



## Tennis Europe Annual General Meeting in Sofia

Hosted by the Bulgarian Tennis Federation, the Annual General Meeting of Tennis Europe took place during the weekend of 31<sup>st</sup> March-1 April in Sofia.

Delegates from 35 of Tennis Europe's member nations attended the event, where a variety of key constitutional and operative matters were discussed.

In addition to the usual agenda of committee reports, a number of guest speakers were in attendance, including ITF Executive Vice-President Juan Margets, who gave a full update on recent ITF activities, Aleksei Selivanenko of the Russian Tennis Federation, informing the assembly about the boom in Russian tennis, and Dimitris Stamatiadis, the President of the Balkan Tennis Union.

Georgi Pirinski, Chairman of the National Assembly of the Republic of Bulgaria, formally opened the meeting, which received widespread national media attention throughout the two days.

Tennis Europe's President, John James (pictured) commented, "We have had a most productive few



days, and leave with very fond memories of our visit to Sofia. Along with Bulgarian Tennis Federation President Plamen Minchev and his senior staff, I was honoured to receive an audience with the President of the Republic of Bulgaria Georgi Parvanov, where we discussed the future growth of tennis (continues>>)

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## Applications to Host Junior Championships: Final Days

The deadline is approaching for the receipt of applications for the right to host two of Tennis Europe's most prestigious junior events—the European Junior Championships and the Tennis Europe Junior Masters.



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in the country and ways of promoting and developing the game, particularly at grassroots level and through mini-tennis. I'd like to formally thank once again our friends at the BTF for their excellent organisation and generous hospitality."

In other news from the meeting, applications from Finland and Norway for the promotion to B-Nation status were approved, and a number of Tennis Europe awards were presented, including those for Junior and Senior Players of the Year 2005.

Representatives from the various national associations also collected the European Tennis Trophy prizes:

Professional Tennis – Russia  
Junior Tennis – Russia  
Seniors Tennis – Germany  
Wheelchair Tennis – Netherlands

Overall Performance – Russia

Finally, the annual 'Tennis Europe Awards' were presented to individuals from Tennis Europe member nations in recognition of outstanding services to the game. The Board of Management this year recognised Boro Jovanovic (CRO) and Charles Trippé (GBR), while remaining recipients were nominated by their national tennis federations and approved by the AGM:

Sargis Sargsyan (ARM)  
Tatyana Abdulkhakova (AZE)  
Marat Zverev (BLR)  
Ivo Van Aken (BEL)  
Sakari Salo (FIN)  
Anne Marie Rouchon (FRA)  
Zcuzsa Kormoczy (HUN)  
Igor Martynov (RUS).

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## Applications to Host Junior Championships

As part of an ongoing effort to further enhance the organisation and profile of the Tennis Europe Junior Tour, third parties have been invited to apply to host some of the Tour's most prestigious events for the first time.

The European Junior Championships and Tennis Europe Junior Masters are two of the tour's flagship competitions, and are on offer on a three-year basis from 2007 onwards.

The bidding process is open to both traditional and non-traditional hosts of the events, including clubs, academies, tennis resorts and commercial entities. The only condition is that the national federation concerned must sanction the application at the final stage.

The Tennis Europe Junior Tour is the leading pan-European competitive forum for junior talent in any major sport. The tour is comprised of 287 tournaments, held simultaneously for boys and girls.

Participants earn ranking points according to their performances throughout the year, with the best eight players in each age category going on to compete for

the **Tennis Europe Junior Masters** title at the end of the season. Past winners such as Kim Clijsters and Rafael Nadal illustrate the calibre of the competition.

The other highlight of the Tennis Europe Junior Tour is the prestigious **European Junior Championships**, held in July, for players of 14, 16 and 18 & Under. Open to the top players of Tennis Europe's 48 member nations, the event - celebrating its 30th edition in 2006 - has seen a myriad of World #1s amongst its former participants, including Lendl, Edberg, Becker, Wilander, Moya, Graf, Sanchez-Vicario, Hingis, Seles, Federer, Safin, Henin-Hardenne, Dementieva.

At the link below, you will find a number of documents in Word and .pdf format, including event fact sheets and an application form. The closing date for applications is 15th May 2006.

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<http://www.tenniseurope.org/downloads/JrChampsBid.aspx>

## Tennis Europe Junior Tour Stand Makes Debut Appearance

Tennis Europe Junior Tour Promotion Officer David Albareda has begun his tour of European events with the Tennis Europe Junior Tour stand (pictured, with tournament organisers from the first port of call, the U14 event in Maia (POR)).

The stand, part of a series of projects announced at the beginning of the year to promote the Tour, has so far visited events in Portugal, Italy and Croatia, where players were able to take advantage of giveaways and competitions, and to be photographed for a junior photo gallery, soon to be added to the Tennis Europe website.



Of his first three trips, Mr. Albareda said, "So far the stand has been very well received. It's a great way for us to promote the work of our organisation amongst the participants of the Junior Tour, and also their coaches and families, and the spectators. It's also very important to have the extra opportunity to liaise in person with the tournament directors, and to hear

their ideas, concerns and hopes for the future."

