

## **Swedish International (17-20 Jan. 2013)**

### **The City,**

Stockholm is a beautiful city located in south east of Sweden with Cold weather this time of the year (minus 5-19) and streets full of snow.

Easy to get to the city center from airport with airport buses (45 minutes) and then with provided taxi to the hotel.

Our hotel was in the center of Stockholm and 15 minutes walking distance to the hall which was nice to be able to have a morning walk to the hall (although there was always buses to take us to the hall).

### **Catering, Organization,**

The organization has provided us with one meal per day plus daily allowance which was paid on first night after briefing.

In the hall we always had snack and drink during the tournament.

On Saturday night we all were invited to a restaurant in the city center.

We also had a city tour on Sunday morning before finals.

### **Hall, Referees and Umpires,**

A hall with 5 courts and 1500 spectators and a practice hall next to the main hall with 4 courts.

Our referee was Nile Petter Johansen from Norway and deputy referee Mats Tibbelin from Sweden. Jan Samuelsson from Sweden was also part of referee's team.

18 Umpires:

Sweden (7), Belgium, Czech Republic, Denmark, England, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Hungary, Scotland and Austria.

From the start and qualification draws we had 4 line judges who were students and trained to be a line judge in this tournament. In the semi finals we had 8 line judges and 10 for the finals.

We all had a off shift which mine was the first shift on Thursday morning (9-13:30). I had more than 20 duties as an umpire and service judge .I have been the umpire in semi final MS and no duty in the finals.

It was a good experience for me to be in this tournament, umpired many good matches and I enjoyed it a lot.

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