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# Tennis Europe Annual General Meeting in Lausanne

The 41st Annual General Meeting of Tennis Europe was hosted by Swiss Tennis in the Olympic Capital, Lausanne, from 26-29 March.

98 delegates from 38 of Tennis Europe's member nations were in attendance at the event, which was also the scene of a Board of Management meeting and an Administration & Management Workshop for delegates representing nations that benefit from the ITF/Tennis Europe Development Programme.

The opening afternoon was dedicated to International Tennis Federation matters and began with President Francesco Ricci Bitti addressing the gathering of his organisation's largest association with the annual ITF Update. Executive Vice-President Juan Margets followed with an overview of Davis & Fed Cup matters before the Executive Director of Professional Tennis Kris Dent gave the delegates the latest information concerning the forthcoming restructure of the ITF Pro Circuits.



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Tennis Europe President Jacques Dupré opens the 41st Annual General Meeting.

Tennis Europe's President Jacques Dupré and Chief Executive Officer Olli Mäenpää, as well as those of the Chairpersons of the four committees, Luisanna Fodde (Development), Karin van Bijsterveld (Junior Tennis), Igor del Busto (Professional Tennis) and Attila Richter (Senior Tennis), and the Honourary Treasurer, Martin Corrie. >>

Saturday's plenary session saw annual reports from

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# Tennis Europe & OrangeCoach team up to serve Europe's coaching community

Tennis Europe has announced a three-year partnership with Den Haag-based global tennis recruitment platform OrangeCoach. The collaboration is aimed at developing career opportunities for Europe's tennis coaching community.

Under the terms of the agreement, OrangeCoach will power the 'Career Zone' of Tennis Europe's soon-tobe-launched website, TennisCoachEd.com. Designed to cater for all sectors of the tennis industry, the site focuses primarily on coaches and will offer a variety of unique services including an academy database, details of further education opportunities, coaching advice and tools to compare the various national education systems within Europe.

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## Tennis Europe Annual General Meeting in Lausanne

Two important constitutional changes were approved by secret ballot at the Meeting, and will take effect from 1st January, 2016. Delegates voted overwhelmingly in favour of an application by Switzerland to increase their membership status, meaning that the reigning Davis Cup champions will join the list of 9 existing 'A' nations.

Kosovo successfully applied to become the 50th member of Tennis Europe. Tennis therefore joins the growing list of sports to formally approve Kosovo's membership following last December's decision of the International Olympic Committee to grant full recognition to the Kosovo Olympic Committee, in accordance with Rule 3.7 of the Olympic Charter.

The hosts organised a wide range of activities for guests and partners, including visits to Gruyère and the Olympic Museum, a dinner cruise on Lake Geneva, and a closing dinner at the famous Hotel Beau-Rivage.

The dinner was once again the venue for the presentation of Tennis Europe's annual awards for outstanding contributions to the game. These were given to Gevork Karamanoukian (ARM), Vladimir Voltchkov (BLR), Jukka Roiha (FIN), Patrice Hagelauer (FRA), Jean Claude Massias (FRA), Michael Turner (GBR), Vasile Dobinda (MDA), Henk van Hulst (NED), Tomasz Wiktorowski (POL), Mikhail Novik (RUS) and Erik Keller (SUI). The title of Honorary Life Counsellor was awarded to former Vice-President Ayda Uluç (TUR), and 2014 European Tennis Trophy awards were presented and given to winners Netherlands (Wheelchair Tennis), Russia (Junior Tennis), Czech Republic (Professional Tennis) and Germany (Senior Tennis and Overall Performance). Special recognitions were also given to Hungary (Best-Performing 'C' Nation), Switzerland (Best-Performing 'B' Nation) and Estonia (Greatest Improvement).

Tennis Europe President Jacques Dupré said, "This has been a busy and well-attended meeting with a wide-ranging agenda that included a number of important constitutional matters. I'd like to thank our partners and colleagues from the International Tennis Federation for their attendance, in particular Mr. Ricci Bitti, to whom we wish all the best as he completes his final term as President. I would also like to express my gratitude to René Stammbach and his team at Swiss Tennis for the excellent organisation. It has been a pleasure and a privilege to be able to hold our meeting in such an illustrious location as the Olympic Museum, and their hospitality has been most appreciated by all of the delegates." Closing the meeting, the President confirmed that the next AGM will be hosted by the Moldovan Tennis Federation in Chisinau in March 2016.



Clockwise, from top left; the meeting at the Olympic Museum in Lausanne, Award recipients at the Official Dinner, Tennis Europe President Jacques Dupré congratulates Tennis Federation of Kosovo President Shkelzen Domi, German Tennis Federation President Klaus Ulrich accepts the 2014 European Tennis Trophy award for overall performance.

## Tennis Europe & OrangeCoach team up

OrangeCoach will also provide registered coaches from Tennis Europe's 49 member national federations with access to its online job and career platform which connects coaches and tennis employers such as managers, tennis parents, resorts, academies and clubs from all around the world.

Tennis Europe Chief Executive Officer Olli Mäenpää commented, "As the European Federation, we – and our constituent members – have a responsibility to take care of our coaches, who are the ambassadors and sales people of our sport. This project is part of our long term commitment to raise the standards of coaching and ensure that all coaches in Europe are supported as they follow their chosen career path. We are particularly excited to be teaming up with OrangeCoach, whose shared goals and expertise are invaluable to us."

OrangeCoach co-owner and coach of Maria Sharapova Sven Groeneveld said, "My coaching career took off thanks to an advertisement for a tennis job on the other side of the world, and continues to give me wonderful opportunities and experiences to this day. Nine years ago we created our vision with the aim of helping every tennis coach, local or internation-



L-R OrangeCoach Operational Manager Erwin van den Heuvel, Tennis Europe CEO Olli Mäenpää and OrangeCoach co-owner Robert van den Bout

al, reach their ultimate business potential by using online technology. Through this partnership with Tennis Europe, we hope to extend our platform to the 100,000+ coaches working across the continent."

For further information about OrangeCoach, visit <u>www.orangecoach.com</u>.

## Tennis Europe Junior Tour/ITF White Badge Referees' Seminar

In cooperation with ITF Officiating, Tennis Europe organised the Tennis Europe Junior Tour Referees' Seminar / ITF White Badge Referees' Refresher Seminar on 28th-29th March 2015 in Vienna, Austria.

The seminar was aimed at White Badge Referees who are working on the Tennis Europe Junior Tour, ITF Juniors, Senior and Wheelchair tournaments. A total of 20 participants from 14 Countries were present.

During these two days the referees had the opportunity to go through many topics including rules and regulations, entry handling, junior team events, on-court situations, player welfare and a variety of discussion topics.

"The seminar was an excellent opportunity to meet the referees who work primarily at the European junior tournaments, and also the Seniors and Wheelchair tournaments," said Anders Wennberg, Regional Officiating Officer for Europe, who conducted the seminar alongside Werner Hötzinger, Tennis Europe Junior Tour TP Support. "An emphasis was placed on common procedures and differences between the tours, and the finer details of the various versions of TP (Tournament Planner). Most details are well known to



Above: Delegates at the seminar in Vienna.

the officials from the schools, but there are always new procedures to highlight and the seminar format gives good opportunities for questions and answers"

Given the positive feedback and remarks from the officials, Tennis Europe will now look into the possibility to reach even more referees with a future seminar.

# Tennis Europe & La Manga Club renew partnership

Tennis Europe has announced a two-year renewal of its partnership with La Manga Club.

Under the terms of the agreement, the award-winning resort in Murcia, south-east Spain will continue to enjoy a range of benefits from Tennis Europe, who will create new business opportunities for the venue and market it directly to key target groups including tennis clubs, tournament organisers and Europe's 49 national tennis federations.

In return, Tennis Europe will hold further international conferences at La Manga Club and have the opportunity to stage regional and pan-European training camps and events at the resort, while La Manga Club will host the prestigious European Seniors Club Tennis Championships later this year in September and potential exciting new events.

Olli Mäenpää, Chief Executive Officer of Tennis Europe, said: "We are delighted to continue our fruitful relationship with La Manga Club. The facilities at the site are first class, and it has proven to be a perfect venue for our high-level tennis tournaments, training camps and conferences alike. Many of our member nations have followed suit in taking advantage of the excellent services available to organise their own events and camps, and we look forward to continuing to showcase La Manga Club at a European level in the coming years."

Jose Asenjo, General Manager of La Manga Club, says: "La Manga Club has had a long and valued association with Tennis Europe, and this new agreement will help take our partnership to the next level. The resort has a rich tennis heritage having hosted some of the world's leading players and tournaments, and we're very excited at the prospect of working closely with Tennis Europe and the new opportunities that it will bring."

As well as hosting both Davis and Fed Cup tennis matches, La Manga Club is the overseas training base for the British Lawn Tennis Association. It has also staged the Spanish Open golf championship and regularly attracts professional and international football teams to its first-class, year-round training facilities, which are also used by rugby and cricket sides.

In addition to its outstanding tennis academy, La Manga Club's extensive facilities also include three 18hole championship golf courses and a new Leadbetter Golf Academy – the only one of its kind in mainland Spain – a new High Performance Sports Centre and 2,000m<sup>2</sup> spa and fitness complex, a five-star hotel, four-star serviced apartments and townhouses and more than 20 bars and restaurants.



