

# TENNIS EUROPE NEWS



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## EUROPEAN WINTER CUPS BY PRINCE

Russia, Belarus, France and Croatia have been crowned as champions of the 2004 European Winter Cups by Prince, after a frenetic weekend of final round ties across Europe.

Neither of the winning 2003 Girls teams were able to defend their titles, but both gained some consolation by winning a different category this year. Russia, last years U16 Girls champions, won the U14 category in

some style in Pruhonice, Czech Republic. The team, which boasted three of the top 12 European U14s, was convincing from the very beginning, and holds the distinction of being the only team in any age category not to lose a single match in either the qualifying or final rounds of the competition.

Team captain Viktor Pavlov commented "We've been practicing hard for this event and felt confident coming here. The girls are delighted to have won. This is a very strong tournament with lots of top players, its improving year by year; and the involvement of Prince with the organisation has added to the experience for the players"



Russian U14 Team L-R Captain Pavlov, Pavyluchecnko, Kulikova, Pivovarova, Verteshova

Belarus, last years U14 champions, stepped up a level to win at the U16 event in Ronchin, France. Vika Azaranka therefore joins a rare group of players to have won different categories in successive years. In the final they defeated the Czech Republic in both singles before the Czechs

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won the dead doubles rubber. The Czechs had come through a nail biting semi final against the surprising Swedish team, whose performance belied their relatively low European Junior ranking in a first round upset of second-seeded Croatia.

Croatia had a happier time in Montecatini, Italy, where the Boys U16 team made their way to the final at the expense of Latvia and Spain. The top seeded team faced a French team who fended off the Russian challenge in the semi final in a tense final set of the deciding double rubber. In the driving seat after team-mate Jurica Grubisic had won a three set first rubber, Marin Cilic clinched victory with a straight sets win, underlining his credentials as the current European Junior Tour #1.

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**COMPETITION:  
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The Boys U14 final rounds were being held in nearby Forte dei Marmi, Italy, where France went one better than their finalist place in Montecatini, taking the title for the loss of just one rubber, when the Dutch #1 Tim van Terheijden leveled the final at 1-1 with a see-sawing 06 60 75 victory over Jerome Inzerillo. The players faced each other again as part of the double teams for the deciding rubber, which France eventually won. The win marked a return to prominence for the French U14 team, who despite being prominent winners of the event, failed to qualify in 2003.

The European Winter Cups by Prince is the most prestigious indoor team competition for Juniors in Europe. The event is divided into four regional qualifying rounds by

gender and age category, and are played across the continent in mid-February, followed by the four final round championship ties. Many of Europe's top players had their first taste of international team play at the event, including a host of current top players such as Juan Carlos Ferrero, Roger Federer, Justine Henin-Hardenne and Kim Clijsters.

2004 marks the 28<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the first staging of the event, and, significantly for Junior tennis in Europe, sees Prince take on the role of presenting sponsor.

Fabrizio Caldarone, European Tour Manager for Prince, attended three of the final round ties and commented; "I am very happy with the outcome of the weekend, and would like to thank all those who have been involved with the organization of the tournament. The event gives



Prince the opportunity to actively focus on the next generation of players, and hopefully our activities at the final rounds have made it a more memorable event for them too. I am very confident that with our revolutionary MORE Technology we can help this Next Generation of players to play better tennis, increasing power and control simultaneously. We look forward to the future of our cooperation with Tennis Europe, who, as a governing body, give us the opportunity not just to help strengthen the Prince brand, but also to be actively involved in the development of the sport from a social point of view."

#### 2004 EUROPEAN WINTER CUPS BY PRINCE—FINAL ROUND RESULTS

	Winner	Runner-Up	Third Place
14 & Under Girls (Pruhonice, CZE)	RUSSIA	SLOVAK REPUBLIC	SPAIN
14 & Under Boys (Forte dei Marmi, ITA)	FRANCE	NETHERLANDS	CZECH REPUBLIC
16 & Under Girls (Ronchin, FRA)	BELARUS	CZECH REPUBLIC	RUSSIA
16 & Under Boys (Montecatini, ITA)	CROATIA	FRANCE	RUSSIA

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For full results from the European Winter Cups by Prince, please visit [www.tenniseurope.org](http://www.tenniseurope.org)

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



The 2004 Tennis Year started with a European flourish of success at the Australian Open Grand Slam. Roger Federer (Switzerland) and Justine Henin-Hardenne (Belgium) continued their ascendancy as the top players in the world, winning the singles championships.

