*Bologna - 6th February 2015*

**Via Lunga 20/b, Ristorante il Pescatore**
**Anzola dell'Emilia (Bologna - Italy)**

# 18th and 19th April, 2015

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# 1. Invitation

*Dear Friends,*

*On behalf of the European Canoe Association and the Organizing Committee Canoa Club Bologna, we have a great pleasure to invite you to Bologna to take part in Canoe Polo European Cup 2015. The event will take place on 18th and 19th of April , 2015 at the the venue of Canoa Club Bologna, in Anzola dell'Emilia (BO). In the 1th Bulletin you will find the most important information about the ECA Canoe Polo Cup. Please don't hesitate to contact us for further information. We will be happy to assist you.*

## Organizing Committee

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## 2. Facts about Bologna

Bologna is the largest city (and the capital) of Emilia-Romagna Region in Northern Italy. It is the seventh most populated in Italy, heart of a metropolitan area of about one million. The city, the first settlements of which date back to at least one 1000 BC, has always been an important urban centre first under the Etruscans and the Celts, then under the Romans, then again in the Middle Ages, as a free municipality. Home to the oldest university in the world, University of Bologna, founded in 1088, Bologna hosts thousands of students who enrich the social and cultural life of the city. Famous for its towers and lengthy porticoes, Bologna has a well-preserved historical centre thanks to a careful restoration and conservation policy which began at the end of the 1970s, on the heels of serious damage done by the urban demolition at the end of the 19th century as well as that caused by wars.
An important cultural and artistic centre, its importance in terms of landmarks can be attributed to homogenous mixture of monuments and architectural examples as well as works of art which are the result of a first class architectural and artistic history. Bologna is also an important transportation crossroad for the roads and trains of Northern Italy, where many important mechanical, electronic and nutritional industries have their headquarters. According to the most recent data gathered by the European Regional Economic Growth Index (E-REGI) of 2009, Bologna is the first Italian city and the 47th European city in terms of its economic growth rate.

## Bologna city of art!

- 100 Km to Florence
- 150 Km to Venice
- More tourist informations: http://www.bolognawelcome.com

# 3. Venue of competition

## 3.1 Competition area

- Four pitches with full double referee area.

