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FINLANDIA OPEN 30.11.-3.12.2006

We have the great pleasure to invite you to take part in the 17th Finlandia Open Championships, which will be played on 30.11.-3.12. 2006, in Helsinki.

Status **These Championships are officially recognized by the ETTU and the ITTF and have ranking status.**

Events Team events as well as Singles for men and women.

System The singles will be played on the progressive knock-out system to determine the position of each player. This guarantees at least six singles matches for each player. Matches will be the best of seven games.

Team events for both men and women will be played with the Corbillon format (ITTF Regulation 3.7.6.2) and with matches the best of five games. The team events will be played with a system that guarantees two matches for each team (except possibly losing seeds)

Entries **Final entries latest Nov 11, 2006.** If we get more entries than we can accept, those who have sent preliminary entries have priority. Please mail your entries to: Finnish Table Tennis Association, Ida Aalbergintie 4 A 4, FIN 00400 Helsinki, Finland – Email: asko.rasinen@kolumbus.fi

Venue Ruskeasuo sports hall, Ratsastie 10, Helsinki. The venue has good lights and 24 tables in two adjoining halls.

Prizes Cash prizes both in men's and women's singles, total prize money at least 5000 €

Equipments STIGA blue tables, STIGA nets and STIGA *** white balls.

Board and lodging

We have been able to keep the hospitality rates about the same for the fourth year. The cost of full board for players, coaches etc. is 98 € per person a day in a double room and in a single room 122 € a day. The entry fee is included in these rates. Bus transfer is arranged daily between hotel and sports hall and there will be no extra charge. Airport transportation available for additional fee.

A warm welcome to the 17th FINLANDIA OPEN !

FINNISH TABLE TENNIS ASSOCIATION

Asko Rasinen
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