

Record attendance at European Coaches Symposium powered by Polar

The 29th edition of the European Coaches' Symposium, the continent's largest regular conference and workshop for top-level coaches took place at the end of October in London, hosted by Britain's Lawn Tennis Association.

The three-day event, held for the first time this year in association with computerised training equipment manufacturer Polar, saw record participation, with a total of 130 coaches from 33 countries in attendance.

The conference programme featured lectures and workshops on topics ranging from physical aspects of coaching such as periodisation and conditioning, endurance training and coordination, to mental training and psychological factors, to examining video and online tools for match analysis and player development.

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Images, top: Keynote speakers Thomas Hogstedt and Greg Rusedski, below, one of the many on court demonstrations.



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2009 Tennis Europe Junior Tour Calendars

The 2009 Tennis Europe Junior Tour calendars (12/14/16 & Under) have now been published at www.TennisEurope.org. Please note that the calendars are subject to changes and additions in the coming weeks.



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The host nation contributed greatly to the line-up of speakers, with Head of Women's Tennis Carl Maes, Head of Sports Science Ann Quinn, consultant psychologist Roberto Forzoni and former British #1 Greg Rusedski all taking the stand. Overseas speakers included world-renowned coaches such as Thomas Hogstedt, Pancho Alvarino, Vicente Calvo and Frank Zlesak amongst many others.

Wheelchair tennis was a welcome inclusion to the Symposium's programme for the first time, with the delegates benefiting from demonstrations and appearances from some of the country's top stars past and present, including former world #8 Jayant Mistry and Paralympic gold medallist Peter Norfolk.

The delegates were able to tour the facilities at the events location, the LTA's new multi-million pound National Training Centre in Roehampton, London, and also took the opportunity to visit the headquarters of the International Tennis Federation, who organised a visit to see work in action at their technical laboratory. ITF President Francesco Ricci Bitti also called in on the opening to meet informally with those in attendance.

LTA President Stuart Smith said, "We are thrilled to have been able to welcome so many of Europe's top coaches. Aside from the opportunity to show them the facilities here at the NTC, many of our domestic coaches have been able to attend and to exchange information with their European counterparts. We hope to be given the chance to repeat as hosts in the near future."

Tennis Europe Chief Executive Officer Olli Mäenpää commented, "This has been the best ever Coaches Symposium in terms of both attendance and an extensive programme which covered all aspects of the modern game. I'd like to thank our hosts, who enabled us to stage the event in such a perfect setting and greatly enriched the event programme with key speakers. I'd also like to thank our partners HEAD and Polar, for their generous endorsements of the event. Finally our thanks go to the 21 speakers who travelled from all over the world to share their research and experience for the benefit of European tennis."

The event was closed with a celebratory dinner at the Lensbury Club, at which special awards were presented to Belgium's Ivo van Aken, Dave Miley of the ITF and Britain's John James for their outstanding contributions to the event over its 34-year history.



Images from London: Top, Q&A session featuring (left to right) Thomas Higstedt, Greg Rusedski, Stefan Landlinger, Mark Bullock, Johan Kotze and Frank Zlesak. Middle: coaches during the tour of the ITF Technical Laboratory, Bottom: junior players use Polar heart rate monitors during a training session with Vicente Calvo.

Tennis Europe Junior Tour Year-End Rankings and 2008 Players of the Year powered by Polar



The Tennis Europe Junior Tour's year-end 14 and 16 & Under rankings and Players of the Year have been published following the recent Junior Masters in Italy, which officially brought the 300+ event pan-European circuit to a close.

The elite Masters event had a significant impact on the final rankings, nowhere more so than in the 14 & Under girls category, which saw the closest finish in the Tour's history, with **Petra Uberalova** of the Slovak Republic and Russia's **Yulia Putintseva** both ending the season with 740 points. Though Putintseva gained revenge for her semi-final defeat by Uberalova at the European Championships in July with a straight sets win in the final of the Masters final, the Slovak finishes the year on top by virtue of having won the more significant title. The rivalry between the two looks set to continue on the Tour next season, with both players eligible to compete in 14 & Under events for another year. It is the second consecutive year that a Slovak player has finished the year as European #1, with Uberalova following in the footsteps of last year's runaway success, Vivien Juhaszova.

Moos Sporken of the Netherlands finished the year as the boys #1. Sporken – the only Dutch player to finish in the top 200 - has held the top spot since July, when he won two Category 1 singles titles before stringing together a succession of upsets to secure a first European Championship title for his country in this age category.

Gianluigi Quinzi of Italy heads the list of players most likely to reach the top next year. One of just two 1996-born boys in the top 100, Quinzi won four Category 3 singles events this season to end the year ranked #26, in addition to three of the Tour's most prestigious 12 & Under titles.

Russia's domination of the 14 & Under age category in recent years continues, with the nation accounting for four of the top 6 girls, and 14 of the top 100 boys. Russia also has the most players of any of Tennis Europe's 49 member nations in the top 100 of each gender.

Cristina Dinu became the third Romanian player in



2008's Players of the Year: (clockwise, from top left) Petra Uberalova, Moos Sporken, Cristina Dinu, Pavel Filin.

the last eight years to end the year as the girls 16 & under #1. Restricting her play to the Tour's biggest events, Dinu's record in 2008 was highly impressive, her only loss in seven events coming in the third round of the European Championships. On the way she racked up titles in Paris, Montecatini, Milan, Biel, Pribram and most recently Orbetello where she ended the season by beating compatriot **Ingrid Radu** to add the Junior Masters title for good measure. Radu ends the season at #2, just ahead of Chile's **Daniela Seguel**, the second year running that a Chilean finishes in the top three.