Michael Llodra (France) and Fabrice Santoro (France) won the men's doubles, whilst Virginia Ruano Pascual (Spain) took the women's doubles with Paola Suarez (Argentina), and Nenad Zimonjic (Serbia and Montenegro) and Elena Bovina (Russia) capturing the mixed doubles.

In the juniors another promising French star emerges with Gael Monfils winning the boys' singles and Shahar Peer (Israel) the girls' singles. Her win must be very encouraging for Israeli Tennis. European Tennis certainly dominated the Open.

I am sure you will all congratulate Horst Klosterkemper on his appointment as A.T.P. President and Managing Director, Europe. Our loss is the A.T.P.'s gain. At our last Committee of Management meeting Horst resigned as one of our Vice-Presidents and from the Committee

of Management. We will miss his knowledge and experience. Horst was one of the four founding members in 1974 of the then named European Tennis Association and has served on the Committee of Management since that date. He will be an extremely important link for European and world tennis at the A.T.P. We will have the opportunity of officially thanking and honouring Horst at our A.G.M.

We have just completed the 26<sup>th</sup> European Winter Cups for Juniors, this year with our new partner Prince sponsoring the Cups for the first time. Over 270 boys and girls 16 and Under and 14 and Under represented their countries, playing through the qualifying rounds and finals. 16 venues hosted the qualifying rounds and 4 hosted the final stages.

Playing at this level for these junior players is their first step in international competition. It is one of the strengths of European tennis that we have these competitions. We would like to thank the tennis clubs and member nations who hosted all the rounds of this year's Winter Cups. Congratulations to the winning teams in all the age groups.

An important announcement was made early last month of the European Solidarity Scheme. Your Development Committee under the Chairmanship of Jacques Dupre introduced this scheme as an important step in stimulating increased interaction between member nations. We thank those member nations who have signed up to support this new initiative and wish the Solidarity Scheme great success.

The European Junior Tour is one of our most successful operations. This is highlighted by the encouraging entries in one of the Open Super 12 Series recently held at Aury, France. In the 12 and under

boys' singles there were 62 entries and in the 12 and under girls' singles 60 entries. These young players came from all over Europe and also from other world tennis nations.

This year is also a special year as we have in Europe the Olympic Games and Paralympic Games in Athens, the birthplace of the Olympics. I would like to thank the Greek Tennis Federation for agreeing to host our A.G.M. in Athens. I am sure it will be a memorable occasion, to be in the Olympic City prior to the Games taking place.

Following our open session at last year's A.G.M., your Committee of Management and the European Team Championships and Regional Games Committee have had in depth discussions on the future format of The European Team Championships and also the European Club Championships. It is intended to report our findings and recommendations at our A.G.M.

A review has taken place on the criteria of Tennis Europe Awards. New criteria will be proposed at our A.G.M.; they follow similar lines to the I.T.F.'s Awards and will give member nations the opportunity to acknowledge the achievements of those members who have given outstanding service to the game of Tennis in their country and/or Europe.

I look forward to welcoming delegates at our A.G.M. in Athens.

**John James**



## TENNIS EUROPE & PLAY-IT INDOOR

Tennis Europe recently announced a two-year partnership with Play-it Indoor, one of Europe's leading court surface manufacturers. We spoke to Play-it's Managing Director Gianfranco Zanola about the background of the company, and his hopes for the partnership.

### Why did you come to be involved with Play-it?

To me it's all about passion for tennis. In fact, passion is probably the key element in this company. We have a passion to achieve technical solutions to improve the game through better surfaces, indoor surfaces in our case. It is also our passion to make players happy and everything we do has that final objective. I am the owner and the Managing Director, probably the heart of the company, but everyone else around me in the company feels the same passion about the sport and that becomes obvious when you realize that we all speak the same "language".

### What would you say is the defining aspect of Play-it Indoor products?

Well, as you know, these days indoor tennis has become very fast and hard. We consider that this is not the best situation for the players or the public. Play-it has developed more comfortable and slower surfaces to play on. With our technology, now it is up to the tournament director to decide what style of play he wants to promote. We can modify the surface to adapt it to the desired speed of play.