Spring 2015 has already been a busy season for the tennis academy at La Manga Club. British professional doubles players Colin Fleming and Johnny Marray were recently joined at La Manga Club by Aisam Qureshi for a training camp ahead of the clay court season (pictured, above).

Several Swiss clubs and academies ha visited for preseason camps, including the Michel Kratochvil Academy, who brought 70 participants (pictured), TC Old Boys and Fischli Tennis Group. Next month sees Danderyd Tennis Club from Sweden set to visit with 40 guests.

For further details about La Manga Club, visit <u>www.lamangaclub.com</u>.

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# In the Spotlight: ITF President Francesco Ricci Bitti

Later this year, International Tennis Federation President Francesco Ricci Bitti will stand down after 16 years of leading the sport's governing body. We caught up with him after the recent Tennis Europe Annual General Meeting to reflect on his time in the role and to find out his views on some of the current issues in tennis administration.

# How does it feel to be in the final months of a role that must have dominated your life for so many years?

Sixteen years is a long time and I have enjoyed my role as President of the ITF very much. But I know it is time to move on and, while I will miss many things including the team at Roehampton, I am also looking forward to some new challenges, mostly in my Olympic capacity. The areas that I will leave behind that mean a lot to me personally I will continue to follow – Davis Cup, Fed Cup, junior tennis – but this time as an interested spectator and not as a decisionmaker.

# What do you think is your legacy at the ITF? Of which achievement are you most proud?

There are many areas where I think I have made my contributions to the ITF. During my Presidency, the ITF has modernised becoming more service-oriented and more efficient. We have made big strides in areas like the IPIN which has revolutionised the entry procedure for players at all levels and we have efficiently upgraded and used our databases to run everything from our websites to tournament organisation. I also take great satisfaction in seeing the growing importance of the Olympic Tennis Event. When I took over in 1999, there were still many people - inside the sport and out - who said tennis didn't belong in the Olympics. We expected that it would take a long time to change that view but, certainly since Beijing, we have seen a real change in how the players, the media and the fans regard Olympic Tennis. Tennis is a much respected sport within the Olympic movement and this is something I am very proud of. I was fortunate enough to be the first ITF President to be elected as a member of the IOC and that gave me the access to help sell the concept that, while the Olympics is important to tennis, the reverse is also true that tennis is very important to the Olympics. Another area where we have made strides is integrity, through the activity of our Science and Technical department, our administration of the anti-doping programme on behalf of the governing bodies of the sport and our participation in the Tennis Integrity Unit with those same bodies.

#### Is there any regret, or area in which you feel not enough progress has been made?

Davis Cup by BNP Paribas is, in my view, the best competition in our sport with an atmosphere and fans that are uniquely its own. It disappoints me that a few



people with vested agendas continually find ways to criticise this great competition and that the views of these people, through social media primarily, are given more importance than they deserve. Some of the critics have never even attended a tie; most don't have a suggestion for improvement that has not been seriously considered by the Davis Cup Committee. At the same time I recognise that missing some players every round is inevitable, given the evolution of the modern game at the professional level and the subsequent demands on top players. Davis Cup is not mandatory, it is a difficult competition to win, the dates are not ideal, the prize money needs to grow and yet we still get some 90 per cent of players to play every year. In retrospect, we should have fought harder to keep our dates two weeks after the Slams and we should have found more financial resourcing for Davis Cup and Fed Cup. Another factor that I find disappointing is the criticism that the ITF gets when it is just fulfilling our responsibility as the administrator of the Joint Anti-Doping Programme. We work on behalf of all the governing bodies in tennis and vet, when there is an issue, it is the ITF alone that bears the brunt of the criticism. This happens even in anti-corruption when we are not the administrator but one of the partners in the programme. I am always encouraged when I hear players speak out against doping or corruption in tennis because I do believe that they value a clean sport but it is discouraging when we are cast as the cruel prosecutor by others when we are just doing our job.

#### What does the near future hold for you? Will you continue your work with the IOC, for example?

Until the end of 2016, I am still President of ASOIF, the federation of summer Olympics federations, and on the Rio 2016 Coordination Commission, the WADA Executive Board as well as serving as the Chairman of the WADA Finance Committee and other roles with the IOC Agenda 2020 implementation, thanks to the confidence that IOC President Thomas Bach has shown me. I will also help in any way that I can the transition of the new President of the ITF.

# In the Spotlight: ITF President Francesco Ricci Bitti

#### The Davis Cup seems to be under renewed scrutiny in recent months, yet the attendance and viewing figures suggest that the competition is healthier than ever. How do you assess the current situation?

Davis Cup by BNP Paribas is very strong in attendance and viewing figures, and honestly in participation, but whenever we are missing one of the top four or five, there is immediate criticism of the competition. Even this year, with both Djokovic and Murray committed for the year, people were talking about Nadal who was injured last year and hasn't had an opportunity to play so far this year. I was sad that both Federer and Wawrinka decided not to participate in the Swiss defense of the title but, in my view, this year's first round created so many stories and so many heroes and I look forward to seeing how this year's Davis Cup story plays out.

# How are things progressing in terms of the tennis event at the next Olympic Games?

Overall I think things are going well for the Olympic Tennis Event. The facility is under construction and will be ready in the autumn in time for our test event in December. The Athletes Village is nearly finished and looks excellent and, fortunately, it is very close to our venue making it easy for players to compete and enjoy the unique Village experience. Even in a very challenging environment, the Rio 2016 team seems very committed to delivering a great Games and I am confident they will do so.

#### The ITF has announced ambitious plans to re-structure the Pro Circuits in the coming few years. Do you think that these plans go far enough to help players that struggle financially on the lower rungs of the tennis ladder?

This is a very difficult question. Clearly the ITF priority is to do more to help the talented players starting out in the game and that means both playing opportunities and more prize money. But there is a flip side to this in that many Circuit organisers, especially in developing countries, cannot afford to raise the prize money and stage the event. We have spent over a year looking at the situation and evaluating our next steps. The ITF Board recently approved some prize money increases for the Pro Circuits, starting in 2016, but we know that we need to continue to look at the formula to see what we can do to improve conditions for talented players while not pricing tournaments out of the business.

#### There seem to be more and more cases of corruption coming to light in recent months. Do you think that this is a reflection of improved methods of surveillance and detection, or indicative of increased illicit activity in tennis?

I think what you will find is that most of the cases that have been coming to light are not indicative of a rise in

corruption but a natural conclusion to the important work of the Tennis Integrity Unit who find and prosecute offenders. Of course, the growth of on-line betting has made every sport more vulnerable to corruption but overall I think, as a sport, we are doing a good job in educating players and support personnel and in keeping most corruption at bay. Tennis is considered to be among the best in the Olympic movement in fighting doping and corruption and we deserve more credit for what we do.

#### Kosovo has been elected as the 50th member of Tennis Europe at this meeting and will now surely apply for full ITF membership. As sports administrators, how can we balance the needs of emerging states with those that do not recognise them?

The Kosovo Tennis Federation has been working hard to make itself eligible for Tennis Europe and, one day, for the ITF. This is a clear case, in my view, of the importance of the autonomy of sport. By accepting Kosovo, we are accepting their athletes and not making an assessment of the political situation in that region.

#### Tennis Europe is celebrating the 25th anniversary of the founding of the Tennis Europe Junior Tour in 2015. You were very involved with this as the Chairman of the Junior Committee at the time. Can you recall the driving forces behind creation of the circuit?

Even now, I am a great fan of junior tennis. I was a good junior player myself, although not talented enough to have a professional career at that time. Being chairman of the Junior Committee for both Tennis Europe and the ITF made it clear to me that something needed to be done to foster the talent of junior players and the idea of a junior tour seemed the best way to deliver this objective. In retrospect, it is clear that the ITF Junior Committee took the right decision creating the ITF Junior Circuit from a few tournaments in 1977 to its current position in 120 countries around the world. The Tennis Europe Junior Tour has been hugely successful as witnessed by the number of talented players that have come through the junior competitions in this region. The ITF Junior Circuit achieves this on a global basis and it seems to me that the junior game is stronger than ever. We also created team competitions for Under 16s and 14s and decided to delegate the management of the individual Under 16 and 14s to the Regional Associations in order to give players maximum access to competition without major travel. This has produced many positive effects. I had the privilege of attending the first ITF Junior Masters in Chengdu where the 16 best players played for travel grants and wild cards into professional events. The stadiums were full and there was a lot of media coverage and, in my view, it was a huge success and gave these players a small preview of what life will be like for them as professionals.

# ITF/Tennis Europe 14 & Under Development Championships

The ITF/Tennis Europe 14 & Under Development Championships took place in Antalya, Turkey from 10 - 20 March. The event, which was hosted by the Turkish Tennis Federation, attracted players from 15 countries and was comprised of a one-day training camp followed by two consecutive Category 2 tournaments with a day off in between the two events.

