



THE IRISH BRIDGE UNION
INTERNATIONAL TRIALS 2014
EUROPEAN OPEN TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP
CROATIA 21st JUNE / 2nd JULY 2014

- 1) Dates
First Round 3rd /5th January 2014
Finals 17th / 19th January 2014
Venue Dublin
- 2) Qualification
Each Player must have a minimum of 60 National Points or have won 25 in the past 3 years. The International Committee will consider written applications for exemption from players who do not meet these requirements.
- 3) Entries are invited from teams of four or six players. Each player in a team of six must play at least half of the boards played by the team to qualify for an invitation to represent Ireland in this event.
- 4) The exact format of the trials will be announced after entries have been received. There will be no exemptions granted to any players or team from any part of this year's Open trial. Depending on entries, not all players may qualify for the second weekend.
- 5) The winning team will be invited to represent Ireland. If a team of four qualify the third pair will be selected by the International Committee, after consulting the winning team, from the entrants for the trials. The NPC will be appointed by the International committee after consultation with the players.
- 6) Grants. The IBU will pay an initial grant to each member of the team and the NPC. If the team qualifies for the second phase of the championships an additional grant will be paid.
- 7) Entries in writing, accompanied by the entry fee of **€150 per player**, must be submitted to
 Mr Paul Porteous, Templeogue House, Templeogue Road, Dublin 15 *or*
 Mr. Harold Curran 28 Laganvale Manor, Stranmillis, Belfast BT9 5BE.
no later than **6th December 2013**. Entries without the entrance fee will not be accepted.
- 8) The International Committee is empowered to alter any of the arrangements or conditions including time, dates and venue, and to decide on all matters affecting these trials and each player who enters is undertaking to represent Ireland if nominated and to abide fully with all the conditions of these trials.

Ena Cleary, Kay Downes, Martin Brady, John Ferguson, Ian Lindsay, B J O'Brien and John Murchan - IBU International Committee.