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# BRAZILIAN GOLD RUSH



The World Bridge Federation flag on display at the opening ceremony

When WBF President Jose Damiani declared the World Bridge Championships open at 7:50 p.m. on Saturday, 66 teams from 36 nations turned their attention to the reason they are in Sao Paulo – to take home hardware in the form of medals, preferably gold.

As noted in the well-attended opening ceremony, the 2009 tournament is the fifth for Brazil, the first being Rio de Janeiro in 1969.

“What a great pleasure it is for us to be back in Brazil,” Damiani said.

The WBF president followed Ernesto d’Orsi, president emeritus of the Brazilian Bridge Federation and head of the organizing committee for the 2009 championships.

D’Orsi thanked the many sponsors and welcomed all visitors: “I hope you enjoy São Paulo and profit from our hospitality.”

São Paulo Mayor Gilberto Kassab also offered an official welcome to all players.

The audience was treated to an introduction of all the teams, starting with Argentina and ending, to rousing applause, with the teams from the host nation – in the Bermuda Bowl, Venice Cup and the D’Orsi Seniors Bowl.

Concert pianist Arthur Moreria Lima played a lengthy rendition of the Brazilian national anthem plus other concert pieces.



### VUGRAPH MATCHES

#### Round 1 (11.00-13.20)

VG:	Table 10	Norway - Brazil	(BB)
BBO 1:	Table 6	Russia - Germany	(BB)
BBO 2:	Table 11	USA 1 - Australia	(BB)
BBO 3:	Table 5	Netherlands - India	(BB)
BBO 4:	Table 23	Germany - Sweden	(VC)
OurGame:	Table 26	China Long Zhu W - Venezuela	(VC)

#### Round 2 (14.30-16.50)

VG:	Table 10	China Long Zhu O - Russia	(BB)
BBO 1:	Table 3	New Zealand - Italy	(BB)
BBO 2:	Table 8	Morocco - Bulgaria	(BB)
BBO 3:	Table 6	Australia - Norway	(BB)
BBO 4:	Table 22	USA 1 - Germany	(VC)
OurGame:	Table 24	Australia - France	(VC)

#### Round 3 (17.20-19.40)

VG:	Table 8	USA 1 - USA 2	(BB)
BBO 1:	Table 2	Germany - Italy	(BB)
BBO 2:	Table 10	Chile - Netherlands	(BB)
BBO 3:	Table 25	Brazil - Italy	(VC)
BBO 4:	Table 30	USA 1 - USA 2	(VC)
OurGame:	Table 5	Egypt - Norway	(BB)



## WBF PRESIDENT'S OPENING SPEECH

Mr Gilberto Kassab, Mayor of Sao Paulo

Mr Jaime Ortiz-Patiño, President Emeritus of the World Bridge Federation

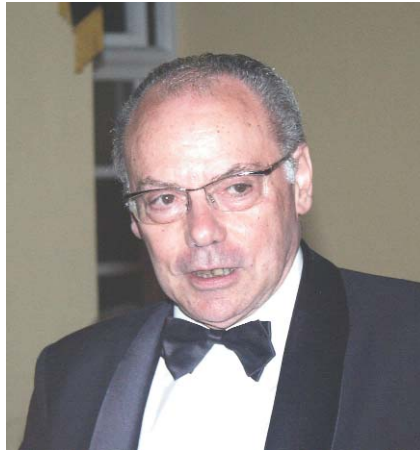
Mr Ernesto d'Orsi, President of the South American Zone, President Emeritus of the Brazilian Federation, President of the Championship Organising Committee

Mr Luiz Fernando Amaral, President of the Brazilian Federation

Dear Players, Dear Friends

What a great pleasure it is for us to be back in Brazil, a country that has staged no less than four previous Championships starting in 1969 in Rio, followed by '73 in Guarujá, '79 in Rio and '85 here in Sao Paulo.

