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2003 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING REVIEW

1/3 Delegates from across the continent attended Tennis Europe's Annual General Meeting, which was excellently organised by the Italian Tennis Federation, with special thanks to Mr. Michele Brunetti, who worked tirelessly to ensure many memorable settings for both the



1/2 work sessions and the social programme, as well as ensuring an enjoyable time for the delegates' companions.



Michele Brunetti, Chairman of the Junior Committee, presents Agustin Pujol (right) with one of the Junior Players of the Year awards.

Agustin Pujol of Spain, President of the European Tennis Association from 2000-2002, was the most decorated delegate in Ancona, collecting three Tennis Europe Trophies (amongst them the overall award), a Player of the Year accolade for Marcel Granollers, and an Honorary Life Presidency award for his services to T-ennis Europe.

INTERVIEW WITH ITF PRESIDENT

8 Tennis Europe News managed to have a few words with the President of the International Tennis Federation, Francesco Ricci Bitti during the AGM. Mr. Ricci Bitti has been heavily involved in Tennis Europe's activities for over 25 years, culminating with his Presidency of the organisation from 1993-1999.

9 We spoke to him about his ITF Presidency and general matters for European Tennis, shortly after his speech to the assembly on the

second day of the meeting.

So, four years (and counting) as President of the ITF. What have been the greatest challenges, both on a personal level, and for the organisation as a whole under your leadership?

There are many. On a professional level, I'm especially pleased that we have managed to maintain ITF activities despite a substantial decrease in available resources (*cont'd Page 2*)

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The success of the international team competitions, especially the Davis Cup, in the past two or three years has been remarkable. I'm also very pleased by the progression of Olympic tennis, and look forward to the most successful competition yet at the Athens games.

On a personal level, I would say the hardest thing has been the travelling, constantly on the move to meetings...it's much tougher physically than I would have expected. I'm often surprised as well at how much of my business experience I have to rely on; before taking office I expected to use it of course, but I imagined I would be drawing mainly on my tennis experience.

European nations have performed especially well in the team events in the last couple of years. Are you happy with the current state of Davis & Fed Cups? What needs to be done to strengthen the Fed Cup in particular?

Well, the Davis Cup has historically been very evenly balanced between Europe and the rest of the world. Europe has many very good players right now who can be called upon to make formidable teams. The Fed Cup is also gaining popularity. Mainly it has suffered from a lack of stability. It needs to settle into a stable format, with good player participation - which in the first round this year has been exceptional, and have a dependable schedule that players can build their commitments around. Once we've achieved those aims, there should be no problem to find long-term partners for the event.

Last time we spoke to you, you were saying that you wanted to strengthen the ITF/Grand Slam relationship and also that you wanted to work more closely with the ATP and WTA. How do you think that has evolved?

Well firstly, the relationship between the ITF and the Grand Slams is even better than I could have expected. The same can be said of our co-

operation with the ATP and WTA, with whom we work very closely and successfully on a number of issues, such as the anti-doping programme. It's not always an easy relationship; we are partners in some things and counter-parts in others, but it's always a very positive relationship, even when we have different agendas.

What's your reaction to reports that the ATP is seeking to claim a bigger Grand Slam payout?

I think that this all stems from the inherent difficulties of the business model of the tours. It is always going to be difficult to be both union of the players and representative of the tournaments. The player is the entertainer, and the tournament is the provider of the money, and to speak for both of those entities at once is of course not easy. It's a difficult situation, and many tournaments on the circuit are simply not profitable. It's normal to seek alternative methods of obtaining funds in such a situation. The Grand Slams are able to grow and to offer increased prize money each year, as well as provide additional funds for us for the development of the game, precisely because they are not a part of this equation.

Over the last year, we have seen a number of progressions in the fight against drugs in tennis. Are you happy that enough is being done?

I'm very happy, yes. The ITF has been working jointly with the ATP and WTA since the mid 1980's, and few sports control their domain as effectively as tennis. The Copenhagen conference earlier this year illustrated that we are amongst the leaders in sport in this field, and our efforts in co-operation with WADA is to look for



Mr. Ricci Bitti addresses the delegates in Ancona

greater harmonisation of rules and procedures.

If we turn to 'Marketing the Game' initiatives, the ITF has recently launched the ITN (International Tennis Number) for rating players. How successful has it been so far?