Pavel Filin became the first Belarussian player to end the year as the boy's 16 #1, just edging rival **Mate Zsiga** to pole position despite suffering a defeat to the Hungarian in the Junior Masters final. Both players featured in the top ten for a second consecutive year, having finished eighth and ninth in 2007. Argentina's **Andrea Collarini** and **Agustin Velloti** follow close behind, having had an extremely successful spell on

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Players of the Year...powered by Polar

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the circuit as part of the ITF Touring Team in the summer.

The top three European players are rewarded with 'Tennis Europe Junior Tour Player of the Year powered by Polar' titles. Of those, the #1 in each category will be presented with a state of the art Polar 'RS800CX' computerised training wristwatch worth €400.

Toni Roponen, Sports Marketing Manager for Polar, commented "We're proud to be associated with the Tennis Europe Junior Tour and we're happy to know that the best of these talented players will have Polar products to assist them as they work to maximise their potential and make the difficult transition to older age categories."

Former recipients of the Player of the Year award include Novak Djokovic, Andy Murray, Justine Henin and Kim Clijsters.

Tennis Europe Chief Executive Officer Olli Mäenpää remarked, "This has been an exceptional year for the Tennis Europe Junior Tour, with record participation figures and events in 42 different nations offering unprecedented playing opportunities for European youngsters. We'd like to thank our main partner HEAD for their continued involvement with some of our team events and generous ball offer, and also Polar for their enthusiastic endorsement of the Players of the Year. Most importantly, I'd like to congratulate the many thousands of players who have entered our competitions, and wish them continued success next year!"



2008 ITF/Tennis Europe Educational Forum

The second edition of the ITF/Tennis Europe Educational Forum took place recently. Held currently with the Tennis Europe Junior Masters in Orbetello, Italy for the first time, the event was attended by many of the continent's top Under 14 and Under 16 players.

The forum is designed to help players to prepare for certain aspects of life as a tennis player, both as juniors and beyond. For this reason, the ITF intends to increase the number of forums held around the world to ensure that as many players as possible can benefit from them. Tennis Europe took the responsibility to organise this Forum in Europe on behalf of the ITF.

Players and coaches from 17 countries participated and saw presentations from the ITF and Tennis Europe, which were presented by Tennis Europe's Manager of Junior Tennis, Stephanie Kamperi. They also heard a presentation on the role of the agent by Fabio Della Vida, and finally attended a session on media training and interview techniques, presented by Marco Massetani.

Also attending the event, Tennis Europe's Junior Committee Chairperson Ayda Uluç commented, "This has



been a successful forum and very beneficial for the players, for many of whom this is an introduction to themes that will greatly impact their lives in the coming years."

Next year's ITF/Tennis Europe Educational Forum will take place during the 14 & Under European Junior Championships in Pilzen, Czech Republic.

Tennis Europe Pro Tennis Conference in Krakow

Tennis Europe's conference season rounded off for 2009 with the Professional Tennis Conference, held in Krakow, Poland in association with the Polish Tennis Association from November 6th - 7th.

A total of 30 delegates from 20 Tennis Europe member nations were in attendance, with national federation representatives joined by tournament organisers and supervisors from across the continent. The meeting marked the first time that executives from all of the sports major governing bodies, the International Tennis Federation, the ATP and Sony Ericsson WTA Tours, in addition to those from Tennis Europe, had all been present.

During the two-day meeting, delegates were given updates and participated in open-table discussions on a wide variety of issues affecting entry-level professional tennis. Joanna Langhorne and Fabrice Choquet provided status reports on the ATP Challenger Circuit and Sony Ericsson WTA Tour respectively, whilst the ITF's Alistair Williams and Tennis Europe's Martina Lutkova spoke on the men's and women's entry-level professional circuits.

Andrew Jarrett and Kathryn Butters of the ITF informed the meeting of future plans for officiating, whilst Anders Wennberg provided an overview of the successful implementation and future development of tournament planner software.

Rounding off the program, Hubert Tomaszewski & Wojtek Andrzejewski of the hosting Polish Tennis Association gave an insight into the nations current tennis boom, the result of an ongoing collaboration between the PZT and sponsor Prokom.

The first meetings of Tennis Europe's new Pro Tennis Committee, chaired by board member and former Bulgarian Davis Cup player and captain Stefan Tzvetkov also took place in Krakow prior to the event, alongside that of the Officiating Task Force.

Following the conference, delegates were treated to a sightseeing tour of the historic city, and were able to visit the inaugural \$100,000 Krakow ITF Women's



Top; left to right, Tennis Europe CEO Olli Mäenpää, Pro Tennis Committee Chairman Stefan Tzvetkov, Vice-President José Antonio Senz de Broto and Tournament Executive Anders Wennberg.

Circuit event.

Attending the event, Tennis Europe Chief Executive Officer Olli Mäenpää said, "The conference has been very successful and particularly constructive, with representatives from all of the sports governing bodies here. There has been a great atmosphere, with all parties presenting some interesting views and projects for the coming year. I'd very much like to thank the PZT for hosting us here in Krakow, and especially Krzysztof Jordan for his hard work in organising the event."



