

# TENNIS EUROPE NEWS

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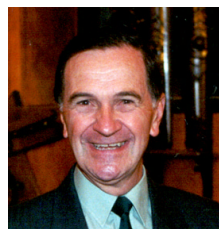
## 2002 AGM IN CAMBRIDGE—REVIEW

The Lawn Tennis Association hosted from March 15-17 the Tennis Europe AGM for the third time after 1979 and 1988, providing as usual excellent meeting facilities together with a very attractive social programme for delegates and partners.

The meetings started for the delegates on Friday afternoon with an open session. The first item was a presentation by Mark Marshall, LTA County and Club Services

Manager about the "Club Vision" project. The session continued with a preview on the elections for Presidency that were on the agenda of the plenary session. The three candidates for Presidency P.P. de Keghel, J. James and A. Pujol had the opportunity to tell the delegates why they wished to become President of Tennis Europe and what were their visions of the Association's future. *(Continued page 2)*

## THE NEW PRESIDENT IN THE SPOTLIGHT



*John James, Tennis Europe President*

### What does Tennis mean to you?

Tennis has been a major part of my life since a very young age. My family was all involved in tennis in my home country of Wales. I have loved sport all my life, particularly Tennis and my other sport Rugby.

### What are the strengths of Tennis Europe?

The strength of Tennis Europe lies in its 48 member nations. The European Tennis family has 2 Grand Slams, 5 Tennis Masters

Series for men, numerous men's international series tournaments, 31 Sanex WTA Tour tournaments and an excellent calendar of junior and European competitions for all age groups, in addition to its own European Team Championships.

Tennis Europe is the oldest and largest Regional Association of the International Tennis Federation. We are a very close family.

### What are your priorities within Tennis Europe? Where should Tennis Europe be in five years' time?

The newly-appointed Tennis Europe Committee of Management under my chairmanship will be reviewing *(Continued page 4)*

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## 2002 AGM IN CAMBRIDGE - REVIEW

The last part of the afternoon's session was a platform to the ITF President, Francesco Ricci Bitti for a short presentation about the latest news about ITF activities.

The plenary session on Saturday was dedicated to: Presentation of the host nation by John Crowther, Lawn Tennis Association Chief Executive Officer, followed by the reports of the Tennis Europe Committee of Management and Committees, Financial reports and last but not least the elections. Two ballots were necessary to designate John James as the new President for the next three years. For more information concerning the election please check our News Release.

*(Charlotte Ferrari)*

### Elections for President:

#### 1<sup>st</sup> ballot:

Pierre - Paul de Keghel	Belgium	11 votes
John James	Great Britain	24 votes
Agustin Pujol	Spain	24 votes

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> ballot:

John James	Great Britain	31 votes
Agustin Pujol	Spain	28 votes

### Elections Committee of Management:

Horst Klosterkemper	Germany	57 votes
Jacques Dupré	France	55 votes
Christine Ungricht	Switzerland	54 votes
Michele Brunetti	Italy	53 votes
Philios Christodoulou	Cyprus	49 votes
Juan Maria Tintoré Belil	Spain	49 votes
Pierre - Paul de Keghel	Belgium	45 votes
Jarl Whist	Norway	31 votes

### Were not elected:

Jukka Roiha, Finland (29 votes), Alexandr Tsaturyan, Armenia (27 votes), Ronnie Leitgeb, Austria (13 votes).

## APPOINTMENTS OF THE COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT

The newly elected Committee of Management had its first meeting in Zürich on April 12, and their first decision was to approve the proposal of the President to appoint Horst Klosterkemper and Pierre-Paul de Keghel as Vice-Presidents of Tennis Europe. Christine Ungricht was confirmed in her position of Honorary Treasurer.

The chairmanship of the different Committees was agreed as follows:

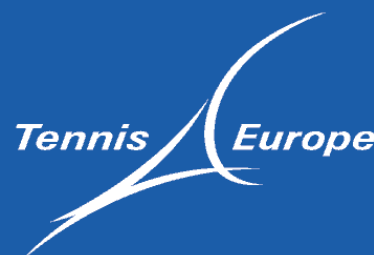
Men's Committee:	Horst Klosterkemper
Women's Committee:	Christine Ungricht
Team Championships/Regional Games Committee:	Pierre-Paul de Keghel
Junior Committee:	Michele Brunetti
Veterans Committee:	Philios Christodoulou
Development Committee:	Jacques Dupré
Officiating Committee:	Jarl Whist
Marketing/Communications Committee:	Juan Maria Tintoré Belil

The Committee of Management appointed the members of the Committees based on the applications submitted by the National Associations. The lists will be available after May 15, which is the deadline for the nations to confirm the nominations to Tennis Europe.

