53<sup>rd</sup> Congress and Championships of the World Medical Tennis Society Budapest, Hungary, July 27 – August 2

## **NEWSLETTER No. 1.**

The 52<sup>nd</sup> Congress of the WMTS, held in Jurmala, Latvia the past July awarded the honour of the organization of next year's event to Hungary. We are very happy and excited about this possibility and will do our best to organize a memorable event.

The event will be organized in two venues, both among the top tennis clubs of Budapest: Parktenisz Klub (<a href="www.parktenisz.hu">www.parktenisz.hu</a>) as the main venue, at a perfect central location in a nice park in Buda (the hilly side of Budapest) and Musketas Tenisz Klub (<a href="www.musketastenisz.hu">www.musketastenisz.hu</a>), a beautiful modern club with wellness possibilities, also in Buda. Parktenisz Club has 11 clay courts and 1 US Open hard court, whereas Musketas has 8 covered clay courts, three open clay courts plus 4 Australian Open type hard courts. A shuttle service will be organized the whole day between the main hotel and these two venues.

The preliminary schedule of the event is the following:

- July 26-27: Arrival, training possibilities at the venues
- July 28 Sunday: First day of the tournament. In the evening: welcome reception with champagne and snacks for all participants in the Auditorium of the Semmelweiss Medical University, hosted by the rector dr. Bela Merkely.
- July 31 Wednesday: Dinner of the Nations for all participants and partners
- August 1 Thursday: Congress and Dinner for the National Presidents
- August 2 Friday: Last day of the tournament. Gala Dinner and Palmares
- August 3: Departure
- TBA: Medical Congress in the premises of the Sports University of Budapest

The main hotel of the event will be Hotel Mercure Budapest Korona (Budapest V., Kecskemeti street 14 – <a href="https://www.mercurekorona.hu-budapest.com">www.mercurekorona.hu-budapest.com</a>). Advantages of the main hotel:

- Favourable Early Bird rate until the 31<sup>st</sup> of March 2024: 109 EUR per single room per night, 119 EUR per double room per night
- Special discounted rate after the early bird period (ten Euros more per night)
- Complimentary transfers to the tournament venues
- Downtown location.

Soon we will provide a link for the discounted rate hotel bookings and also for the registration to the tournament.

Entry fee of the tournament will be 550 Euros, with an Early Bird discount, meaning for payments received before 31 March 2024 the entry fee is 490 EUR. This includes participation at all of the above events.

More information will follow soon.

Please circulate this newsletter among your members. We would be delighted to see as many of your members as possible in Budapest, the beautiful capital city of Hungary, among the top tourist attractions in the world.

With cordial, collegial regards

Dr. Akos Pethes President of the Hungarian Medical Tennis Association