### What marks the evolution of tennis court surfaces? The research and development of companies such as yours, the preferences of players, or the demands of the governing bodies?

The ITF set basic surface types

classification: slow, medium and fast. It is from that starting point that we cooperate with professional players to test our products and their feedback help us to design more comfortable and playable surfaces.

On the other hand, there is another very important requirement generated by the fact that indoor tournaments often take place in polyvalent venues. In those cases, installation time is a key element when selecting the surface. Play-it can install a tennis court in only 8 hours and this



Gianfranco Zanola (right) agrees the deal with Tennis Europe's Managing Director, External Affairs, Olli Mäenpää.

leaves tournament directors very satisfied with our service.

### Everyone is aware of the importance that the court surface has in play and yet no one seems to know much about it. Is this a challenge for you when marketing the product?

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looking for.

Also, our surfaces have a great deal of versatility, if your style of play is very fast, you can rely on them to get you the ball back at the same speed and, equally, if your game is slow the ball will bounce back at the expected speed.

### Before deciding, it seems logical for potential customers to ask you to try the court. Is this possible?

We always try to have our clients to test the court. We have a technical centre in the Cividino, Bergamo (Italy), the Centro Tennis Vavassori, where Renato Vavassori, a former professional player and other professionals use our surface 10 hours a day, 365 days a year. This is a great test bank for our product: there we check the durability, its speed when we make changes and the rest of technical features.

### What is the most common type of court surface that you install?

As our surface adapts very well to different speeds of play, most of clients go for the medium one. Only in special situations like Davis Cup ties, we are requested to install the fast one to provide some extra advantage to the local team. I would say that 90% of all courts that we install are medium and the remaining 10% are fast. Few people ask for the slow one because, as I mentioned, the medium one guarantees a perfect game to slow-style players as well.

### Waste management is nowadays a big concern. Play-it Indoor recycles used courts. How much of the material do you actually recycle and what do you do with it?

## TENNIS EUROPE & PLAY-IT INDOOR

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We recycle 100% of the material. We use it to make the inside part of new surfaces. The external part, which is made from PCV, is always new material.

This is very good for our customers because we pay them for the used

courts and they don't have to worry about any waste.

**What does the partnership with Tennis Europe represent for Play-it Indoor?**

We are trying to build up relationships with all institutions within the tennis industry. People who play,

watch and speak about tennis; People who speak the same language. Tennis Europe is, to us, the ideal partner to get to our market, which is all European countries. Our goal is to become the leader as indoor tennis surface provider and we are confident that this partnership will be of great help to achieve it.

**David Albareda**

## EUROPEAN RACQUET STRINGERS ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER



European Racquet Stringers Association

The European Racquet Stringers Association (ERSA) has recently

launched a monthly newsletter. The bulletin, aimed at stringers, shops, racket sports schools, sporting goods stores, and other people working in the racket sports industry is available for direct subscription (mail to mmaslo3330@aol.com).

You can view the first issue by clicking here [http://www.ersa-stringers.com/pdf/newsletter/ersa\\_newsletter\\_012004.pdf](http://www.ersa-stringers.com/pdf/newsletter/ersa_newsletter_012004.pdf)

## OBITUARY—MASSIMO FRANCESCONI



It is with great sadness that Tennis Europe News reports the death of Italian official Massimo Francesconi, a bronze badge chair umpire and silver badge referee, who passed away in Reggio Emilia on January 31st.

Massimo started officiating in the early 1990's, and passed ITF Level 2 School in 1993, becoming an international official in 1997.

He had worked in all of the most

important Italian tournaments, including several ITF & Tennis Europe women's and junior events, as well as abroad in Davis Cup in ATP Tour events.

Italian officials will pay tribute to him by organising a scholarship for young upcoming officials hoping to start an international career.



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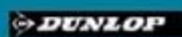
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## EUROPEAN VETERANS PLAYERS OF THE YEAR 2003

The European Veterans Players of the Year have been announced for 2003. The awards will be presented to a representative of the national associations of the winners at the Annual General Meeting in May. A full list of the Players of the Year is below.