Second seed Vitalia Stamat of Moldova dominated both girls' events. After a tough match in the second round against Laura Tomic (BIH) 2-6 6-2 6-4, VItalia won with ease against Ana Shanidze (GEO) 6-1 6-2 and Miriam Dalakashvili (GEO) 6-3 6-1. In the second week her toughest opponent was top seeded Iveta Daujotaite (LTU). They met in the final, where Vitalia took the first set with 6-1 and was close to victory in the second set before Iveta found her game, fighting back to win the second set 5-7 before Vitalia eventually won the final set as decisively as the first, 6-1.

In boys event, unseeded Sergios Kyzas (CYP) reached the final of the first tournament without losing a set and pushed eventual winner Luka Andonov (MKD) to the limit, losing in three sets 6-2 4-6 3-6. In the second tournament the third seeded Vanja Dobrnjac (BIH) posted an improved performance and met Kyzas in the final where he recovered from the loss of the first set to post a 2-6 6-3 6-1 win over the Cypriot.

While his singles performance was impressive, Kyzas managed to go one better in the doubles events, where he teamed up with his compatriot Stefanos Savva to claim both titles. In the first tournament they blasted past Luka Andonov & Gjorgji Jankulovski (MKD) 6-0 6-2. In the second week they added another title by winning a thrilling match against Roberts Jaricevskis & Karlis Ozolins (LAT) 7-6 3-6 [12-10].

In the final of the first girls' doubles tournament Maltese-Latvian combination Kamila Bartone & Franceska Curmi won against Georgian pair



Development Championships opening ceremony

Dalakishvili & Shanidze 6-4 6-3. Dalakishvili and Shanidze continued to improve in the second week, when they again reached the final, this time overcoming Sarioglan Zeynep & Betina Tokac (TUR) 6-3 6-2 to claim the title.

ITF/Tennis Europe Development Officer Hrvoje Zmajic was in attendance at the event, and commented; "Thanks to the ITF/Tennis Europe Development Programme, these Championships have once again helped players from a number of our smaller nations to compete against high quality opposition. The facilities here in Antalya are first class and with ten matches over ten days, all of the players and coaches have been able to make the most of the opportunity to work on their games and gain valuable international experience."

The ITF/Tennis Europe Development Championships were first held in 1996 and were introduced to give leading players from developing tennis nations the opportunity to travel to and compete at back-to-back events against players of a similar standard. A number of today's top professionals, including Victoria Azarenka, Simona Halep and Grigor Dimitrov have benefitted from playing the event in the past.



#### **#TEJT25 - TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE!**

The rivalry between Novak Djokovic and Andy Murray began in 2001, when the two future stars ended the year as the top two on the Tennis Europe Junior Tour's 14 & Under rankings. They first met in international team competition at the Winter Cups that year...but who won? Answer/full story on Page 18.

## 18 & Under Touring Team in Africa and Europe

This year's European 18 & Under team recently completed a six-week tour during which they competed at high-level ITF Junior tournaments in North Africa and Europe. The team was comprised of three boys -Kenneth Raisma (EST), Bojan Jankulovski (MKD) and Vladyslav Chumak (UKR) - one girl, Ulyana Grib (BLR), and coach Goran Shevchenko from Macedonia.

First stop was Tunis, where the team took part in a four-day training camp prior to the Grade 2 ITF Junior Tunisia. In the boys' singles event, Kenneth Raisma reached the semi-final where he put a valiant fight against Clement Larriere (FRA) before losing 4-2 4-5(3) [10-5]. Vladyslav Chumak reached the third round where he lost to his teammate Raisma 4-2 2-4 [10-6]. In the girls' singles event, Ulyana Grib reached the quarterfinal where she lost to Tatiana Makarova (RUS) 4-2 5-3. In the doubles event, Grib reached the semi-final partnering Eliza Omirou (CYP) where they faced stronger opponents Berfu Cengiz (TUR) & Lesedi Sheya Jacobs (NAM) and lost 4-1 4-1.

The Hammamet tournament was the next event on the schedule, and entailed a change of court surface from hard to clay. In the singles event Vladyslav Chumak fell in the second round to #2 seed Aziz Dougaz (TUN) while Kenneth Raisma had a long and dramatic match, saving three match points before eventually losing to Gorazd Srbljak (MKD) 4-6 6-3 7-6(7). In the doubles, Grib & Omirou again showed some great tennis by reaching the semis, but again lost to Cengiz & Jacobs 6-7(0) 6-4 [10-7] in a very long and unpredictable match. In the boys doubles, Raisma & Chumak repeated their quarterfinal march, losing to Nicolas Moreno De Alboran (ESP) & Marco Mosciatti (ITA) 6-3 7-5.

For the third week, the team moved to Morocco to compete at the Grade 1 Mediterranee Avenir which was held in Casablanca and saw most of the players post improved performances. In the boys' singles, Kenneth Raisma reached the quarterfinal but was beaten by Patrik Nema (SVK) 7-5 6-3 in a hardfought match. Bojan Jankulovski (MKD) returned after ten days of sickness and gave a solid performance, passing the qualification and winning his first round match. In his next match he fought well against top seeded Alex Molcan (SVK) but unfortunately lost 7-5 6-4. Ulyana Grib again reached the doubles semi-final; this time partnering Nikolina Jovic (SRB) and falling to Tamara Zidansek (SLO)/Tereza Kolarova (CZE) 6-3 6-4.

Before the final tournament the players had a chance to practice for four days at the ITF Training Centre in



Casablanca, Morocco, and for three days at SEB Arena in Vilnius, Lithuania. The last event was the Grade 2 Aivaras Balzekas Memorial Cup in Siauliai, Lithuania, where the players had a challenge to adjust to Hard Indoor after playing more than two weeks on outdoor clay. In the boys' singles Kenneth Raisma lost in the second round against Aaro Pollanen (FIN) 7-5 7-5, Vladyslav Chumak showed great performance against the eventual champion Tim Sandkaulen (GER) but lost 6-4 6-4. Bojan Jankulovski again played the qualification but this time entered the main draw and lost to Mattias Siimar (EST) 6-4 6-0 in second round.

Team coach Goran Shevchenko said; "This was a great opportunity for the players to compete in a series of very strong events and try to improve their game and gain experience for the forthcoming season and future challenges. All of the team members showed fighting spirit and took advantage of the opportunity to play and practice every day with high level players".

#### 14 / 16 & Touring Teams

This summer's 14 & Under Touring Team to Germany and Belgium (25 July - 23 August) will be comprised of Vanja Dobrnjac (BIH), Sergios Kyzas (CYP), Luka Andonov (MKD), Stefnos Savva (CYP), Ilia Snitari (MDA), Vitalia Stamat (MDA), Mariam Dalakishvili (GEO), Iveta Daujotaite (LTU), Ana Shanidze (GEO) and Kamilla Bartone (LAT).

The 16 & Under Touring Team to Italy and Tunisia (28 May - 28 June) features Eleftheris Neos (CYP), Leonid Sheyngezikht (BUL), Daniils Batmanovs (LAT), Aliaksandr Liaonenka (BLR), Lukas Tomic (BIH), Daniela Vismane (LAT), Adela Joldic (BIH), Ekaterina Grib (BLR), Simona Borisova (BUL) and Marija Elenova (MKD).

## **Special Olympics European Tennis Day a Success**

Many of Tennis Europe's member nations were united in early March in celebrating the second annual Special Olympics European Tennis Day, which aims to increase tennis-playing opportunities for players with intellectual disabilities. The day, which was endorsed and supported by Tennis Europe, saw Special Olympics (SO) initiate tennis activities in several new territories, and no doubt attracted many new players to the game.

**Bulgaria** Special Olympics athletes and their families were joined by Bulgarian Davis Cup team members and some of the country's best junior talents at the National Tennis Centre in Sofia at a special event to celebrate five years of SO activities in Bulgaria. Also on hand were federation staff, volunteers from SO Bulgaria, the National Sport Academy, Municipal Special Vocational Education Center, Maria's World Foundation, Association of Families with Autistic Children and the Institute for Social Activities and Practices, several national television channels and other media.

**Hungary** Following the successful visit of Martina Hingis in February, another Special Olympics event was held in Budapest, where local players got the chance to play alongside former professional players and other celebrities from the worlds of sports, music and TV.

**Moldova** Supported by the Ministry of Youth and Sports, the Moldovan Tennis Federation organised a whole day of celebrations with the theme of 'tennis for all'. Professional players, including Moldovan #1 Radu Albot and members of the national Davis and Fed Cup teams were joined by Special Olympics athletes and members of the national 'Invasport' wheelchair tennis team for an action-packed day that proved that are no limitations to enjoying tennis. The Special Olympics players were treated to master classes with the pros before going on to enjoy a wide variety of other activities.

**Poland** A special exhibition took place on March 7th before the doubles tie of the Davis Cup by BNP Paribas match against Lithuania. Special Olympics tennis players had the opportunity to meet with the Polish national team players, including Lukas Kubot and Marcin Matkowski, both of whom are official ambassadors for the Special Olympics. Five regional tournaments are scheduled to be held in Poland, which has more than 200 SO players, throughout the rest of the year.

**Russia** A Special Olympics tournament was held in Moscow on March 7th, featuring some of the biggest names in Russian tennis including Grand Slam winners Anastasia Myskina and Yevgeny Kafelnikov.



