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The ITF Development Department is pleased to welcome you to the October edition of its ITF Monthly E-mail Newsletter.

In an effort to keep you informed and updated on ITF coaching matters worldwide, in this issue of the newsletter you will find:

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14TH ITF WORLDWIDE COACHES WORKSHOP

There are now only 2 weeks to go before the start of the 14th ITF Worldwide Coaches Workshop, which is taking place in the resort of Club Ali Bey in Antalya, Turkey. The ITF's flagship event in the field of coaches education, hosted by the ITF and the Turkish Tennis Federation, has attracted over 300 coaches from 100 countries as well as a large field of speakers. These include some of the world's top coaches, national technical directors and international experts in the various areas of tennis sport science. The theme of this year's Worldwide Coaches Workshop is "Quality Coaching for the Future" and the programme for the week consists of lecture room and on-court presentations, as well as some shorter sessions, involving three presentations taking place simultaneously.

Summaries and a Preliminary Programme available on the ITF Coaching Weblet

The summaries of all the main and workshop presenters, the abstracts for the free communications and a preliminary programme is now available on the ITF Coaching weblet. To access these documents simply use the following links.

Forewards and Preliminary Programme:

<http://www.itftennis.com/coaching/wwcw05/preliminaryprogrammeandsummaries/index.asp>

Main Presenters:

<http://www.itftennis.com/coaching/wwcw05/preliminaryprogrammeandsummaries/summariesofmainspeakers.asp>

Workshop Presenters:

<http://www.itftennis.com/coaching/wwcw05/preliminaryprogrammeandsummaries/workshoppresenters.asp>

Free Communication Abstracts:

<http://www.itftennis.com/coaching/wwcw05/preliminaryprogrammeandsummaries/freecommunications.asp>

DEVELOPMENT EVENTS

22 September - 4 October: ITF West Asian 13 & Under circuit - Zone 4, Qatar

23 September – 4 October: ITF/OS Level 2 Coaches Course, Ecuador

3 - 14 October: ITF/OS Level 2 Coaches Course, Tbilisi, Georgia

17 – 23 October: 14th ITF Worldwide Coaches Workshop, Antalya, Turkey

ITF ANNOUNCES TWO NEW DEVELOPMENT OFFICERS

Amine Ben Makhlof of Morocco and Karim Saadallah of Algeria both joined the ITF Development Department as Development Officers on 1 October. Makhlof is the new ITF Development Officer for West & Central Africa. He replaces Achille Takpa who is returning to France where his family is based. Makhlof has worked for the ITF on a number of projects over the past two years. He has coached ITF/CAT African Teams in Europe and the ITF Junior Touring Team to North Africa, and has conducted several Level 2 coaches courses. He is a certified coach of the French Federation and has considerable experience both as a player and as a coach. He has been one of the national coaches in Morocco for a number of years, and in his new role as Development Officer, will be based in Accra, Ghana.

Saadallah is the new ITF Development Officer for West Asia. He replaces Hichem Riani who resigned in August in order to take up an appointment as General Manager with the Confederation of African Tennis. Saadallah is based in Qatar and has considerable experience in coaching tennis. Since 1999, he has worked as the Technical Director for the Algerian Tennis Federation and prior to this, was a lecturer at the Algerian National Institute of Higher Formation of Sciences and Technology of Sports. He has built up extensive knowledge of the West Asian region having previously worked on behalf of the ITF on a number of part-time coaches education and player training projects in the region.

Both new Development Officers speak English, Arabic and French fluently.

RECENT COACHING COURSES

Curso de Nivel 1 Para Entrenadores en Chile

El Profesor Richard González junto al Oficial de Desarrollo para Sudamérica, Miguel Miranda, realizaron en el Estadio Santa Rosa de Las Condes perteneciente a la Universidad Católica de Chile, un Curso para 27 entrenadores de ese país.

Una de las particularidades de este Curso fue la numerosa participación femenina entre las que se destacaban las ex jugadoras Nro. 1 de Chile, Valentina Castro y de Panamá Stephanie Schaer. Viajó desde la ciudad de Río Cuarto – Argentina la también ex jugadora profesional Valeria Mac Loughlin.

