



**INTERNATIONAL TABLE TENNIS FEDERATION
Headquarters, Operations and Olympic Games**

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Subject: Invitation for Umpires for the Liebherr 2018 World Team Table Tennis Championships

Dear Friends,

The ITTF Umpires and Referees Committee (URC), in cooperation with the Organising Committee of the Liebherr 2018 World Team Table Tennis Championships, cordially invite National Associations to nominate one or two International Umpires (IU) for this prestigious event, which will take place in Halmstad, Sweden, under the direction of the Swedish Table Tennis Association, from 29 April to 6 May 2018. The hospitality starts from lunch on 28 April 2018 through to breakfast on 7 May 2018. The nominees, or their Associations, are responsible for all related travel and insurance costs. Please note that by submitting a nomination, the Association confirms its responsibility to ensure the nominee has sufficient financial support for airfare,

You may submit your nominations using the following link:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1F9_vfMCiV3ATvd2hUPnUP23leS1OosfF131wSWMD1FU/edit?usp=sharing

You may nominate two IUs who have achieved Blue Badge status, or, alternatively, have attended an ITTF Advanced Umpire Training (AUT) course and passed the Advanced Rules Exam (ARE).

It is ITTF policy to encourage female participation whenever possible, so please encourage your female umpires seriously to consider applying for this prestigious assignment. As an incentive, if one of the umpires nominated is female, you may also nominate one extra umpire in the Blue Badge or Blue Badge in progress category.

Umpires need to arrive no later than 28 April 2018 and attend the Referee Orientation planned for that evening.



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Certified URC Evaluators will conduct field of play evaluations for umpires working at the Championships.

Since this is an open invitation, unfortunately many umpires nominated may not be selected. The selection will be based on geographic boundaries, gender equity and an appropriate mix of BB and BBiP umpires. The URC will confirm the selection by no later than 28 February 2018 and an announcement will be made on the ITTF website.

Please complete the online nomination form by **no later than Monday 12th February 2018**. The candidates' National Associations must submit all nominations. Late submissions will not be considered.

Yours faithfully,
(on behalf of Young-sam Ma, URC chairperson)

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Emese Barsai', is positioned above the printed name.

Emese Barsai
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