**Serbia** Novak Djokovic became the latest big star to express his support for the Special Olympics when he took out from his busy schedule to meet with SO athletes in Belgrade. The world #1 teamed up with Olympic Volleyball gold medallist Vladimir 'Vanja' Grbic and expressed his hopes to attend the World Summer Games in Los Angeles later this year, where over 110 Serbian delegates will be amongst the 7,000+ Special Olympics athletes and coaches expected to be taking part.

**Ukraine** Special Olympics Ukraine chose the European Tennis Day to launch their first ever tennis activity. Six SO athletes teamed up with junior players of the Ukraine Tennis Federation and sports school no.7 in Kiev for the event, where former Ukrainian champion Oleh Slovcov gave a master class for the athletes, some of whom were taking part in the sport for the first time.

**Monaco** The organisers of the Monte Carlo Rolex Masters have confirmed that a special exhibition doubles match featuring Marin Cilic, Goran Ivanisevic and Special Olympics athletes will be held on 11th April on the courts of the Monte Carlo Country Club, just ahead of the famous ATP event.

Tennis Europe President Jacques Dupré expressed his satisfaction with the number of nations taking up the opportunity to hold events, commenting; "It was an honour for us to support the Special Olympics European Tennis Day once again, and we were delighted to see such a high level of participation and commitment from our member nations. We are proud that tennis is an inclusive sport, and we will continue to work with Special Olympics to ensure a continued growth in playing opportunities for athletes with intellectual disabilities in Europe."

You can see a Facebook gallery of photos from the Special Olympics European Tennis Day <u>here</u>.

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# Behind the Baseline...

Four European teams emerged victorious in the recent **Fed Cup by BNP Paribas** World Group playoffs. Romania will participate in the top tier of the competition next year for the first time, alongside fellow winners Italy, Netherlands and Switzerland. The World Group II play-off also yielded success for Europe, with Serbia, Slovakia, Belarus and Spain all advancing.

Organisers of **Roland Garros** have announced a prize money increase of  $\in$ 3 million for this year's edition of the tournament, bringing the total prize money on offer to  $\notin$ 28 million.

Wimbledon has also announced major prize money increases, with the total purse for this year's Championships rising to £26.75 million, which will be the highest ever prize fund for a professional tennis event. Organisers have also revealed that Hawk-Eye will be installed on Courts 12 and 18 for the first time, and that capacity will rise as Courts 14 and 15 return to operation after being re-laid last year. Plans are still afoot for a roof to be built on Court 1 in time for the 2019 Championships.

Polish #1 Agnieszka Radwanska and Martina Navratilova have ended their coaching relationship after just five months. Meanwhile Australia's Sam Stosur has reunited with David Taylor, the coach that took her to fourth in the world.

**Caroline Wozniacki** is working with former world #1 Arantxa Sanchez-Vicario as part of her preparations for Roland Garros, an event that the Spaniard won three times during her career.

Fast-rising **Borna Coric** has teamed up with 2002 Australian Open champion Thomas Johansson.

Sania Mirza has become the first Indian woman ever to be ranked as the world doubles #1.

Amelie Mauresmo has been elected to the International Tennis Hall of Fame and will be inducted on July 18th. The coach of Andy Murray also recently revealed that she is expecting her first child later this year.

Janko Tipsarevic has returned to the ATP World Tour after an 18-month absence during which he underwent two foot surgeries. **Barbara Rittner** has renewed her position as Germany's Fed Cup coach until 2018.

Vienna's **Erste Bank Open** will step up to become an ATP World Tour 500 event this year, while the Valencia Open will become a 250-series tournament.

Four-time champion and former world #1 **Justine Henin** will join the Roland Garros commentary team for French TV.

Jaguar has signed a three-year agreement to become the official car of the Wimbledon Championships.

The 2015 edition of the **International Premier Tennis League** will see a new team as the Japan Warriors becomes the fifth franchise, and will be led by Kei Nishikori. Coca-Cola has increased its sponsorship commitments to the League.

Organising bodies are reporting increased interest in the sport: the **WTA Tour** has posted a 22.5% increase in viewing figures for Premier events in 2014. The ITF meanwhile saw record traffic to the Davis Cup website during the recent first round ties, with 7.4 million page views over the weekend.

The **ATP World Tour** has signed partnerships with Maui Jim (official eyewear) and Skins (official supplier).

Selfie sticks have been banned from this year's Wimbledon Championships.

Doubles players at the recent **BRD Nastase Tiriac Trophy** ATP event in Bucharest played alongside tennis journalists at a special event to promote doubles and boost ties between writers and players.

Swiss stars Roger Federer and Stan Wawrinka will be joined by fellow Top 10 players Rafael Nadal, Kei Nishikori, Grigor Dimitrov and Milos Raonic at the **Swiss Indoors** in Basel in October, organisers have announced.

**Tommy Haas** is expecting to return to action in June for the grass court season - exactly a year after the 37-year old underwent shoulder surgery.

#### **FAST FACT**

42% of Tennis Europe Junior Tour players questioned say that they are inspired by Rafa Nadal.

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# **Tennis Europe Junior Tour Rankings – Overall**

Tennis Europe's junior ranking system is devised to give a unified overall list that includes all eligi-

ble players, regardless of where they achieved their results or picked up points,

A player's overall total includes points from Tennis Europe Junior Tour 16 and 14 & Under events, plus points earned by players in these age categories who participate in ITF Junior Circuit and professional tournaments, all of which are weighted according to their relative strengths. The 14 & Under ranking is still available separately (see next page), as well as being integrated to these overall rankings.

For more information on the ranking system, visit <u>www.TennisEurope.org</u>. The 'Race to the Masters' ranking is also available separately, and includes points earned exclusively on the Tennis Europe Junior Tour. Rankings below are as of April 28th, 2014.

#### **Overall Girls' Ranking - 16 & Under**

Rank		Name	Nat.	Points
01		Catherine Cartan BELLIS	USA	2438
02		Marketa VONDROUSOV	ACZE	1927
03		Olesya PERVUSHINA	RUS	1625
04		Katie SWAN	GBR	1614
05	NEW	Lucie KANKOVA	CZE	1485
06		Sofya ZHUK	RUS	1450
07		Evgeniya LEVASHOVA	RUS	1390
08		Tatiana MAKAROVA	RUS	1373
09	NEW	Pranjala YADLAPALLI	IND	1338
10		Michaela GORDON	USA	1271



Lucie Kankova (CZE)

#### **Overall Boys' Ranking - 16 & Under**

Rank		Name	Nat.	Points
01		Corentin MOUTET	FRA	1494
02		Miomir KECMANOVIC	SRB	1404
03		Yshai OLIEL	ISR	1318
04		Tomas JIROUSEK	CZE	1103
05		Rudolf MOLLEKER	GER	1038
06		Alexey ZAKHAROV	RUS	968
07	NEW	Nicola KUHN	GER	930
08	NEW	Marko MILADINOVIC	SRB	883
09		Gabriel HUBER	AUT	858
10		Mykyta MASHTAKOV	UKR	828



Nicola Kuhn (GER)



# Tennis Europe Junior Tour Rankings - 14 & Under

Back-to-back wins at 16 & Under tournaments in London and Nicosia in recent weeks, cou-

pled with a 14 & Under title in Sweden in February enable Daria Frayman to make a massive leap into the 14 & Under Top Ten. The Russian has a 24-4 win/loss record so far this season and looks to be one of the in-form players as we head into a bus summer.

The boys' list also has a new entry to the Top Ten in the form of Poland's Wojciech Marek, who claimed

his first Tennis Europe Junior Tour title in style last week, winning the category 2 event in Trnava for the loss of just one set.

Both players mentioned are also doing well in the <u>Race to Masters</u> rankings, which determine the field for the season-ending Tennis Europe Junior Masters in Reggio Calabria, Italy. Frayman is at #10 in the Race to the 16 & Under Masters, while Marek stands thirteeth in the Race to the 14 & Under event.

Rankings below are as of April 28th, 2015.