*(Charlotte Ferrari)*



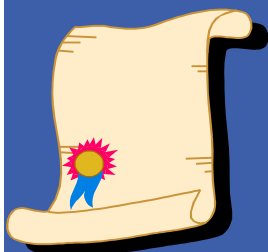
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## 2002 AWARDS

Agustin's Pujol last duty as Tennis Europe President at the AGM had been to thank officially some people who dedicated much time to the European Tennis Association since many years and will be retiring from their function at Tennis Europe:

### Tennis Europe - Honorary Life Counsellor



#### ARNE MELANDER (Norway)

Arne was a member of the Committee of Management of the European Tennis Association during the last twelve years.

He started in 1990 and at the same time he became the Chairman of the Officiating Committee. Under his leadership the co-operation between the European Tennis Association and the ITF Officiating Department became much closer and efficient and it can certainly be said that our Association contributed a lot to the

improvement of officials education and consequently to achieve the aim of increasing the number and quality of officials throughout Europe.

One of Arne's big concern was the cost of officiating and he was always very happy to report that the costs were under control!

As a member of the Committee of Management, Arne's big asset was his conviction that the best way to achieve a goal was a good negotiation and to this purpose to get all parties round one table.

### Tennis Europe - Award

#### Jacques Dürr (France)

Member of the Junior Committee from 1990 to 2002, Chairman of the Junior Committee in 1997/1998, Member of the Tennis Europe Committee of Management from 1996 to 1998.

With his great knowledge of tennis and his experience he gave a major contribution to the development of the junior game in Europe and thanks to his input the Junior Committee could take decisions that were very important for its activity.

#### Wolfgang Hofer (Germany)

At the time that the European Tennis Association started, Wolfgang Hofer visited regularly Basel for his professional activity. He was of course very involved in the German Tennis Association and also as Chairman of the LTTC Rot Weiss Berlin he had many friends in the European tennis family. It was therefore very convenient to trust him with the task of Honorary Auditor, what he did during 27 years.

#### Hans Helmen (Norway)

Served as member of the Veterans Committee from 1990, contributed to the veterans activities with much enthusiasm and dedication. He brought to the Committee the point of view of Northern European countries and represented Tennis Europe many times as official delegate.

#### Franz Feldbausch (Germany)

Franz Feldbausch was a Member of the European Working Group that initiated the foundation of the European Tennis Association, and he attended many Annual General Meetings of our Association as delegate from Germany. He has been since 1987 a very active member of the Junior Committee and his enthusiasm could not be stopped by his severe health problems.

#### John Robbins (Great Britain)

John Robbins joined the Committee of Management of the European Tennis Association in 1996. During the six years of his involvement he chaired both the Veterans and Marketing/Communication Committees. He was certainly a key person for the Committee of Management particularly in issues related to Rules and Relationship with the ITF. His advice allowed very often to make the right decisions.

#### Manuel Renaga (Spain)

Member of the Veterans Committee from the early eighties. His great experience as Member of the Spanish Tennis Federation and Board Member of the Polo Club Barcelona was a great asset to the Veterans Committee and Spain always played a big role in European Veterans Tennis.

(Charlotte Ferrari)

## THE NEW PRESIDENT IN THE SPOTLIGHT

our structure in depth. We need to consolidate our current competitions which have been our strength for many years. One of our first priorities will be to produce a strategy for the next six years.

It is too early to say where we should be in five years' time. Our goals must be to offer a communications service to our member nations to help them in their organisation wherever possible and to continue to market the game throughout Europe within our resources.

