



EUROPEAN BRIDGE LEAGUE

Gianarrigo Rona
President

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To all European NBOs

Dear President and friend,

EBL General Assembly

This is to inform you that the 2003 General Assembly of the European Bridge League will be held in Menton, France, during the *1st European Open Championship*.

The General Assembly will be held on **Tuesday 17th** and will continue on **Thursday 19th June 2003** and will include both an extraordinary and an ordinary session.

The extraordinary session will discuss and approve the alterations to the Statutes proposed by the Executive Committee, concerning the increasing of number of Members of the E.C. from 10 to 12, of the Presidential Council from 5 to 7 and other matters. All the proposed alterations will be specifically detailed on the Agenda, which will follow according to art.20 of the Statutes.

The ordinary session will include the election of the President and all the Executive Committee Members for the four-year term of office (2003/2007). I hereby inform you that the EBL President and Members of the Executive Committee are due to retire at the 2003 General Assembly and in accordance with the EBL Statutes will be, if they so wish, automatically nominated for re-election.

NBOs are invited to nominate candidates and nominations, which must be made in writing, must be received by me not later than **16th April 2003**. Pursuant to article 38 of the EBL Statutes, to be validly nominated the candidates for President or Members of the Executive Committee must be nominated by the NBO:

- of the country of which the candidate is a citizen. The NBO must be in good standing and must have paid its current and all previous years' dues, or
- of the country of which the candidate is a bona fide permanent resident (and has been so for at least the last three years). The NBO must be in good standing and must have paid its current and all previous years' dues.

A summary of the candidate's bridge activities must be attached to the nomination.

In addition to the voting, the Agenda will include: the President's Report, the Budget for the next two years and the Balance Sheet for the two years following the Tenerife Congress.

In accordance with the EBL Statutes, if NBOs have any matters they wish to put forward to be included on the Agenda for the General Assembly, they are invited to send them to me in writing by **16th April 2003**. The Executive Committee has the right to refuse to include such a matter on the Agenda.

In accordance with the EBL Statutes, on the **17th April 2003** I will send you the definitive Agenda of the General Assembly and all relevant enclosures.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Gianarrigo Rona', with a large, stylized initial 'G' at the top.

Gianarrigo Rona