



## **Press Release 02: European Bowling Tour 2014**

The schedule of the next tour in Europe, known as the European Bowling Tour 2014, has been decided by the ETBF Presidium.

The schedule is presented at the following page and at the ETBF Website: [www.etbf.eu](http://www.etbf.eu).

The EBT 2014, which is the 15<sup>th</sup> consecutive tour since the tour was organized for the first time in 2000, consists of 21 tournaments, conducted in 14 different member federations.

The tournament in Barcelona was earlier this year removed from the EBT 2013 as a consequence of the local financial situation; a situation which unfortunately also prevents the tournament from being included in the EBT 2014. We hope to see the tournament in Barcelona back in the European Bowling Tour at a later moment.

Missing in the tour schedule for 2014 is also the BNC Open in Bratislava; in 2013 conducted with a Gold status, followed by hosting the EBT Masters, but unfortunately not included in the EBT 2014. Also the BNC Open will hopefully be welcomed back at a later moment.

On a very positive page, we can report the come-back of Istanbul Bowling Open in the EBT schedule; made possible by Serdar Erdis, the new and also the first owner of the well known Timeout Bowling Centre. The tournament in Istanbul is one of the classic events in the tour.

We are also warmly welcoming two completely new tournaments in the EBT 2014, namely Ekaterinburg Open 2014 (Russia) to be organized by the Bowling Federation of Sverdlovsk Region Ten Pin, and Gibraltar Open 2014 to be organized by the UK based company Matchpoint Tours.

The 21 tournaments in the EBT 2014 are divided in 4 categories:

- EBT Platinum (minimum 100.000 € prize fund), 2 tournaments
- EBT Gold (minimum 60.000 € prize fund), 6 tournaments
- EBT Silver (minimum 40.000 € prize fund), 4 tournaments
- EBT Satellite (minimum 20.000 € prize fund), 9 tournaments

The total prize fund in the EBT 2014 is approximately 1.1 million €; giving an average prize fund of approximately 51.000 € per stop.

The 12 highest ranked women and the 12 highest ranked men after 21 stops are qualified for the 8<sup>th</sup> EBT Masters; hosted on 6 July 2015 by the organizer of Brunswick Italy Challenge.

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## Tournaments in the European Bowling Tour 2014

Stop	Period	Federation	Tournament	Category
01	03.01-12.01	Finland	Brunswick Ballmaster Open	Gold
02	10.02-16.02	Poland	8 <sup>th</sup> International Wroclaw Open by Hammer	Satellite
03	23.02-02.03	Netherlands	Hammer Bronzen Schietspoel Tournament 2014	Silver
04	15.03-23.03	Germany	Brunswick Euro Challenge	Platinum
05	24.03-29.03	Russia	Ekaterinburg Open 2014	Satellite
06	03.05-11.05	Turkey	9 <sup>th</sup> Istanbul Bowling Open	Gold
07	19.05-25.05	Denmark	Bowling Aalborg International 2014	Silver
08	25.05-01.06	Denmark	Odense International	Satellite
09	21.06-29.06	Spain	II Brunswick Madrid Challenge	Silver
10	28.06-06.07	Italy	Brunswick Italia Challenge	Silver
11	05.07-13.07	San Marino	10 <sup>th</sup> San Marino Open	Gold
12	15.07-20.07	Germany	QubicaAMF German Open 2014	Gold
13	19.07-27.07	Germany	Track Dream-Bowl Palace Open by Erdinger	Gold
14	09.09-13.09	Russia	Russian Open	Satellite
15	14.09-21.09	Netherlands	Chandra Open 2014	Satellite
16	29.09-05.10	Austria	12 <sup>th</sup> Vienna Open	Gold
17	03.10-12.10	Norway	Norwegian Open 2014 by Brunswick	Satellite
18	04.10-12.10	Italy	Brunswick Etna Open	Satellite
19	20.10-26.10	Gibraltar	Gibraltar Open 2014	Satellite
20	01.11-09.11	Italy	3 <sup>rd</sup> Florence International	Satellite
21	07.12-13.12	Qatar	Qatar Bowling Open	Platinum