



## EUROPEAN BRIDGE LEAGUE

### Election to the Executive Committee of the European Bridge League Opatjia – June 2014

**Candidate : JAN AASEN (Norway)**

#### **Personal/Professional brief:**

Age: 47

Profession: Director of finance at Lillehammer University College



#### **Bridge Activities:**

| Period      | Position  |
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| 1988 - 1993 | Leader of the Youth Committee and Leader of the Recruiting Committee in the Norwegian Bridge Federation |
| 1993 - 1996 | Member of the board in the Norwegian Bridge Federation  |
| 1996 – 2004 | President of the Norwegian Bridge Federation  |
| 2008 -      | President of the Norwegian Bridge Federation  |
| 2008 -      | Responsible for organizing the two European championships in Tromsø 2015 (Open and Youth)               |

I have been in different positions in the board of the Norwegian Bridge Federation for a period of nearly 25 years. In 1988 I was elected as leader of the Youth Committee and leader of the Recruiting Committee, and in 1993 I was elected as member of the board. In 1996 I was elected as president for the first time and reelected for 8 years (1996-2004). After a period out of the board, in 2008 I was again elected as president. In my presidency from 2008 to 2014 I have been responsible for organizing the two European championships in Tromsø 2015 (Open and Youth) and the dialog with EBL.

My work for the federation has been based on transparency, dialog with the members and the organization, and active use of technology. Bridge is mainly based on voluntary work, and it has been important to find ways to appreciate the efforts of the volunteers. The bridge is also based on both the ordinary players in the clubs and top players in tournaments and championships. We have therefore divided our tournaments and services in two concepts; "Bridge for all" and "Bridge as sport".

In my point of view the most important task for the European Bridge League is to organize the championships, tournament rules and regulations, and facilitate cooperation and dialog between the national federations. I mean the seminar in Berlin in February is a good example of this. As member of the Executive Committee I will bring with me the experiences from my work in the Norwegian federation together with my values of democracy, cooperation, efficiency and transparency. Together with the other members of the Executive Committee I will continue the work to develop the services and organization of EBL in the best interests of the players and the national federations.