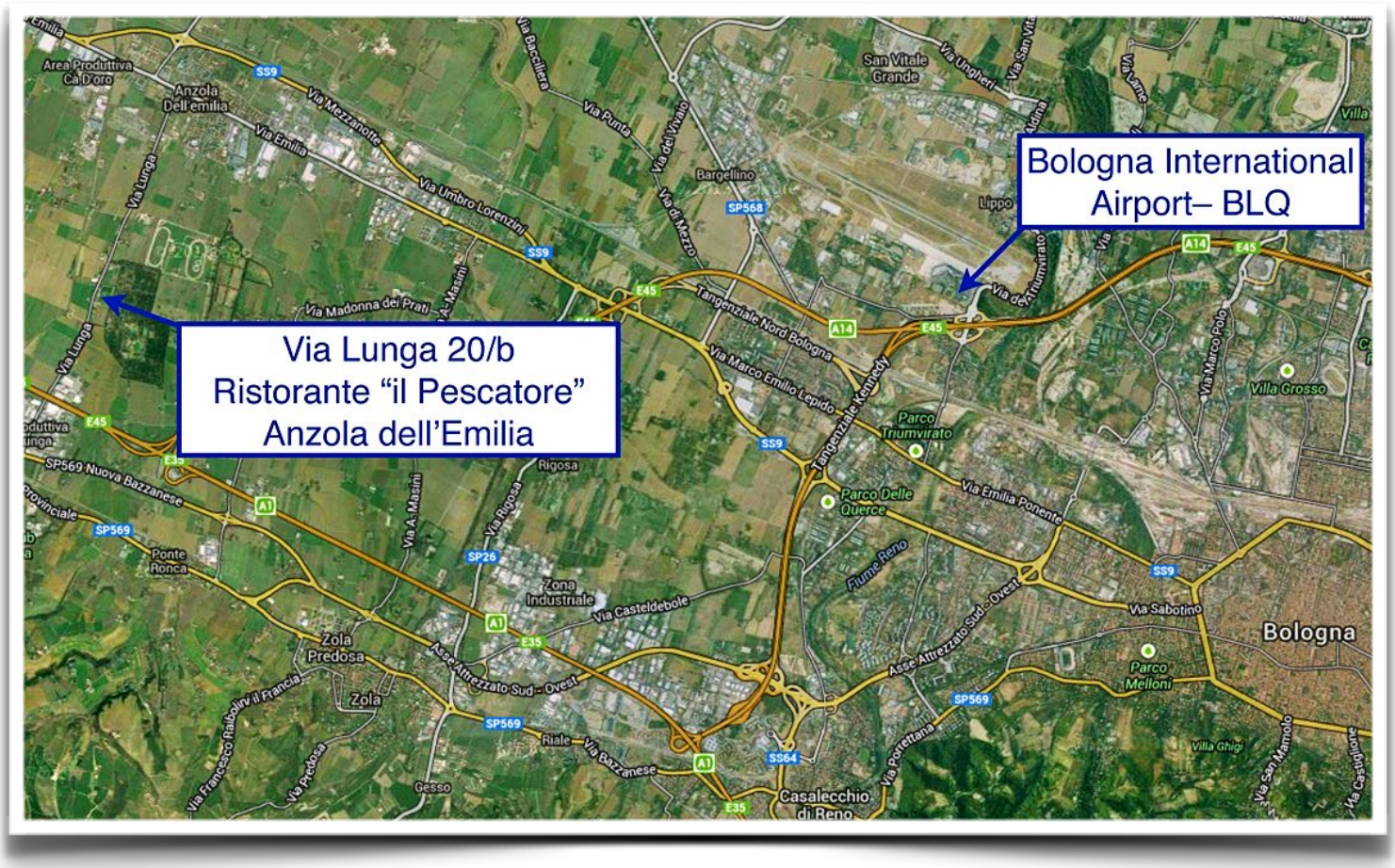
## 3.2 Area features

- Free camping area
- Car Parking
- Hot shower (4 for Ladies - 4 for Men)
- WC
- Undressing Area
- Bar
- Italian Restaurant and Pizzeria

# 4. Transport and accommodation

## 4.1 Airports

- Bologna International Airport– BLQ (3 Km from the playground).




## 4.2 Find your itinerary by car

- **http://www.viamichelin.co.uk**

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## 4.3 Overnight stay

- Campsite in the playground or at the Bologna Canoe Club (13km from the camp area)
- Agreed hotel:

Alan Hotel - Via Emilia Ponente 46/b - 40011 Anzola dell'Emilia
Tel. +39 051 733562 - http://www.alanhotel.it - info@alanhotel.it
Hotel Zola - Via Risorgimento 186 - 40069 Zola Predosa
Tel / fax +39 051 751101 - www.hotelzola.it - info@hotelzola.it
Prices: double room 60/78 euros, triple room 90/98 euros (breakfast buffet included)

## 4.4 Eating

- Restaurant-pizzeria at fixed prices in the playground.
- On Saturday, the organizing committee will prepare a barbecue for all participants.

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## 5. Quick Info

The 1st 2015 Canoe Polo European Cup will be played in according to the ICF Canoe Polo Rules.Game system of ICF: **1st Round** - groups (round robin) of 4/5 teams (the group will be done using the 2014 final ECA Cup rank). **2nd Round** - new groups with the first two of each 1st round group for the top positions; other groups for the other teams. **Semifinals and finals**. The competition will take place in 4 playgrounds. Out of the semi finals and finals there in no time-out after a goal.

Competition: start Saturday 18th April - end Sunday 19th April.
Team leaders meeting Friday 17th at 20.00 at the pitch.

Accreditation and scrutineering will be made 17th April, from 14.00 to 20.00.
Players must present their passport at the accreditation.

Each participating federation must provide a minimum of one non- playing qualified ICF Referee. If a federation competes in all four categories (Men, Women, U21 Men & U21 Women) they must provide two non-playing qualified ICF Referees. (**If a federation cannot provide a referee or referees, they can still participate but only if they pay a fee of 250 € per referee together with the entry fee to the organization of each tournament in which the referee is missing**).

Each participating team must provide linesman and employees to the table.

Each European Federation is allowed to nominate one national team in the Class Women, Men, U21 Women and U 21 Men.
The European Cup will be played if there is an entry of minimum 5 Teams in each class. Also“B”-teams and non EU-Teams are allowed to enter - if possible and out of ranking

The entry fee for team is €150,00 paid in full one month before the competition. Failure to submit an entry fee will mean non-acceptance to the competition.

**Entries close on 18th March and may be conducted by bank transfer to:**
A.S.D. Canoa Club Bologna
IBAN: IT55H0335901600100000064670 - BIC: BCITITMX
Banca Prossima.

