



## **Press Release 05: Presentation of the EBT 2010**

It is a pleasure for the ETBF Presidium to present the 11<sup>th</sup> edition of the European Bowling Tour (The EBT 2010), including 21 stops as presented at the following page. Detailed information for each stop is available at [www.etbf.eu](http://www.etbf.eu).

It is in many ways a tour introducing a lot of different news.

For the first time we are introducing 4 different categories in the tour and for the first time we are using the category names EBT Platinum (1 tournament in 2010), EBT Gold (7 tournaments in 2010), EBT Silver (9 tournaments in 2010) and EBT Satellite (4 tournaments in 2010).

The tour takes off early January with a firework of a Platinum Tournament in Helsinki, where rich of tradition Brunswick Ballmaster Open celebrates its 40 years jubilee, with for the very first time in the history of the tournament to present a prize pool higher than 100.000 Euro.

Six tournaments is included in the tour for the first time, namely the IV International Wroclaw Open in Poland (Satellite), the 1<sup>st</sup> Austria Challenge in Austria (Silver), the 1<sup>st</sup> Dream Bowl Palace Open in Germany (Silver), BNC Bratislava Open in Slovakia (Silver), the 1<sup>st</sup> Torneo Internazionale di Roma in Italy (Satellite) and the 1<sup>st</sup> Pavlovskiy Posad Open in Russia (Satellite).

For the first time a tour stop will be conducted in Poland, Slovakia and Russia.

The total prize fund (including tour prize money) in the EBT 2010 will be approximately 1.2 million €, with an average prize fund of approximately 55.000 € per stop.

It is in many ways a stormy period in the world economy, just like many domestic economies are facing numerous local challenges. In such a situation it has been fantastic to meet the many wishes to take part and to contribute to keep the EBT not only alive, but still dynamic and vital. We are very grateful to the many organizers, who are taking the risk and whom are showing their strong dedication to our sport. We hope all organizers and their tournaments will be well supported by players, federations, sponsors and media.

The 16 highest ranked women and the 16 highest ranked men by the conclusion of the EBT 2010 will qualify for the 4<sup>th</sup> EBT Masters 2011, which will be hosted by the organizer of the 5<sup>th</sup> Qubica/AMF Open 2011 in Ljubljana, most likely in April 2011.

The final of the ongoing EBT 2009, the 3<sup>rd</sup> EBT masters 2010, will be hosted by the organizer of the 1<sup>st</sup> Austria Challenge in Vienna on 3-4 May 2010.

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<b>Tournaments included in the European Bowling Tour 2010</b>				
<b>Stop</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Federation</b>	<b>Tournament</b>	<b>Category</b>
01	02.01-10.01	Finland	Brunswick Ballmaster Open	Platinum
02	07.02-14.02	Netherlands	Hammer Bronzen Schietspoel Tournament	Silver
03	15.02-21.02	Poland	IV International Wroclaw Open	Satellite
04	23.02-28.02	Catalonia	VIII Catalonia Open - Trofeu Galasa	Silver
05	05.03-14.03	France	Brunswick Euro Challenge	Gold
06	16.03-21.03	Luxembourg	International Luxembourg Open	Satellite
07	14.04-18.04	Slovenia	4 <sup>th</sup> Qubica/AMF Open 2010	Silver
08	28.04-02.05	Austria	1 <sup>st</sup> Austria Challenge	Silver
09	10.05-16.05	Turkey	7 <sup>th</sup> Istanbul Bowling Open	Gold
10	24.05-30.05	Denmark	Aalborg International 2010	Gold
11	27.06-04.07	Germany	1 <sup>st</sup> Dream Bowl Palace Open	Silver
12	03.07-11.07	San Marino	6 <sup>th</sup> Storm San Marino Open	Silver
13	13.07-18.07	Catalonia	32 Trofeu Internacional Ciutat de Barcelona	Gold
14	23.08-29.08	Slovakia	BNC Bratislava Open	Silver
15	11.09-19.09	Italy	1 <sup>st</sup> Torneo Internazionale di Roma	Satellite
16	14.09-19.09	Russia	1 <sup>st</sup> Pavlovskiy Posad Open	Satellite
17	18.09-26.09	Turkey	Ankara Open	Gold
18	28.09-03.10	Austria	8 <sup>th</sup> Columbia 300 Vienna Open	Gold
19	09.10-17.10	Finland	Lahti Open	Silver
20	06.12-12.12	England	Ebonite English Open	Silver
21	11.12-18.12	Qatar	10 <sup>th</sup> Qatar Bowling Open	Gold