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Kuopio – Finland

Dear Nordic bridge friends, welcome to Kuopio!

We finally get to meet each other after a long and frustrating wait. It will be a Nordic Championships like never seen before! Not only will we be able to play for the titles in person and in a friendly Nordic atmosphere, but we will also get to enjoy each other's company along with some famous Kuopio hospitality.

As the local beer brewery puts it, Kuopio is in the middle of the Northern periphery. You will get to experience an authentic Finnish lake district. You can reach this destination by plane (so no need for a horse and carriage), and the airport is just 15 minutes away from the city centre where we will wine and dine and play some cards.

Registration and entries

Here are some important (latest by) dates:

28th **of February** Confirm that/ if you will send a team in both women and open class

31st of March Inform team rosters and accommodation information

19th **of April** Inform travel itinerary & send pictures for your badges

15th **of May** Send your convention cards

All entries together with a complete room list (number of single -/double rooms and names) for the championship must be sent to nordics.kuopio@bridgefinland.fi latest by 31st of March.

Each NBO must report the names of their players and officials including photo of each participant by e-mail to nordics.kuopio@bridgefinland.fi before 19th of April.

All convention cards must be sent as PDF files latest by 15th of May to nordics.kuopio@bridgefinland.fi. Please, name the files clearly (we don't know/remember/recognize your players).

All Nordic Bridge Organisations (NBOs) in the Nordic Bridge Union (NBU) has the right to enter one team in each category. As was agreed in Kristiansand in 2019, costs will be divided by all NBU countries. Accommodations are however billed separately.

Accommodation

We will play and stay at the Sokos Hotel Puijonsarvi Kuopio, which is in the centre of the city.

Following prices have been agreed on for participants, team officials and NBU meeting participants.

Prices for the 4-night period – accommodation in standard rooms and full board from dinner Thursday 25th to breakfast Monday 30th of May.

Single room: 495€, Double room: 365€

As Kuopio is such an amazing travel destination, we thought some of you might want to stay longer or arrive earlier, which is great and totally possible! There are extra rooms for sale, and we are more than happy to help you book those.

Extra night with breakfast:

Single room: 120€, Double room: 140€

About Kuopio: https://vimeo.com/600242563

Schedule

We will play full RR twice in both categories. Play starts on Thursday afternoon and the prize giving ceremony as well as the banquet dinner are held Sunday evening.

The City of Kuopio and the Bridge League of Finland want to make all participants feel welcome (Sauna wise warmly) and to give you a little glimpse of the beautiful lake district of Finland. We will take you to see some "gems of Kuopio", so you have the possibility to enjoy the views, go on a boat trip, and try out a special sauna called Saana. This event will take place on Friday afternoon and evening.

Dress code

The NBU supports a dress code for the Nordic Championships. NBOs provide their players with appropriate uniforms carrying a badge or emblem identifying the country represented during play. In addition, everyone entering the playing areas are obliged to wear the official name badge provided by the organization.

Excitedly awaiting your arrival! See you soon!

