umpires.

In the Consolation Competition, the loser of the match shall be umpire in the next match at the table where he or she has played.

EQUIPMENT

Donic equipment: Waldner Classic 25 tables, surrounds, nets and white balls.

One side of player's racket must be bright red and the other black.

Racket covering must be ITTF approved.

PLAYING CONDITIONS

Minimum size of the court is 10 x 5 m.

APPEALS

Appeals will be dealt with by a three-member Jury, composed of an EVC Committee Member, a referee and a representative of the Organizing Committee. Protests can be lodged against the decision of the referee only, and they have to be submitted in writing to the Organising Committee immediately after the completion of the match

PRIZES

Winners, runners-up and losing semi-finalists of the European Championships Competition will be presented with medals at the Medal Ceremony. The winners will also be presented with trophies.

Winners, runners-up and losing semi-finalists of the Consolation Competition will be presented medals to be handed over at the table immediately after the final match.

All participants will be awarded Championship Diploma.

EVENT VENUE

The event will be held at least in 4 halls accessible on foot.

TIPSPORT ARENA (Main Arena)

Air-conditioning: Yes
Playing Courts: 26
Floor Surface: Taraflex
Max. light intensity: 1000 LUX
Spectator seats: 7500

* Modern multi-use hall, opened in 2001

* Home arena of "HC Bílí Tygři Liberec" ice-hockey team

HALL 2

Air-conditioning: Air exhausting
Playing Courts: 40
Floor Surface: Ring 1 - Taraflex
Ring 2 - PVC
Max. light intensity: 900 LUX
Spectator Seats: 200

HALL 3

Air-conditioning: Air exhausting
Playing Courts: 32
Floor Surface: Taraflex
Max. light intensity: 900 LUX
Spectator Seats: 200

HALL 4

(will be used when more than 2,700 players apply)

Air-conditioning: Yes
Playing Courts: 16
Floor Surface: wood board flooring
Max. light intensity: 1000 LUX
Spectator Seats: 100

HALL 5

Air-conditioning: Air exhausting
Playing Courts: 16
Floor Surface: Taraflex
Max. light intensity: 1000 LUX
Spectator Seats: 1200



EVC 2011 TERMS & CONDITIONS

By sending the application form for EVC 2011 applicant confirms his understanding and agreement with the Terms and Conditions:

1. PARTICIPATION, PARTICIPANT'S OBLIGATIONS

- * Participant is obliged to fill the Registration Form truly and to deliver it to the organizer.
- * Registration is valid only if accompanied by payment of the entry fee and required payments for ordered services.
- * Organizer has the right to accept and not to accept applications. In case application will not be accepted all paid amounts connected with refused application will be refunded.
- * Player is responsible for his (her) physical and mental fitness to compete in the championships.
- * It is recommended that a routine check-up ahead of the EVC should be carried out by a doctor.
- * Player is responsible for any necessary health and accident insurances.
- * Player accepts the ITTF Anti-Doping Rules (see chapter 5 of the ITTF Handbook). In the event of a player being prescribed specific medication in connection with his general health from his Doctor, the said player must obtain the necessary written confirmation from his Doctor. In the event of a violation of these rules, the EVC Committee will decide about any sanctions.
- * Player may use only approved and authorised equipment according to the valid list provided by ITTF.
- * Player accepts the ITTF Gluing Regulations as a condition of participation. In the event of a violation of these regulations, the Referee will decide about any sanctions
- * Player accept the guidelines, rules and regulations of the 2011 EVC.
- * Player confirms that his (her) national table tennis association has no objection to participation at the 2011 EVC.
- * Player is prepared to compete against any opponent regardless of nationality or religion.
- * Player is obliged to compete at the time and table set by the Competition schedule. The player is responsible for keeping her/himself informed when and where to play. Player who fails to appear at the scheduled time will automatically lose the match, after a 5 minute waiting period.
- * Player must sign the result of the score sheet after the match, before leaving the table.
- * Player will be required to carry his (her) entry number attached to a sports shirt on his (her) back whilst playing matches.
- * Drinking water is allowed at the same time as the "towelling down regulation".
- * No advertisement for alcoholic drinks and tobacco shall be worn by player in the playing halls.
- * Player is entitled to a 5 minute rest between two matches, or at the table manager's discretion.

2. ENTRY FEES

Entries for players include:

- a. right to participate in competitions according to the event prospectus + starting number
- b. free entrance to the spectator areas
- c. shuttle transportation between the event venue and official hotels
- d. participant's kit (event program and freebies from organizers and/or from event partners)

Entry for accompanying persons includes items b, + c, + d, of the player's entry fee and free municipal transportation in Liberec.