**"European Tennis plays a major and significant role in world tennis"**

You have been working for more than 21 years in one of

**the most prestigious national tennis associations in the world – the LTA. What do you think you can offer from this experience to benefit Tennis Europe?**

I have been in tennis administration for many years, first as a volunteer for 12 years and then as a full-time administrator at the LTA for 29 years. I believe that the depth of my knowledge of the game will enable me to contribute a great deal to Tennis Europe in many ways, particularly my love for Tennis and my wish to see the game grow, not only at professional level but also at grass roots level within the local communities in each European country.

**As President of Tennis Europe, how do you see the organisation within the Tennis world,**

**especially among the national associations, the ITF, ATP and WTA?**

As I mentioned earlier, European Tennis plays a major and significant role in world tennis. We produce many of the top players in every age group. We have some of the best tournaments in the world. Tennis Europe must continue to encourage its member nations to attract future organisers to the world game. The ITF and the professional game need European Tennis to be strong, not only in terms of players but with expert administrators, tournament directors and officials.

**Mr. James we thank you for the interview and we wish you all the best for your presidency.**

*(Magnus Grönvold)*

## 2001 VETERAN'S PLAYERS OF THE YEAR

Tennis Europe is pleased to publish the names of the 2001 Players of the year. They are the Top European Players in each age category after having established the 2001 Final Veterans Ranking.

All the tournaments part of the

European Veterans Circuit, the European Veterans Club Championships and the World Championships/Cups in 2001 were included in this Ranking.

The delegates of each concerned Association have already received

the award during the Tennis Europe Annual General Meeting last month in Cambridge. Special congratulations to Germany!

The 2001 Final Veterans Rankings are available from our website.  
*(Sylvia Alvarado)*

Men 35	Franck FÉVRIER	FRA
Men 40	Manfred JUNGNITSCH	GER
Men 45	Trevor ALLAN	FRA
Men 50	Lubomir PETROV	GER
Men 55	Peter ADRIGAN	GER
Men 60	Peter POKORNY	AUT
Men 65	Heinz LÖFFLER	GER
Men 70	Jürgen THRON	GER
Men 75	Laci LEGENSTEIN	AUT
Men 80	Bernhard KEMPA	GER
Men 85	Georg HUNGER	GER

Women 35	Klaarlje VAN BAARLE	BEL
Women 40	Ingrid RESCH-SOMMERAUER	AUT
Women 45	Gabriele LEINEN	GER
Women 50	Heidi EISTERLEHNER	GER
Women 55	Heide ORTH	GER
Women 60	Heidi ATTLFELLNER	GER
Women 65	Ilse MICHAEL	GER
Women 70	Ruth ILLINGWORTH	GBR
Women 75	Jutta APEL	GER

## 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 2002 European Masters is not fixed yet and it will be announced in the next issue of the Tennis Europe News. The rankings below show the players which are currently (ranking as per 24 April 2002) qualified for the 2002 European Junior Masters. The European players which are on 2nd of October still in the top eight of this ranking will be qualified for this years European Junior Masters.

### BOYS 14 & UNDER

	Name	Surname	Nation
1	Tsvinaria	Temur	RUS
2	Roshardt	Robin	SUI
3	Novikov	Dmitry	BLR
4	Cilic	Marin	CRO
5	Katic	Dejan	YUG
6	Chirita	Andy Sebastian	SWE
7	Lojda	Dusan	CZE
8	Chteingart	Denis	RUS

### GIRLS 14 & UNDER

	Name	Surname	Nation
1	Bacsinszky	Timea	SUI
2	Stojic	Dijana	BIH
3	Kosminskaya	Ekaterina	RUS
4	Havartsova	Volha	BLR
5	Krajicek	Michaela	NED
6	Corduneanu	Corina	ROM
7	Frankova	Nikola	CZE
8	Makarova	Ekaterina	CZE

### BOYS 16 & UNDER

	Name	Surname	Nation
1	Skrypko	Aliaksandr	BLR
2	Grubin	Aleksandar	YUG
3	Visak	Vilim	CRO
4	Granollers	Marcel	ESP
5	Steiner	Christoph	AUT
6	Tolok	Dmitriy	UKR
7	Laregolla	Albert	ESP
8	Rieschik	Sebastian	GER

### GIRLS 16 & UNDER

	Name	Surname	Nation
1	Evtimova	Dia	BUL
2	Toth	Antonia	HUN
3	Sourkova	Anastasia	RUS
4	Torre	Margot	ITA
5	Sescioreanu	Delia	ROM
6	Szatmari	Agnes	ROM
7	Niculescu	Gabriela	ROM
8	Tchalova	Elena	RUS

## WEBSITE – JUNIOR SECTION

All the players included in the European Junior Ranking have now available on our website a personal report about their performance during the last 52 weeks. It can be easily obtained by clicking on the number of points of each player. The report will show the total amount of played events, the ones that actually count for the ranking of that week and the point penalties (if any).