At Wimbledon 2008, men's singles champion Rafael Nadal spent more than 18 and a half hours playing on Centre or No.1 court.

Source: Sports Marketing Surveys Wimbledon Equipment Census 2008

European Regional Coaches' Workshop in Poznan

Over eighty coaches from Lithuania, Latvia, Estonia, Ukraine, Serbia and Poland attended an ITF/Tennis Europe Regional Coaches' Workshop in Poznan, Poland from 8th – 13th November.

The workshop, which centred on the theme of complex training for high performance players, was held at the Angie Tennis Centre and led by ITF experts Beni Linder (SUI), Anne-Marie Rouchon (FRA) and Frank Zlesak (CZE).

Over the first two days, Beni Linder, Swiss Tennis' Physical Head Coach presented 'Complex conditioning for high performance junior players'. The sessions covered topics such as planning and periodisation, physiological background of physical conditioning as well as showing many practical exercises for improving players fitness.

Anne-Marie Rouchon, the former national coach of the French Tennis Federation spoke on the challenge of developing 'Promising girls into successful female players'. Profound analysis of skills and abilities followed by guidelines for building optimal competition and career planning were the most important aspects of the subject. In addition, Anne-Marie showed drills for improving technical as well tactical aspects of the female game.

The last speaker at the Workshop was ITF Touring Team coach Frank Zlesak, who spoke about developing successful male juniors. His presentations were focused on the improvement of a players' game through the integration of physical, technical, tactical and mental components in daily practice with junior players.

ITF/ Tennis Europe Development officer Hrvoje Zmajic commented: "Modern tennis practice requires the expertise of coaches from many different areas. Only the optimal integration of different components will



enable optimal development of promising children into successful juniors and future professional players. I am sure that this workshop has helped these young coaches, all of whom are working with promising players, to acquire more of the skills and knowledge they need to help their players reach the very top levels of the sport."

The European Regional Coaches' Workshop was organized and financial supported under the umbrella of Olympic Solidarity Programmes.



TENNIS EUROPE JUNIOR TOUR - DID YOU KNOW?

Four of the original qualifiers for this year's ATP Tennis Masters Cup - Rafael Nadal, Novak Djokovic, Andy Murray and Jo-Wilfried Tsonga - also qualified for the Tennis Europe Junior Masters in their younger years.



Europe's elite juniors train at the C.I.T. as Costa takes charge



As reported last month, in a move designed to further strengthen the name of the Centre Internacional de Tennis (CIT), the board of the Catalan

Tennis Federation led by President Francesc Orriols, has appointed a man whose knowledge, experience, personality and enthusiasm make him the perfect choice to lead the academy; Albert Costa.

Costa's name needs no introduction, having had an illustrious professional career which took him to sixth in the world, having accumulated twelve ATP Tour titles, amongst them the Roland Garros crown in 2002. Having been privy to all of the secrets of the professional circuit, both through his playing career and later as a coach alongside players such as Feliciano López, his insight are expected to be a vital tool for those working alongside him as well as the aspiring players who train at Cornellá. In addition to his professional qualifications, the enthusiasm shown by Albert for his new role is a major boost for the CIT, now well into its second year as the official academy partner of Tennis Europe.

Under the umbrella of the partnership, some of Europe's top junior players are currently enjoying the facilities and advice on offer at the Barcelona academy, including Belarussia's Pavel Filin, who ended the season as the top-ranked boy aged 16 & Under on the Tennis Europe Junior Tour, and Ema Burgic of Bosnia and Herzegovina, who also occupied the girl's top spot earlier in the year.

Another notable character currently training at the academy is the promising Marko Djokovic, for now better known as the younger brother of world #3 Novak. In total, 47 young players (33 boys and 14 girls) from all over the world are currently staying at the academy. 22 of those are from Spain, of whom 16 are locals from Catalonia, while the other 25 pupils come from a diverse list of 16 nations in Europe, Asia, America and Oceania. These figures speak clearly for the continued integration and internationalization of the centre which, with Costa at the helm, will increase – if possible – its current level of professionalism. The work and enthusiasm, as always, are assured. And with that, it will be easier to reap the rewards in terms of new names and faces ready to take their places amongst the world's best players.



Ema Burgic (left) and Pavel Filin, two former Tennis Europe Junior Tour #1s and Player of the Year recipients currently training at the CIT.

Tennis Europe's Academy Partner, the CIT is home to some of the best facilities in Europe, with 31 tennis courts, including greenset, indoors and clay. CIT is the only centre recognised by the International Tennis Federation and also hosts the Olympic Solidarity programme promoted by the International Olympic Committee, which welcomes players from all over the world. For further information about the Centre and its facilities, visit <http://centreinternacional.fctennis.org/eng/>

EUROPEAN TENNIS CALENDAR
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Beyond the Baseline...

36-year old Swede **Jonas Bjorkman** retired from professional tennis at last weeks ATP Tennis Masters Cup in Shanghai. In his 17-year career, Bjorkman reached career highs of #4 in singles and #1 in doubles, appeared on Sweden's Davis Cup-winning team on three occasions, and won sixty career ATP titles: 6 in singles and 54 doubles.