Entry fees are described as follows:

before December 31, 2010:	player EUR 120	accompanying person: EUR 40
before March 31, 2011:	player EUR 160	accompanying person: EUR 50
later accepted applications :	player EUR 190	accompanying person: EUR 50

Entry fees cancellation conditions:

- # Cancellation received by March 31, 2011: 50% of particular entry fee
- # No refund of entries from April 1, 2011

Discounts:

Discount of EUR 10 from particular entry fee will be provided to each player if group applications of 50 and more players is received and paid from one single source.

3. EVC 2011 PARTICIPANT PACKAGE (save up to EUR 80!):

Discounted package of services includes

- * entry fee,
- * accommodation incl. buffet breakfast for 7 nights from Saturday June 18 till Saturday June 25 at the Hotel **** Babylon,
- * entry ticket to the Players' party on Friday June 24
- * and free entrance to the aquapark.

The offer is valid until sellout.

PRICE PER PERSON:	until October 31, 2010	from November 1, 2010
TRIPLE ROOM	EUR	EUR
PLAYER	469	499
REGISTERED ACCOMPANYING PERSON	389	399
NON-REGISTERED PERSON	349	349

DOUBLE/TWIN ROOM	EUR	EUR
PLAYER	499	529
REGISTERED ACCOMPANYING PERSON	419	429
NON-REGISTERED PERSON	379	379

SINGLE ROOM	EUR	EUR
PLAYER	659	699

Discounts:

Discount of EUR 10 from any package price will be provided to each player if a group application of 50 and more players is received and paid from one single source.

4. ACCOMMODATION

Organizer offer guaranteed accommodation at the official EVC 2011 hotels. Basic offer is 7-nights stay from Saturday June 18, 2011.with the possibility to order extra nights before and after the event.

Accommodation order is valid only if accompanied by payment.

All accommodation requests are handled on first-come first-served basis until sellout.

Prices are scheduled at the hotel offer page.

All rates include local taxes, VAT and services described at the organizer's offer.

Accommodation cancellation conditions:

till October 31, 2010:

full refund

from November 1, 2010 till March 31, 2011: 30% of the price of cancelled accommodation

from April 1, 2011:

no refund

Important notice:

Organizer is not responsible neither for overcharged rates nor accommodation quality in case accommodation arrangement is not dealt by EVC 2011 organizer.

5. OTHER SERVICES

Purchased tickets for any scheduled program (sight-seeing, party) are not refundable.

6. CHANGES, ORDER ACCEPTANCE POLICY

Registration amendments are available upon confirming by the EVC 2011 Registration Office. Fee of EUR 5 may be charged per each confirmed amendment.

Online payment shall be made by a credit card. Your receipt of an electronic or other form of order confirmation does not signify our acceptance of your order, nor does it constitute confirmation of the order or our offer to sell.

Organizer reserves the right, without prior notification, to accept or decline your order or limit the order quantity for any reason.

For credit card payments, such payment is subject to the approval of the financial institution issuing the credit card and Organizer shall not be liable in any way if such financial institution refuses to accept or honor the credit card for any reason.

Organizer may require additional verification or information before accepting any order.

The City of Liberec



Liberec, a city with more than 100.000 inhabitants, is situated about 100 km (an hour drive by car) north from Prague. The German or Polish borders can be reached in 30 minutes. The city is located in the valley between the "Jizerské Hory" mountains and the Mount "Ještěd". The main geographical attraction of the city and the whole surroundings can be found there: 1012m high mountain "Ještěd" with the architectonically significant hotel on the top. The top of the mountain offers also a beautiful view of the highest Czech mountains – Krkonoše (Giant Mountains) – as well as of the city of Liberec. There are two rivers flowing through the city with a small dam, which is a favourite local recreation area.

The settlement of Liberec, although first mentioned in 1352, originated probably already in the end of 13th century on the merchant trail from Bohemia to Lusatia. The village began to grow near to the fording of the Harcovský stream, where the merchants could have a rest after the difficult crossing over the mountain ridge. In 1577 the emperor Rudolf II promoted the village of Liberec to a city.

Liberec is proud of many interesting buildings. The most interesting one is the City Hall on the Dr. E. Beneš Square, built in neo-renaissance style. The construction was finished in 1893 and since that time it has been a symbol of economic and cultural development of the city. The other points of interest are the North Bohemian Museum, the Regional Gallery, the Regional Research Library, the F. X. Šalda Theatre and the multifunctional Tipsport Arena. The Babylon entertainment centre attracts many tourists to its Aquapark, Lunapark, shopping mall, spas, XD-cinema, IQ Park and other attractions.

Since 2000, Liberec is one of 13 Czech regional capitals. The "Liberec region" with area of more than 3,160 km² is the home of population of about 430.000.