Look out for the Tennis Europe Junior Tour stand during the month of May at the following tournaments: Antei Cup, Kiev (UKR), Bohemia Milford Cup, Prague (CZE) and the Bergant Memorial 2006, Maribor (SLO).

## European Summer Cups

The qualifying rounds of the summer's big team competitions are fast approaching. Below is a quick guide to the 2006 venues; full information on the repartition of nations can be found at [www.TennisEurope.org](http://www.TennisEurope.org)

	<b>Copa Del Sol (B14)*</b>	<b>Europa Cup (G14)*</b>	<b>Borotra Cup (B16)**</b>	<b>Helvetie Cup (G16)**</b>	<b>Valerio/ Galea Cup (B18)</b>	<b>Reina/ Soisbault Cup (G18)</b>
<b>FINAL ROUNDS</b>	Totana (ESP) 7-9 Jul	San Remo (ITA) 7-9 Jul	Le Touquet (FRA) 7-9 Aug	Leysin (SUI) 6-8 Aug	Verona (ITA) 6-8 Aug	Lleida (ESP) 21-23 Sept
<b>QUALIFYING ZONE A</b>	Letovice (CZE) 2-4 Jul	Rakovnik (CZE) 2-4 Jul	Hradek Nad Nisou (CZE) 1-3 Aug	Ostrava (CZE) 1-3 Aug	Marianske Lazne (CZE) 1-3 Aug	Plovdiv (BUL) 1-3 Aug
<b>QUALIFYING ZONE B</b>	Saintes (FRA) 2-4 Jul	Honfleur (FRA) 2-4 Jul	Maglie (ITA) 1-3 Aug	Konstanz (GER) 1-3 Aug	La Rochelle (FRA) 1-3 Aug	Ostrava (CZE) 1-3 Aug
<b>QUALIFYING ZONE C</b>	Siena (ITA) 2-4 Jul	Cattolica (ITA) 2-4 Jul	Gdynia (POL) 1-3 Aug	Queenswood (GBR) 1-3 Aug	Opalenica (POL) 1-3 Aug	Sassari (ITA) 1-3 Aug
<b>QUALIFYING ZONE D</b>	Totana (ESP) 2-4 Jul	Izmir (TUR) 2-4 Jul	Moscow (RUS) 1-3 Aug	Livorno (ITA) 1-3 Aug	Piestany (SVK) 1-3 Aug	Tavernes de Vallgigna (ESP) 3-5 Aug

\* serves as qualifying for ITF World Junior Tennis competition.

\*\* serves as qualifying for Junior Davis Cup by BNP Paribas and Junior Fed Cup by BNP Paribas.

## Tennis Europe Junior Tour Stars vs. Champions

Two of the rising stars of the Tennis Europe Junior Tour recently got a taste of fame, playing an exhibition match in front of 6,700 people at a Nike Clinic at the recent Open SEAT 2006 in Barcelona.

Javier Martí and Carlos Boluda of Spain, both ranked in the Under 14 top ten following a string of good performances this spring, were joined by legend John McEnroe, along with Feliciano Lopez and Carlos Moya for the match, played on the opening day of the event.

The pair played a tie-break with Lopez occupying the position of umpire before teaming for a doubles



*Left, John McEnroe with Carlos Boluda. Above, left to right, Feliciano López, McEnroe, Javier Martí, Boluda, Carlos Moya. Photos by kind permission of Jordi Ramos*

match with their more experienced opponents.

Given their performances so far this season, it may not be long before the young Spaniards are making their own impact on the Barcelona event but, for now, it's back to the junior tour. (more on page 7).

## Seniors Round-Up

Tournament organisers are reminded that they can now publish the fact sheets for their events on [www.TennisEurope.org](http://www.TennisEurope.org).

The fact sheets can be found in the 'Tournament Results and Information' section, alongside full results from all European ITF Senior Circuit events, by clicking on the event name.

Player Entry forms are also now available on the site. Players are reminded that these should be sent directly to the tournament organiser, NOT to Tennis Europe.

In other news, the entry deadline has closed for this year's European Seniors Club Championships. Fifty five teams in total will compete across seven categories, as follows:

Men 45 - Vale de Lobo (POR) - 11 teams  
Men 55 - Arosa (SUI) - 11 teams  
Men 65 - Salzburg (AUT) - 11 teams  
Men 65 - Valencia (ESP) - 8 teams

Women 40 - Le Touquet (FRA) - 7 teams  
Women 50 - Le Touquet (FRA) - 12 teams  
Women 60 - Le Touquet (FRA) - 5 teams

The Women's 60 category is a new event, to be held for the first time this year.









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## ITF/Tennis Europe Development Championships, Tallinn

The 12th ITF/Tennis Europe 14 & Under Development Championships have been held for a second consecutive year at the Rocca al Mare Tennis Centre in Tallinn, Estonia. Hosted by the Estonian Tennis Association, the event took place from 10 - 19 March, when players from 18 Eastern European countries took part in two back-to-back tournaments in order to ensure maximum playing benefits.

The event is designed to benefit the top players from some of Europe's less-developed tennis nations. Top performing players at the event receive travel grants to help towards the often prohibitive costs of travel to international junior tennis tournaments.