We've had a good response. It's an especially good system for countries that do not have a national ratings system, which was why we launched the pilot scheme in Australia. People there have been very enthusiastic about it. It's a very simple system, and easy to adopt in conjunction with the many different national systems. We need to take a look now at which countries to concentrate on next.

Tennis Europe, in conjunction with the ITF, has just launched the See Tennis Live campaign; what is your reaction to it?

It's a great way of giving some identity to the efforts of national associations and individual tennis clubs to promote their smaller tournaments. There are so many events, over 1300 weeks in Europe this year at all levels, so it's good to have a common promotional approach for a lot of those events. It's a very good package, and an innovative implementation but we'll have to wait and study the feedback from the users.

Mr. Ricci Bitti; Tennis Europe News thanks you for your time.

2003 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING IN ANCONA, ITALY: REVIEW

Delegates from all over Europe headed to Italy at the beginning of May for 2003 Annual General Meeting. The Adriatic port of Ancona hosted the two-day meeting, during which many key issues were discussed, reports given and sea foods consumed.

Friday's opening session at the historic Palazzo degli Anziani was divided between discussion of the See Tennis Live project, and the European Team Championships. Olli Mäenpää, Anders Wennberg and Juan Maria Tintoré Belil gave presentations concerning the See Tennis Live campaign, during which the delegates were asked to support the scheme in their native countries, and were given instructions on how to use the marketing material that has been provided by Tennis Europe for entry-level events across the continent.

After a break Tennis Europe President John James gave an impassioned speech about the European Team Championships before the delegates divided into three working groups to discuss suggestions for the future of the event.

The Italian Tennis Federation hosted the official dinner on Friday night at the Restaurant Passetto. The meal was followed by a ceremony during which the annual awards were presented. Amongst these were the 2002 Tennis Europe Trophies. The most decorated nation this year was Spain with three trophies, including the Overall title. Agustin Pujol, the President of the Spanish Tennis Federation, collected the awards, and remarked that he took extra pride in



the first Spanish European Junior Tennis Trophy.

Special Tennis Europe awards were then presented to Todor Todorov and Walter Goethals for their services to European Tennis over the years. Mr Goethals has served as the General Secretary of the Belgian Tennis Federation for the last twenty years, attending all Top Executive and Annual general Meetings in that time. Mr Todorov (pictured) is a member of the board of the Bulgarian Tennis Federation, and is serving his twentieth year as a member of the Junior Committee.

The delegates retired early on Friday night in order to prepare for Saturday's Plenary Session, which was opened by the Mayor of the city, who presented a commemorative gift to the presidents of Tennis Europe and the ITF.

Mario Pescante, President of the European National Olympic Committees and Vice Minister of Sports in Italy, who spoke via videoconference from Rome, then greeted the dele-

gates. Roberto Lombardi of the Italian Tennis Federation followed, with an entertaining presentation on the success of their training scheme for coaches.

ITF President Francesco Ricci Bitti then addressed the assembly with a speech concentrating largely on financial matters. Afterwards he took questions from the delegates on a variety of matters. The rest of the day was given over to the traditional matters of the Annual General Meeting; the presentations of the various committees, and Players of the Year awards.

After another memorable dinner, which had been preceded by a 'tribute to Tennis Europe concert', featuring performances by a string quartet and a selection of opera pieces, the meeting was finally over, with the symbolic passing of the Tennis Europe flag from Mr. Brunetti to Spiros Zannias, the President of the Greek Tennis Federation. John James had announced earlier in the day that Greece had accepted his invitation to stage the AGM in Athens in 2004, their Olympic year. The delegates then dispersed; some eager to take the opportunity to catch up with colleagues over a beer in one of the many open-air bars, others off for a few hours sleep before commencing their return journeys to the four corners of the continent.

Tennis Europe would like to thank once again Mr. Brunetti and the Italian Tennis Federation, and we look forward to seeing all the delegates again next year in Greece.

SEE TENNIS LIVE UPDATE

Organisers of ITF Men's and Women's Circuit events across Europe are reminded of the 'See Tennis Live' campaign to promote interest in entry-level tennis throughout the continent. If you haven't received your pack, or

would like further information, please visit the official website at www.tenniseurope.org/seetennislive, or contact Jonathan Jobson, Communications Coordinator, Tennis Europe, at jonathanj@tenniseurope.org.



EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS CALENDAR 2003

<u>EVENT</u>	<u>VENUE</u>	<u>DATE</u>
PROFESSIONAL TENNIS		
European Club Championships for Women	AS Patton Rennes, France	30 June - 5 July
European Club Championships for Men	TC Ritspop, Eeklo, Belgium	22 - 28 Sept
European Women's Team Championships		
Champions Division	Czech Republic	12 - 16 Dec
First Division	Espinho, Portugal	
European Men's Team Championships		
Champions Division	Montecatini, Italy	1 - 7 Dec
First Division	Espinho, Portugal	
JUNIOR TENNIS		
ITF/Tennis Europe Development Championships 16&U		28 Apr - 4 May
ITF/Tennis Europe Small States Championships 14&U	Luxembourg	22 - 30 Mar
European Summer Cups (Qualifying Rounds) 14&U	various	29 Jun - 1 Jul
European Summer Cups (Final Rounds) 14&U		
Boys	Tarragona, Spain	4 - 6 Jul
Girls	San Remo, Italy	4 - 6 Jul
European Summer Cups (Qualifying Rounds) 16&U	various	3 - 5 Jul
European Summer Cups (Final Rounds) 16&U		
Boys	Le Touquet, France	4 - 6 Aug
Girls	Leysin, Switzerland	3 - 5 Aug
European Summer Cups (Qualifying Rounds) 18&U	various	29 Jun - 1 Jul
European Summer Cups (Final Round) 18&U		
Boys	La Rochelle, France	3 - 5 Aug
Girls	Lerida, Spain	3 - 5 Aug
European Junior Individual Championships		
14&U	Vichy, France	21 - 27 Jul
16&U	tba	21 - 27 Jul
18&U	Klosters, Switzerland	21 - 27 Jul
European Junior Masters 14/16&U	Jesi, Italy	17 -19 Oct
VETERANS TENNIS		
European Veterans Championships (Outdoor) 60-80	Pörtschach, Austria	9 - 15 Jun
European Veterans Championships (Outdoor) 40-55	Baden-Baden, Germany	9 - 15 Jun
European Veterans Championships (Outdoor) 35	Rottach-Weissach, Germany	23 - 25 Jul
European Veterans Club Championships Ladies 40/50	Rome, Italy	16 - 20 Jun
European Veterans Club Championships Men 45	Feldkirch-Altenstadt, Austria	1 - 6 Sep
European Veterans Club Championships Men 55	Le Touquet	16 - 20 Jun
European Veterans Club Championships Men 60	Le Touquet	16 - 20 Jun
European Veterans Club Championships Men 65	tba	

TENNIS TO FEATURE AT SPECIAL OLYMPICS

Tennis is one of the sports that will be featured at the 2003 Special Olympics World Summer Games being held June 21-29, 2003 in Dublin, Ireland. The World Games, with 7,000 athletes with mental handicaps competing in 21 sports, will be the largest sporting event in the world this year.

In total, 135 players from 30 countries will be competing in tennis with 50 players from 12 countries coming from Europe. Athletes will participate in individual skills assessment and compete in Singles, Doubles

and Mixed Doubles. "We will see a wide range of abilities: from athletes who are learning to hit a ball to competing players who can sustain an extended rally and controlled forehand and backhand shots," said Eileen Stapleton, World Games general manager, sports.

The David Lloyd Riverview Club in Dublin will host the World Games practice and competition. The club offers first-class facilities including 11 indoor courts that will be for the exclusive use of Special Olympics athletes during the Games. The venue

has been used for a number of national and international tennis events, including rounds of the Davis Cup.

During the competition, eight ITF international officials will be on hand, complemented by 16 Irish officials. Forty-eight ball boys/girls from the local community will be selected and trained.

For more information, visit the following web sites: www.specialolympics.org and www.2003specialolympics.com.

(Martha Jo Braycich)

DEVELOPMENT OFFICER UPDATE

ITF/TENNIS EUROPE NORTH EAST TRAINING CAMP

The ITF/Tennis Europe training camp for 14 & Under in north east Europe was held for the third successive year in Siauliai, Lithuania from 9-16 March. Thirty-two players and 12 coaches from Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, the Ukraine and Belarus were invited to attend the camp. The beautiful Siauliai Tennis School with 6 indoor courts, fitness and

lecture room is excellently equipped for the project like this. The camp was conducted by Hrvoje Zmajic, ITF/Tennis Europe Development Officer together with the coaches from each of invited countries.

