

## **GLOBAL OVERVIEW**

# Table Tennis for Everyone, Everywhere! POPULAR, **UNIVERSAL** & INCLUSIVE

- The 3rd World Table Tennis Day shows clearly that April 6 is getting **more and more established** to celebrate our sport all around the world.
- Main focus is set on the UNIVERSALITY of Table Tennis, as the ITTF celebrates this year to be the first
  International Sport Federation with all countries in the World as members totalling 226 under its
  umbrella.



#### Who and where?

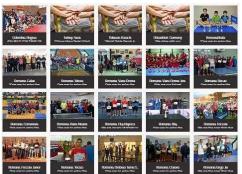
- ITTF main celebrations in New York City, USA and Aarhus, Denmark (see below)
- Stakeholders all around the world organize small and big events to join this global celebration

Actual information can be found at: <u>TT4ALL.com -> Events</u> (updated almost daily)

## **ITTF Support to organizers**

- TT4ALL.com in 8 languages with practical tips
- Newsletter about different target groups that can be reached with WTTD activities
- Free and editable promotional package
- Free template for certificates to be send out to all registered organizers
- ITTF T-Shirts, Butterfly Balls, Butterfly Equipment Packages and iPong – Robots awarded to selected events.





#### Who and what?

On <u>TT4ALL.com -> Meet Up</u>, the organizers are presenting their initiatives



APRIL 6, 2017

UNITED NATIONS
HEADQUARTERS
NEW YORK CITY, USA



ADAPTED SPORT - SIMPLE SPORT





#### 28 MARCH 2017

MAIN CELEBRATION AT THE

## UNITED NATIONS HEADQUARTERS NEW YORK CITY, USA

4th International Day on Sport of Development and Peace

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#### 3<sup>rd</sup> World Table Tennis Day

(early celebrations because of the SportAccord Convention on April 6)

Hosted by: Monaco Mission in UN

<u>Facilitated by</u>: Peace & Sport

With the participation of: International Table Tennis

Federation and World Taekwondo Federation

#### Key question:

- Simplify sports through adapted materials reaching also persons with few resources
- Simple sport as a vehicle for social change and inclusion

#### Participants:

- ITTF President Thomas Weikert
- Peace and Sport President and Founder Joël Bouzou
- USATT CEO Gordon Kaye
- ITTF Development Director Leandro Olvech
- Para TT Player Tahl Leibovitz: Israeli-born New Yorker class 9 player, saved from homelessness in youth by Table Tennis, 14 gold medals in Para Pan American Games and Championships and Paralympic Games, 4 silver medals in Para Pan American Games and Championships, 3 bronze medals in Paralympic Games and World Championships
- Kanak Jha: Indian-born Californian, youngest male player ever competed in the Olympics in Table Tennis, silver medal at Hungarian Junior & Cadet Open

#### Program:

• 11:15 – 11:35: Press Conference – Release of the "Building Handcrafted Table Tennis Tables" Manual

■ 13:00 – 15:00: ITTF President Thomas Weikert meets diplomats

15:00 – 17:00: Sport Demonstrations for general public and UN staff with the participation of children from US public schools (biggest Table Tennis program in schools promoted by "Sports & Arts in Schools Foundation")

- Presentation of adapted Table Tennis equipment: normal tables adapted to Table Tennis Tables and manually by Ping Sans Frontières constructed rackets
- Exhibition match by Tahl Leibovitz and Kanak Jha
- Table Tennis Champions play with children and spectators

#### 06 APRIL 2017

## MAIN CELEBRATION AT THE SPORTACCORD CONVENTION – AARHUS, DENMARK

4th International Day on Sport of Development and Peace

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### 3<sup>rd</sup> World Table Tennis Day

Shared stand with Peace & Sport in the exhibition hall (booth 21-noontime)

#### Key question:

- **Universality of Table Tennis** 
  - to be played in ALL corners of the world
  - ITTF is the first International Federation with all countries in the World as members totalling 226

#### Participants:

- ITTF President Thomas Weikert
- Peace and Sport President and Founder Joël Bouzou
- ITTF Development Director Leandro Olvech
- Para TT Player Peter Rosenmeier: Danish Class 6 player, 7 gold medals in Paralympic Games, World and European Championships, 4 silver medals in Para Pan American Games and Championships, 3 bronze medals in Paralympic Games and World Championships
- TT Player Allan Bentsen: Most winning Danish Table Tennis star of all time, European Champion in 2005 and Veteran Champion in 2009
- More VIP guests to be confirmed





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#### Program at the shared stand with Peace & Sport:

- Exhibition matches between Peter Rosenmeier, Allan Bentsen and attending VIP guests.
- Videos about humanitarian projects promoted by ITTF
- Presentation of the "Building Handcrafted Table Tennis Tables" Manual
- Projects presentations and sharing best practices by Leandro Olvech