Romanian players dominated the Championships, winning three of the four titles on offer. Unseeded Sebastian

Ionescu won the first tournament with a series of comfortable victories, with a final win over fourth seed Filip Krajinovic (SCG). Having brushed aside quarter and semi final opponents Arturs Kazjevs (LAT) and Nikolz Basilashvili (GEO) 60 60 and 61 61 respectively, his crushing 62 61 win in the final was no surprise.

The same two players fought their way to the final of the second event, where the tables were turned. Despite having taken the first set on a tie break, Ionescu, who had been made to fight in his previous matches, was unable to capitalise, and Krajinovic raised his game to exact revenge by the score of 67 63 61.

Thirteen-year old Romanian Ingrid Radu played excellently to dominate both girls events. A second round hiccup in the first event, edging past Ema Burgic (BIH) 64 36 75 paved the way for easy wins over second seed Diana Marcinkevica (LAT) and Alena Sotnikova (UKR) in the semis and final.

Radu then progressed with ease to the final of the second event, where she faced second seed Alena Sotnikova (UKR), and won in straight sets 62 64.

Tournament Director Rene Busch said: "Due to the feed-in format, the Development Championships are a great event especially for the players with less competitive opportunities. This also provided a unique opportunity for Estonian players and coaches to see some of the most promising European juniors."



*Winners of the first week's event in Tallinn*

Hrvoje Zmajic, ITF/Tennis Europe Development Officer, said: "Since the start of the ITF/Tennis Europe Development Programmes, the Development Championships have been one of the most important events. Aside from providing ten singles and dou-

bles matches for each participant over two weeks, the 16 most promising players will be invited to take part in the ITF/Tennis Europe 14 & Under Touring Teams in Europe this summer."

Rising stars to have taken advantage of the event in recent years include Marcos Baghdatis (CYP) and Aliona Bondarenko (UKR).

For full results from this year's event, click here:

<http://www.tenniseurope.org/Development/Development-Champs2006.aspx>

## Tennis Europe Junior Tour Latest

There is lots of action to report on since the last newsletter, as springtime means the Tennis Europe Junior Tour moves into full swing after the sleepy winter months, which end with the Tennis Europe Winter Cups by Prince.

Many players seem to have used good performances at the indoor season's biggest team event as a springboard for personal successes.

The Ren sisters, Jennifer and Jessica, who led Great Britain to the semi finals of the Girls 14 event, have had a busy time in Portugal. Jennifer reached the final of the Category 1 event in Maia, whilst Jessica reached the semi finals the next week in Angra Do Heroismo. They also teamed to reach the semis of the first event, and the final of the second. With those results, Jennifer broke into the top ten at #8, while Jessica rises to #44 this week.

A number of players can claim numerous titles this year already. #11 Timea Babos (HUN) has two Category 2 titles to her name, winning Messina and Bratislava in the last three weeks. Meanwhile, Ashot Khacharyan (RUS) won back-to-back titles on Italian clay, sweeping Pavia and Livorno to pressurize compatriot Mikhail Biryukov for the U14 top spot. Together, the two have also won two Category 1 doubles titles, and look to be the pair to beat this year.

Another two fast rising players from the same country are Javier Martí and Carlos Boluda of Spain. You might have seen them already in this issue, in more glamorous locations with some famous friends.

Boluda has won two of the biggest titles of the sea-

son so far, first in Tarbes and then at Maia where he beat – you guessed it – Martí. The pair teamed up to win the doubles there too, and both smashed into the top ten as a result.



*Jennifer Ren and Ashot Khacharyan have both racked up some impressive results already this season.*

Last week's title in Prague was the second of the year for Filip Strnad, who breaks into the top 30.

Other fast movers include #24 Ajla Tomljanovic, a winner in Maia and runner up in Zagreb, and Switzerland's Sarah Moundir, who won at home in Oetwil and was a runner-up in Angra Do Heroismo, to knock on the door of the top ten. She currently stands at #14.

The Under 16s, bigger and heavier creatures that they are, aren't so active at this time of year. Some of them are rumoured to be hibernating. Others have been found in strange places - #6 Gastao Elias, for example, recently won two rounds of qualifying at the ATP event in Estoril! Congratulations to him.

Some of last year's top Under 14s are already making big strides in the next age category. Mirza Basic (BIH) won in Novi Sad two weeks ago,

while Simona Halep earned a first U16 title in Trenčianske Teplice.

Not many of the top Under 16 players have been in action yet, but you can expect that to change this month as the Tour finally wakes up with fourteen events scheduled this month.