#### 14 & Under Girls

Rank		Name	Nat.	Points
01		Anastasia POTAPOVA	RUS	1245
02		lga SWIATEK	POL	750
03	NEW	Daria FRAYMAN	RUS	665
04		Polina KRUPCHENKO	RUS	660
05	▼	Olga DANILOVIC	SRB	650
06		Anna LAGUZA	UKR	650
06	NEW	Maja CHWALINSKA	POL	645
07		Ekaterina MAKAROVA	RUS	640
07		Taisya PACHKALEVA	RUS	640
10	▼	Vlada KOVAL	RUS	635



#### 14 & Under Boys

Rank		Name	Nat.	Points
01		Timofey SKATOV	RUS	715
02		Jack DRAPER	GBR	630
03		Adrian ANDREEV	BUL	525
04		Alexander ZGIROVSKY	BLR	470
04		Nicolas ALVAREZ VARON	AESP	470
06		Nini Gabriel DICA	ROU	415
07		Danil SPASIBO	RUS	410
08	NEW	Mihailo POPOVIC	RUS	390
08		Filip Cristian JIANU	ROU	390
10	NEW	Wojciech MAREK	POL	385

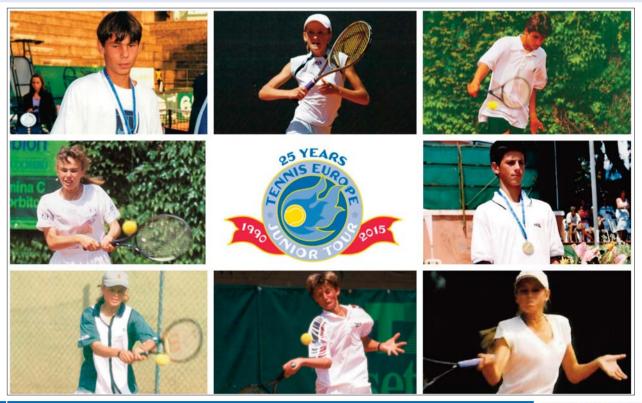


Wojciech Marek (POL)



## 12 & Under

Date	Tournament	Winner	Runner-Up	Score	Doubles Winner
Feb 23	Ponta Delgada (POR)	E Morais (POR)	M Lopes (POR)	60 64	Gomes/Morais (POR)
		l Bassi (FRA)	N Dujardin (FRA)	62 75	Bassi/Dujardin (FRA)
Mar 9	Umag (CRO)	L Raquin (FRA)	S Popovic (SRB)	60 36 64	Nedelchev (BUL)/Popovic (SRB)
		N Krznaric (CRO)	A Shcherbinina (RUS)	60 61	Krznaric (CRO)/Toth (HUN)
Mar 16	Vsevolozhsk (RUS)	A Safanov (RUS)	l Ovcharenko (RUS)	61 61	Safonov/Salomatov (RUS)
		M Bondarenko (RUS)	A Yepifanova (RUS)	62 63	Bondarenko/Lenskaya-Bogomolova (RUS)
Mar 30	Braga (POR)	L Raquin (FRA)	L Nardi (ITA)	46 61 64	Raquin/Sadaoui (FRA)
		D Lopatetskaya (UKR)	S Sepken (TUR)	60 60	Lopatetskaya/Rublevska (UKR)
Apr 13	Baku (AZE)	A Samokish (RUS)	T Dzimistarishvili (GEO)	62 75	Krylov/Kudriashov (RUS)
		V Petrovskaia (RUS)	K Volgapkina (RUS)	6267(5)13	-11Petrovskaia (RUS)/Vinahradava (BLR)
Apr 13	Antalya (TUR)	M Rehberg (GER)	A Shelbayh (JOR)	57 63 75	Azkara/Umur (TUR)
		S Sepken (TUR)	M Guth (GER)	60 75	Baykal/Sepken (TUR)
Apr 20	Rakovnik (CZE)	M Kasnikowski (POL)	D Siniakov (CZE)	61 64	Burian/Donald CZE)
		H Fischer (GBR)	S Suchankova (SVK)	61 61	Fischer (GBR)/Toth (HUN)
Apr 20	Baku (AZE)	T Dzimistarishvili (GEO)	l Kudriashov (RUS)	64 64	Dzimistarishvili (GEO)/Krylov (RUS)
		V Petrovskaia (RUS)	M Uyar (TUR)	60 61	Bakal/Uyar (TUR)
Apr 13 Apr 20	Antalya (TUR) Rakovnik (CZE)	V Petrovskaia (RUS) M Rehberg (GER) S Sepken (TUR) M Kasnikowski (POL) H Fischer (GBR) T Dzimistarishvili (GEO)	K Volgapkina (RUS) A Shelbayh (JOR) M Guth (GER) D Siniakov (CZE) S Suchankova (SVK) I Kudriashov (RUS)	62 67(5)13 57 63 75 60 75 61 64 61 61 64 64	-11Petrovskaia (RUS)/Vinahradava (B Azkara/Umur (TUR) Baykal/Sepken (TUR) Burian/Donald CZE) Fischer (GBR)/Toth (HUN) Dzimistarishvili (GEO)/Krylov (RUS)





## 14 & Under

Date	Tournament	Category / Winner	Runner-Up	Score	Doubles Winner
Feb 23	Rotterdam (NED)	3 G Onclin (BEL)	G Tanner (SUI)	61 46 62	Van der Linden/Van Eeuwen (NED)
		L Tran (NED)	D Semenistaja (LAT)	63 62	Custic (ESP)/Sacco (ITA)
Feb 23	Bucharest (ROU)	2 T Burduf (ROU)	F Jianu (ROU)	5-1 ret	Cretu/Marinescu (ROU)
		C Manu (ROU)	R Floca Oprea (ROU)	64 63	Floca Oprea/Manu (ROU)
Feb 23	Togliatti (RUS)	2 O Shestakov (UKR)	A Inyatkin (RUS)	64 64	Manko/Shikhabudinov (RUS)
		P Krupchenko (RUS	) V Koval (RUS)	63 26 64	Burdina/Koval (RUS)
Feb 23	Stockholm (SWE)	1 T Skatov (RUS)	J Draper (GBR)	64 62	Draper (GBR)/Zgirovsky (BLR)
		T Pachkaleva (RUS)	O Orpana (FIN)	62 57 64	Chwalinska (POL)/Laguza (UKR)
Mar 2	St. Genevieve (FRA)	1 A Andreev (BUL)	A Van Doan (FRA)	61 61	Bonnet Flores/Deschamps (FRA)
		T Pachkaleva (RUS)	D Frayman (RUS)	62 46 61	Pachkaleva/Tikhonova (RUS)
Mar 9	Oulu (FIN)	3 R Hietaranta (FIN)	O Virtanen (FIN)	62 62	Poulsen (NOR)/Utheim (DEN)
		E Haavisto (FIN)	K Saar (EST)	64 63	Haavisto (FIN)/Likhacheva (RUS)
Mar 9	Antalya (TUR)	2 L Andonov (MKD)	S Kyzas (CYP)	26 64 63	Kyzas/Savva (CYP)
		V Stamat (MDA)	M Dalakishvili (GEO)	63 61	Bartone (LAT)/Curmi (MLT)
Mar 9	Bratislava (SVK)	2 M Marinescu (ROU)	F Planinsek (SLO)	76(2)63	Jirousek/Paulsen (CZE)
		C Manu (ROU)	H Pellicano (MLT)	61 16 76(4	) Lavickova (CZE)/Pellicano (MLT)
Mar 16	Nastola (FIN)	3 M Minin (RUS)	O Virtanen (FIN)	76(7)63	Minin/Novikov (RUS)
		L Tran (NED)	L Haseth (NOR)	61 61	Belgraver/Tran (NED)
Mar 16	Tel Aviv (ISR)	2 O Shestakov (UKR)	A Levi (ISR)	64 62	Adamek/Pawlak (POL)
		N Khirin (ISR)	Y Gadiatska (UKR)	76(2)76(1	l) Gadiatska (UKR)/Mikhaylova (RUS)
Mar 16	Antalya (TUR)	2 V Dobrnjac (BIH)	S Kyzas (CYP)	26 63 61	Kyzas/Savva (CYP)
		V Stamat (MDA)	l Daujotaite (LTU)	61 57 61	Dalakishvili/Shanidze (GEO)
Mar 16	Angra (POR)	2 T Droguet (FRA)	M Lorens (POL)	64 3-1 ret	Atmane/Droguet (FRA)
		A Nagy (HUN)	Z Ryan (IRL)	62 46 62	Silva (POR)/Nagy (HUN)
Mar 23	lsernhagen (GER)	3 F Kuenkler (GER)	A Paulson (CZE)	61 5-2 ret	Ehrenschneider/Kuenkler (GER)
		L Tran (NED)	E Lys (GER)	75 46 62	Bremm/Sauvant (GER)
Mar 23	Jerusalem (ISR)	2 Y Sarouk (ISR)	O Shestakov (UKR)	w/o	Gaponenko/Sarouk (ISR)
		V Pepelyaeva (RUS)	Y Gadiatska (UKR)	64 62	Hondiashvili/Khirin (ISR)
Mar 23	Antalya (TUR)	2 M Stoeger (GER)	B Sengul (TUR)	67(2)646	51 Aleksic (MNE)/lonel (ROU)
		V Stamat (MDA)	A Shanidze (GEO)	w/o	Comlek/Ozturk (TUR)
Mar 23	Minsk (BLR)	2 I Beloborodko (UKR	) A Inyatkin (RUS)	60 61	Yarmoshuk/Yutkin (BLR)
		V Koval (RUS)	K Yersh (BLR)	64 64	Domnina/Spirina (RUS)
Mar 23	Maia (POR)	1 A Andreev (BUL)	N Alvarez Varona (ESP)	61 63	Andreev (BUL)/Moroni (ITA)
		H Pellicano (MLT)	M Leonard (FRA)	61 64	Nagy (HUN)/Tikhonova (RUS)
Mar 30	Iraklio (GRE)	3 R Macovei (ROU)	P Marino(ITA)	62 63	Andaloro/Marino (ITA)
		M Odintsova (RUS)	L Savu (ROU)	62 76(1)	Arkadianu/Meschoritis (GRE)