The ITF is launching a Spanish-language version of the official **Davis Cup by BNP Paribas** website, www.daviscup.com this week, as the world focuses its attention on the final between Spain and Argentina. Davis Cup radio will also broadcast in Spanish for the first time during the event. A Spanish Fed Cup site is expected to follow in 2009.

In **Fed Cup by BNP Paribas** news, venues for next year's initial ties have been revealed. In the World Group first round on 7-8 February, Russia hosts China at the Olympic Stadium in Moscow. France host Italy at the Palais des Sports in Orleans and the Czech Republic host Spain at Brno's Exhibition Centre. World Group II ties see Slovak Republic host Belgium at the National Tennis Centre in Bratislava, Serbia host Japan at the Belgrade Arena, Ukraine host Israel at the Kharkiv Palace of Sports Lokomotiv, and Switzerland host neighbours Germany at a venue to be announced.

A further 15 nations will travel to Tallinn, Estonia during the week of February 2nd for Group 1 action. The line-up includes Austria, Belarus, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Denmark, Estonia, Great Britain, Hungary, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Poland, Romania, Slovenia and Sweden. Groups II and III will travel to Sliema in Malta during the week of April 20th. Group II features Georgia, Latvia, Lithuania, Portugal and Turkey, whilst Armenia, Finland, Greece, Iceland, Ireland, Liechtenstein, Malta, Moldova, Montenegro and Norway are in Group III.

The ATP and **Lacoste** have extended their apparel and footwear partnership for five years, during which time Lacoste will dress the linespeople and ball kids at the Barclays ATP World Tour finals.

Serbia looks set to host their first ever **ATP** event next year, with Belgrade likely to take the calendar spot vacated by the Amersfort Open in early May. Meanwhile, Bulgaria will host an ATP Challenger for the first time in 2009, with the €85,000 event set for Sofia in April.

The **German Tennis Federation** has announced that the Hamburg ATP event will take place next year as planned, with the tournament taking the form of a '500' series event following a legal battle with the ATP.

Israeli #1 **Shahar Peer** has a new coach in the form of Pablo Giacomelli.

Europe's teams have been announced for January's season-opening **Hopman Cup** event. The first round-robin group will see Germany (Sabine Lisicki and Nicolas Kiefer) take on Slovak Republic (Dominika Cibulkova and Dominik Hrbaty), Australia and the top-seeded USA. In the other group are teams from Russia (Dinara Safina and Marat Safin), France (Alizé Cornet and Gilles Simon) and Italy (Flavia Pennetta and Simone Bolelli), alongside Asian Hopman Cup winners Chinese Taipei.

A fly-on-the-wall documentary film about world #1 **Jelena Jankovic** has opened in Serb cinemas. The movie, entitled 'Jelena's World' follows her rise to the top of the game over a 14-month period and is expected to be shown in other parts of the world soon.

The **Sony Ericsson WTA Tour** has announced plans for a 'user pays' medical system from next year, with a cap on free on-court medical visits after which charges would be made, designed to minimise the number of unwarranted time-outs, and with the revenue to be re-invested in the WTA's sports science services.

12-years after her retirement, and 17 years since first winning the event, 1995 Roland Garros semi finalist **Kimiko Date-Krumm** won the Japanese Nationals last week. Aged 38, the former world #4 has won three ITF Pro Circuit events since her comeback earlier this year to break into the top 200.

The **Lawn Tennis Association** of Great Britain recently announced that subscribers to its membership programme, launched in March of last year, had reached the 150,000 mark for the first time.

Former Italian top-100 player **Federico Luzzi** succumbed to leukaemia in late October. The 28-year old was taken ill suddenly following a tournament in Italy just a few days before his death.

Sweden's first ever Grand Slam winner **Lennart Bergelin**, also a former coach to Bjorn Borg, passed away on November 4th after a short illness at the age of 83.

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Tennis Europe Junior Tour Rankings - 14 & Under

There are many changes in the rankings this month as the removal of players born in 1994 to the 16 & Under lists has a great impact on the lists.

Making great progress into the 14s is Italy's 2007 Tennis Europe Nations Challenge by HEAD Under 12 team (pictured, left to right Matteo Donati, Stefano Napolitano and Gianluigi Quinzi), all of whom debut in Europe's top ten this month. Currently holders of a combined 9 Tennis Europe Junior Tour titles between them, 2009 looks set to be Italy's year on the circuit.

Visit www.TennisEurope.org, for the rankings in full. Rankings below as of 20th November 2008.



| 14 & Under Girls | | Player | Country | Points Total |
|------------------|-----|-------------------|---------|--------------|
| 1 | ▶ | Petra UBERALOVA | SVK | 740 |
| 2 | ▶ | Yulia PUTINTSEVA | RUS | 700 |
| 3 | ▲ | Irina KHROMACHEVA | RUS | 655 |
| 4 | ▲ | Leolia JEANJEAN | FRA | 430 |
| 5 | NEW | Yuliya LYSA | UKR | 415 |
| 6 | NEW | Darya LEBESHEVA | BLR | 410 |
| 7 | NEW | Olga IANCHUK | UKR | 405 |
| 8 | NEW | Sonja LIASKOVA | CZE | 365 |
| 9 | NEW | Victoriya TOMOVA | BLR | 340 |
| 10 | NEW | Petra ROHANOVA | CZE | 335 |

| 14 & Under Boys | | Player | Country | Points Total |
|-----------------|-----|--------------------|---------|--------------|
| 1 | NEW | Nikola MILOJEVIC | SRB | 390 |
| 2 | NEW | Luke BAMBRIDGE | GBR | 335 |
| 3 | NEW | Gianluigi QUINZI | ITA | 315 |
| 4 | NEW | Stefano NAPOLITANO | ITA | 310 |
| 5 | NEW | Borna CORIC | CRO | 290 |
| 6 | NEW | Karlo SKVORC | CRO | 270 |
| 7 | NEW | Pylyp KEKERCHENI | UKR | 260 |
| 8 | NEW | Matteo DONATI | ITA | 260 |
| 9 | NEW | Sergis KYRATZIS | CYP | 260 |
| 10 | NEW | Laslo DJERE | SRB | 250 |