## Tennis Europe Junior Tour Results

Week	Venue	Cat.	Winner	Runner-Up	Score
<b>12 &amp; UNDER</b>					
26/12	B. Billancourt (FRA)	B12	(2) J Kahlke (GER)	(1) S Formont (FRA)	67 64 64
		G12	(16) J Eidukoynte (LAT)	I Lagdiri (FRA)	60 63
27/2	Auray (FRA)	B12	(2) J Cagnina (BEL)	(1) M Sporken (NED)	62 63
		G12	(1) J Ren (GBR)	L Robson (GBR)	75 61
27/3	Sergiev Posad (RUS)	B12	E Elistratov (RUS)	A Arkhipov (RUS)	57 76(2) 30
		G12	(8) D Gavrilova (RUS)	M Gaspryan (RUS)	46 64 60
10/4	Funchal (POR)	B12	A Stevenson (GBR)	J Tinoco (POR)	63 26 61
		G12	J Henderson (GBR)	E Devine (GBR)	76(3) 64
17/4	Antalya (TUR)	B12	K Kaczynski (GER)	R Davidian (GER)	61 62
		G12	F Atilgan (TUR)	C Demer (TUR)	64 64
17/4	Maglie (ITA)	B12	G Tartarini (ITA)	M Donati (ITA)	63 26 64
		G12	A Chiriac (ROM)	G Matellone (ITA)	63 62
17/4	Azores (POR)	B12	V Mensurado (POR)	M Cohen (GBR)	26 63 75
		G12	P Martins (POR)	B Coelho (POR)	60 62
17/4	Bressuire (FRA)	B12	M Sporken (NED)	M Waeters (FRA)	61 61
		G12	A Mestagh (BEL)	L Jeanjean (FRA)	63 60
24/4	Rakovnik (CZE)	B12	A Pavlasek (CZE)	O Budik (CZE)	62 64
		G12	P Rohanova (CZE)	N Beckova (CZE)	62 63
<b>14 &amp; UNDER</b>					
06/3	Dev. Champs (EST)	2	B14 S Ionescu (ROM)	F Krajinovic (SCG)	62 61
		G14	I Radu (ROM)	(3) A Sotnikova (UKR)	63 60
13/3	Dev. Champs (EST)	2	B14 (2) F Krajinovic (SCG)	(1) S Ionescu (ROM)	67(2) 63 61
		G14	(1) I Radu (ROM)	(2) A Sotnikova (UKR)	62 64
03/4	Maia (POR)	1	B14 (5) C Boluda (ESP)	(4) J Marti (ESP)	75 30ret
		G14	(13) A Tomljanovic (CRO)	(3) J Ren (GBR)	60 61
03/4	Pavia (ITA)	2	B14 (1) A Khacharyan (RUS)	D Dzumhur (BIH)	60 63
		G14	(1) A Marenko (RUS)	V Confalonieri (ITA)	67(4) 60 63
10/4	Livorno (ITA)	1	B14 (2) A Khacharyan (RUS)	(1) M Biryukov (RUS)	63 62
		G14	(4) H Orlik (BLR)	(3) A Mukhametova (RUS)	62 61
10/4	Angra Do Heroismo (POR)	2	B14 (1) M Almeida (POR)	S Steifelmeyer (AUT)	62 61
		G14	(3) M Zanevska (UKR)	(1) S Moundir (SUI)	64 62



## Tennis Europe Junior Tour Results

Week	Venue	Cat.	Winner	Runner-Up	Score
17/4	Messina (ITA)	2	B14 (2) A Rumantsev (RUS)	(1) N Basilashvili (GEO)	67(3) 64 62
			G14 (2) T Babos (HUN)	(7) P Kuhlova (SVK)	64 62
17/4	Adana (TUR)	2	B14 (4) R Muzaev (RUS)	(3) A Igoshin (RUS)	64 60
			G14 (2) N Kichenok (UKR)	(4) K Popova (RUS)	64 61
24/4	Zagreb (CRO)	2	B14 T Gregurovic (CRO)	(4) M Pavic (CRO)	64 64
			G14 (4) A Konjuh (CRO)	(3) A Tomljanovic (CRO)	62 61
24/4	Bratislava (SVK)	2	B14 (5) M Fucsovics (HUN)	(8) L Vrnak (CZE)	61 62
			G14 (3) T Babos (HUN)	(14) V Juhaszova (SVK)	64 63
24/4	Iteuil (FRA)	2	B14 V Pugliese (FRA)	(3) A De Greef (BEL)	62 60
			G14 (7) C Vernet (FRA)	(6) E Kuzmina (RUS)	64 63
1/5	Prague (CZE)	2	B14 (1) F Strnad (CZE)	(2) T Hanzlik (CZE)	63 46 64
			G14 (3) A Krunich (SCG)	(1) P Rodionova (RUS)	61 75
1/5	Opalenica (POL)	2	B14 (3) J Kovalik (SVK)	(1) W Lutkowski (POL)	64 63
			G14 (5) P Kania (POL)	(2) S Zaniewska (POL)	63 62