Category	Men's Player of the Year	Women's Player of the Year
Over 35	Thomas GOLLWITZER (GER)	Heike THOMS (GER)
Over 40	Stefan FASTHOFF (GER)	Ingrid RESCH-SOMMERAUER (AUT)
Over 45	Pierre GODFROID (BEL)	Gerda PREISSING-SIGEL (GER)
Over 50	Radovan CIZEK (CZE)	Eugenia BIRUKOVA (ITA)
Over 55	Peter ADRIGAN (GER)	Sylvia BAUWENS (GER)
Over 60	Peter POKORNY (AUT)	Heide ORTH (GER)
Over 65	Bodo NITSCHKE (GER)	Ilse MICHAEL (GER)
Over 70	Hans JELL (AUT)	Clelia MAZZOLENI (ITA)
Over 75	Oskar JIRKOVSKY (AUT)	Erzsebet SZENTIRMAY (HUN)
Over 80	Cornelis MARRE (NED)	
Over 85	Claude DE MONTGOLFIER (FRA)	

## EUROPEAN VETERANS FUND

The European Veterans Fund was established by Tennis Europe in 2001 thanks to the generosity of a donor and lover of Veterans tennis. The objective of this fund is to improve participation in the Veterans Game in Europe by giving financial support to players from countries that are unable to participate in the

European Veterans Club Championships for financial reasons.

Specific criteria have been established for the applicants. Eligibility has been restricted to teams from countries who have not entered a team in the particular event in the previous three years, and those that

run a national Club Championship for that age group. The project will be continued this year and the applications are due to be sent out to all National Associations with the first circular of the European Veterans Club Championships.

## EUROPEAN VETERANS INDOOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

One of the highlights of the Veterans calendar, the 28<sup>th</sup> European Veterans Indoors Championships, were held in Seefeld (AUT), from the 9th-24th January. The event

was a great success, with more than 600 players from 28 countries taking part. As always, it was a remarkable event with some outstanding performances and exciting

matches of a very high standard. Detailed results can be found at <http://www.tenniseurope.org/sites/veteran/vetindoor.htm>

## EUROPEAN VETERANS CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

Dates and venues for the 2004 European Veterans Club Championships have been confirmed and are as follows:

- Men 45** in Feldkirch-Altenstadt, AUT, 19th - 24th July
- Men 55** in Düsseldorf, GER, 7th - 11th June
- Men 60** in Berlin, GER from 24th - 27th August
- Men 65** in Salzburg, AUT, from 30th August - 3 September
- Women 40/50** in Le Touquet, FRA, 8th - 11th June

## WOMENS DEPARTMENT

Tennis Europe administers all ITF Women's Circuit \$10,000-\$75,000 events in Europe. In 2003, players from 35 countries won a total of 169 titles on the circuit. Below you can find a statistical breakdown of the circuit. For complete statistics please visit [www.tenniseurope.org](http://www.tenniseurope.org)

### Singles Titles by Country

Czech Republic	20
Spain	16
Croatia	14
France	11
Russia	9
Austria	8
Italy	8
Ukraine	8
Germany	7
Hungary	7
Romania	7
Slovakia	6
Bulgaria	5
Netherlands	5

### Singles Titles by Player

Sprem, Karolina (CRO)	5
Bammer, Sybille (AUT)	4
Fraga, Marta (ESP)	4
Snajdrova, Lenka (CZE)	4

### Doubles Titles by Player

Jurak, Darija (CRO)	12
Jugic-Salkic, Mervana (BIH)	11
Gerlova, Iveta (CZE)	6
Butkiewicz, Leslie (BEL)	5
Marama, Paula (NZL)	5
Senoglu, Ipek (TUR)	5
Zemenova, Zuzana (SVK)	

### Doubles Titles Won by a Team

Jurak, Darija (CRO) – Jugic-Salkic, Mervana (BIH)	11
Marama, Eden (NZL) – Marama, Paula (NZL)	4
Gerlova, Iveta (CZE) – Zemenova, Zuzana (SVK)	3
Kustava, Daria (BLR) – Tatarkova, Elena (UKR)	3

## DEVELOPMENT NEWS—NORTH EAST TRAINING CAMP

The 2004 ITF/Tennis Europe North East Regional Training Camp for players aged 14 & Under took place from 3 – 11 of January. The camp, which was held for the first time in Tallinn, Estonia, attracted 32 players and 11 coaches from the neighbouring countries of Latvia, Lithuania, the Ukraine and Belarus.