For further information please contact the Tennis Europe Office in Basel.

## 2002 ITF / TENNIS EUROPE EASTERN EUROPEAN TEAM – 14 & UNDER

Following the completion of the Development Championships 14 & under held in Siauliai, Lithuania last January, the following players have won selection onto the ITF / Tennis Europe 14 & Under Team to play 5 weeks of top level events in Europe in July and August 2002:

Girls	Country	Date of Birth
Volha Gavartsova	Belarus	23/08/88
Corina Corduneanu	Romania	08/02/88
Iva Velkovska	Macedonia	17/04/88
Kateryna Polunina	Ukraine	03/03/88
Daiana Negreanu	Romania	21/07/88
Zorica Petrov	Yugoslavia	06/08/88
Alisa Vaidere	Latvia	20/04/88

Boys	Country	Date of Birth
Dmitriy Novikov	Belarus	22/03/88
Dejan Katic	Yugoslavia	03/07/88
Ivan Sergeyev	Ukraine	20/01/88
Martin Shishkov	Bulgaria	23/03/88
Paul Mihai Puscasu	Romania	09/06/88
Jaak Poldma	Estonia	16/05/88

The 2002 ITF/Tennis Europe Eastern European Team 14& Under will be coached by Hrvoje Zmajic (Croatia), Rimvidas Mugevicius, (Lithuania) and Edita Liachovičiute (Lithuania) begin its European tour with a four days training camp to be held in the fantastic facility of the "Stade Francais" Tennis Club in Paris.

The East European Team will be joined by the ITF international Teams from Asia, Africa, China and South America. Just an amazing, colourful gathering of young players!!

The Teams shall participate in the following tournaments part of the 2002 European Junior Tour 14 & Under:

DATE	EVENTS
8 – 14 July	Fila Cup, Open des Jeunes, Paris, France
14 – 21 July	Windmill Cup / Carl Gantois, Leeuwarden, Holland
22 – 29 July	European Individual Champ., Vichy, France or Le 13/14 des Hauts de Seine, Paris France
30 July – 4 August	25 <sup>th</sup> Gew Jüngsten Tennis Cup, Köln, Germany
05 – 10 August	Hasselt Young Champions Cup, Hasselt, Belgium

## MINI-TENNIS FESTIVAL DAY IN ALBANIA

Following the launch of the ITF / Tennis Europe School Tennis Initiative back in October 2000 the Albanian Tennis Federation organised in March a mini-tennis festival day in the main square of Tirana, the capital city of the Republic of Albania.

More than 1,000 children had a chance to play mini-tennis in front of the Major of the City and the Government Authorities.

Over a sunny day, a colourful and cheerful setting with music and dances performed by the Tirana Ballet School accompanied the mini-tennis activities throughout the event.

The President of the Albanian Tennis Federation Mr Arben Alushi who together with recently passed away

President Perlat Voshtina were instrumental in setting up the project, commented: "Today is a great day for tennis in Albania, I feel that this grass-roots programme will not only contribute to the development of tennis, but also help us to show to the Municipality and Government authorities that we badly need a tennis stadium where all of those children can play tennis and grow up in a healthy sport environment".

The official Sponsor of the event was Orbit Ltd, the "free sugar chew" Company which provided t-shirts and caps for all the children as well as the colourful setting surrounding the square.

The ITF / Tennis Europe were represented by Luca Santilli Development Officer for Europe who came

to meet with the local Authorities and to congratulate the National Association on the new Initiative. He said: "I believe that this is a very important project for the development of tennis in Albania. It will not only allow us to increase the number of children playing tennis by introducing the idea of mini-tennis in schools, but we also hope that through the phase two of the STI project which will be shortly launched we can identify some talented youngsters."