Players and coaches were involved in both on-court and off-court training sessions. The main objectives of the

training camp were to improve tactical skills and better understanding of the tennis game.

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

ITF/TENNIS EUROPE DEVELOPMENT CHAMPIONSHIPS, NOVI SAD

The 9th ITF/Tennis Europe Development Championships is being hosted for the first time by the Yugoslavian Tennis Federation in Novi Sad.

Sixteen East European countries were invited to participate and sent their best players to compete in this 16 & Under European Junior Tour

events. The Championships consisted of two tournaments in which a feed-in consolation format has been used, which guarantees that players take part in at least one single match per day.

Based on the combined results from both Tournaments the best players will be awarded travel grants aimed

at helping them to take part in high-level Junior tournaments around the world. This will enable them to gain the international experience that is crucial for their future development. The championships are in their final stages as we go to press; results updates can be found on our website.

(Hrvoje Zmajic)

1ST EUROPEAN UNIVERSITIES TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS

The first European Universities Tennis Championships will be held in Cyprus next month, hosted by the Cyprus University Sports Federation, with the cooperation of the Cyprus Tennis Federation.

The tournament will be held at the

National Tennis Centre in Nicosia between 21st and 28th June, and will see both men's and women's teams competing.

For further information, please visit the web sites of the European University Sports Association (www.eusa-unisport.org), or the Cyprus University Sports Federation (www.cusf.org.cy), who have all the participation details including entry forms, deadlines, regulations and the event programme.

2003 SMALL STATES CHAMPIONSHIPS

In recent years these championships have become one of the most important events on the junior calendar for the players from the Small States of Europe.

This year the event was held in the Luxembourg National Training Centre at Esch-Alzette, where sixteen girls and sixteen boys from Albania, Andorra, Azerbaijan, Cyprus, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Malta and San Marino battled hard throughout eight days of competition. The matches were played in a very positive and competitive atmosphere, and the event was organised excellently by the national association.

The final ranking is determined by

using a feed-in consolation system in which all players have to play singles and doubles matches each day.

In the boys event Matthew Asciak and Georgios Koshis dominated both tournaments. Georgios won in the final of the first tournament against Matthew, who exacted his revenge and won the second tournament against Georgios.

As with the boys event, Stephanie Vogt and Elina Hasanova played the finals in both girls tournaments and won respectively one of them.

Hrvoje Zmajic, ITF/Tennis Europe Development Officer commented: "This year the best players came from Cyprus, Liechtenstein, Malta and Azerbaijan, unlike the years

before when the competition has been dominated by one or two countries. This is a sign that in recent years the standard of tennis has developed across the European Small States."

Based on the combined results from two tournaments the players featured below will be invited to participate in the ITF/Tennis Europe Small States Team that will travel under the direction of Gitanas Mazonas of Lithuania, and afterwards will participate in three tournaments part of 2003 European 14 & Under Junior Tour, as illustrated.

(Stephanie Kamberi/Hrvoje Zmajic)

BOYS		GIRLS	
Georgios KOSHIS (CYP) Matthew ASCIAK (MLT)		Elina HASANOVA (AZR) Stephanie VOGT (LIE)	
29 June–01 July	TRAINING CAMP		
02-06 July	Babolat Cup 2, Tallinn, EST (cat. 3)		
09-13 July	Riga 800, Riga, LAT (cat. 3)		
16-20 July	International Tournament, Liepaja, LAT (cat. 3)		

JUNIOR TOUR SUPERVISOR UPDATE

On the European Junior Tour, as everywhere else in tennis, March and April are months of transition, which represent the end of the indoor and beginning of the outdoor seasons.

The Winter Cup finals, held in various locations across the continent, mark the conclusion of the indoor season. I had the possibility to visit both the U14 boys final in San Miniato as well as the U16 boys final in Montecatini. San Miniato saw the triumph of the Belgian team over the Czech Republic, while in the final at Montecatini Russia defeated Spain in front of a full crowd. The teams were very happy about their presence in Tuscany and were catered for well with hospitality, a good venue and

general conditions of play. My outdoor season started the week before Easter with a visit to Livorno and a short trip to Anderlecht. The eight courts of Livorno were the frame of one of the top Under 14 events in Europe. Although the weather caused some problems for the finals, the tournament ran smoothly throughout the week. Only 15 minutes by car separate Anderlecht from Bruxelles airport, which makes this tournament very convenient for players coming from all over Europe.

