

WORLD YOUTH OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS

The **1st World Youth Bridge Congress** was held in Istanbul, Turkey, from 15 to 23 August 2009, hosted at the *Yeditepe University*. Young players from all member countries of the World Bridge Federation were invited to participate in this new competition, designed to be a massive event. Accordingly, transnational combinations were allowed in all events, and there were no restrictions on the number of players who could participate from any single country.

The new congress included various teams and pairs competitions. Teams were played according to the Swiss format, as well as Board-A-match. There were Match Point and IMP pairs. The championships were open to players born in 1984 or later (Under-26), while it was intended that players born in 1989 or later would form a separate category (Under-21) in all events, if the entry was sufficient.

The World Youth Pairs Championships have been discontinued, as they are now included in the World Youth Congress.

The **2nd World Youth Bridge Congress** were held in Opatija, a picturesque maritime resort town in Croatia, from 21 to 30 August 2011. Young players from all member countries of the *World Bridge Federation* were invited to participate in this massive competition. Transnational combinations are allowed to compete in all events, and there are no restrictions on the number of players who could participate from any single country.

The Congress comprises a teams and a pairs competition. The teams contest qualifier will be played according to the Swiss format; participants failing to qualify to the knockout final phase may participate in a Board-A-match consolation event. A pairs competition will follow after the teams. The Congress is open to players born in 1986 or later.

The **3rd World Youth Open Bridge Championships** were held in Atlanta, Georgia, USA.

The Championships consisted of three events:

- The World Pairs Championship
- The World Teams Swiss/KO Championship
- The World Teams Board-A-Match Championship








There are three categories of players, Juniors, Girls and Youngsters, and there will be medals awarded in each category. The events are open to all players born on or after 1st January 1988 for the Juniors & Girls categories and born on or after 1st January 1993 for the Youngsters category, in good standing with their own NBO.

The **4th World Youth Open Bridge Championships** organised by the World Bridge Federation in cooperation with the Croatian Bridge Federation & Opatija Bridge Association were in Opatija, Croatia from 20th - 29th August.

These Championships are held every two years (now in the odd numbered years).

JUNIORS (under 26)
Swiss Teams

2009 (15 - 23 August) – ISTANBUL (Turkey)- 40 teams			
1. JAPAN CZECH REP.			Michal Kopecky, Milan Macura, Noriaki Koike, Hiroaki Miura
2. ITALY			Giuseppe delle Cave, Robin Fellus Eugenio Mistretta, Giuseppe Mistretta Dario Attanasio (npc)
3. USA			Jason Chiu, Kevin Dwyer, Kevin Fay, Jeremy Fournier Justin Lall, Matthew Meckstroth Howard Weinstein (npc), James Marsh Sternberg (coach)

2011 (27 – 30 August) – OPATIJA (Croatia) - 27 teams				
1. NETHER- LANDS			Berend van den Bos, Aarnout Helmich, Gerbrand Hop Joris van Lankveld Kees Tammens (npc)	
2. ARGENTINE URUGUAY			Maximo Crusizo, Rodrigo García Da Rosa Felipe José Ferro, Alejandro Scanavino	
3. NETHER- LANDS ROMANIA USA				Bob Drijver, Ernst Wackwitz, Radu Nistor Marius Agica
14. GERMANY			Raffael Braun, Marie Eggeling, Max Ellerbeck, Paul Orth Hartmut Kondoch (npc)	

2013 (3 – 11 August)- ATLANTA (USA) - 12 teams			
1. USA			WAR OF ROSES Marius Agica, Kevin Dwyer, Adam Grossack, Owen Lien Zachary Grossack, Adam Kaplan
2. AUTRALIA			Lauren Travis, Ellena Moskovosky, Nathan Howard Justin Howard, Peter Hollands, Maxim Henbest Ishmael Del Monte (npc)
3. TURKEY			Sarper Uslupehlivan, Muhammet Ozgur, Akin Koclar Berk Gokce, Altug Gobekli, Erkmen Aydogdu Umit Tarhan (npc)