Tennis Europe Junior Tour Rankings - 16 & Under

Romanian players head both the boys and girls 16 & Under rankings this month, as the removal of 1992-born players plus a fourth-placed finish at the Tennis Europe Junior Masters allows Vasile Alexandru Ghilea (pictured) to reach the top spot for the first time. Ghilea, the youngest player in the top 20, currently holds the singles title in Pribram and won three doubles events in 2008.

Rankings are published each Thursday at www.TennisEurope.org. Rankings below as of 20th November 2008.



| 16 & Under Girls | | Player | Country | Points Total |
|------------------|-----|----------------------|---------|--------------|
| 1 | ▶ | Cristina DINU | ROU | 635 |
| 2 | ▲ | Ingrid RADU | ROU | 495 |
| 3 | ▶ | Despoina PAPAMICHAIL | GRE | 470 |
| 4 | ▲ | Luksika KUMKHUM | THA | 380 |
| 5 | NEW | Jovana JAKSIC | SRB | 370 |
| 6 | ▲ | Irini PAPAGEORGIU | GRE | 360 |
| 7 | ▲ | Timea BABOS | HUN | 350 |
| 8 | NEW | Julia STAMATOVA | BUL | 350 |
| 9 | NEW | Natalia VAVULINA | BLR | 345 |
| 10 | NEW | Eleni KORDOLAIMI | GRE | 300 |

| 16 & Under Boys | | Player | Country | Points Total |
|-----------------|-----|-------------------------|---------|--------------|
| 1 | NEW | Vasile Alexandru GHILEA | ROU | 385 |
| 2 | ▲ | Adrian PARTL | SVK | 380 |
| 3 | NEW | Mate PAVIC | CRO | 370 |
| 4 | NEW | Ciprian PORUMB | ROU | 355 |
| 5 | NEW | Andrea DALL'ASTA | ITA | 340 |
| 6 | NEW | Dimitar KUZMANOV | BUL | 280 |
| 7 | NEW | Alexander METREVELI | GEO | 275 |
| 8 | NEW | Oliver GOLDING | GBR | 275 |
| 9 | NEW | Vullnet TASHI | SUI | 260 |
| 10 | NEW | Dor BELFER | ISR | 255 |

Tennis Europe Junior Tour Results

14 & UNDER

| DATE | TOURNAMENT | CAT. | WINNER | RUNNER-UP | SCORE | DOUBLES WINNERS |
|--------|----------------------|------|-------------------|--------------------|----------|--------------------------------|
| Nov-03 | Moscow (RUS) | 1 | B Coric (CRO) | N Milojevic (SRB) | 57 64 64 | Hoyt/Bambridge (GBR) |
| | | | A Shkudun (UKR) | O Shkundinka (RUS) | 64 75 | Khval (BLR)/Kontaveit (EST) |
| Nov-03 | Leuggern (SUI) | 3 | H Edwards (GBR) | X Veys (BEL) | 64 75 | Edmund/Harris (GBR) |
| | | | J De Sutter (BEL) | B Askew (GBR) | 64 63 | Benoit/Kerfs (BEL) |
| Nov-03 | Ramat Hasharon (ISR) | 3 | E Cohen (ISR) | A Gal (ISR) | 64 75 | Ashley (GBR)/Zarichansky (ISR) |
| | | | I Csorengi (ROU) | L Gulbe (LAT) | 63 62 | Merchetti (ITA)/Savvi (CYP) |
| Nov-10 | Ramat Hasharon (ISR) | 3 | I Smilanski (ISR) | N Mazor (ISR) | 75 62 | Ashley (GBR)/Geens (BEL) |
| | | | V Patiuk (ISR) | K Sharifova (RUS) | 63 63 | Kallberg (SWE)/Savva (CYP) |

16 & UNDER

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|--------|----------------------|---|-------------------|-------------------|-------------|---------------------------------|
| Oct-27 | Biel (SUI) | 2 | M Pavic (CRO) | V Tashi (SUI) | 62 75 | Cutura/Veger (CRO) |
| | | | M Kraljevic (SUI) | J Jaksic (SRB) | 61 26 61 | Jaksic (SRB)/Maxl (AUT) |
| Nov-03 | Ramat Hasharon (ISR) | 3 | A Metreveli (GEO) | V Tashi (SUI) | 57 61 76(5) | Branzburg/Skripnik (ISR) |
| | | | K Tur (ISR) | N Mor (ISR) | 76(5) 62 | Cadar (ROU)/Mor (ISR) |
| Nov-10 | Ramat Hasharon (ISR) | 3 | B Botzer (ISR) | A Metreveli (GEO) | 16 61 61 | Branzburg/Skripnik (ISR) |
| | | | E Cadar (ROU) | K Tur (ISR) | 60 63 | Denisyuk (RUS)/Shcherbich (BLR) |

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Rain Stopped Play?