The camp was conducted by Hvroje Zmajic, ITF/Tennis Europe Development Officer together with the visiting coaches, and was held at the new, well-equipped Rocca al Mare Tennis Centre which boasts 12 indoor courts.

Players and coaches were involved in both on-court and off-court training sessions with the main objective of the training camp being to improve mental skills in order to cope with pressure during a tennis match.

Zmajic said: "The training camp provides players and coaches from the region with a rare opportunity to not only work and train together, but also to exchange opinions and information".

I am very happy that we had an opportunity to organise such a positive event in our country."

On the completion of the camp, players had the opportunity to test

their newly acquired skills in the Tennis Europe 14 & Under Junior Tournament held also at the Rocca al mare Tennis Centre. Both, boys and girls competitions were dominated by players that took part in the Training camp.

Seven boys and four girls reached the quarter finals. Vinogradovs Peteris from Latvia and Antoniychuk Christina from the Ukraine had particularly impressive

runs in the tournament, making their way to the titles without dropping a set.



*Hats off: the participants of the North East Training Camp*

Ilona Polijakova, General Secretary of the Estonian Tennis Association said: "These camps help to motivate players in trying to become a more competitive player on an international level.



## RACE TO THE MASTERS - TENNIS EUROPE JUNIOR MASTERS

The Tennis Europe Junior Masters began in 1996, devised to reward the best players competing on the European Junior Tour. It is the end of season highlight for the eight best-ranked European boys and girls of the 14 and 16 & Under age categories. The 2004 European Masters will be played at Tennis Club Jesi, Italy, during the weekend of 17-19th October.

The rankings below illustrate the players currently (ranking as of 26th February 2004) qualified for the 2003 European Junior Masters. The players who occupy these top 8 positions on October 2nd will qualify to compete in this years event. To see the full rankings in a variety of formats, with a breakdown of points per tournament, please visit the Tennis Europe website at [www.tenniseurope.org](http://www.tenniseurope.org)

### BOYS 14 & UNDER

	Name	Nation	Points
1	Vladimir IGNATIC	BLR	395
2	Andrew THOMAS	AUS	285
3	Daniel COX	GBR	280
4	Alin Mihai CONSTANTIN	ROM	270
5	George KOSHIS	CYP	250
6	Alexiei GRIGOROV	RUS	230
7	Matthew ASCIAK	MLT	230
8	Emanuel REHOLA	CZE	225
9	Jerome INZERILLO	FRA	225
10	Jakub CYMOREK	CZE	215

### BOYS 16 & UNDER

	Name	Nation	Points
1	Marin CILIC	CRO	380
2	Grzegorz PANFIL	POL	350
3	Pere RIBA	ESP	350
4	Pavel CHEKHOV	RUS	330
5	Zoran GOLUBOVIC	SLO	305
6	Herbert WEIRATHER	AUT	290
7	Mario JUKIC	CRO	270
8	Jaak POLDMA	EST	210
9	Antonio SANCIC	CRO	205
10	Ernests GULBIS	LAT	200

### GIRLS 14 & UNDER

	Name	Nation	Points
1	Sorana Mihaela CIRSTEA	ROM	670
2	Elena KULIKOVA	RUS	440
3	Tamira PASZEK	AUT	375
4	Caroline WOZNIAK I	DEN	360
5	Urszula RADWANSKA	POL	355
6	Jasmina TINJIC	CRO	355
7	Petra MOKRA	CZE	325
8	Anastasia PIVOVAROVA	RUS	290
9	Ioana IVAN	ROM	280
10	Klaudia BOCZOVA	SVK	280

### GIRLS 16 & UNDER

	Name	Nation	Points
1	Mihaela BUZARNESCU	ROM	485
2	Natalia RAKHMANINA	RUS	345
3	Jelena STANIVUK	BIH	320
4	Alena BAYARCHYK	BLR	305
5	Raluca Ioana Olaru	ROM	302.5
6	Julia PARASUK	RUS	300
7	Iva VELKOVSKA	MKD	295
8	Maria MIZIOUK	RUS	275
9	Sanja RACIC	BIH	265
10	Alina ORCHOLSKA	POL	260

## EUROPEAN RANKINGS

The European rankings look especially strong this month as the continents top players continue to better themselves. The Australian season was a happy hunting ground for European players. Justine Henin-Hardenne cemented her World #1 position with the titles in Sydney and at the Australian Open, and continues to collect silverware, adding the Dubai title last week. Meanwhile Roger Federer ascends to the top spot for the first time, having collected his second Grand Slam title.