2015 (20 – 29 August) OPATIJA (Croatia) - 17 teams			
1. SWEDEN ITALY ARGENTINE	 		ZLATAN Simon Ekenberg, Simon Hult, Daniel Gullberg Rodrigo Garcia De Rosa, Giuseppe Delle Cave Johan Karlsson Marshall Lewis (npc)
2. NORWAY			Christian Bakke, Tor Eivind Grude, Kristoffer Hegge Harald Eide
3. SWEDEN GREECE			GRESWE AXON Ola Rimstedt, Mikael Rimstedt, Adam Kaplan Ioannis Oikonomopoulos Giorgos Oikonomopoulos (coach)

2017 (19 – 24 August)- LYON (France) - 17 teams			
1. USA			Adam Grossack, Zachary Grossack, Anam Tebha Christian Jolly, Adam Kaplan, Kevin Rosenberg Kevin Rosenberg (pc)
2. JAPAN			Takayuki Hino, Eishi Imakiire, Ryoichi Yamada Koki Kobayashi, Sanekata Sonoike, Derek Neo Hiroaki Miura (npc)
3. URUGUAY ENGLAND NORWAY ARGENTINE	 		 VILLA FABBRICHE Christian Bakke, Maximo Crusizio Guillermo Minutti, Shivam Shah

BAM Teams

2009 (15 – 23 August) ISTANBUL (Turkey) - 34 teams		
1. ITALY		Massimiliano Di Franco, Arrigo Franchi Andrea Manno, Aldo Paparo Dario Attanasio (npc)
2. THAILAND		Pimpraphai Bisalputra, Tassamon Dardarananda Chuanpit Dhamasiri, Uraiwan Kanokwatanawan Supang Mekcharas, Pavinee Sitthicharoensawat Parich Pongmoragot (npc)
3. USA		Zachary Brescoll, Alex Hudson, Adam Kaplan, Owen Lien John Marriott, Cameron Shunta Howard Weinstein (npc)

2011 (21 – 30 August) OPATIJA (Croatia) - 23 teams		
1. NORWAY		VICKY'S VIKINGS Kristian Stangeland, Harald Eide, Kristoffer Hegge Kristian Ellingsen
2. USA		Kevin Dwyer, Owen Lien, Roger Lee, Daniel Wolkowitz Jeremy Fournier, Mitch Towner Will Ehler (npc)
3. NETHER- LANDS		Berend van den Bos, Aarnout Helmich, Gerbrand Hop Joris van Lankveld Kees Tammens (npc)
5. GERMANY		Raffael Braun, Marie Eggeling, Max Ellerbeck, Paul Orth

2013 (3 – 11 August) ATLANTA (USA) - 12 teams		
1. TURKEY		Erkmen Aydogdu, Berk Gokce, Altug Gobekli Sarper Uslupehlivan, Akin Koclar, Muhammet Ozgur Umit Tarhan (npc)
2. AUSTRALIA		Justin Howard, Max Henbest, Ellena Moskowsky Lauren Travis, Nathan Howard, Peter Hollands
3. USA		Antony Lee, Frank Lin, Kevin Rosenberg, Ryan Wessels

2015 (20 – 29 August) OPATIJA (Croatia) - 38 teams		
1. ITALY		ITALY JUNIORS Gianluca Bergami, Margherita Chavarria, Giovanni Donati Alessandro Gandoglia, Giacomo Percario Alessandro Calmanovici Valerio Giubilo (npc)
2. NETHERLANDS		NETHERLANDS WHITE Tobias Polak, Michel Schols, Tim van den Bos Tom van Overbeeke Anneke Simons (npc), Kees Tammens (coach)
3. NORWAY		Tor Eivind Grude, Kristoffer Hegge, Christian Bakke Harald Eide
5. GERMANY		GERMANY YOUNGSTERS Florian Alter, Stig Jesse, Philipp Pabst Sibrand van Oosten, Leonard Vornkahl Hartmut Kondoch (npc)

