



## EUROPEAN BRIDGE LEAGUE

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

Candidate: Jan Kamras (Sweden)

#### Personal/Professional Brief:

Born 1950 in Malmö, Sweden. Presently living in Stockholm after long periods also in Switzerland, USA and Japan. Bachelor's degree in economics. Now retired after working in management positions at a large multinational corporation. Have also held board positions in a golf club, a medical equipment company and a real estate company. Apart from Swedish I am reasonably fluent in English, German (incl. Swiss) and French.



#### Bridge Activities:

Played since being a teenager inspired by my father, a multiple Swedish champion and national team player. Today playing about once a week, mainly IMPs. At different times represented Sweden, and earlier Switzerland, internationally.

Biggest playing achievements are:

- Winning the European Maccabiah games for Sweden 1991.
- Winning the Swedish Team Championships 2011 and being second 2012.
- Winning the Cavendish Teams 2013.
- Winning the largest pair's tournament in Switzerland, and being second in a Swiss National KO Team championship.

Administrative positions held include:

- Elected to the board of the Swedish Bridge Federation (SBF) in 2007, currently serving my fourth consecutive term as its Vice President.
- Member of the SBF Laws Commission.
- Chairman of the SBF National Teams Selection Committee.
- SBF:s representative to the board of the Nordic Bridge Union.
- Serving on various Appeals Committees, amongst others at European Championships.
- NPC for the open team of Switzerland in 1993 and for that of Sweden in 2001-2005 and 2008-2011.
- Elected to the EBL Executive Committee, with the second highest vote total, in 2010.
- Member of the EBL Presidential Council since 2010.
- Elected EBL Honorary Secretary 2012.
- Heading the new EBL Website project and organizing an NBO Officers' Seminar and championships

Even before my appointments in various official capacities I have been present at many EBL and WBF championships since the mid 1980's during which I have acquired a broad international contact net, among players as well as administrators.

### Intentions if elected:

The following are some of the areas I would like to focus on:

- Continuing the improvement of the democratization process within the EBL and the transparency of its administration.
- Promoting a more efficient use of available human and other assets within the Executive Committee.
- Being more alert and responsive to what the players and NBOs want from, and how they view, the EBL.
- Focusing on core missions and providing a complement to, rather than duplication of, national efforts - but at the same time providing support for NBOs without resources to develop their own programs.
- Pursuing more structured efforts to attract younger people to bridge.
- Intensifying efforts to reduce costs, both of running championships and of administration, creating room for a reduction in fees.
- Updating our statutes to reflect today's, not yesterday's, world.