And my dear friend and colleague Ernesto d'Orsi has been on-site organiser for all except the first – his experience is legendary, and I know that we can all look forward to another wonderful, successful and enjoyable Champi-



onship here at the Hotel Transamerica. Ernesto, I know how hard you have worked for this event, and I know how deserving of our thanks you are.

It is also important that, on your behalf, I thank our corporate sponsor, the Generali Group, under the leadership of Antoine Bernheim, who is represented here by Mr Mario Cruz and Mr Stefano Convertino. We greatly appreciate Generali's generous and continued support of our Sport of Bridge and I do thank them most sincerely.

I am sure you are all going to have a wonderful time here in Sao Paulo, and now would like Mr Gilberto Kassab, Mayor of Sao Paulo, and my friend Ernesto to join me so that we can open the Champi-

onship ...

Ladies and gentlemen, we are very honoured to declare the 2009 World Bridge Championships open.

**José Damiani,**  
**WBF President**



## ERNESTO D'ORSI'S OPENING SPEECH

Once more, and this is the fifth time, Brazil has the honour of welcoming the best bridge players of the world – this time for the Bermuda Bowl, the Venice Cup, the d'Orsi Seniors Bowl and the Transnational Open.

This event was made possible by way of the support of the Municipality of the City of São Paulo. The Mayor of São Paulo, Mr. Gilberto Kassab, has honoured us with his presence here tonight. I would like to thank him, as well the Secretary of Sports, Mr. Walter Feldman. In addition, the Municipality of São Paulo is offering the 'São Paulo City Cup,' a new tournament that will be played during the knockout phase of the WorldTransnational Open Teams.

I want to say also how grateful the Brazilian Bridge Federation is to the sponsors who believe in this Mind Sport and its potential as an educational tool as well as an enter-



tainment instrument, of course, with its highly competitive characteristics. I would like to mention Bradesco Seguros e Previdência, J. Macêdo, Thyssen Krupp, Copag, Fiat, Bolsa de Imóveis, Brasvending, CSN that together with some others who, I know, prefer not to be mentioned, were instrumental and fundamental to accomplishing our objectives for these championships.

To you my friends, players and officials, I hope you will enjoy São Paulo and profit from our hospitality. I'm sure this will be a highly competitive tournament, but it also will be a marvelous show of techniques, ethics and deportment.

Good luck.

**Ernesto d'Orsi,**  
**President Emeritus of the Brazilian Bridge Federation**



# TODAY'S PROGRAM



## Bermuda Bowl

ROUND 1 11.00		
Table	Home Team	Visiting Team
1	Chinese Taipei	Japan
2	Morocco	Argentina
3	Chile	Egypt
4	China Long Zhu Open	New Zealand
5	Netherlands	India
6	Russia	Germany
7	USA 2	Mexico
8	Bulgaria	Pakistan
9	Guadeloupe	Italy
10	Norway	Brazil
11	USA 1	Australia

ROUND 2 14.30		
Table	Home Team	Visiting Team
1	Germany	Mexico
2	Netherlands	Japan
3	New Zealand	Italy
4	Egypt	Brazil
5	Argentina	Chinese Taipei
6	Australia	Norway
7	USA 1	Guadeloupe
8	Morocco	Bulgaria
9	Chile	USA 2
10	China Long Zhu Open	Russia
11	India	Pakistan

ROUND 3 17.20		
Table	Home Team	Visiting Team
1	Mexico	Pakistan
2	Germany	Italy
3	India	Brazil
4	China Long Zhu Open	Japan
5	Egypt	Norway
6	Argentina	Guadeloupe
7	Australia	Bulgaria
8	USA 1	USA 2
9	Morocco	Russia
10	Chile	Netherlands
11	New Zealand	Chinese Taipei

## Venice Cup

ROUND 1 11.00		
Table	Home Team	Visiting Team
21	Morocco	France
22	Spain	Brazil
23	Germany	Sweden
24	Denmark	Indonesia
25	USA 1	Egypt
26	China Long Zhu Women	Venezuela
27	Australia	Japan
28	USA 2	Pakistan
29	Argentina	Jordan
30	New Zealand	Italy
31	Canada MP Press	Barbados