#### 14 & Under

Date	Tournament	Category / Winner	Runner-Up	Score	Doubles Winner	
Mar 30	Novokuznetsk (RUS)	3 P Verbin (RUS)	O Kovalenko (RUS)	62 75	Kovalenko/Verbin (RUS)	
		K Domnina (RUS)	A Sayfetdinova (RUS)	63 62	Astakhova/Domnina (RUS)	
Mar 30	Reykjavik (ISL)	3 R Martin (SUI)	N Rottaris (SUI)	60 60	Suski/Ziomber (POL)	
		D Semenistaja (LAT)	N Meier (GER)	61 36 62	Semenistaja/Semenistaja (LAT)	
Mar 30	Minsk (BLR)	2 I Beloborodko (UKR)	A Binda (RUS)	64 75	Yarmoshuk/Yutkin (BLR)	
		V Koval (RUS)	M Novikova (RUS)	62 61	Petrenko/Snigur (UKR)	
Apr 6	Athens (GRE)	3 F Andaloro (ITA)	F Tabacco (ITA)	64 61	Andaloro/Marino (ITA)	
		H Pellicano (MLT)	T Visontai (HUN)	64 64	Gecsek/Visontai (HUN)	
Apr 6	Vinkovci (CRO)	3 L Durdevic (BIH)	S Madzar (CRO)	61 67(5) 6	3 Makk/Sallay (HUN)	
		L Masic (CRO)	Z Falkner (SLO)	64 75	Glavas (SLO)/Masic (CRO)	
Apr 13	Solin (CRO)	3 M Matic (CRO)	D Ajdukovic (CRO)	76(3) 62	Ajdukovic (CRO)/Kupcic (SLO)	
		L Tomic (BIH)	O Oliynykova (CRO)	63 64	Oliynykova/Plumtree (CRO)	
Apr 13	Tirana (ALB)	3 M Aleksic (MNE)	M Matteoli (ITA)	62 64	Aleksic (MNE)/Genov (BUL)	
		F Sacco (ITA)	A Terruli (ITA)	61 60	Avetsiyan (RUS)/Ignatjeva (LAT)	
Apr 13	Palmanova (ESP)	3 A Puscas (USA)	F Moroni (ITA)	36 62 61	Demichelis/Moroni (ITA)	
		C Mayorova (ESP)	D Edibson Messiah (ESP)	62 57 75	Ekwe/Jancijevic (NED)	
Apr 13	Nottingham (GBR)	3 B Brewster (GBR)	H Wendelken (GBR)	46 62 75	Fearnley/Wendelken (GBR)	
		G Heath (GBR)	E Richardson (GBR)	75 61	Richardson/Watton (GBR)	
Apr 20	Adana (TUR)	2 B Cengiz (TUR)	O Elmali (TUR)	64 36 63	Cengiz/Ulusoy (TUR)	
		L Biter (TUR)	O Nosova (RUS)	63 60	Biter/Erman (TUR)	
Apr 20	Trnava (SVK)	2 W Marek (POL)	T Burduf (ROU)	57 62 60	Jirousek/Lehecka (CZE)	
		A Siskova (CZE)	S Kovacicova (SVK)	64 61	Kadleckova (SVK)/Silna (CZE)	
Apr 20	Zagreb (CRO)	2 D Ajdukovic (CRO)	V Dobrnjac (BIH)	62 61	Ajdukovic/Madzar (CRO)	
		Z Falkner (SLO)	L Tomic (BIH)	26 76(4) 7(4) Velcea (ROU)/Zelic (CRO)		



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Andy Murray beat Novak Djokovic 6-2 6-3 in their first meeting at the 2001 Winter Cups, part of a 2/1 win for Great Britain over Yugoslavia on their way to the title. Djokovic ended the season as Europe's #1, having won the European Junior Championships in July, with Murray ending the year at #2.



### 16 & Under

Date	Tournament	Category / Winner	Runner-Up	Score	Doubles Winner
Feb 23	Rotterdam (NED)	3 M Frinzi (ITA)	F Forti (ITA)	76(2) 75	Jonker/Verwater (NED)
		L Piccineti (ITA)	E Rogova (UKR)	64 61	Oliveira (POR)/Stefanovic (FRA)
Mar 2	Nastola (FIN)	3 R Parts (EST)	K Paluch (POL)	62 26 61	Stenfors/Vesanen (FIN)
		E Shalimova (RUS)	M Minetti (FIN)	1-0 ret	Hakala/Minetti (FIN)
Mar 2	Milovice (CZE)	2 R Strombach (GER)	) T Machac (CZE)	64 61	Dubsky/Stepanek (CZE)
		M Chwalinska(POL)	E Molinaro (NED)	75 61	La Rocca/Pigato (ITA)
Mar 9	Oulu (FIN)	3 K Paluch (POL)	D Rodrigues (POR)	64 64	Jarvi/Tiainen (FIN)
		E Zaritscaya (RUS)	C Plakk (EST)	06 63 64	Nikusina (LAT)/Ukolova (RUS)
Mar 16	Trencianske (SVK)	3 M Miladinovic (SRB	) N Vidal (ITA)	61 63	Arnaboldi/Perin (ITA)
		N Sokovic (SRB)	V Wojcikova (CZE)	64 61	Siskova/Wojcikova (CZE)
Mar 30	London (GBR)	3 G Bosio (ITA)	F Arnaboldi (ITA)	76(7)61	Arnaboldi/Zampoli (ITA)
		D Frayman (RUS)	E Adeshina (GBR)	64 63	Adeshina/Heath (GBR)
Mar 30	Reykjavik (ISL)	3 V Shkurskiy (RUS)	M Jost (FRA)	63 63	Martin/Tanner (SUI)
		V Mikhaylova (RUS)	J Marzoll (GER)	64 06 64	Mikhaylova (RUS)/Nikusina (LAT)
Mar 30	Rijeka (CRO)	3 F Liucci (ITA)	D Bonetta (CRO)	61 60	Baglietto/Frinzi (ITA)
		S Nikocevic (GER)	0 Oliynykova (CRO)	36 60 61	Kolar/Velec (SLO)
Apr 6	Antalya (TUR)	2 C Erturk (TUR)	V Niculescu (ROU)	63 60	Erel/Soyler (TUR)
		A Comlek (TUR)	A Shanidze (GEO)	61 63	Kardava (RUS)/Makatsaria (GEO)
Apr 6	Novi Sad (SRB)	2 A Necz (HUN)	M Miladinovic (SRB)	16 62 62	Komac/Vehovec (SLO)
		B Markovic (SRB)	J Samoceta (SRB)	36 63 60	Elenova/Marikovikj (MKD)
Apr 13	Pancevo (SRB)	2 M Miladinovic (SRB	) R Savin (CRO)	60 62	Kironski/Miladinovic (SRB)
		O Danilovic (SRB)	V Dema (UKR)	60 63	Danilovic/Zivkovic (SRB)
Apr 20	Tirana (ALB)	3 N Zampoli (ITA)	R Di Nocera (ITA)	26 63 64	Di Nocera/Perin (ITA)
		G Carbonaro (ITA)	B Tokac (TUR)	63 62	Falleni/Vitale (ITA)
Apr 20	Lod (ISR)	3 A Stein (ISR)	O Yeshaya (ISR)	26 62 64	Amar/Yeshaya (ISR)
		E Spirina (RUS)	E Rogova(UKR)	64 62	Bereznyak(ISR)/Ovcharenko (RUS)
Apr 20	Budapest (HUN)	2 F Forti (ITA)	Z Lingxi (CHN)	62 76(1)	Marozsan/Sipos (HUN)
		F Rumi (ITA)	D Solovyeva (RUS)	64 63	Lukacs/Nagy (HUN)
Apr 20	Brno (CZE)	2 R Strombach (GER)	) T Dudek (POL)	61 62	Kovarik/Kripsky (CZE)
		l Sebestova (CZE)	V Nikolovova (CZE)	62 61	Jasiewicz/Oczachowska (POL)