The ITF / Tennis Europe support the STI projects by supplying ITF branded mini-tennis equipment, educational material and with a financial contribution for the STI National Co-ordinator, and providing direct assistance from the Development Officer.



## 2002 ITF/TENNIS EUROPE SMALL STATES CHAMPIONSHIPS

Luxembourg and Cyprus proved to be the dominating nations at the third ITF/Tennis Europe Small States Championships – 14 & Under, which took place for the second successive year in Limassol, Cyprus at the Famagusta Tennis Club, from 6 – 13 April 2002.

The competition, which is reserved for the Small States in Europe as well as Albania and Azerbaijan saw San Marino participating for the first time since the event's inception, taking the total number of participating countries to eight. Sixteen girls and sixteen boys battled hard throughout the two-week competition and the feed-in system which was used for the consolation matches, guaranteed maximum competitive match experience with each player having one singles match every day.

In the girls' event, Lynn Philippe from Luxembourg dominated proceedings by winning both tournaments without dropping a set

throughout the Championships. Her compatriot Tiffany Cornelius also proved to be a good contender, reaching the semifinals in the first week and then stepping up a gear in the second week to face Philippe in the final. Close behind Philippe and Cornelius who finished in first and second place respectively in the final order of merit, was Irene Letseva of Cyprus, Lynn Blau of Luxembourg and Martina Agarici of San Marino.

On the boys' side, Neophytos Ioannides of Cyprus performed extremely well, winning the two boys' singles tournaments proving that he was too good for the two-time finalist, Max Clement from Luxembourg. Hot on the heels of Ioannides and Clement were their compatriots Charis Stylianou of Cyprus and Mathias Naifeld of Luxembourg who reached the semifinals of both tournaments.

Luca Santilli, ITF / Tennis Europe Development Officer for Europe said, "The feedback from the nati-

ons on this project has been very positive. In just three years, the Championships have become one of the most important events on the junior calendar for the Small States of Europe". He added, "I hope that more and more tournament organisers in Europe will offer a feed-in format as employed this week as it is one of the best ways to provide the maximum competitive opportunities to junior players."

Based on the combined results from the two tournaments, the following players will be invited to be members of the ITF/Tennis Europe Small States Team:

### BOYS

Neophytos Ioannides (CYP)  
Max Clement (LUX)  
Charis Stylianou (CYP)  
Mathias Najfeld (LUX)

### GIRLS

Lynn Philippe (LUX)  
Tiffany Cornelius (LUX)

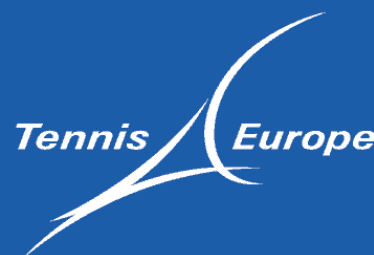
## PROGRAMM OF ITF/TENNIS EUROPE SMALL STATES TEAM

The ITF/Tennis Europe Small States Team will travel under the direction of Gitanas Mazonas from Lithuania and will participate in the following tournaments as part of the 2002 European 14 & Under Junior Tour:

28 June-3 July	Training camp in Tallinn, Estonia
4-8 July	Estonian Open U14, Tallinn
9-15 July	Riga 800 U14, Latvia
16-22 July	Liepaja International Tournament, Latvia



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## 2002 ITF/TENNIS EUROPE DEVELOPMENT CHAMPIONSHIPS 16&UNDER

The city of Plovdiv in Bulgaria was the venue of the 8<sup>th</sup> ITF/Tennis Europe Development Championships for the second consecutive year from 15<sup>th</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> April 2002.

Sixteen European nations were invited and sent their best players to compete in these prestigious Under 16s European Junior Tour events.

Following two tournaments which consisted of 360 singles and 64 doubles matches, provided by the feed-in format, these players will receive an ITF GSDF/Tennis Europe Travel Grant to attend more junior tournaments in 2002:

### BOYS

SKRIPKO Aliaksander	(BLR)
ANAGNASTOPOL Victor	(ROM)
GRUBIN Alexander	(YUG)
DIMITROV Kiril	(BUL)
TOLOK Dmytro	(UKR)
BORTA Stefan	(ROM)

### GIRLS

SESCIOREANU Delia	(ROM)
PIRONKOVA Cvetana	(BUL)
BONDARENKO Katerina	(UKR)
DZEHALEVICH Katsiaryna	(BLR)
YAKIMOVA Anastasya	(BLR)

Once again both tournaments in the boys' event were dominated by Aliaksander Skripko from Belarus, who played consistently throughout the Championships. Skripko, a member of the Belarus Davis Cup Team, will certainly be a name to look out for in the near future. Close behind Skripko in the final order of merit were the Romanian and Yugoslavian boys.

