



## **Press Release 02: Presentation of the EBT 2011**

It is a pleasure for the ETBF Presidium to present the European Bowling Tour 2011, which is the 12<sup>th</sup> edition of the tour. The EBT 2011 includes 22 stops, presented at the following page. Detailed information of each stop is available at [www.etbf.eu](http://www.etbf.eu).

Also in 2011, there will be four categories in the tour, namely EBT Platinum (minimum 100.000 € prize fund), EBT Gold (minimum 60.000 € prize fund), EBT Silver (minimum 40.000 € prize fund) and EBT Satellite (minimum 20.000 € prize fund).

As much as 18 of the 19 tournaments included in the EBT 2010 are also included in the EBT 2011, while only the tournament in Luxembourg (Satellite) won't appear again in 2011.

In addition to the 18 existing tournaments, we are able to present 4 new EBT Satellite's; which is Odense International (Denmark), Viborg International 2011 (Denmark), Chandra Open 2011 (Netherlands) and Norwegian Open 2011 (Norway). Norwegian Open presents a comeback after a three years break and four previous appearances in the years 2004-2007.

The EBT 2011 consists of 1 platinum tournament and 21 tournaments divided equally between 7 gold tournaments, 7 silver tournaments and 7 satellite tournaments.

The first stop in the tour is, as always, Brunswick Ballmaster Open in Helsinki, rich of traditions and the only tournament adopted in all 12 tours. Ballmaster presents the second highest international prize pool of 90.000 €, while the last stop of the tour (since 2007), Qatar Bowling Open, with its platinum status presents the highest prize pool of 120.000 €.

The total prize fund in the EBT 2011, including tour prize money, will be approximately 1.160.000 €; an average prize fund of approximately 51.000 € per stop.

It is very satisfying for the ETBF Presidium, in perspective of a European economy still in troubled waters, to be able to present another great European Bowling Tour, even including a record number of stops.

The 16 highest ranked women and the 16 highest ranked men, by the conclusion of the EBT 2011, will qualify for the 5<sup>th</sup> EBT Masters, which will be hosted by the organizer of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Dream Bowl Palace Open in Munich on 30 April and 1 May 2012.

The final of the ongoing EBT 2010, the 4<sup>th</sup> EBT Masters, will be hosted by the organizer of the 5<sup>th</sup> Qubica/AMF Open in Ljubljana, Slovenia on 11-12 April 2011.

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## Tournaments in the European Bowling Tour 2011

Stop	Period	Federation	Tournament	Category
01	01.01-09.01	Finland	Brunswick Ballmaster Open	Gold
02	14.02-20.02	Poland	5 <sup>th</sup> International Wroclaw Open by Hammer	Satellite
03	27.02-06.03	Netherlands	Hammer Bronzen Schietspoel Tournament 2011	Silver
04	04.03-13.03	France	Brunswick Euro Challenge	Gold
05	15.03-20.03	Catalonia	IX Catalonia Open - Trofeu Galasa	Silver
06	30.03-03.04	Germany	2 <sup>nd</sup> Track Dream-Bowl Palace Open 2011	Silver
07	05.04-10.04	Slovenia	5 <sup>th</sup> Qubica/AMF Open 2011	Silver
08	07.05-15.05	Turkey	8 <sup>th</sup> Istanbul Bowling Open	Gold
09	22.05-29.05	Denmark	Bowltech Aalborg International 2011	Gold
10	29.05-05.06	Denmark	Odense International	Satellite
11	02.07-10.07	San Marino	7 <sup>th</sup> San Marino Open	Gold
12	12.07-17.07	Catalonia	33 Trofeu Internacional Ciutat de Barcelona	Gold
13	30.07-07.08	Denmark	Viborg International 2011	Satellite
14	05.08-14.08	Norway	Norwegian Open 2011	Satellite
15	22.08-28.08	Slovakia	BNC Open	Silver
16	13.09-18.09	Russia	2 <sup>nd</sup> Pavlovskiy Posad Open	Satellite
17	19.09-25.09	Netherlands	Chandra Open 2011	Satellite
18	27.09-02.10	Austria	9 <sup>th</sup> Columbia 300 Vienna Open	Gold
19	08.10-16.10	Finland	Lahti Open	Silver
20	05.11-13.11	Italy	2 <sup>nd</sup> Torneo Internazionale di Roma	Satellite
21	16.11-20.11	England	English Open	Silver
22	09.12-17.12	Qatar	Qatar Bowling Open	Platinum