



Helsinki 16th of August, 2017

Dear Friends

The Finnish Table Tennis Association is organising the 2017 Finlandia Open in Lohja, Finland (65 km from Helsinki airport) from 7. to 10. December, 2017.

We are pleased to invite 15 International Umpires (IU) to officiate at this event. Preference will be given to Blue Badge and Blue Badge in Progress umpires.

Please submit your nominations to the Finnish Table Tennis Association via email: info@sptl.fi – send the names and IU numbers of the nominated umpires no later than September 15th, 2017. Please use the attached nomination form.

This is an open invitation and therefore not all nominated umpires may be accepted. Only nominations submitted by Associations by the deadline will be considered. The names of those IUs accepted will be sent to you by no later than September 22nd, 2017.

Should your nominated umpire need a visa, please send us the relevant details when submitting your nomination. We will issue an invitation letter for your umpire. Please note that all costs associated with the visa application are to be paid by the applicant.

All invited umpires must organise their own transportation (air, car or train) to Helsinki as well as travel and medical insurance. The Organiser offers free hospitality in a twin room sharing with another umpire from dinner on December 6th until breakfast on December 11th, 2017, as well as transportation from and to Helsinki Airport (HEL). Each umpire will receive US\$25,00 per competition day or the equivalent in local currency.

Please make your travel plans so that you can attend the umpire's briefing at 21.30 at the venue.

Please note that the ITTF will/will not conduct evaluations for Blue Badge umpires and candidates.

Please ensure that the IUs bring with them the recommended ITTF IU uniform.

Thank you for your support.

Yours faithfully

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