I was particularly impressed by the off court social activities which kept the players occupied for the rest of their days when not involved in

matches or practice.

After the Easter break I went to Pavia, a small city close to Milan, where Tennis Club Pavia hosted an Under 14 category 3 event for the first time.

Although the club had only forty days to organise the event, replacing Genova at the last minute, they committed themselves impressively and pleased players and coaches alike with a high level tournament, full of social activities.

The next two months see some of the most important Under 16 and Under 14 tournaments on the calendar, from where I will update you in the next issue. **(Massimo Morelli)**

RACE TO THE MASTERS - TENNIS EUROPE JUNIOR MASTERS

The Tennis Europe Junior Masters was started in 1996 to reward the players who compete in the European Junior Tour. It is the end of season highlight for the eight best-ranked boys and girls of the 14 and 16 & under age categories. The venue and the date for the 2003 European Masters has not yet been decided and will be announced in the next issue of the Tennis Europe News. The rankings below show the players which are currently (ranking as per 7th May 2003) qualified for the 2003 European Junior Masters. The players who occupy these top 8 positions on October 2nd will qualify for this years European Junior Masters.

BOYS 14 & UNDER

GIRLS 14 & UNDER

Name	Nation	Points	Name	Nation	Points
1 Andrei KARATCHENIA	BLR	480	1 Evgeniya RODINA	RUS	560
2 Plamen AVRAMOV	BUL	460	2 Michaela KRAJICEK	NED	400
3 Michal KONECHY	CZE	380	3 Vika AZARANIKA	BLR	365
4 Mikhail KARPOL	CRO	375	4 Vesna MANASIEVA	RUS	360
5 Frederic DE FAYS	BEL	315	5 Sorana Mihaela CIRSTEA	ROM	360
6 Nikita ZOTOV	RUS	285	6 Dominica CIBULKOVA	SVK	350
7 Jiri KOSLER	CZE	270	7 Raluca OLARU	ROM	340
8 Valentin DIMOV	BUL	260	8 Stefanie RATH	AUT	305

BOYS 16 & UNDER

GIRLS 16 & UNDER

Name	Nation	Points	Name	Nation	Points
1 Fabio FOGNINI	ITA	375	1 Polona REBERSAK	SLO	435
2 Alexandr NEDOVESOV	UKR	365	2 Monica NICULESCU	ROM	430
3 Grzegorz PANFIL	POL	325	3 Alissa KLEIBANOVA	RUS	410
4 Alexandre KRASNOROUTSKI	RUS	320	4 Agnes SZATMARI	ROM	380
5 Novak DJOKOVIC	YUG	310	5 G. GATTO MONTICONE	ITA	365
6 Denis MOLCEANOV	MDA	290	6 Mihaela BUZARNESCU	ROM	360
7 Slavco BJELICA	YUG	280	7 Hewenfei LI	CHN	345
8 Siarhei TARASEVICH	BLR	270	8 Iva VELKOVSKA	MKD	330

TENNIS EUROPE AND TENNISPLANET.COM LAUNCH NEW VENTURE

Tennis Europe's European Junior Tour recently launched a cooperation with TennisPlanet, Europe's biggest mail order company for tennis products.

Who is TennisPlanet?

TennisPlanet has been in business for 15 years and sells over 1000 different tennis products throughout the entire of Europe. TennisPlanet publishes a 75-page full color catalogue twice a year and has an online shop at www.TennisPlanet.com.

In 2001 Paul Haarhuis (pictured), the successful Dutch doubles player, became the co-owner of TennisPlanet. He also started playing with Tyger rackets, the brand for which TennisPlanet has the exclusivity for Europe.



Since then, the company has been growing rapidly and is now active in various countries. The main office is located in Eindhoven, the Netherlands. This ideal location with superb logistic infrastructure enables TennisPlanet to deliver to customers in The Netherlands, Germany and Austria directly. The Belgian and French markets are supplied from the office and warehouse in Gent. In countries such as Sweden, Denmark, Switzerland and Italy, TennisPlanet works together with local distributors that operate in the same way and with the same magazine and website.