2017 (21 – 23 August) LYON (France) - 28 teams			
1. USA		Adam Grossack, Zachary Grossack, Anam Tebha Christian Jolly, Adam Kaplan, Kevin Rosenberg (pc)	
2. URUGUAY ENGLAND NORWAY ARGENTINE	 	 	VILLA FABBRICHE Christian Bakke, Maximo Crusizio Guillermo Minutti, Shivam Shah
3. GERMANY		GERMANY 1 Maximilian Litterst, Viktor Otto Sibrand van Oosten, Leonard Vornkahl Hartmut Kondoch	

MP Pairs

2009 (15 – 23 August) ISTANBUL (Turkey) 94 pairs		
1. NETHERLANDS		Marion Michielsen - Tim Verbeek
2. POLAND		Adam Krysa - Justyna Zmuda
3. FRANCE		Aymeric Lebatteux - Nicolas Lhuissier

2011 (21 – 30 August) OPATIJA (Croatia) - 61 pairs		
1. NETHERLANDS		Berend van der Bos - Joris van Lankveld
2. FRANCE		Aymeric Lebatteux - Simon Poulat
3. ROMANIA		 Marius Agica – Radu Nistor

2013 (1 – 11 August) ATLANTA (USA) – 32 pairs		
1. ITALY		Massimiliano Di Franco - Gabriele Zanasi
2. TURKEY		Erkmen Aydogdu - Akin Koclar
3. USA		Sylvia Shi - Alex Praire

2015 (20 – 29 August) OPATIJA (Croatia) - 38 pairs		
1. SWEDEN		Mikael and Ola Rimstedt
2. ITALY ARGENTINE	 	Giuseppe delle Cave - Rodrigo Garcia da Rosa
3. USA		Sean Gannon - Julie Arbit

2017 (15 – 18 August) LYON (France) - 35 pairs		
1. SWEDEN		Simon Ekenberg – Linus Dahlström
2. FRANCE		Edouard du Corail – Loic Neveu
3. FRANCE		Baptiste Combescure – Julien Bernard

IMP Pairs

2009 (15 – 23 August) ISTANBUL (Turkey) pairs		
1. CZECH REP. NETHER- LANDS	 	Frantisek Kralik - Magdalena Ticha
2. ITALY		Antonio Borzi - Andrea Mortarotti
3. SWITZER- LAND		Jerome Amiguet - Cedric Margot

YOUNGSTERS (under 21)

TEAM

This event has had a sufficient number of participating teams to start in 2013

2013 (3 – 11 August) ATLANTA (USA) - 15 teams		
1. USA		Andrew Jeng, Richard Jeng, Oren Kriegel, Burke Snowden
2. USA		Brandon Harper, Fregory Herman, Ben Kristiansen Ryan Miller
3. CHINA		Kai Jin, Tianyi Jin, Zhizhou Sha, Yiling Shen, Kaiwen Wu, Felicia Xinying Yu Weichang Qiu (npc), Bing Zhao (coach)

2015 (20 – 29 August) OPATIJA (Croatia) - 8 teams		
1. CHINA		Tong Jiang, Shiyu Sun, Zhengyang Fang, Zihan Wang Dongke Fang, Yichen Yin, Hongji Wei, Jichao Hu
2. POLEN		AZS UW VYCESKA Łukasz Trendak, Stanisław Mączka, Krystian Bączek, Piotr Jasiński
3. GERMANY		Sibrand van Oosten, Philipp Pabst, Florian Alter, Stig Jesse, Leonard Vornkahl Hartmut Kondoch (npc)