On the girls' side Delia Sescioreanu of Romania and Cvetana Pironkova of Bulgaria performed extremely well winning one event each. Close behind them were Bondarenko of Ukraine and Katsiaryna Dzehalevich and Anastasya Yakimova of Belarus.

Acknowledgements must also go Tinatin Kavlashvili and Sophia Melikishvili both of Georgia and to Agnes Szatmari all born 1987 for having battled hard and reached a good position in the final order of merit of the Championships.

For full results visit the official website of Tennis Europe [www.tenniseurope.org](http://www.tenniseurope.org)

(Luca Santilli)

## A MUST FOR EVERY TENNIS FAN

Paul Fein, an award-winning tennis writer, has written a colourful, behind-the-scenes book, "Tennis Confidential: Today's Greatest Players, Matches, and Controversies."

In this thought-provoking and entertaining collection of features, essays and interviews, Paul Fein takes the reader into the world of the pro tennis tour with inside scoops about the game's greatest stars, past and present. "Tennis Confidential" includes up-close and personal interviews with such all-time greats as John McEnroe, Jimmy Connors etc. along with

eye-opening features about the careers of today's headliners such as Andre Agassi, the Williams sisters, Jennifer Capriati, Gustavo Kuerten and Anna Kournikova. Fein also reviews the careers of legends Martina Navratilova, Bjorn Borg and Rod Laver.

"Tennis Confidential" tackles the sport's burning issues, such as charismatic but controversial teen queens like Martina Hingis and Steffi Graf, bad dads, equal prize money, race questions, rule change proposals, and the power crisis. Fein gives you a front-row seat when he captures the drama

of the ten most important and thrilling matches in tennis history. Well researched and filled with fascinating anecdotes and juicy quotes, "Tennis Confidential" gives fans at every level a unique perspective on their exciting sport and its storied history.

The book, published by Brassey's, Inc. and with a foreword by Tennis Hall of Fame journalist Bud Collins, will be available in March. For information about purchasing "Tennis Confidential," visit [www.tennisconfidential.com](http://www.tennisconfidential.com).



## ESTHER VERGEER NOMINATED FOR LAUREUS AWARD

Australian paraplegic sailor Vinnie Lauwers, last year's Laureus World Sportsperson of the Year with a Disability, will be monitoring this year's awards ceremony in Monaco with particular interest. Belgium-born Lauwers, the first yachtsman with a disability to sail solo round the world, has been unable to compete in the sporting arena for the past eight months due to ongoing spinal problems.

In a few weeks time, on the night of May 14, the winners of the 2002 Laureus World Sports Awards will be announced during a television ceremony staged in the regal surrounds of Monaco's Grimaldi Forum -- and Lauwers will be watching with keen interest.

"Over the seven and a half months I spent sailing around the world, I never once in my wildest dreams thought that my vision might come to fruition with such a great award," he said after being

honoured in Monaco last year.

"It's a great honour and I shall really treasure it as one of my greatest achievements".

"I haven't really had the time in recent months to check out who has exceeded in their field in the world of sport with a disability during 2001 but, if the five nominees are anything like last year, all four of them will be truly deserving winners," Lauwers said this week. Nominees in the category of Laureus World Sportsperson of the Year with a Disability are selected by a Specialist Panel and among the likely contenders for this year's accolade are Swiss cyclist Beat Schwarzenbach, Icelandic swimmer Kristín Rós Hákonardóttir, German alpine skier Gerd Schönfelder and Dutch wheelchair tennis ace Esther Vergeer. Vergeer virtually swept the board in her discipline last year, clinching singles titles at the NEC Wheelchair Tennis Masters, the

Italian Open, the Citta di Livorno, the Swiss Open, the French Open, the British Open, the Belgian Open, the Dutch Open and the Lakeshore Foundation World Challenge.