### 16 & UNDER

20/2	Helsingborg (SWE)	3	B16 D Bartosiak (POL)	R Devos (BEL)	62 75
			G16 (1) C Magnusson (SWE)	(2) G Bruzzone (ITA)	62 60
27/2	Chambon Sur Lignon (FRA)	2	B16 (4) R Muri (SUI)	(1) A Porat (SUI)	36 63 62
			G16 (7) N Mohn (FRA)	O Dhaoui (TUN)	76(3) 60
13/3	Pribram (CZE)		B16 (1) E Rehola (CZE)	(Q) M Draganja (CRO)	76 46 61
			G16 (Q) E Komarova (RUS)	C Stevens (BEL)	62 76
27/3	Trencianske Teplice (SVK)	3	B16 R Januch (SVK)	(1) I Coman (ROM)	64 63
			G16 (1) S Halep (ROM)	(4) V Ciganikova (SVK)	75 62
17/4	Novi Sad (SCG)	2	B16 (1) M Basic (BIH)	(7) O Borsos (HUN)	60 64
			G16 R Jani (HUN)	(2) I Shinikova (BUL)	63 64
24/4	Brno (CZE)	2	B16 (4) M Kovacs (HUN)	(3) F Pernica (CZE)	76(5) 16 76(4)
			G16 (15) P Niedernayero (CZE)	(10) A Nesterostova (CZE)	64 62
24/4	Pancevo (SCG)	3	B16 (2) T Brkic (BIH)	(4) T Androic (CRO)	61 63
			G16 (3) M Spremo (SCG)	(2) C Hristea (ROM)	64 63
1/5	Budapest (HUN)	2	B16 (6) P Poziomski (POL)	(4) D Wirlend (AUT)	60 62
			G16 P Kiraly (HUN)	(1) E Chernyakova (RUS)	67(7) 61 63

## Tennis Europe Junior Tour Rankings—14 & Under

This month's top tens feature a number of new entries as the early stages of the season sees some prolific first-time winners on the tour.

Incredibly, the Girls 14 & Under lists sees three halves of sets of sisters; Karolina Pliskova, Jennifer Ren and Nadegda Kickenok lead the way, whilst their relatives also all feature in the top 50.

Both 14 & Under #1s retain their positions this month, but both are coming under increasing pressure from the rest of the pack. Less than 80 points separates the entire girl's top ten, and with two Category 1 events amongst the 15 scheduled for May, there could be some big changes in prospect.



14 & Under Girls		Player	Country	Points Total
1	►	Albina KHABIBULINA	UZB	470
2	▲	Anna-Arina MARENKO	RUS	445
3	►	Yana BUCHINA	RUS	445
4	<b>NEW</b>	Hanna ORLIK	BLR	435
5	▼	Yulia GOLOBORODKO	UKR	405
6	▲	Tereza BARTOVA	CZE	400
7	▼	Karolina PLISKOVA	CZE	395
8	<b>NEW</b>	Jennifer REN	GBR	390
9	▲	Anastasia MUKHAMETOVA	RUS	390
10	▼	Nadegda KICHENOK	UKR	390

14 & Under Boys		Player	Country	Points Total
1	►	Mikhail BIRYUKOV	RUS	580
2	▲	Ashot KHACHARYAN	RUS	515
3	▼	Giacomo MICCINI	ITA	420
4	►	Federico GIAO	ITA	385
5	▲	Miguel ALMEIDA	POR	385
6	<b>NEW</b>	Javier MARTÍ	ESP	375
7	▼	Dominik SCHULZ	GER	340
8	<b>NEW</b>	Carlos BOLUDA	ESP	340
9	▲	Daniel BERTA	SWE	325
10	▼	Arthurs KAZIJEVS	LAT	315

Rankings as of 04.05.06

## Tennis Europe Junior Tour Rankings—16 & Under

Emanuel Rehola of the Czech Republic (pictured, right, with doubles partner Jan Trocil) won both singles and doubles at Pribram recently to climb to a new best of seventh in the Under 16 rankings.

Switzerland's Ary Porat and Italian Alessandro Giannessi also reach the top ten for the first time. There are no new entries in the girls list.

The top eight European players of both Under 14 and Under 16 levels automatically qualify to participate in the season-ending Tennis Europe Junior Masters. This year's event is scheduled to be held in Reggio Calabria, Italy, during the weekend of 6-8th October.



16 & Under Girls	Player	Country	Points Total
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1	►	Ksenia LYKINA	RUS	490
2	►	Elena CHERNYAKOVA	RUS	455
3	▲	Ioana IVAN	ROM	370
4	▲	Simona HALEP	ROM	350
5	▲	Alize CORNET	FRA	330
6	▲	Ekaterina BELCHEVA	UKR	295
7	▲	Camelia Irina BEGU	ROM	290
8	►	Camelia HRISTEA	ROM	280
9	▼	Euvgeniya VERTESHEVA	RUS	265
10	►	Vanja TOMIC	BIH	265

16 & Under Boys	Player	Country	Points Total
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1	►	Daniel EVANS	GBR	435
2	►	Alin Mihai CONSTANTIN	ROM	395
3	►	Jaan BRUNKEN	GER	360
4	►	Alexei GRIGOROV	RUS	350
5	▲	Jerome INZERILLO	FRA	290
6	▲	Gastao ELIAS	POR	275
7	▲	Emanuel REHOLA	CZE	270
8	►	Tomislav TERNER	SLO	270
9	<b>NEW</b>	Ary PORAT	SUI	260
10	<b>NEW</b>	Alessandro GIANNESI	ITA	250