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<http://gallery.tenniseurope.org/gallery.aspx>

ITF Pro Circuits (Europe) Results

ITF Men's Circuit

| Week | Venue | Cat. | Winner | Runner-Up | Score | Doubles |
|--------|--------------------|----------|---------------------|---------------------|-------------|--------------------------------|
| Oct-06 | Saint Dizier (FRA) | \$15,000 | N Desein (BEL) | V Millot (FRA) | 67(1) 63 61 | Bemelmans/Desein (BEL) |
| Oct-06 | Leimen (GER) | \$10,000 | H Fischer (GER) | R Vik (CZE) | 63 64 | Navratil (CZE)/Pospisil (CAN) |
| Oct-06 | Quartu (ITA) | \$10,000 | T Fabbiano (ITA) | L Azzaro (ITA) | 62 46 62 | Colangelo/Volante (ITA) |
| Oct-06 | Espinho (POR) | \$15,000 | M Semjan (SVK) | E Prodon (FRA) | 76(5) 63 | Bondarenko/Klymenko (UKR) |
| Oct-06 | Barcelona (ESP) | \$10,000 | L Rochette (FRA) | P Martin (ESP) | 61 62 | Canudas/Sabate (ESP) |
| Oct-13 | Dubrovnik (CRO) | \$15,000 | S Vagnozzi (ITA) | G Zemlja (SLO) | 63 64 | Balazs (HUN)/Hadad (ISR) |
| Oct-13 | La Roche (FRA) | \$15,000 | N Desein (BEL) | P Cervenak (SVK) | 64 61 | Chaki (MAR)/Chikhladze (GEO) |
| Oct-13 | Isernhagen | \$10,000 | R Vik (CZE) | A Sandbichler (AUT) | 75 64 | Jebavy (CZE)/Panfil (POL) |
| Oct-13 | Sabadell (ESP) | \$10,000 | J Checa Calvo (ESP) | G Trujillo Soler | 61 63 | Cervantes/Granollers (ESP) |
| Oct-20 | Dubrovnik (CRO) | \$15,000 | J Semrajc (SLO) | A Gensse (FRA) | 36 64 62 | Balazs (HUN)/Hadad (ISR) |
| Oct-20 | Rodez (FRA) | \$10,000 | J Ward (GBR) | G Alcaide (ESP) | 64 63 | Blandin/Rodrigues (FRA) |
| Oct-20 | Glasgow (GBR) | \$10,000 | D Evans (GBR) | M Willis (GBR) | 62 31 ret | Fleming/Skupski (GBR) |
| Oct-20 | Sant Cugat | \$10,000 | A Sancic (CRO) | I Cervantes (ESP) | 76(5) 63 | Armstrong (AUS)/Kallias (CYP) |
| Oct-27 | London (GBR) | \$10,000 | R Bloomfield (GBR) | P Luncanu (ROU) | 62 76(2) | Fleming/Skupski (GBR) |
| Oct-27 | Vilafranca (ESP) | \$10,000 | J Checa Calvo (ESP) | A Arnaboldi (ITA) | 46 64 60 | Jakupovic (GRE)/Trujillo (ESP) |
| Nov-03 | Sunderland | \$10,000 | C Fleming (GBR) | R Bloomfield (GBR) | 76(6) 64 | Fleming/Skupski (GBR) |
| Nov-03 | Las Palmas | \$15,000 | Y Mertens (BEL) | P Duclos (CAN) | 46 62 63 | Granollers/Vivanco (ESP) |
| Nov-10 | Maspalomas | \$15,000 | A Arnaboldi (ITA) | I Cervantes (ESP) | 36 63 75 | Boje/Vivanco (ESP) |



