

## **Invitation to the 6th Neighbour Challenge in Frankfurt on 18-20th May 2018 by the German Bridge Federation**

The Neighbour Challenge is a tournament between the NBOs of Denmark, Sweden, the Netherlands and Germany designed to provide top-level competition for the Open and Women teams of each country.

The Danish Bridge Federation took the initiative for the first Neighbour Challenge in 2013, in the first year for women only. Ever since it has become a good habit to hold this event annually, serving as a warm-up for Women and Open European and World Teams Championships.

Thus we assume that each country will participate with one Woman and one Open team.

### **Playing Venue & Hotel**

H4 Hotel Frankfurt Messe  
Oeserstrasse 180  
D-65933 Frankfurt am Main  
Tel.: +49 69 39050

<https://www.h-hotels.com/de/h4/hotels/h4-hotel-frankfurt-messe>

We have made a provisional reservation for all teams. Single room 230€, double room 180€ per person.

These prices include: room for two nights, snacks on Friday evening, breakfast Saturday & Sunday, snack lunch Saturday & Sunday, 3 course dinner Saturday (incl. free soft drinks), water/coffee buffet Friday to Sunday in the playing area.

Please let Kareen Schroeder know the estimated number of rooms (single/double) you need by January 31<sup>st</sup> at the latest. She will co-ordinate the hotel bookings and any further arrangements such as dietary requirements.

Contact data of Kareen Schroeder:  
Vice-President Deutscher Bridgeverband  
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The German Bridge Federation will manage all the bookings and will send you an invoice.

### Travel

The H4 Hotel is about 10 minutes by taxi away from the Frankfurt airport. Taxis are available directly outside the terminals. The cars do have fixed prices (calculated by taximeter).

The H4 Hotel offers a shuttle service for 10€ per person; a shuttle service for an entire team may be offered at a cheaper rate (tbc). So if you are interested in a shuttle service, please let Kareen Schroeder know your arrival details (incl. flight number) as soon as possible.

The same applies to departure arrangements: please let us know in time when you have to leave. We can adjust playing time and arrange shuttle services accordingly.

Should you come by car: the Hotel is located at the Westkreuz Frankfurt A5/A3, thus quite easy to reach.

### Tournament Format

Round robin of 16-board matches against the three other teams in the Women and Open sections, respectively. Another round robin where the first placed teams start to meet the fourth placed teams to have the probably most exciting matches at the end.

We will have BBO covering one match (Women or Open) per round. Butler scores and running scores will be provided. You will have a link to this information once the website has been set up.

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### Preliminary Time Schedule

#### **Friday, 18.05.2018 - IMP pairs**

19.00 – 22.30 24-27 boards; barometer scoring

Open also for officials and friends accompanying the players.

#### **Saturday, 19.05.2018 (16 board matches)**

09.30 – 11.45 match 1

11.55 – 14.10 match 2

Lunch at the hotel

15.00 – 17.15 match 3

17.25 – 19.40 match 4

20.00 dinner at the hotel

#### **Sunday, 20.05.2018 (16 board matches)**

10.00 – 12.15 match 5

Lunch at the hotel

13.00 – 15.15 match 6

15.30 short prize-giving ceremony

### Registration of teams, providing convention cards, etc.

January 31<sup>st</sup>: please mail the estimated number of rooms (single/double) required (names are not required yet).

April 15<sup>th</sup>: last day to make changes to the number of rooms.

April 25<sup>th</sup>: last day to register your players and provide convention cards. Convention cards to be sent to the following email

addresses: [Nicole.Wilbert@bridge-verband.de](mailto:Nicole.Wilbert@bridge-verband.de) and [petereidt@t-online.de](mailto:petereidt@t-online.de) Convention cards will be published via the website of the German Bridge Federation (details to follow in time).

May 8<sup>th</sup>: last day to mail special food requirements and names per room.

### **WBF Tournament Director**

Peter Eidt: [petereidt@t-online.de](mailto:petereidt@t-online.de) Mobile phone during tournament: +49 - (0)174 - 544 9908

### **Responsible for Organisation**

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Kareen Schroeder: [ressort-unterricht@bridge-verband.de](mailto:ressort-unterricht@bridge-verband.de)

### **Further Contact**

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