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President

To

- The Presidents of the WBF NBOs

22 April 2026

WBF CONGRESS 2026

Dear Friends,

I am pleased to confirm to you that the Congress of the World Bridge Federation will be held

on **21 August 2026**
at **9.00 a.m.**
at **MCK | Katowice, Poland**

to examine and discuss the following

AGENDA

1 Roll call to determine quorum

2 Approval of minutes of 2024 Congress Meeting

3 Appointment of the Scrutinising Committee

4 Report of the President

- a. Discussion and approval of the President's Report

5 Report of the Treasurer (including auditor's report)

- a. Discussion and approval of Treasurer's Report

6 Election of 3 Members of the WBF Executive Council for the legislature 2026/2030**7 Ratification of admission and removal of affiliated members decided by the Executive Council****8 Unfinished business****9 New Business****10 Adjournment****IMPORTANT REMINDERS**

I would like to remind you that:

- According to art. 21/1 of the Statutes, each NBO in good standing may designate and accredit one delegate to the Congress;
- According to art. 25/1 of the Statutes each NBO is entitled to one vote;
- According to art. 25/4 of the Statutes only delegates and duly appointed proxies present at the Congress may cast votes;
- According to art. 25 of the WBF By-Laws, the delegates and other persons allowed to attend the Congress must register at the Accreditation Desk before the opening of the meeting and must be accredited by the Honorary Secretary. To be accredited to the Congress, the delegates must submit:
 - a) If NBO President, an identification document;
 - b) If NBO Bona Fide Member, an identification document together with an official letter from the NBO confirming his appointment.
- According to art. 26 of the WBF By-laws, if an NBO, for any reason, is unable to be represented by its own delegate it may give a proxy to another NBO accredited delegate, filling and signing the official WBF Proxy Form, to be submitted to the Accreditation Desk and to be accredited by the Honorary Secretary. **No delegate shall have more than one proxy and cannot cast more than two votes, including his own.**
- According to art. 24/1 of the Statutes, at a meeting of the Congress a quorum shall consist of duly accredited Delegates from at least one-third of the NBOs in good standing in the WBF.
- According to art. 24/2 of the Statutes, for the election of members to the Executive Council the quorum shall consist of duly accredited Delegates from at least one half of the members plus one.
- According to art. 29 of the WBF By-Laws, Nominations for EC members to be elected by the Congress must be in writing or e-mail and forwarded by the NBO to the Honorary Secretary together with a written signed declaration by the Candidate that he is in good standing with the NBO of the Country of which he is a citizen or a bona fide resident and that he knows of and fulfils the conditions of admissibility required by the Statutes and By-Laws. A CV of the Candidate **must be received by the Honorary Secretary at least 30 days before the date of the Congress (i.e. 00.00 CET of 22 July 2026).** Once the deadline for nominations has ended, details of the Candidates, together with their

CVs, will be circulated via e-mail to the affiliated NBOs and published on the WBF website. Candidates must be physically present at the Congress at the time of the election, save in cases of force majeure.

- According to art. 30 of the WBF By-Laws **if, and only if, there are insufficient candidates, representing at least 3 different Zonal Conferences, NBOs may present further candidates** subject to the following conditions:
 - a) the candidates must be presented at the opening of the Congress and registered in the minutes by the Hon. Secretary or his delegate;
 - b) only NBOs of the Zonal Conferences that do not already have a candidate may present one, and no more than one, candidate for each Zonal Conference;
 - c) the candidate must submit a written signed declaration, countersigned by his NBO which assumes the related responsibility, to be in good standing with his own NBO and in accordance with all the other conditions of admissibility.
- According to art. 31 of the By-Laws, the election of the EC members takes place by secret ballot. Each NBO may cast a vote for up to 3 candidates providing they are from 3 different Zonal Conferences. **Ballot papers with more than 3 preferences selected and/or with more than one candidate from the same Zonal Conference, shall be void.** The three candidates with the highest number of votes from 3 different Zonal Conferences shall be elected. In the event of a tie there are further secret ballots amongst the candidates up to the breaking of the tie.

I am also pleased to inform you that:

- a **continental breakfast** will be served before and from 8.00 am
- On August 21, it will be my honour to invite the representative of each NBO to the **President's dinner**. We would be grateful if you could confirm your attendance and let us know whether you will be accompanied by your spouse or partner.

Given the importance of the matter to be discussed I rely on the presence of the representatives of all the NBOs.

To facilitate our preparations, **we kindly ask you to confirm your attendance through the dedicated online form available at the following link:**

<https://www.worldbridge.org/wbfcongress2026-confirmation/>

Looking forward to meeting you in Katowice,

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Franck Riehm".The logo of the World Bridge Federation, featuring a globe with a bridge over it, surrounded by the text "WORLD BRIDGE FEDERATION" and "1958" and "Bridge for Peace".

Franck Riehm

WBF President