ROUND 2 14.30		
Table	Home Team	Visiting Team
21	Morocco	Denmark
22	USA 1	Germany
23	China Long Zhu Women	Spain
24	Australia	France
25	USA 2	Brazil
26	Argentina	Sweden
27	New Zealand	Indonesia
28	Canada MP Press	Egypt
29	Barbados	Venezuela
30	Italy	Japan
31	Jordan	Pakistan

ROUND 3 17.20		
Table	Home Team	Visiting Team
21	Morocco	Venezuela
22	Egypt	Japan
23	Indonesia	Pakistan
24	Sweden	Jordan
25	Brazil	Italy
26	France	Barbados
27	Spain	Canada MP Press
28	Germany	New Zealand
29	Denmark	Argentina
30	USA 1	USA 2
31	China Long Zhu Women	Australia



# TODAY'S PROGRAM

## d'Orsi Senior Bowl

### ROUND 1 11.00

Table	Home Team	Visiting Team
41	Uruguay	Pakistan
42	Australia	Poland
43	Brazil	Turkey
44	USA 2	Venezuela
45	USA 1	Belgium
46	South Africa	New Zealand
47	Japan	England
48	Egypt	Indonesia
49	India	Sweden
50	Barbados	Italy
51	Canada	Argentina

### ROUND 2 14.30

Table	Home Team	Visiting Team
41	Argentina	Uruguay
42	Pakistan	Australia
43	Poland	Brazil
44	Turkey	USA 2
45	Venezuela	USA 1
46	Belgium	South Africa
47	New Zealand	Japan
48	England	Egypt
49	Indonesia	India
50	Sweden	Barbados
51	Italy	Canada

### ROUND 3 17.20

Table	Home Team	Visiting Team
41	Australia	Uruguay
42	Brazil	Pakistan
43	USA 2	Poland
44	USA 1	Turkey
45	South Africa	Venezuela
46	Japan	Belgium
47	Egypt	New Zealand
48	India	England
49	Barbados	Indonesia
50	Canada	Sweden
51	Italy	Argentina



## Spectator restrictions

The number of spectators in the open rooms of all competitions will be limited during the World Championships – and spectators must be seated before a session starts. Any spectator who leaves the open room will not be allowed to return.

Vugraph presentation (with up-to-date results from other matches) will be available in the auditorium, and six matches per day can be viewed online – five on Bridge Base Online and one on Ourgame ([www.ourgame.com](http://www.ourgame.com)).

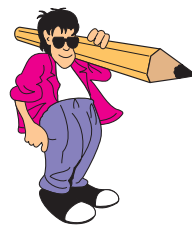
## Appeals



All captains are reminded that the tournament directors consult among themselves and solicit the opinions of expert players before giving a judgemental ruling. For this reason, the Appeals Committee, in accordance with the Code of Practice, presumes initially that the director's ruling is correct. The ruling will be overturned only if

the evidence presented is strong enough to persuade the committee to the contrary.

## Championship Diary



Dense cloud cover that made landing impossible temporarily thwarted those people who elected to travel to Sao Paulo with a view to arriving on Friday. Planes were rerouted to a number of destinations where the frustrated passengers had to stay onboard for

several hours before they were able to fly back to São Paulo.

We plan to operate a restaurant exchange system. If you visit a good one let us have the name and address and we will include it in the Bulletin.

To offset the effects of the terrific food available here in Brazil we have instituted a Bulletin running/walking exercise group. Comparing notes on Friday prior to our first outing one of the Editors, recalling former glories said 'I used to run for my school.' Whereupon Harvey Fox said, 'I used to run for school – when I was late.'

We are saddened by the news that England's Peter Czerniewski died yesterday. Had it not been for his illness he would have been here with the England Senior team who he captained in Beijing last year.