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## Welcome to Geneva!

The Sports Department of the University of Geneva and the Organising Committee for the 7th European Universities Table Tennis Championships would like to express a very warm welcome to all of the athletes, officials, volunteers and spectators across Europe in Geneva, Switzerland for an exciting competition!

Following the host of the 2007 EUSA Basketball Championships and the 2009 EUSA Badminton Championships, Geneva is privilege to host another EUSA event, this time the Table Tennis Championships. Table tennis has been an Olympic sport since the 1988 Seoul Olympic Games and its popularity is growing. Today there are approximately 300 million registered players around the world from novice to international level.

We have begun welcoming athletes, officials and volunteers who have received their accreditation and have moved into their accommodation. As of Thursday, athletes from three universities have arrived, namely the University of Warsaw Women's team from Poland, Technical University of Berlin men's team from Germany and Akdeniz University women's team from Turkey. The remaining competitors are expected to arrive by tomorrow evening.

## Team of the day: Technical University of Berlin



*From left to right: Daniel Bartels, Arne Hölter, Albert Piwonski and Phong Le Trung*

We would like to introduce the men's squad of the German capital side and had the pleasure to meet with them. Having known each other for two years, the team is united and very passionate towards table tennis. Besides studies, they train three to four times per week for the university team and local club. A notable player to watch is Arne Hölter, an energy & process technology student, who finished 3rd in doubles and team events in the 2010 World Championships for the German junior national team. The remaining three players look forward to taking part in their first ever European Universities Championships. It is the first time for all of them visiting Geneva and during their free time they wish to do city sightseeing. Thank you for sparing your time and enjoy your time here.

## Tournament Program

Thursday 18 and Friday 19 June – Arrival of athletes, accreditation

20:00 Technical Meeting at Room Lullin, Hotel Ramada

Saturday 20 June – 09 :00 - Opening Ceremony @ Les Vernets

08 :00 - All teams must meet up at the front of the hotel

08 :30 - All teams must be at the VIP entrance area of Les Vernets

*Team competition* – 09 :30-18 :00 Round Robin (Men's & Women's)

### Sunday 21 June

#### *Team Competition*

09 :30-11 :00 Quarter Final (M)

09 :30-12 :30 9th-16th place matches (M&W)

11 :00-12 :30 Quarter Final (W)

12 :30-14 :00 Semi Final (M)

12 :30-15 :30 5th-8th, 9-12, 13-15 (M&W)

14 :00-15 :30 Semi Final (W)

15 :30-17 :00 5th-6th, 7-8 (M&W)

17 :00-18 :30 Final (M&W)

20 :30 Head of Delegations Dinner

### Monday 22 June

*Individual & Doubles events commence*

### Tuesday 23 June

*Individual Finals*

20 :00 Gala Dinner



## What is happening in Geneva?

**La Fête de la Musique** from Friday 19th till Sunday 21st

(The Old Town, Parc des Bastions)

[www.fetedelamusique.ch](http://www.fetedelamusique.ch)

How to get there?: Take Bus 4 or D from Stade de Genève to Bel Air, the final destination. Walk towards Place Neuve (a 5min walk) and you will arrive at the Parc des Bastions and the Old Town of Geneva where the event is held.