2017 (19 – 24 August) LYON (France) - 12 teams		
1. FRANCE		Raphaël Basler, Luc Bellicaud, Maxance Fragola Arthur Boulin, Melic Dufrière, Théo Guillemain Christophe Oursel (npc)
2. CHINA		SHENGXING TEAM Cheng DENG, Yihong LIU, Jiaxin TONG Zhijie YUAN, Yu YUN, Tiancheng ZHANG Qi ZENG (npc)
3. CHINA		Zhiyu CHENG, Baozhuo JIANG, Randy PAN Shi QIU, Xihao WANG, Haoqing YU Jichao HU (npc), Bing DU (coach)
5. GERMANY		Sibrand van Oosten, Philipp Pabst, Florian Alter, Leonard Vornkahl Hartmut Kondoch (npc)

PAIRS

2011 (21 – 30 August) OPATIJA (Croatia) - 68 pairs		
1. POLAND		Michal Gulczynski - Izabela Weinhold
2. USA		Adam Grossack - Adam Kaplan
3. NETHER- LANDS		Chris Westerbeek - Luc Severeijns

2013 (3 – 11 August) ATLANTA (USA) – 40 pairs		
1. USA		Allison Hunt - Asya Ladzhensky
2. USA		Andrew Jeng - Richard Jeng
3. CHINA		Tianyi Jin - Kai Jin

2015 (20 – 29 August) OPATIJA (Croatia) – 21 pairs		
1. CHINA		Hongji Wei - Shiyu Sun
2. CHINA		Yichen Yin - Zhengyang Fang
3. ITALY		Sebastiano Scata - Andrea Manganella
7. GERMANY AUSTRIA		 Sophie Hermann - Florian Alter

2017 (15 – 18 August) LYON (France) – 37 pairs

1. CHINA		Cheng DENG – Zhijie YUAN
2. ITALY		Gianmarco Giubilo – Federico Porta
3. FRANCE		Arthur Boulin – Theo Guillemin
6. GERMANY		Florian Alter – Leonard Vornkahl

GIRLS


TEAM


First time of World Teams Girls

2015 (20 – 29 August) OPATIJA (Croatia) - 7 teams		
1. ITALY		Flaminia Tanini, Agnese Di Mauro, Giulia Scriattoli Caterina De Lutio, Michaela Salvato, Susanna Broccolino Emanuela Capriata (npc and coach)
2. CHINA		SX XHLD Huiyuan Jin, Aijia Yuan, Yunpeng Chen, Chenyun Ge Yue Yu, Xinyao Ruan Yifan Cui (npc) Haihong Gu (coach)
3. CHINA		CHINA RDFZ GIRLS Guangli Wendy Liu, Mengqi Hao, Lingyi Ma Xinyi Luo, Qi Xia, Ling Hu Jichao Hu (npc), Tong Jiang (coach)
2017 (19 – 24 August) LYON (France) - 15 teams		
1. CHINA		SHENGXING TEAM 1 Yunpeng CHEN, Chenyun GE, Yajie LU Yijia LU, Xinyao RUAN, Jiaming XU Xiaochen KONG (npc)
2. FRANCE		FRANCE 1 GIRLS Hélène Besancon, Mathilde Thuillez, Sarah Combescure Hélène Chelin, Marie-Valentine Coupel, Erneline Jounin Wilfried Libbrecht (npc)
3. CHINA		CHINA RDFZ GIRLS Yueling GU, Shiyi LI, Shiyun MAO Yanting MAO, Yici WANG, Xiaotong WU Yi Xing LV (npc)
14. GERMANY		Alexandra Dammann, Mareille Kampermann, Mona Riegler Leonie Nordmann, Fiona Oelker Hartmut Kondoch (npc), Emil Langer (coach)

PAIRS

2013 (3 – 11 August) ATLANTA (USA) – 12 pairs		
1. ITALY		Margherita Chavarria - Giorgia Botta
2. VENEZUELA		Karla De Jesus - Adriana Suarez
3. USA		Julie Arbit - Isha Thapa

2015 (20 – 29 August) OPATIJA (Croatia) - 23 pairs		
1. SERBIA		Jovana Zoranović - Selena Pepić
2. ITALY		Giulia Scriattoli - Michela Salvato
3. ITALY		Enrica Raffa - Susanna Broccolino