Also in the women's rankings, Amélie Mauresmo climbs to career-high position of third, despite not having played since Australia due to a back injury. The Russian advance continues; Vera Zvonareva's second title (in Memphis) leaves her on the cusp of breaking into the WTA's top ten for the first time, whilst a good run of early season form from Silvia Farina Elia, including runner-

up berths at events in Canberra and Antwerp, sees her regain the role of top-ranked Italian.

Marat Safin makes an explosive return to the European Men's rankings after his sensational run to the Australian Open final, edging Juan Carlos Ferrero for second place. Dominik Hrbaty also had a memorable trip Down Under; back to back titles in Adelaide and Auckland seal him fourth position.

Fast improving Joachim Johansson enters the list for the first time, thanks to his first title win in Memphis. Rounding out the list Nicolas Escude and Sebastien Grosjean battle for the French #1 position, and Tim Henman's consistency pays off; he's the only man to beat Federer so far this year.

<b>WOMEN</b>	<b>Player</b>	<b>Country</b>	<b>WTA TOUR Ranking</b>	<b>Points Total</b>
1	Justine HENIN-HARDENNE	BEL	1	7250
2	Kim CLIJSTERS	BEL	2	6699
3	Amélie MAURESMO	FRA	3	3353
4	Anastasia MYSKINA	RUS	7	2528
5	Elena DEMENTIEVA	RUS	8	2270
6	Vera ZVONAREVA	RUS	11	2027
7	Nadia PETROVA	RUS	12	1967
8	Silvia FARINA-ELIA	ITA	14	1468.75
9	Jelena DOKIC	SCG	15	1449
10	Patty SCHNYDER	SUI	16	1396

The European Women's Ranking is based on the WTA Ranking of 1st March 2004.

<b>MEN</b>	<b>Player</b>	<b>Country</b>	<b>ATP CHAMPIONS RACE</b>	<b>Points</b>
1	Roger FEDERER	SUI	1	212
2	Marat SAFIN	RUS	2	140
3	Dominik HRBATY	SVK	3	128
4	Juan Carlos FERRERO	ESP	4	127
5	Carlos MOYA	ESP	9	84
6	Joachim JOHANNSON	SWE	10	77
7	Nicolas ESCUDE	FRA	11	69
8	Sebastien GROSJEAN	FRA	12	62
9	Tim HENMAN	GBR	13	59
10	Sjeng SCHALKEN	NED	17	51

The European Men's Ranking is based on the ATP Champions Race Standings as of 1st March 2004.

**THE LATEST FROM TENNIS EUROPE****MEMBER NATIONS NEWS**

There are a few staffing changes to note throughout the member nations as we enter the new year:

Dr. Ian Froman has been elected to serve as the new chairman of the Israel Tennis Association.

Mr. Tony Wiréhn takes over as General Secretary of the Swedish Tennis Association.

The Malta Tennis Federation has elected Mr. Antony Cilia Pisani as President and Dr. David Farrugia Sacco as General Secretary.

Tennis Austria have relocated; you can now find them at

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Eisgrubengasse 2-6  
2334 Vösendorf  
Austria

**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

March 4 -11      ITF/TENNIS EUROPE SMALL STATES CHAMPIONSHIPS - Luxembourg

April/May 28 - 8      ITF/TENNIS EUROPE DEVELOPMENT CHAMPIONSHIPS - Serbia and Montenegro

May 6 - 16      ITF/TENNIS EUROPE DEVELOPMENT CHAMPIONSHIPS - Armenia

**INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES IN EUROPE**

TENNIS EUROPE CONFERENCES:

May 7—9      TENNIS EUROPE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - Athens (GRE)

Oct 15—17      TOP EXECUTIVES MEETING (Venue tbc)

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