Rankings as of 04.05.06

## ITF Professional Circuit (Europe) Results

ITF Men's Circuit					
Week	Venue	Cat.	Winner	Runner-Up	Score
Feb 27	Wroclaw (POL)	\$10,000	(Q) T Oger (FRA)	L Rosol (CZE)	63 26 76(4)
Feb 27	Castelgandolfo (ITA)	\$10,000	D Giorgin (ITA)	G Petrazzuolo (ITA)	76(1) 64
Feb 27	Raanana (ISR)	\$10,000	WC A Ram (ISR)	C Morel (FRA)	63 36 63
Feb 27	Wilén (SUI)	\$10,000	(1) M Stoppini (ITA)	D Kindlmann (GER)	62 62
Feb 27	Badalona (ESP)	\$6,250	(2) T Salva Vidal (ESP)	(5) F Condor (ESP)	62 61
Mar 6	Sunderland (GBR)	\$15,000	(3) M Lee (GBR)	(6) J Auckland (GBR)	67(5) 61 62
Mar 6	Zabrze (POL)	\$10,000	L Rosol (CZE)	(Q) A Krasnorutsky (RUS)	63 63
Mar 6	Leuggern (SUI)	\$10,000	(4) E Gulbis (LAT)	T Klein (GER)	76(4) 64
Mar 6	Haifa (ISR)	\$10,000	(6) D Valtzer (ISR)	(4) I Hadash (ISR)	61 62
Mar 6	Siracusa (ITA)	\$10,000	(3) F Fognini (ITA)	WC A Aranboldi (ISR)	63 63
Mar 6	Terrassa (ESP)	\$6,250	(2) T Salva Vidal (ESP)	(1) J Genaro Martinez (ESP)	64 76(2)
Mar 13	Caltanissetta (ITA)	\$15,000	W Eschauer (AUT)	(8) V Crivoi (ROM)	63 26 62
Mar 13	Lille (FRA)	\$15,000	(4) J Tsonga (FRA)	(6) S De Chaunac (FRA)	75 75
Mar 13	Manchester (GBR)	\$15,000	(2) R Bloomfield (GBR)	J Bachelot (FRA)	75 36 76(2)
Mar 13	Oberentfelden (SUI)	\$10,000	(6) P Marx (GER)	B Rufer (SUI)	61 62
Mar 13	Faro (POR)	\$10,000	(1) M Granollers (ESP)	(2) T Holzinger (GER)	61 75
Mar 13	Manresa (ESP)	\$6,250	(4) F Condor (ESP)	(5) M Fornell (ESP)	76 75(5)
Mar 13	Porec (CRO)	\$6,250	(1) S Vagnozzi (ITA)	M Egger (AUT)	75 36 60
Mar 20	Poitiers (FRA)	\$15,000	(5) S Wauters (BEL)	E Gulbis (LAT)	64 75
Mar 20	Catania (ITA)	\$10,000	(1) W Eschauer (AUT)	(8) P Andujar	63 63
Mar 20	Lagos (POR)	\$10,000	A Menendez (ESP)	D Muñoz de la Nava (ESP)	36 64 63
Mar 20	Sabadell (ESP)	\$6,250	(3) M Fornell (ESP)	(4) J Genaro Martinez (ESP)	63 57 75
Mar 20	Vrsar (CRO)	\$6,250	(1) S Vagnozzi (ITA)	D Savic (SCG)	76(3) 61
Mar 27	Bath (GBR)	\$15,000	(8) J Tsonga (FRA)	M Ryderstedt (SWE)	63 62
Mar 27	Malmö (SWE)	\$10,000	(5) S Wiespeiner (AUT)	(1) E Gulbis (LAT)	62 64
Mar 27	Monterotondo (ITA)	\$10,000	F Piccari (ITA)	(5) P Andujar	75 75
Mar 27	Albufeira (POR)	\$10,000	(1) F Gil (POR)	(2) R Machado (POR)	76(4) 16 64
Mar 27	Zaragoza (ESP)	\$10,000	(2) P Santos Gonzalez (ESP)	(Q) W Schranz (AUT)	61 61
Mar 27	Rovinj (CRO)	\$6,250	(1) S Vagnozzi (ITA)	B Kavcic (SLO)	36 64 61
Apr 03	Grasse (FRA)	\$15,000	N Coutelot (FRA)	WC A Di Pasquale (FRA)	62 62
Apr 03	Bath (GBR)	\$15,000	(8) J Tsonga (FRA)	(2) F Prpic (SWE)	63 61
Apr 03	Frascati (ITA)	\$10,000	(1) V Ionita (ROM)	(8) F Piccari (ITA)	76(6) 64
Apr 03	Linköping (SWE)	\$10,000	(1) M Sarstrand (SWE)	(2) F Neilsen (DEN)	76(5) 63