Al asistir a la ceremonia de entrega de Certificados, el nuevo Presidente de la Federación de Tenis de Chile, ha expresado el alto interés que ese organismo tiene en ayudar en la formación de entrenadores. Ha lamentado la reciente suspensión de un Wrok Shop programado paralelo al encuentro en que por Copa Davis este país enfrenta a Pakistán, debiéndolo aplazar para un Torneo Nacional de Menores.

Este evento y el previo que se había realizado en la sureña ciudad de Osorno contó con la valiosa cooperación de la Sra. Jimena Espinoza que realizó todos los preparativos previos.

Curso Corto - Aprendiendo a Testear

Se desarrollo en la ciudad de Lima - Perú, un Curso para Entrenadores denominado Aprendiendo a Testear. Este Curso se enmarca en una de los Programas de ITF de capacitación de Profesores de Tenis y fue organizado conjuntamente con la Federación Peruana de Tenis. Estuvo a cargo del Profesor Marcelo Albamonte de Argentina, Entrenador de Tenis y especialista en Matemática Deportiva. Asistieron 50 Profesores que concurrieron de diferentes lugares del Perú y contó con la organización de la Sra. Rosa de Torres, Gerente de la Federación Peruana de Tenis. Fueron dos jornadas completas en las cuales se analizaron diversas técnicas de testeos, como la medición de la efectividad del servicio y la Proyección del Rendimiento de un jugador, entre otras. Las jornadas se desarrollaron en salón y campo, con amplia participación de los Entrenadores. Este curso se enmarcó en una gira que realiza el Profesor Marcelo Albamonte también por Bolivia y Paraguay, en el marco del Programa de capacitación de ITF

ITF TO MANAGE TENNIS ANTI-DOPING PROGRAMME AT ATP-SANCTIONED EVENTS

The International Tennis Federation and the ATP announced in the first week of October that, from the start of 2006, the ITF will manage, administrate and enforce the Tennis Anti-Doping Programme at ATP-sanctioned events. The ITF Tennis Anti-Doping Programme is fully compliant with the WADA Code.

The ITF will be responsible for testing at the ATP Masters Series events, ATP International Series Gold and International Series events, Challenger Events and the season-ending Tennis Masters Cup, co-owned by the ATP, Grand Slams and the ITF. The ITF currently tests at the Grand Slams, Davis Cup and Fed Cup, ITF Men's Circuit and Women's Circuit Events and at junior and wheelchair tennis events under its aegis.

The agreement between the ATP and the ITF extends through 2010 and includes at least 600 tests at ATP events annually in addition to the 500 tests on male players at events under ITF jurisdiction. The cases will be managed by the ITF from the beginning of the process (sample collection) to the finish including any appeals to the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS). Tests will be distributed by player ranking, event type and geographical location.

The ATP will continue to play a major role in the Programme over the period of the agreement. ATP rules will require that players agree that the ITF Tennis Anti-Doping Programme is binding and that the players will submit to ITF jurisdiction. The agreement also calls for the ATP to consult with the ITF regarding any implementation issues and changes in rules, to liaise with its tournaments on requirements of testing, and implement any penalties and sanctions imposed.

ATP's primary involvement will be to work with the ITF to increase and enhance educational activities including but not limited to a dedicated website, seminars and materials directed at the players to create a clear and precise understanding of the Programme.

ITF President Francesco Ricci Bitti said: "The ITF has been in discussions with the ATP for an extended period about the best way to manage the Tennis Anti-Doping Programme for the future. While we have worked together very successfully in the past, it became evident that the Programme would work more efficiently and effectively if it was centralised under one authority, avoiding the duplication of effort and structure that has existed for some time as well as any confusion in the minds of the players or the public. Both the ITF and the ATP, with the endorsement of the Grand Slam tournaments, came to the conclusion that one Programme under ITF management was in the best interests of the sport. We thank the ATP for the excellent Programme that they have managed up to now and we are delighted that we will continue to work

closely with them on educational Programmes directed at the players and on other matters related to the Programme. We are all committed to a drug-free environment in our sport."

ATP Chairman Etienne de Villiers said: "I'm delighted that outgoing ATP CEO Mark Miles and ATP senior management worked closely with the ITF to consolidate the administration of the Tennis Anti-Doping Programme under one roof to help it maintain its status as a model Programme for all sports. We are proud of the success of the Programme that was grown and run by the ATP but felt it was the right time to hand it on to the ITF. We maintain our rigorous position against doping in the sport, as our players and tournaments insist. We will do everything possible to support the operation of a strong, fair and effective anti-doping Programme in tennis, and know that the ITF will do an excellent job."