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ITF Women's Circuit

| Week | Venue | Cat. | Winner | Runner-Up | Score | Doubles |
|--------|------------------|-----------|--------------------|-------------------|----------|----------------------------------|
| Oct-06 | Barcelona (ESP) | \$10,000 | S Schoeffel (GER) | E Gorgodze (GEO) | 62 61 | Miller (USA)/Sainz (ESP) |
| Oct-06 | Espinho (POR) | \$10,000 | K Vankova (CZE) | F El Allami (MAR) | 62 63 | El Allami (MAR)/Ferreira (POR) |
| Oct-06 | Thessaloniki | \$10,000 | M Meddens (NED) | D Zafirova (BUL) | 61 60 | Krtickova/Sipkova (CZE) |
| Oct-06 | Reggio Calabria | \$25,000 | P Mayr (AUT) | A Schaefer (GER) | 61 61 | Floris/Sulpizio (ITA) |
| Oct-06 | Barnstaple | \$50,000 | A Keothavong (GBR) | A Brianti (ITA) | 64 62 | Anderson (RSA)/Laine (FIN) |
| Oct-06 | Joue-les-Tours | \$50,000 | J Coin (FRA) | S Foretz (FRA) | 76(6) 76 | Barrois (GER)/Jugic-Salkic (BIH) |
| Oct-13 | Dubrovnik (CRO) | \$10,000 | S Schoeffel (GER) | P Cigui (ITA) | 61 63 | Kriegsmannova/Sedenkova (CZE) |
| Oct-13 | Kharkiv (UKR) | \$10,000 | L Tsurenko (UKR) | E Gasanova (RUS) | 63 61 | Malkhasyan/Pavlova (UKR) |
| Oct-13 | Lisbon (POR) | \$10,000 | S Vongsouth (FRA) | N Geuer (GER) | 63 64 | Bennani (MAR)/Domagala (POL) |
| Oct-13 | Settimo (ITA) | \$10,000 | A Floris (ITA) | V Sulpizio (ITA) | 61 63 | Rustignoli/Salis (ITA) |
| Oct-13 | Seville (ESP) | \$10,000 | M Gerards (NED) | G Gatto (ITA) | 63 62 | Gerards/Lablans (NED) |
| Oct-13 | Saint Raphael | \$50,000 | A Kerber (GER) | S Bremond (FRA) | 62 61 | Birnerova/Hradecka (CZE) |
| Oct-13 | Ortisei (ITA) | \$100,000 | M Santangelo (ITA) | K Barrois (GER) | 63 ret | Koryttseva (UKR)/Shvedova |
| Oct-20 | Dubrovnik (CRO) | \$10,000 | D Sedenkova (CZE) | M Mezak (CRO) | 46 60 64 | Kriegsmannova/Sedenkova (CZE) |
| Oct-20 | Oristano (ITA) | \$10,000 | G Gatto (ITA) | S Disderi (ITA) | 62 62 | Disderi/Gatto Monticone (ITA) |
| Oct-20 | Sant Cugat | \$10,000 | E Fernandez (ESP) | L Arruabarreno | 64 75 | Brozda (POL)/Enache (ROU) |
| Oct-20 | Vila Real (POR) | \$10,000 | N Lalami (MAR) | L Essaadi (MAR) | 2-1 ret | El Allami/Lalami (MAR) |
| Oct-20 | Glasgow (GBR) | \$25,000 | I Begu (ROU) | P Mayr (AUT) | 26 75 76 | Boffa (SUI)/Elliott (GBR) |
| Oct-20 | Podolsk (RUS) | \$50,000 | A Kleybanova (RUS) | K Pervak (RUS) | 76(5) 60 | Poltorotskaya (RUS)/Tsurenko |
| Oct-20 | Poitiers (FRA) | \$100,000 | A Pavlyuchenkova | J Coin (FRA) | 64 63 | Cetkowska/Safarova (CZE) |
| Oct-27 | Ramle (ISR) | \$10,000 | P Veresova (SVK) | A Aliev (ISR) | 62 67(3) | Astrogo/Rapoport (ISR) |
| Oct-27 | Stockholm | \$10,000 | N Geuer (GER) | A Brazhnikova | 76(5) 16 | Auensen/Eikeri (NOR) |
| Oct-27 | Istanbul (TUR) | \$25,000 | A Petkovic (GER) | A Gerasimou (GRE) | 62 62 | Klaffner (AUT)/Martinovic (BIH) |
| Oct-27 | Nantes (FRA) | \$50,000 | V Manasieva (RUS) | S Voegele (SUI) | 63 62 | Dzehalevich (BLR)/Fedak (UKR) |
| Oct-27 | Bratislava (SVK) | \$100,000 | A Pavlyuchenkova | M Krajicek (NED) | 63 61 | Hlavackova/Hradecka (CZE) |
| Nov-03 | Le Havre (FRA) | \$10,000 | S Schoeffel (FRA) | S Benamar (FRA) | 76(4) 76 | Schoeffel (FRA)/Schoofs (NED) |
| Nov-03 | Mallorca (ESP) | \$10,000 | M Gerards (NED) | K Avdiyenko (UKR) | 76(3) 64 | Davato/Gasparri (ITA) |
| Nov-03 | Sunderland | \$10,000 | L Robson (GBR) | S Vickers (GBR) | 63 62 | Harmsen/Kilsdonk (NED) |
| Nov-03 | Ismaning (GER) | \$50,000 | T Malek (GER) | K Barrois (GER) | 62 63 | Lyubtsova (UKR)/Pervak (RUS) |
| Nov-03 | Krakow (POL) | \$100,000 | A Keothavong (GBR) | M Niculescu (ROU) | 76(4) 46 | Kerber (GER)/Radwanska (POL) |
| Nov-10 | Minsk (BLR) | \$50,000 | A Kleybanova (RUS) | E Hrdinova (CZE) | 61 46 62 | Kleybanova /RUS)/Poutchek |
| Nov-10 | Jersey (GBR) | \$10,000 | K Piter (POL) | S Boffa (SUI) | 62 62 | Harmsden/Kilsdonk (NED) |
| Nov-10 | Mallorca (ESP) | \$10,000 | S Soler Sola (ESP) | E Tochilovskaya | 67(0) 63 | Ferreira (POR)/Weinhold (USA) |

European Rankings

Rafael Nadal has finished the best year of his career so far by clinching the year-end #1 spot despite being on the sidelines for the ATP Masters in Shanghai. With the Spaniard's position secure prior to the event, the real battle was for #2, with eventual champion Novak Djokovic ending the year just ten points behind Roger Federer.