2017 (15 – 18 August) LYON (France) - 42 pairs		
1. FRANCE		Mathilde Thuillez – Sarah Combescure
2. CHINA		Yunpeng CHEN – Jiaming XU
3. CHINA		Xinyao RUAN – Yajie LU
14. GERMANY		Mareille Kampermann – Alexandra Dammann

**KIDS (under 16)
TEAM**

2015 (20 – 29 August) OPATIJA (Croatia) - 13 teams		
1. CHINA		SX HYSW Yingqi Wang, Tianle Yao, Siyuan Liu, Renyu Li Yijun Shang, Yiqin Shao Yifan Cui (npc), Weichang Qiu (coach)
2. CHINA		CHINA RDFZ1 Zixi Cai, Yuanzhe Ding, Randy Pan, Baozhuo Jiang, Shi Qiu Haoqing Yu Tong Jiang (npc), Jichao Hu (coach)
3. CHINA		SX XNWX Yihong Liu, Wenjie Xue, Ruihze Wang, Hanyang Dai Jiaxin Tong, Tiancheng Zhang Hui Fu (npc), Jiong Li (coach)
11. GERMANY		Felix Doermer, Leonie Nordmann, Viktor Otto, Mona Rieger Hartmut Kondoch (npc), Florian Alter (coach)

2017 (19 – 24 August) LYON (France) - 23 teams		
1. CHINA		CHINA RDFZ GALAXY Zhenhao CAI, Jingfan CHEN, Yuanzhe NIU Zhaofeng WANG, Boxin ZHANG, Fangchen ZHAO Jichao HU (npc), Jie LI (coach)
2. CHINA		SHENGXING VENUS Haochen LIU, Yizhou LIU, Mingyu LU Ruicheng MAO, Tianle YAO, Zhaochen YU Gongjun LIU (npc)
3. CHINA		SHENGXING SATURN Licong CHENG, Penghao WANG, Ruizhe WANG Yingqi WANG, Hao XU, Jiahao YANG Qin LIU (npc)
19. GERMANY		Karl Dransfeld, Niels Ole Farwig, Marius Guendel Emil Langer Hartmut Kondoch (npc)

BAM TEAMS

2017 (19 – 24 August) LYON (France) – 26 teams		
1. CHINA		SHENGXING VENUS Haochen LIU, Yizhou LIU, Mingyu LU Ruicheng MAO, Tianle YAO, Zhaochen YU Gongjun LIU (npc)
2. THAILAND		MAGIC EYES THAILAND Asawanee CHULATHAMMAKUN, Kittinan KOTHA Phitchaphuek KUISUWAN, Parit PROMJAN Kritsakron SIANGLIO, Theeraphat SOPAK Phanuwit Tor CHAROEN (npc), Somchai BAISAMUT (coach)
3. CHINA		SHENGXING SATURN Licong CHENG, Penghao WANG, Ruizhe WANG Yingqi WANG, Hao XU, Jiahao YANG Qin LIU (npc)
19. GERMANY		Karl Dransfeld, Niels Ole Farwig Marius Guendel, Emil Langer Hartmut Kondoch (npc)

PAIRS

2013 (3 – 11 August) ATLANTA (USA) - 33 pairs		
1. VENEZUELA		Ruben Dario Cabrera - Moises Granda
2. AUSTRALIA		Maxim Henbest - Nathan Howard
3. JAPAN		Ryoko Oyama - Takumi Seshimo

2015 (20 – 29 August) OPATIJA (Croatia) – 41 pairs		
1. DENMARK		Søren Bune - Christian Lahrmann
2. POLAND		Kacper Kopka - Oskar Trybus
3. CHINA		Zhe Wu - Zhije Yuan
28. GERMANY		Viktor Otto - Felix Doermer

2017 (15 – 18 August) LYON (France) - 78 pairs		
1. CHINA		Yizhou LIU – Mingyu LU
2. CHINA		Ruicheng MAO – Zhaochen YU
3. CHINA		Licong CHENG – Penghao WANG