



EUROPEAN BRIDGE LEAGUE

Election to the Presidency and the Executive Committee of the European Bridge League

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Candidate: Radoslaw Kielbasinski (Poland)

Radoslaw Kielbasinski (born in 1962) has been involved with bridge activities for more than 20 years. He started his career as a bridge official when he was a student at the Jagiellonian University in Krakow.

At the age of 27 he was elected to the Executive Committee of the Polish Bridge Union.

In 1993 he had become the foreign Vice-President, and he was first elected as the PBU President in 2000. 4 years later he was easily re-elected.



As the PBU President Mr Radoslaw Kielbasinski was able to cut the huge deficit (which was larger than one year's total income of the PBU) and changed the Polish Federation into a successful and profitable organization.

In 2002 Mr Kielbasinski launched a special training program for young people both to learn to play bridge and then to become better players. The results have been much better than expected. The number of registered junior players had increased in a significant way (almost 2000 junior players registered in 2006) which makes the PBU one of the youngest bridge federations in the World (the average member's age is about 43 years). And the sport results of this program have been astonishing. In 2004 and in 2005 Poland won the European Junior Teams Championships in both age categories (up to 20 and up to 25). In 2004 Poland won the 1st World School Teams Championships, and in 2005 Polish Juniors came second in the World Junior Teams Championships in Sydney.

In 1995 Mr Kielbasinski became a member of the Executive Committee of the European Bridge League, and was re-elected in 1997, 1999 and in 2003. In 2003 he became the 2nd Vice-President and the EBL delegate to the Executive Committee of the World Bridge Federation. At that time Mr Kielbasinski was involved in and responsible for many events organized under the auspices of the EBL and the WBF.

The most important are as follows:

1999 – European Pairs Championships in Warsaw with a record number of participating pairs

2001 – World Junior Pairs Championships in Stargard Szczecinski

2002 – the 1st edition of the European Champions Cup in Warsaw (a new EBL event proposed by Mr Kielbasinski himself).

2003 – the 1st edition of the European Universities Bridge Championship in Wroclaw

2006 – 48th “Prokom Software” European Teams Championship in Warsaw.

In 2004 the International Bridge Press Association named Radoslaw Kielbasinski as the Personality of the Year. He has written three books about bridge. His “Bridge Magicians” (as a co-author) was successfully published in Canada.

Mr Kielbasinski is a professional banker and is the Polish Branch Manager of the Danish “Jyske Bank A/S”. He is married and has 2 sons.