She also tasted doubles success in the NEC Wheelchair Tennis Masters, the Italian Open, the Swiss Open, the British Open, the Belgian Open and the Dutch Open.

The Laureus World Sports Awards have been established by Founding Patrons DaimlerChrysler and Richemont to honour the achievements of the world's greatest sportsmen and women on an annual basis, whilst contributing to social change through the Laureus Sport for Good Foundation. The Foundation is financed by the Founding Patrons, with Deutsche Bank Private Banking acting as its Trusted Private Bank.

*(ITF Online)*

## SPECIAL OLYMPICS - GEORGIA STARTS NEW SPORT SEASON WITH A WINTER TENNIS TOURNAMENT

From February 20-21, 2002, Special Olympics Georgia organized the National Winter Tennis Tournament in the country's capital of Tbilisi. Sixteen Special Olympics athletes of various ages participated in the event.

Special Olympics is the worldwide organization that provides sports opportunities to children and adults with mental handicaps of all ability levels.

The Special Olympics athletes trained for the tournament and throughout the year at the tennis academy owned by Leila Meskhi, one of the best tennis players in the world in the 1990s. She is also president of the Georgian Tennis Federation. The event was held at the Orbi sports gymnasium of the Ministry of Defense

Military Academy.

The Opening and Closing Ceremonies were organized by the coaches of the tennis academy and students from the Military Academy. The umpires were from the Georgian Tennis Federation and volunteers included professional male and female tennis players of the national teams. In total, 14 volunteers worked to make the tournament a success.

At the closing ceremonies on February 21, the federation president, said: "The eagerness and effort the Special Olympics athletes demonstrated during their matches is a example of true athletic spirit." Special Olympics tennis player and top seed Gigori Vepkhvadze said: "I am happy I can play in tennis together with my friends because tennis is an

important part of my life."

About 300 spectators attended the tournament during the two days and all major television stations covered the event.

The event was sponsored by the Austrian company Herz Armaturen GmbH and Georgian company Alioni 99 Ltd.

During the tournament press conference, Mr. Vazha Lortkipanidze, president of Special Olympics Georgia and member of Parliament, said: "I see the joy of the athletes who participated in the tournament. I see that the organizers, volunteers, coaches, umpires and fans did their best to put on a successful event. I can say that today we are all winners."

*(Archil Kekelia)*

## TRY OUT THE NEW FEATURES OF THE WOMEN'S WEBSITE

There is good news for players requesting a confirmation of their entries and withdrawals into women's professional events, part of ITF Women's Circuit, administered by the Tennis Europe Women's Department. Now you can save money and time for telephone calls to the office by checking directly at the Tennis Europe website [www.tenniseurope.org](http://www.tenniseurope.org) if your entry or withdrawal was received correctly. After you open the Women's section, open "Calendar" and insert the proper month and year of the event you wish to check (i.e. May 2002) and double click on the "Entry List". An alphabetical list of all players entered into the selected event will appear. Once the Entry Deadline of the event has passed, this list will be replaced by the Main Draw, Qualifying and Alternate Acceptance Lists.

We believe the new "Entry List" feature will be much appreciated also by Tournament Directors seeking the opportunity to promote players who entered their event at press conferences held prior to the 3-week Entry Deadline.

Several materials were added to the "Documents" section of the women's website:

- ITF Women's Circuit Events in Europe Guidelines and Minimum Standards
- Age Eligibility Rule in Tennis and Other Individual Sports research and Comparative Strength of Women's Tournament survey, both compiled for the Tennis Europe Women's Committee

(Martina Alterova)

## THE EUROPEAN TOP 10

### WOMEN

	Player	Country	WTA TOUR Ranking
1	Clijsters Kim	BEL	3
2	Hingis Martina	SUI	4
3	Hénin Justine	BEL	8
4	Dokic Jelena	YUG	9
5	Mauresmo Amélie	FRA	10
6	Testud Sandrine	FRA	11
7	Farina-Elia Silvia	ITA	13
8	Hantuchova Daniela	SVK	14
9	Dementieva Elena	RUS	15
10	Tauziat Nathalie	FRA	16

The European Women's Ranking is based on the WTA Ranking of 29th April 2002.