What does the cooperation mean?

With this cooperation Tennis Europe and TennisPlanet join forces to establish a better relationship with junior players. To illustrate this cooperation a promotional polo shirt has been developed with 3 logos on it: The Tennis Europe logo, the TennisPlanet logo and the Tretorn Micro X logo. These shirts are presented to the winners of the Tennis Europe European Junior Tour events.

Why this cooperation?

TennisPlanet wants to focus attention to a sponsor plan that is currently implemented. This plan is intended for the talented junior players that contribute so much to the activities of Tennis Europe. TennisPlanet gives these young players the opportunity to benefit from sponsorship at a young age.

TennisPlanet is growing in Europe and feels, as Tennis Europe, that investment in junior tennis is very important for the development of the sport. Tennis will continue to grow if companies continue to focus on these juniors.

If you have any questions regarding TennisPlanet or The TennisPlanet Junior Plan, please check the website www.tennisplanet.com or send an e-mail to eric@tennisplanet.com

WOMEN'S DEPARTMENT

Tennis Europe administrates the US\$10'000 – \$75'000 prize-money events of the ITF Women's Circuit held in Europe. Already a thid of the way through the 2003 season, here's a breakdown of some of the more interesting statistics of the circuit. More information can be found on our webiste.

Most singles titles by country:

Croatia	9
Czech Republic	5
Romania	4
Hungary	3
Italy	3

Singles Titles by Player

Karolina Sprem (CRO)	4
Virag Nemeth (HUN)	3
Magda Mihalache (ROM)	2
Zuzana Ondraskova (CZE)	2

Singles Titles Won by a Qualifier/Lucky Loser

Matea Mezak (CRO)	Tipton \$10,000
Karolina Sprem (CRO)	Southampton \$25,000
A. Yakimova(BLR)	Lobo \$10,000
Karolina Sprem (CRO)	Redbridge \$25,000
Karolina Sprem (CRO)	Castellon \$25,000
N. Garbellotto (ARG)	Makarska \$10,000
Eva Birnerova CZE)	Dinan \$50,000+H
Monica Niculescu (ROM)	Cavtat \$10,000
Elise Tamaela(NED)	Bournemouth \$10,000

Youngest / Oldest Winner

Niculescu, Monica (ROM)	Cavtat	15 years 6 months
Nemeckova, Lenka (CZE)	Maglie	27 years

THE EUROPEAN TOP TEN

WOMEN	Player	Country	WTA TOUR Ranking	Points Total
1	Kim CLIJSTERS	BEL	2	4519
2	Justine HENIN-HARDENNE	BEL	4	3917
3	Amelie MAURESMO	FRA	6	3090
4	Daniela HANTUCHOVA	SVK	9	2466
5	Jelena DOKIC	YUG	10	2242
6	Anastasia MYSKINA	RUS	11	2234
7	Elena DEMENTIEVA	RUS	13	1687
8	Eleni DANILIDOU	GRE	14	1602
9	Magdalena MALEEVA	BUL	15	1587
10	Patty SCHNYDER	SUI	19	1413

The European Women's Ranking is based on the WTA Ranking of 12th May 2003.

MEN	Player	Country	ATP CHAMPIONS RACE	Points
1	Juan Carlos FERRERO	ESP	2	307
2	Roger FEDERER	SUI	3	296
3	Rainer SCHUETTLER	GER	4	273
4	Carlos MOYA	ESP	5	262
5	Felix MANTILLA	ESP	6	197
6	Nikolay DAVYDENKO	RUS	17	109
7	Tommy ROBREDO	BLR	19	106
8	Jarkko NIEMENEN	FIN	20	105
9	Albert COSTA	ESP	21	101
10	Max MIRNYI	BLR	22	101

The European Men's Ranking is based on the ATP Champions Race Standings as of 12th May 2003.

THE LATEST FROM TENNIS EUROPE

**CONGRATULATIONS!**

Tennis Europe extends its warmest congratulations to our Head of Women's Department, Martina Alterova, and Valery Lutkov, who have announced their forthcoming wedding. All the best to both of you!

CONTACT CHANGES

Please note that the Croatian Tennis Association (Hrvatski teniski savez) has a new e-mail address: hts@hts.hr and info@hts.hr

The Belgium Tennis Federation has also changed its email. It is now info@aftnet.be.