A triumvirate of French stars finished the season strongly to end the year in the European top 10. Having earlier won the Paris Masters Series event, Jo-Wilfried Tsonga scored the only win over Djokovic in Shanghai to prevent the Serb from reaching #2. Gilles Simon reached the semi finals of the Masters in his first appearance there to finish at a career high of

#7, whilst Gael Monfils also edges into the top ten.

Russian and Serbian players account for 8 of Europe's top ten women, with #8-ranked Pole Agnieszka Radwanska and newcomer Caroline Wozniacki of Denmark at #10 the only players from other countries to make an appearance in a year-end European top ten, both players being the first from her countries to do so. A late-season return to form and an appearance at the WTA Championships in Doha for Nadia Petrova sees her return to the top ten, whilst the eventual finalist Vera Zvonareva reaches a career high #5.

Rankings as of 17th November, 2008.

| WOMEN | | PLAYER | COUNTRY | WTA TOUR RANK | POINTS TOTAL |
|-------|-----|---------------------|---------|---------------|--------------|
| 1 | ▶ | Jelena JANKOVIC | SRB | 1 | 4710 |
| 2 | ▶ | Dinara SAFINA | RUS | 3 | 3817 |
| 3 | ▶ | Elena DEMENTIEVA | RUS | 4 | 3663 |
| 4 | ▶ | Ana IVANOVIC | SRB | 5 | 3457 |
| 5 | ▲ | Vera ZVONAREVA | RUS | 7 | 2952 |
| 6 | ▶ | Svetlana KUZNETSOVA | RUS | 8 | 2726 |
| 7 | ▼ | Maria SHARAPOVA | RUS | 9 | 2515 |
| 8 | ▶ | Agnieszka RADWANSKA | POL | 10 | 2286 |
| 9 | NEW | Nadia PETROVA | RUS | 11 | 1976 |
| 10 | NEW | Caroline WOZNIACKI | DEN | 12 | 1678 |

| MEN | | PLAYER | COUNTRY | ATP ENTRY RANK | POINTS TOTAL |
|-----|-----|--------------------|---------|----------------|--------------|
| 1 | ▶ | Rafael NADAL | ESP | 1 | 6675 |
| 2 | ▶ | Roger FEDERER | SUI | 2 | 5305 |
| 3 | ▶ | Novak DJOKOVIC | SRB | 3 | 5295 |
| 4 | ▶ | Andy MURRAY | GBR | 4 | 3720 |
| 5 | ▶ | Nikolay DAVYDENKO | RUS | 5 | 2715 |
| 6 | NEW | Jo-Wilfried TSONGA | FRA | 6 | 2050 |
| 7 | NEW | Gilles SIMON | FRA | 7 | 1980 |
| 8 | ▼ | David FERRER | ESP | 12 | 1695 |
| 9 | ▼ | Stanislas WAWRINKA | SUI | 13 | 1510 |
| 10 | NEW | Gael MONFILS | FRA | 14 | 1475 |

NEWS FROM NATIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

The **Georgian Tennis Federation** held elections on November 14th. Leila Meskhi was elected to serve as President, alongside Vice-Presidents Emzar Zanaishvili and Xvicha Makatsaria. Zurab Katsharava is the organisation's new General Secretary.

The **German Tennis Federation** also held elections recently, with Georg von Waldenfels re-elected as President for a further three years. Ulrich Kroeker, Heinz Wagner, Peter Gorka and Günther Lang will serve as Vice-Presidents, whilst Herbert Fuchs takes over in charge of Junior Tennis.

Mr. Mesut Polat has been elected as President of the **Turkish Tennis Federation**.

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HEAD finds success in Team Elite program as young stars shine



HEAD Team Elite players **Michelle Larcher de Brito**, **Grigor Dimitrov** and **Bernard Tomic** have enjoyed continued success in tournament play in 2008 making them some of HEAD's most promising young stars.

In all, HEAD has seven players in the top ten of the ITF Junior rankings (Oct. 2008), in large part due to the success of the Team Elite program and the impact of the International Tour manager Thomas Bischof and his scouting team. The Team Elite program is aimed at promoting young, talented tennis players in more than 60 countries around the world.

The following Team Elite players have gotten off to a fast start in their young careers.

Fifteen year-old HEAD player **Michelle Larcher de Brito** has performed extremely well throughout the 2008 season allowing her to jump up to 135th in the WTA rankings. In tournament play this year, she has reached the third round twice at Miami and Montreal, earning the first two Top 20 wins of her career along with way.

Her strong play has even resulted in two significant awards for the Portuguese native. In October, she will be honored by the Portuguese-Brazilian Foundation with Revelation Award for her place in sports and contributions to the Portuguese speaking community. In addition to the Revelation Award, Larcher de Brito was honored by Sport TV as the Portuguese Athlete of the Future.

HEAD player and former Tennis Europe Junior Player of the Year **Grigor Dimitrov** has also enjoyed a successful 2008 campaign earning two Junior Grand Slam victories at Wimbledon and the U.S. Open. He also reached the quarterfinals at the Junior Grand Slam at Roland Garros tournament and the Orange Bowl finals in 2007.

HEAD player **Bernard Tomic** is another promising young talent who has earned a Junior Grand Slam victory at the Australian Open. He has also played well at other recent Junior Grand Slam tournaments reaching the semifinals at Wimbledon and quarterfinals at Roland Garros. In addition, Tomic holds the titles for the U12, U14 and U16 Orange Bow tournaments.

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