



## WORLD BRIDGE FEDERATION

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President

It gives me great pleasure to offer my greetings and those of the WBF to all the participants in the 19th BFAME Championships being hosted by the UAE Bridge Federation in Dubai.

I want to congratulate UAEBF, its dynamic President Ahmed Midfa, his efficient Chief Organizer Amr Mekky, their colleagues and BFAME with President Ashok Goel, Vice President Bahjat Majali and Secretary Azwerul Haque. I have no doubt that the championship will be a great success, enthusiastically rewarding their efforts .

I take the occasion also to express my appreciation to BFAME and its Officers for its laudable support to Indonesian Bridge Federation in achieving the inclusion of Bridge in 2018 Asian Olympic Games in Jakarta: a historical goal for the whole bridge movement.

Dear players, I will be honored and delighted to meet you in Dubai during the final days of the event, but my dear friend Mazhar Jafri, WBF Vice President and BFAME President Emeritus, will join you for the whole period, representing both the WBF and me personally.

I will be delighted, together with Mazhar, to welcome qualified teams who will attain eligibility to represent BFAME and their Countries in the forthcoming Bermuda Bowl, Venice Cup and d'Orsi Senior Trophy in Lyon, France during August this year.

The enchanting highly developed city of Dubai, with its warm hospitality, in true Arab traditions, is ready to welcome you, giving you the opportunity to enjoy, once again a great bridge event, in peace and harmony,.

Competing against each other in a spirit of sportsmanship and with a high standard of ethics will be your contribution to the success the championship, showing once again the true values of bridge and that *In order to defeat hatred we play the Card of Peace.*

I wish you an enjoyable stay and successful play.

Un abbraccio.  
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