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ITF Men's Circuit					
Week	Venue	Cat.	Winner	Runner-Up	Score
Apr 03	Malaga (ESP)	\$10,000	M Albert Ferrando (ESP)	D Mondero Gonzalez (ESP)	76(3) 26 64
Apr 03	Manavgat (TUR)	\$6,250	(1) J Checa Calvo (ESP)	(4) P Popovic (SCG)	67(4) 62 20r
Apr 03	Rijeka (CRO)	\$6,250	V Anagnastopol (ROM)	(7) M Galli (ITA)	62 60
Apr 10	Angers (FRA)	\$15,000	(8) S Bohli (SUI)	(3) S Darcis (BEL)	76(4) 67(4) 63
Apr 10	Roma Eur (ITA)	\$15,000	A Pastorino (ARG)	(Q) R Silva (BRA)	57 75 62
Apr 10	Loja (ESP)	\$10,000	(2) P Santos Gonzalez (ESP)	(Q) J A Viloca (ESP)	62 64
Apr 10	Norrköping (SWE)	\$10,000	(3) F Neilsen (DEN)	(7) J Smit (NED)	63 64
Apr 10	Manavgat (TUR)	\$6,250	(1) J Checa Calvo (ESP)	JL Muguruza (ARU)	26 62 64
Apr 17	Cremona (ITA)	\$10,000	X Audouy (FRA)	D Novak (CZE)	67(5) 64 62
Apr 17	Melilla (ESP)	\$10,000	(8) A Mannarino (FRA)	(1) K Loglo (TOG)	62 63
Apr 17	Belek (TUR)	\$6,250	(1) J Checa Calvo (ESP)	(3) T Baldellou (ESP)	64 63
Apr 24	Lleida (ESP)	\$10,000	(4) F Condor (ESP)	(8) D Mondero Gonzalez (ESP)	62 36 61
Apr 24	Padova (ITA)	\$10,000	D Giorgin (ITA)	(Q) J Reister (GER)	57 61 61
Apr 24	Belek (TUR)	\$6,250	(4) JL Muguruza (ARU)	G Olaso De La Rica (ESP)	60 63
May 01	Bournemouth (GBR)	\$15,000	M Crugnola (ITA)	(8) M Sarstrand (SWE)	46 61 75
May 01	Piacenza (ITA)	\$10,000	(6) L Pellerin (FRA)	D Giorgin (ITA)	61 67(5) 64
May 01	Vic (ESP)	\$10,000	(1) M Fornell (ESP)	(Q) M Lopez Jaen (ESP)	61 64
May 01	Bucharest (ROM)	\$10,000	J Doble (FRA)	P Cervanek (SVK)	61 64
May 01	Kos (GRE)	\$10,000	A Inbar (ISR)	(6) I Hadash (ISR)	26 62 62
May 01	Sofia (BUL)	\$6,250	D Klier (GER)	I Traykov (BUL)	67(3) 76(1) 64
ITF Women's Circuit					
Feb 27	Las Palmas (ESP)	\$25,000	(7) K Flipkens (BEL)	(6) A Kudryavtseva (RUS)	61 64
Feb 27	Raanana (ISR)	\$10,000	(2) D Brunel (FRA)	(5) V Raimrova (CZE)	64 62
Mar 6	Gran Canaria (ESP)	\$25,000	A Rezai (FRA)	WC M Serna (ESP)	64 61
Mar 6	Sunderland (GBR)	\$10,000	(3) G Widmer (SUI)	(Q) N Cavaday (GBR)	61 36 61
Mar 6	Haifa (ISR)	\$10,000	(3) D Brunel (FRA)	L Smolenakova (SVK)	63 63
Mar 6	Minsk (BLR)	\$10,000	G Kosyk (UKR)	(5) A Lapushenko (RUS)	61 76(4)
Mar 13	Fuerteventura (ESP)	\$25,000	(4) E Tamaela (NED)	(8) A Rezai (FRA)	63 36 63
Mar 13	Roma Real (ITA)	\$10,000	(1) D Jurak (CRO)	(5) S Chieppa (ITA)	36 61 76(5)
Mar 13	Sheffield (GBR)	\$10,000	(2) S Borwell (GBR)	(Q) N Roma (SWE)	46 61 64
Mar 20	St. Petersburg (RUS)	\$25,000	A Brianti (ITA)	(3) A Kudryavtseva (RUS)	61 64
Mar 20	Amiens (FRA)	\$10,000	(1) Y Shvedova (RUS)	(2) J Coin (FRA)	26 75 64
Mar 20	Sabadell (ESP)	\$10,000	(5) E Cabeza (ESP)	(1) MJ Martinez Sanchez (ESP)	63 75
Mar 20	Roma Parioli (ITA)	\$10,000	(3) D Jurak (CRO)	M Corbalan (ARG)	75 61