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#### **ITF Men's Circuit**

Week	Venue	Cat.	Winner	Runner-Up	Score	Doubles
Feb 23	Cartagena (ESP)	\$10,000	M Kontinen (FIN)	R Ramirez Hidalgo (ESP)	36 76(2) 64	Algoshin (RUS)/Martos (ESP)
Feb 23	Vale do Lobo (POR)	\$10,000	R Boutillier (FRA)	R Machado (POR)	64 64	Barbosa/Tavares (POR)
Feb 23	Antalya (TUR)	\$10,000	M Konecny (CZE)	P Kobelt (USA)	63 63	Roelofse/Vorster (RSA)
Feb 23	Trento (ITA)	\$15,000	P Bester (CAN)	Q Halys (FRA)	36 75 63	Arends/Lootsma (NED)
Mar 2	Antalya (TUR)	\$10,000	O Roca Batalla (ESP)	J Pereira (BRA)	75 76(2)	Checa Calvo/Roca Batalla (ESP)
Mar 2	Faro (POR)	\$10,000	M Pavic (CRO)	G Rumenov (ESP)	76(4)63	Deus/Gil (POR)
Mar 2	Umag (CRO)	\$15,000	G Naso (ITA)	G Panfil (POL)	75 64	Bortolotti (ITA)/Lizariturry (ESP)
Mar 2	Lille (FRA)	\$15,000+H	K Khachanov (RUS)	R Coco (FRA)	61 64	Mertens (BEL)/Westerhof (NED)
Mar 9	Porec (CRO)	\$10,000	M Trevisan (ITA)	l Bjelica (SRB)	60 62	Eriksson/Lindell (SWE)
Mar 9	Toulouse (FRA)	\$10,000	K Khachanov (RUS)	F Reboul (FRA)	64 61	Bauvy/Laurent (FRA)
Mar 9	Herzliya (ISR)	\$10,000	E Karlovskiy (RUS)	M Vaisse (FRA)	67(4) 61 62	Seeberger/Silverman (USA)
Mar 9	Loule (POR)	\$10,000	R Machado (POR)	Y Mertens (BUL)	64 76(6)	Barbosa/Tavares (POR)
Mar 9	Trimbach (SUI)	\$10,000	D Brands (GER)	K Dmitriev (RUS)	63 63	Majchrowiicz (POL)/Volante (ITA)
Mar 9	Antalya (TUR)	\$10,000	L Kirche (BRA)	O Roca Batalla (ESP)	2676(2)75(	5) Fornell Mestres/Neubau (ESP)
Mar 16	Pula (CRO)	\$10,000	R Bellotti (ITA)	M Bourgue (FRA)	75 64	Sabanov/Sabanov (CRO)
Mar 16	Herzliya (ISR)	\$10,000	S Napolitano (ITA)	M Konecny (CZE)	64 46 64	Roelofse (RSA)/Seeberger (USA)
Mar 16	Antalya (TUR)	\$10,000	R Rodriguez (VEN)	M Sieber (GER)	63 60	Kuzmanov (BUL)/Rodriguez (VEN)
Mar 16	Wirral (GBR)	\$15,000	Y Martens (BEL)	M Pecotic (CRO)	62 64	Van der Duim/Westerhof (NED)
Mar 16	Taverne (SUI)	\$15,000	J Mertl (CZE)	E Sommer (SUI)	62 75	Haenle (GER)/Jankovits (FRA)
Mar 16	Poitiers (FRA)	\$15,000+H	Q Halys (FRA)	D Guez (FRA)	75 61	Burquier/Sidorenko (FRA)
Mar 23	Saint Raphael (FRA)	\$10,000	Y Laurent (FRA)	C Lestienne (FRA)	62 62	Jankovits/Sidorenko (FRA)
Mar 23	Ramat (ISR)	\$10,000	l Arvidsson (SWE)	N Okun (ISR)	46 63 64	Kapas (POL)/Sikora (SVK)
Mar 23	Rovinj (CRO)	\$10,000	D Lojda (CZE)	M Bourgue (FRA)	76(7) 16 64	Marcan/Sancic (CRO)
Mar 23	Antalya (TUR)	\$10,000	D Kuzmanov (BUL)	M Jankovic (SRB)	26 60 63	Baldi/Berrettini (ITA)
Mar 23	Madrid (ESP)	\$10,000	Y Mertens (BEL)	J Pulgar Garcia (ESP)	46 61 62	Munar/Roca Batalla (ESP)
Mar 23	Heraklion (GRE)	\$10,000	V Manafov (UKR)	V Safranek (CZE)	61 46 75	Jakupovic (GRE)/Kalovelonis (RUS)
Mar 23	Shrewsbury (GBR)	\$15,000	Q Halys (FRA)	D Cox (GBR)	64 36 63	Bambridge/Clayton (GBR)
Mar 30	Heraklion (GRE)	\$10,000	P Krstin (SRB)	N Milojevic (SRB)	64 76(3)	Jakupovic (GRE)/Kalovelonis (RUS)
Mar 30	Antalya (TUR)	\$10,000	D Novak (AUT)	T Brkic (BIH)	63 63	Silverman/Smith (USA)
Mar 30	Vrsar (CRO)	\$10,000	R Bellotti (ITA)	F Gaio (ITA)	64 36 64	Sabanov/Sabanov (CRO)
Mar 30	Alcala de Henares (ESP	)\$10,000	J Checa Calvo (ESP)	G Rumenov (ESP)	36 64 63	Arenas Gualda/Ortega Olmedo (ESP)
Mar 30	Sta. Margherita (ITA)	\$10,000	G Naso (ITA)	C Moutet (FRA)	06 64 64	Giacalone/Volante (ITA)
Apr 6	Heraklion (GRE)	\$10,000	M Dubarenco (BLR)	E Eremin (ITA)	67(3) 62 63	BDubarenco (BLR)/Manafov (UKR)
Apr 6	Sta. Margherita (ITA)	\$10,000	G Naso (ITA)	O Giacalone (ITA)	06 64 64	Della Tommasina/Sinicropi (ITA)

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# ITF Pro Circuits (Europe) Results

# **ITF** Pro Circuits

#### **ITF Men's Circuit**

Week	Venue	Cat.	Winner	Runner-Up	Score	Doubles
Apr 6	Antalya (TUR)	\$10,000	M Neuchrist (AUT)	C Fortuna (ITA)	46 61 61	Gabb (GBR)/Neuchrist (AUT)
Apr 6	Madrid (ESP)	\$10,000	C Boluda Purkiss (ESP)	A Folie (BEL)	36 63 62	Arauzo Martinez/Arenas Gualda (ESP)
Apr 13	Heraklion (GRE)	\$10,000	E Eremin (ITA)	A Jakupovic (GRE)	61 61	Jakupovic (GRE)/Kalovelonis (RUS)
Apr 13	Sta. Margherita (ITA)	\$10,000	F Gaio (ITA)	S Napolitano (ITA)	62 64	Melchiorre/Sinicropi (ITA)
Apr 13	Antalya (TUR)	\$10,000	R Bellotti (ITA)	Y Jankovits (FRA)	64 62	Gabb (GBR)/Neuchrist (AUT)
Apr 13	Reus (ESP)	\$10,000	K Majchrzak (POL)	M Giner (ESP)	63 62	Martos Gornes/Toledo Bague (ESP)
Apr 20	Heraklion (GRE)	\$10,000	H Ehara (JPN)	E Crepaldi (ITA)	63 06 63	Petrovic/Vucic (SRB)
Apr 20	Sta. Margherita (ITA)	\$10,000	V Durasovic (NOR)	V Galovic (CRO)	63 62	Bortolotti/Della Tommasina (ITA)
Apr 20	Majadahonda (ESP)	\$10,000	A Puget (FRA)	J Aruazo Martinez (ESP)	46 64 75	Aruazo Martinez/Arenas Gualda (ESP)
Apr 20	Antalya (TUR)	\$10,000	Y Jankovits (FRA)	H Nys (FRA)	67(4) 60 6	1 Jankovits/Nys (FRA)
Apr 20	Angers (FRA)	\$15,000	J Eysseric (FRA)	M Bourgue (FRA)	63 76(2)	Eysseric/Jomby (FRA)

## ITF Women's Circuit

Week	Venue	Cat.	Winner	Runner-Up	Score	Doubles
Feb 23	Palmanova (ESP)	\$10,000	Y Cavalle Reimers (ESP)	J Boualem (FRA)	61 62	Bara (ROU)/Bukta (HUN)
Feb 23	Macon (FRA)	\$10,000	S Oyen (BEL)	C Ghesquiere (FRA)	26 63 76(5	) Shinikova (BUL)/Waccano (NED)
Feb 23	Antalya (TUR)	\$10,000	D Buzean (ROU)	B Cengiz (TUR)	46 64 60	Sezer (TUR)/Wienerova (SVK)
Feb 23	Beinasco (ITA)	\$25,000	K Kucova (SVK)	B Krejcikova (CZE)	64 76(3)	Schuurs (NED)/Seguel (CHI)
Feb 23	St. Petersburg (RUS)	\$50,000	J Ostapenko (LAT)	P Tig (ROU)	36 75 62	Golubic (SUI)/Sasnovich (BLR)