The ATP will continue to work with the Lucozade Sports Science Academy, a division of GlaxoSmithKline (GSK) that offers a range of sports nutrition products specifically for ATP players produced under stringent quality control and testing procedures in conjunction with a WADA-affiliated laboratory.

The ITF also hopes to enter into discussions with the WTA Tour about the possibility of also managing their anti-doping Programme. The ITF currently tests women players at the Grand Slams, Fed Cup, ITF Women's Circuit Events, and junior and wheelchair tennis tournaments.

Ricci Bitti added: "We believe that a unified Programme under one management is in the best interests of tennis, and we hope that the WTA Tour will soon join with us and the ATP to achieve this goal."

NEWS FROM NATIONAL ASSOCIATIONS AND OTHER ORGANISATIONS

Australia: The early bird discounted registration for the STMS conference in Melbourne, Australia from 14-15 January 2006 closes on October 12th. Registration can be undertaken online at www.stms2006.com.au. The final programme, including those free papers accepted for presentation, can also be viewed on the website. Each registrant can request two ground passes to either of the first two days of the Australian Open which commences the day after the conference.

India: The All India Tennis Association (AITA) is pleased to announce that the III AITA National Coaches Workshop will be held in the Tennis Rich City of Pune during 16 – 20 Nov 2005. The Workshop Theme is 'SCIENTIFIC APPROACH TO TENNIS'. The Workshop will be held at the PYC Gymkhana which has 3 Tennis Courts where as the official hotel will be Hotel President Pune. The Workshop is aimed at bringing in all Tennis Coaches across India under one roof to meet, discuss & exchange ideas. The Workshop will also have top & reputed Coaches & experts from Sports Sciences giving presentations in the latest developments in the field of Tennis Coaching. Some of the confirmed speakers are Krishna Bhupathi, Nandan Bal, Hemant Bendrey, Gary O'Brien, Kawaljeet Singh, Sunil Yajaman, Narsing. The speaker panel would also have reputed International experts who will be confirming shortly & other Sports Science experts. For more information contact: Mr. Manoj Vaidya, manojvaidya33@rediffmail.com or mslta@mslta.org

Mexico: La Federación Mexicana de Tenis a través de su Programa de Certificación y Formación de Entrenadores Mexicanos, anuncia la realización del Seminario para Entrenadores, a realizarse en Puerto Vallarta, México del 4 al 6 de Noviembre, 2005, en el complejo Hotelero Cant del Sol. El programa que además incluye un paquete de alojamiento y alimentación todo incluido, será enfocado a "Atrayendo y desarrollando mayor cantidad y calidad de Jugadores". Como disertantes participarán, Francisco Maciel, Presidente FMT, Frank Vanfraanhoven, Director

de Educación de la Federación Holandesa de Tenis; Gustavo Granitto, Oficial de Desarrollo ITF para C.A. y Caribe; e Iván Molina, Director de los Equipos Internacionales ITF; entre otros invitados especiales. La inscripción al Seminario ya ha sido abierta y mayor información al respecto puede ser solicitada a:

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Spain: La Academia de tenis "Equelite-Juan Carlos Ferrero" abre el período de admisión de curriculums para todos aquellos entrenadores interesados en trabajar con jugadores de competición. Plazo límite hasta el 31/12/05. Enviar a la atención de José Manuel Madrona al siguiente e-mail: jmmadrona@equelite.com o al fax: 0034965340077.

United States of America: The American College of Sports Medicine (ACSM) and the Society of Tennis Medicine and Science would like to invite you to attend "Tennis Medicine and Science: Optimizing Performance While Reducing the Risk of Injury (and Treating the Injuries if they do Occur)." This conference is scheduled for February 1, 2006 in Orlando, Florida. This half day conference is meant to provide a comprehensive overview of tennis science and medicine, presented by renowned experts who care for tennis players of every level - from the beginner to the top tier professional. For conference details and registration information visit: http://www.acsm.org/meetings/pdf/06TPC_prog.pdf or call ACSM at 317-637-9200 x135 or akrug@acsm.org.

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