The ITF will host the 2nd International TST (Tennis Science and Technology) Congress in London from 28th-30th June. A full programme can be found here: www.itftennis.com/html/rule/framesettst.html.

The event is open to all and includes a number of social events, some of which will be hosted by the All-England Club.

The '**Rainy Day Tennis Book**' has recently been published in both English and German. Aiming to solve the problem of to do for tennis coaches and students on a rainy day, the book tackles the mental aspects of tennis, and offers awareness games and activities to inspire interested minds and fire your passion for the game of tennis. More information can be found at <http://www.rainydaytennisbook.com/>

CHARITY AUCTION

Tennis Europe's Magnus Grönvold is organising a charity auction in aid of impoverished Mexican children suffering from cancer as part of his Street Soccer tournament on June 14th.

Amongst the tennis items going under the hammer are signed articles from **Roger Federer, Arantxa Sanchez-Vicario, the Spanish and Czech Davis Cup teams and Emilio Sanchez**, amongst others. For more information or to bid for these items visit www.streetsoccer.ch (German-language site) or contact Magnus on +41 76 317 5367, or by email at magnusg@tenniseurope.org.



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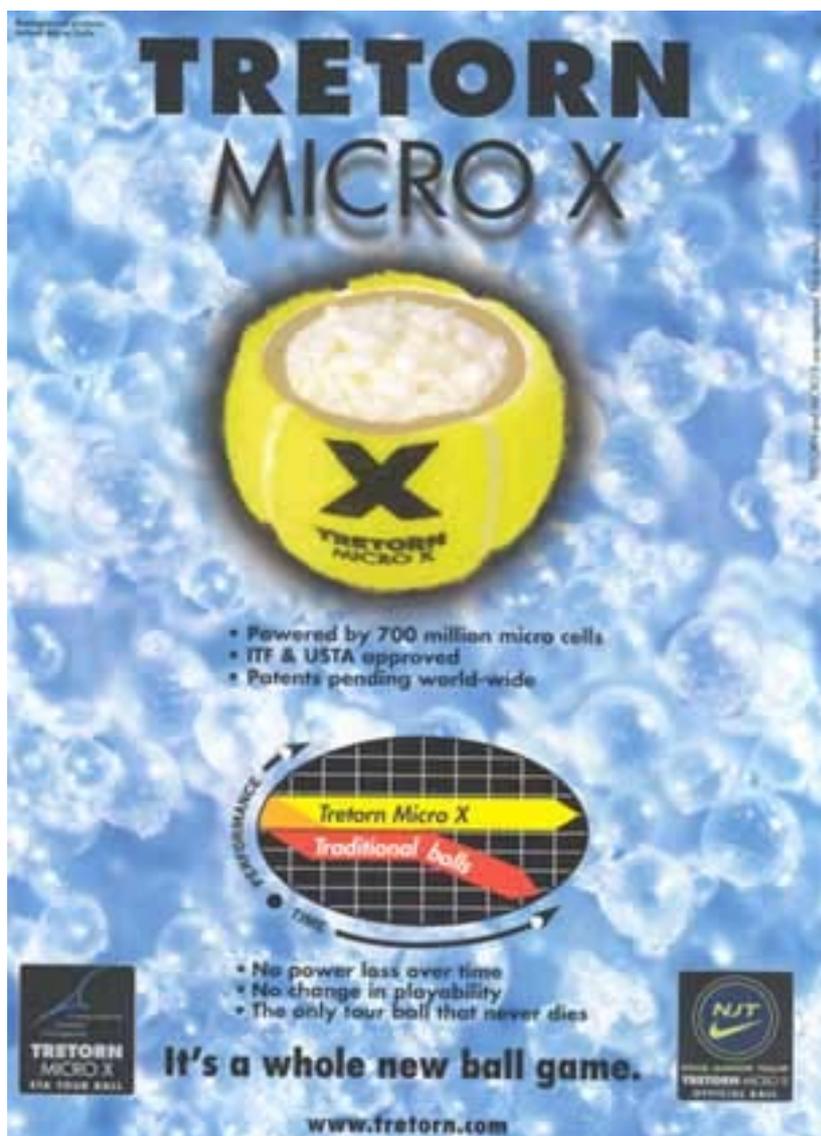
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