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ITF Women's Circuit					
Week	Venue	Cat.	Winner	Runner-Up	Score
Mar 27	Roma Tiro A Volo (ITA)	\$10,000	(3) A Floris (ITA)	M Shamayko (RUS)	63 60
Mar 27	Bath (GBR)	\$10,000	(Q) U Radwanska (POL)	(5) V Tetreault (CAN)	76(6) 62
Apr 03	Dinan (FRA)	\$75,000	WC T Bacsinszky (SUI)	(Q) Y Shvedova (RUS)	46 75 62
Apr 03	Athens (GRE)	\$25,000	(Q) A Vedy (FRA)	(2) M Muller (GER)	46 62 64
Apr 03	Putignano (ITA)	\$25,000	(3) R Oprandi (ITA)	(7) A Brianti (ITA)	61 16 64
Apr 03	Makarska (CRO)	\$10,000	(8) A Mijacika (CRO)	(6) K Andlovic (SWE)	64 76(1)
Apr 03	Bath (GBR)	\$10,000	(3) A Keen (GBR)	N Thyssen (NED)	60 63
Apr 10	Patras (GRE)	\$25,000	(6) M Ruutel (EST)	(3) M Jugic-Salkic (BIH)	63 46 62
Apr 10	Civitavecchia (ITA)	\$25,000	(1) M Muller (GER)	C Wozniacki (DEN)	61 61
Apr 10	Biarritz (FRA)	\$25,000	(2) S Cohen-Aloro (FRA)	M Gojnea (ROM)	67(1) 64 64
Apr 10	Hvar (CRO)	\$10,000	WC N Zoric (SCG)	S Stojic (BIH)	62 61
Apr 17	Bari (ITA)	\$25,000	(Q) A Cornet (FRA)	(1) T Garbin (ITA)	62 36 62
Apr 17	Bol (CRO)	\$10,000	(Q) L Weinerova (SVK)	D Stojic (BIH)	62 60
Apr 24	Cagnes-sur-Mer (FRA)	\$75,000	M Muller (GER)	(7) A Yakimova (BLR)	76(6) 26 60
Apr 24	Torrent (ESP)	\$25,000	(1) R Oprandi (ITA)	E Makarova (RUS)	61 63
Apr 24	Cavtat (CRO)	\$10,000	(5) I Buryachok (UKR)	(1) C Maes (BEL)	36 64 61
Apr 24	Herceg Novi (BIH)	\$10,000	(Q) Z Petrov (SCG)	(7) A Jovanovic (SCG)	vs. (cancelled)
May 01	Catania (ITA)	\$25,000	(2) MJ Martinez Sanchez (ESP)	(1) I Abramovic (CRO)	63 46 64
May 01	Antalya (TUR)	\$25,000	(2) R Oprandi (ITA)	(3) P Cetkowska (CZE)	63 75
May 01	Bucharest (ROM)	\$10,000	(7) R Olaru (ROM)	(5) S Cirstea (ROM)	16 64 61
May 01	Dubrovnik (CRO)	\$10,000	(2) C Maes (BEL)	K Jovanovic	61 61
May 01	Vic (ESP)	\$10,000	(Q) N Sanchez Garcia (ESP)	(7) O Sanchez (ESP)	62 76(8)
May 01	Bournemouth (GBR)	\$10,000	M Boonstra (NED)	(2) B Pavlova (BUL)	63 60

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## European Rankings

The dawning of the European clay court season has already had an impact at the top of the rankings this month.

Some of the best performers early on see their efforts pay off as they enter the top ten; Finland's Jarkko Nieminen recovered from a narrow loss against Rafael Nadal in Barcelona to reach the semi finals in Munich, whilst Barcelona runner-up Tommy Robredo re-enters the list at #5, breaking into the world's top ten for the first time. The successful defence of his Monte Carlo and Barcelona titles keep Nadal a strong #2, but Roger Federer continues to hold a record-breaking points total at the top.

In the women's list, Svetlana Kuznetsova's recent run of good form - winning the title in Miami before reaching the Warsaw final for a third consecutive year - sees her back in the European top ten, the last of four Russians.

Amelie Mauresmo has regained the top spot from Kim Clijsters, and looks set to be the top seed at her home Grand Slam in Paris for the first time later this month. Electing to skip Warsaw, where she was defending champion, sees current Roland Garros champion Justine Henin-Hardenne drop from third to seventh on the list.

Rankings as of May 8, 2006

WOMEN		Player	Country	WTA TOUR RANK	Points Total
1	▲	Amelie MAURESMO	FRA	1	3437
2	▼	Kim CLIJSTERS	BEL	2	3048
3	▲	Maria SHARAPOVA	RUS	3	2679
4	▲	Nadia PETROVA	RUS	4	2369
5	►	Mary PIERCE	FRA	5	2344
6	▼	Justine HENIN-HARDENNE	BEL	7	2198
7	▼	Elena DEMENTIEVA	RUS	8	1964
8	►	Patty SCHNYDER	SUI	9	1888
9	<b>NEW</b>	Svetlana KUZNETSOVA	RUS	10	1503
10	▼	Francesca SCHIAVONE	ITA	11	1389

MEN		Player	Country	ATP ENTRY RANK	Points Total
1	►	Roger FEDERER	SUI	1	7160
2	►	Rafael NADAL	ESP	2	4135
3	▲	Ivan LJUBICIC	CRO	4	2665
4	▼	Nikolay DAVYDENKO	RUS	6	2495
5	<b>NEW</b>	Tommy ROBREDO	ESP	10	1630
6	►	Nicolas KIEFER	GER	12	1560
7	►	Thomas JOHANSSON	SWE	14	1460
8	<b>NEW</b>	Mario Ancic	CRO	15	1455
9	<b>NEW</b>	Jarkko NIEMENEN	FIN	16	1455
10	▼	Radek STEPANEK	SVK	18	1420

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