### MEN

	Player	Country	ATP CHAMPIONS RACE
1	Johansson Thomas	SWE	1
2	Henman Tim	GBR	2
3	Safin Marat	RUS	3
4	Federer Roger	SUI	5
5	Novak Jiri	CZE	6
6	Moya Carlos	ESP	10
7	Haas Tommy	GER	11
8	Ferrero Juan Carlos	ESP	14
9	Escudé Nicolas	FRA	15
10	Schütteler Rainer	GER	18

The European Men's Ranking is based on the ATP Champions Race Ranking of 29 April 2002.

# JOBS



## JOBS AT TENNIS EUROPE

Tennis Europe is looking for a part time

### **SUPERVISOR /QUALITY COORDINATOR for the European Junior Tour**

Task: carry out site visits to tournaments part of European Junior Tour:

- helping and assisting the tournament organisation with the administrative and technical procedures and new ideas;
- acting as European Junior Tour Supervisor in order to follow the rules and procedures and set minimum standards.

Starting summer 2002 for a period of 15 months

Perfect knowledge of English compulsory, other languages big advantage

Tennis background with tournament organisation experience necessary.

Applications in writing to: Tennis Europe, attn Charlotte Ferrari  
Seltisbergerstrasse 6, CH-4059 Basel  
charlottetf@tenniseurope.org

## JOBS AT TENNIS EUROPE

Tennis Europe is offering to a

### **TENNIS ENTHUSIAST**

a full time position at its headquarters in Basel (Switzerland)

Ideally: 40% administrative tasks for the Women's Tournament Office

60% to assist the Marketing & Communications Department

Part time or other combination to be discussed.

Languages: English fluent, other languages a big advantage

Start 1<sup>st</sup> July 2002

Applications in writing to:

Tennis Europe, attn Charlotte Ferrari, Seltisbergerstr. 6, CH-4059 Basel, charlottetf@tenniseurope.org

## **MORE JOBS.....**

Private Tennis School in Biel, Switzerland is looking for a **tennis coach** (min. 10 years coaching) with international experience (attendance to symposiums and workshops), as well as knowledge about the ITF Junior Tournaments, WTA and ATP Tours. Languages needed: German, English, French and Spanish. Contact: +41 79 446 82 58

# THE LATEST FROM TENNIS EUROPE



The new **contact details** of the **Icelandic Tennis Association** are:

Engjavegur 6  
104 Reykjavík , Iceland

Phone: (+354) 514 4000

Fax: (+354) 514 4001

E-mail: tsi@isisport.is, or  
jongg@ruv.is

Website: www.isisport.is/tennis

The **Danish Tennis Association** has elected a new **President**:

**Mr. Flemming Kosakewitsch**

The **Estonian Tennis Association** has elected a new **President**:

**Mr. Jaanus Otsa**

Congratulations to **Andi Bader**, our IT-Consultant and his wife **Elena** for the **birth** of their little daughter **Jill Vivian**.

The **website** and the **email** address of the **Finnish Tennis Association** has changed to:

Website:  
www.tennis.fi

The following people's Email address have also changed and are now:

Riitta.narhi@tennis.fi  
Mika.bono@tennis.fi  
Jermo.kinnunen@tennis.fi  
Anitta.maatta@tennis.fi  
Toimisto@tennis.fi

The new Telephone and Fax number of the **Hellenic Tennis Federation** are:

**Tel. +30 10 756 31 70/1/2**  
**Fax +3010 756 31 73**

The **Icelandic Tennis Association** has appointed a new **General Secretary**:

**Mr. Jón Gunnar Grjetarsson**

The **Turkish Tennis Federation** has appointed a new **General Secretary**:

**Mr. Naci Dumanoglu**

The National & Kapodistrian University of Athens was sanctioned by the European University Sports Association to hold the first **European University Tennis Cup** in Athens from 2 - 6 July 2002.

For more information visit the website: <http://www.sportgym.uoa.gr/html/tennis.html> or contact them by Email: dtabaris@sportgym.uoa.gr

## JUNIOR GENERAL MEETING

We are pleased to inform you that following the kind invitation of the **Maltese Tennis Federation**, the 2002 Junior General Meeting will take place in Sliema, Malta from 22-23 November.

More information will be sent out to the Member Nations in due time.