## More info:

giacomo@eventiprogettispeciali.it

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# 6. ENTRY FORM

## Accreditation:

tecnico.internazionale@federcanoa.it

giacomo@eventiprogettispeciali.it

| Name of the Federation or Club | Country |
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| Contactperson | |
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| name and surname | |
| telephone/fax | |
| e-mail | |

| Our federation / Club shall participate with the following teams | | non playing ICF qualified Referee (name and surname) **Not provididing sufficient ICF referees will result in a €250 per missing referee, to pay together with the entry fee** |
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| Women | | |
| Men under 21 | | |
| Women under 21 | | |

| Accomodation | |
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| Arrival date | |
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| e-mail where to send the receipt | |
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*Federation stamp*

*Signature of*
*National Canoe Polo Chairperson*

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**ECA Canoe Polo European Cup - Special Rules (Revised 2013)**

**1. Organisation**
a. The ECA will nominate a maximum of 3 tournaments from hosting federations to organize the European Cup. These federations send the announcement to all European Federations at least 4 month in advance of the competition, and shall publish the announcement on the ECA website.
b. Entry in the European Cup is allowed for national teams.
c. Applications to host the European Cup must come from the National Federation on behalf of the organizing club to the ECA with a copy to the ECA Canoe Polo Technical Delegate (ECA CPTD), and be received by the ECA before 1st October of the year previous to the European Cup to be hosted.

**2. Date of competition**
a. The Competitions take part during one year. The date for the competitions will be posted on the ECA website and the ICF Canoe Polo Calendar.

**3. National Representation**
a. Each European Federation is allowed to nominate one national team in the Class Women, Men, U21 Men and U 21 Women.
b. The European Cup will be played if there is an entry of minimum 5 Teams in each class.
c. Also"B"-teams and non EU-Teams are allowed to enter - if possible and out of ranking

**4. Invitations and Entries**
a. Invitations are issued to each National Federation to enter their Team representatives.
b. These entry forms must be returned by the closing date with the appropriate entry fee for the teams who will represent their federation.
c. All entries to the hosting federation must come from each National Federation with the appropriate Federation stamp and signed by their National Canoe Polo Chairperson.
d. Teams not fulfilling these requirements will have their entry forms returned and will be deemed ineligible to participate.
e. A copy of all entries must be send to the ECA CPTD.

**5. Player Eligibility**
a. The players eligibility see ICF Rules Chapter I Point 3
b. A player may compete in more than one category in all tournaments of the European Cup
c. Mixed teams are not permitted
d. A player must have the minimum age of 15 years
e. Each participating federation must provide a minimum of one non- playing qualified ICF Referee. If a federation competes in all four categories (Men, Women, U21 Men & U21 Women) they must provide two non-playing qualified ICF Referees.
**Notes:**
1. If a federation cannot provide a referee or referees they can still participate but only if they pay a fee of 250 € per referee together with the entry fee to the organisation of each tournament in which the Referee is missing. This money must be used for referee affaires.
2. The Referee only needs to be ICF qualified. They do not have to be from the participating federation.
3. A new participating federation can ask the ECA TD for Canoe Polo to be free of this point "e" for two years.

**6. Accreditation of players**
a. Players must present their passport and insurance card at the accreditation for each competition.
b. Players who fail to do so will be declared ineligible for the competition

**7. Competition Rules**
a. The competition runs under the ICF Canoe Polo Rules.
b. Out of the semi finals and finals there is no time-out after a goal.
c. The referees should be from two different federations
d. The semi finals and finals have to be played with linesmen
e. Only tournaments which exactly follow these rules can be a "Cup" tournament.
f. There has to be a Jury with 3 people, the chairman of the Jury should be a ICF Canoe Polo Committee member
g. The European Cup winners will be the team that gets the most points in all declared European Cup tournaments.
h. Teams get in each Cup tournament the following points: 1st place = 25 points - 2nd place = 21 points - 3rd place = 18 Points - 4th place = 16 Points - 5th place = 15 Points and so on
i. If there are teams with the same points after all Cup tournaments, first the total goal difference, second the most total numbers of goals decide. If those are also equal, there has to be an extra game.

**8. Entry Fee**
a. The entry fee per team (also "B" Teams and teams from out of Europe) for each tournament is 150€ paid with the entry fees to each tournament.
b. Teams only can be accredited if the entry fee is paid.

**9. Prizes**
a. Money prizes will be awarded for first, second and third in each category after the last tournament
b. 50 € from each teams entry fee and tournament will be used as prize money
c. The winning team of each category will receive 50% of the available prize money, the second 30% and the third 20%
d. The organisation has to play the hymn of the winning federation in each class.
e. There will be a challenge cup in each class for the first. After five times winning the trophy stays at the federation. Every winning federation has to bring the trophy in the next year with the name of the federation and the year on an 8 cm x 2 cm label.

**10.Results**
a. A full set of results has to be sent per Email to the ECA CPTD and has to be published in the web
b. All the money for the prize money of each tournament has to be published in the web and has to be transferred to the ECA CPTD

**11.Technical Delegate**
a. The ECA will nominate a Technical Delegate who will control the running of the competition on behalf of the ECA
b. Each host federation will cover the travel and accommodation cost for a technical visit and the competition.