# ITF Pro Circuits (Europe) Results

# **ITF** Pro Circuits

#### ITF Women's Circuit

Mar 2 Sol		\$10,000				
	talya (TUR)		l Ramialison (FRA)	M Caregaro (ITA)	61 67(6) 64	Chiesa/Rosatello (ITA)
Mar 2 Ant		\$10,000	C Dinu (ROU)	R Jani (HUN)	26 64 62	Lister (SWE)/Moore (GBR)
Mar 9 Sol	larino (ITA)	\$10,000	C Ferrando (ITA)	l Ramialison (FRA)	63 63	Bondar/Galfi (HUN)
Mar 9 Am	niens (FRA)	\$10,000	0 lanchuk (UKR)	A Lim (FRA)	36 63 64	Csoregi (UN)/Daniilidou (GRE)
Mar 9 Ant	talya (TUR)	\$10,000	V Kan (RUS)	A Schaefer (GER)	61 60	Lister (SWE)/Pirazhenka (BLR)
Mar 16 Sol	larino (ITA)	\$10,000	D Galfi (HUN)	G Liang (CAN)	64 76(0)	Schaeder (GER)/Wikkerink (NED)
Mar 16 Osl	lo (NOR)	\$10,000	P Ozgen (TUR)	J Jegiolka (POL)	26 63 76(5)	) Jegiolka (POL)/Wacanno (NED)
Mar 16 Gor	nesse (FRA)	\$10,000	O lanchuk (UKR)	M Honcova (CZE)	36 75 63	Bukta (HUN)/Simion (ROU)
Mar 16 Ant	talya (TUR)	\$10,000	A Sotnikova (UKR)	B Haas (AUT)	63 63	Ene/Rosca (ROU)
Mar 16 Sev	villa (ESP)	\$25,000	O Govortsova (BLR)	M Zanevska (UKR)	75 62	Gorgodze (GEO)/Kan (RUS)
Mar 23 Le l	Havre (FRA)	\$10,000	A Matteucci (ITA)	C Burger (NED)	46 64 76(3)	)Vogelsang/Wagemaker (NED)
Mar 23 Her	raklion (GRE)	\$10,000	M Sakkari (GRE)	A Komardina (RUS)	64 63	Grammatikopoulou(GRE)/Komardina(RUS)
Mar 23 Sol	larino (ITA)	\$10,000	G Barbieri (ITA)	F Bilardino (ITA)	76(5) 60	Palmigiano (ITA)/Sabino (SUI)
Mar 23 Ant	talya (TUR)	\$10,000	C Romeo (FRA)	l Rosca (ROU)	63 75	Aksu/Sezer (TUR)
Mar 30 Sta	a. Margherita (ITA)	\$10,000	G Brescia (ITA)	A Balducci (ITA)	63 36 64	Giovine (ITA)/Zimmermann (BEL)
Mar 30 Her	raklion (GRE)	\$10,000	M Sakkari (GRE)	V Grammatikopoulou (GRE)	62 62	Grammatikopoulou(GRE)/Komardina(RUS)
Mar 30 Ant	talya (TUR)	\$10,000	A Sotnikova (UKR)	C Romeo (FRA)	63 61	Lu (CHN)/Sotnikova (UKR)
Mar 30 Cro	oissy (FRA)	\$50,000	M Gasparyan (FRA)	M Johansson (FRA)	63 64	Rae/Smth (GBR)
Apr 6 Her	raklion (GRE)	\$10,000	V Kuzmova (SVK)	V Grammatikopoulou (GRE)	63 64	Grammatikopoulou(GRE)/Komardina(RUS)
Apr 6 Sta	a. Margherita (ITA)	\$10,000	l Bara (ROU)	S Rubini (ITA)	61 75	Bara/Simion (ROU)
Apr 6 Ant	talya (TUR)	\$10,000	J Lu (CHN)	A Kalinskaya (RUS)	62 60	Fomina (UKR)/Skamlova (SVK)
Apr 6 Dija	on (FRA)	\$15,000	J Fett (CRO)	M Zakarlyuk (UKR)	63 64	Doroshina (RUS)/Marozava (BLR)
Apr 6 Chi	iasso (SUI)	\$25,000	R Jani (HUN)	A Cadantu (ROU)	36 63 76(6)	)Buzean (ROU)/Jani (HUN)
Apr 6 Bar	rnstaple (GBR)	\$25,000	K Pliskova (CZE)	N Zander (GER)	63 62	Foretz (FRA)/Vrljic (CRO)
Apr 13 Her	raklion (GRE)	\$10,000	R Serban (ROU)	C Sanchez Quintanar (ESP)	62 63	Baluu (IND)/Lee (TPE)
Apr 13 Sta	a. Margherita (ITA)	\$25,000	N Burnett (ITA)	A Balducci (ITA)	62 62	Matteucci/Trevisan (ITA)
Apr 13 Ant	talya (TUR)	\$10,000	S Njiric (CRO)	J Lu (CHN)	61 26 75	Corning (USA)/Uzcategui (VEN)
Apr 13 Por	nta Delgada (POR)	\$10,000	J Coin (FRA)	G Garcia Perez (ESP)	60 61	Palhoto (POR)/Roemer (ECU)
Apr 20 Bol	I (CRO)	\$10,000	G Pantuckova (CZE)	I Mekovec (CRO)	16 63 64	Cuk/Zidansek (SLO)
Apr 20 Her	raklion (GRE)	\$10,000	R Serban (ROU)	A Bondar (HUN)	46 64 61	Bondar (HUN)/Moser (AUT)
Apr 20 Por	nta Delgada (POR)	\$10,000	G Garcia Perez (ESP)	K Versteeg (NED)	62 61	Palhoto (POR)/Roemer (ECU)
Apr 20 Sta	a. Margherita (ITA)	\$25,000	A Schaefer (GER)	A Lim (FRA)	64 63	Bara/Buzarnescu (ROU)
Apr 20 Ista	anbul (TUR)	\$50,000	S Peer (ISR)	K Pliskova (CZE)	16 76(4) 75	Kichenok/Kichenok (UKR)

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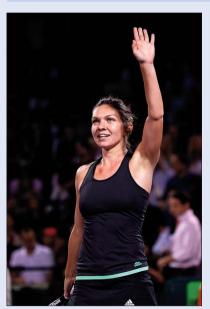
# European Tennis Rankings – Men & Women

## European Women

Rank (WTA)	Name	Nat.	Points
1(2)	Simona HALEP	ROU	7755
2(3) 🔻	Maria SHARAPOVA	RUS	7525
3(4)	Petra KVITOVA	CZE	6060
4(5)	Caroline WOZNIACKI	DEN	4790
5(7)	Ana IVANOVIC	SRB	4000
6(8)	Ekaterina MAKAROVA	RUS	3465
7 (9) 🔻	Agnieszka RADWANSKA	POL	3345
8 (10)	Carla SUAREZ NAVARRO	ESP	3335
<u>9 (11)</u> 🔻	Andrea PETKOVIC	GER	3260
<u>10 (12)</u> 🔻	Angelique KERBER	GER	3230
11 (13)	Lucie SAFAROVA	CZE	2895
<u>12 (14)</u> 🔻	Karolina PLISKOVA	CZE	2875
13 (15) 🔻	Sara ERRANI	ITA	2720
14 (18)	Jelena JANKOVIC	SRB	2140
<u>15 (19) <b>New</b></u>	Sabine LISICKI	GER	2127
<u>16 (20)</u>	Garbiñe MUGURUZA	ESP	2075
<u>17 (21) New</u>	Timea BACSINSZKY	SUI	1971
18 (22) 🕨	Barbora STRYCOVA	CZE	1945
<u>19 (25) <b>New</b></u>	Elena SVITOLINA	UKR	1820
20 (26) 🔻	Flavia PENNETTA	ITA	1776

#### European Men

Rank (ATP)	Name	Nat.	Points
<u>1(1)</u>	Novak DJOKOVIC	SRB	13845
2(2)	Roger FEDERER	SUI	8385
<u>3 (3)</u>	Andy MURRAY	GBR	6060
<u>4 (4)</u>	Rafael NADAL	ESP	5390
<u>5(7)</u>	Tomas BERDYCH	CZE	4960
6(8)	David FERRER	ESP	4490
<u>7 (9)</u> 🔻	Stan WAWRINKA	SUI	3495
8(10)	Marin CILIC	CRO	3405
<u>9 (11)</u> 🔻	Grigor DIMITROV	BUL	2985
10 (12)	Feliciano LOPEZ	ESP	2380
<u>11 (13)</u>	Gilles SIMON	FRA	2255
<u>12 (14)</u> 🔻	Jo-Wilfried TSONGA	FRA	2045
13 (16)	Gael MONFILS	FRA	2020
<u>14 (17)</u> ►	Roberto BAUTISTA AGU	ESP	1985
15 (18) 🕨	Tommy ROBREDO	ESP	1765
<u>16 (19)</u> 🔻	Ernests GULBIS	LAT	1730
<u>17 (21)</u>	David GOFFIN	BEL	1705
<u>18 (22) <b>New</b></u>	Ivo KARLOVIC	CRO	1470
<u>19 (25) <b>NEW</b></u>	Martin KLIZAN	SVK	1432
20 (26) 🔻	Philipp KOHLSCRIEBER	GER	1395



Simona Halep (ROU)



Martin Klizan (SVK)



Timea Bacsinszky (SUI)

# Notes from Tennis Europe

#### 2015 Tennis Europe Conference Calendar

We can now confirm the following conference dates for the remainder of 2015. More details about each event will follow in due course.

Tennis Europe Junior Tour Conference – Paris (FRA), 4-5 November Tennis Europe Coach Education Conference – Antalya (TUR), 15-16 November Tennis Europe Pro Tennis Conference – Bucharest (ROU), 2-3 December (TBC)

Tennis Europe has decided not to hold a pan-European executives' meeting in 2015 in order to focus on sharing education and know-how with less-developed tennis nations. Accordingly, the second Management and Administration Workshop was held in conjunction with the recent Annual General Meeting. Future plans for these meetings are currently under revision and member nations will be informed of the decision later in the year.

#### European Racquet Stringers Association

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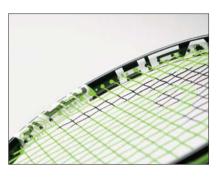
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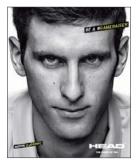
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