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2002 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - PREVIEW

Delegates from 39 member nations have confirmed their attendance to the 28th Annual General Meeting of Tennis Europe that will take place in Cambridge on March 15-17. With one week to go, the record number of 40 nations that were present in Barcelona two years ago could still be reached.

It will be the third time that the Lawn Tennis Association will host the AGM, after 1979 in Marlow and 1988 in Bath. The highlight of the social programme will certainly be the official dinner at Queens' College.

Elections for President, Committee of Management and Honorary Auditors will be the main issue of this year's AGM.

The candidates for Presidency will have the opportunity of making a short presentation to the delegates and answer questions from the floor on the Friday afternoon at the Open Session.

A presentation by the LTA about their project "Club Vision" as well as ITF matters will be the other items of the Open Session.

The documents for the Plenary Session have been sent out to all nations.

(Charlotte Ferrari)

CANDIDATES FOR ELECTION

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2002 EUROPEAN VETERANS INDOOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

The organizers of the Veterans Indoors in Austrian well known Ski Resort Seefeld could state that the number of participants in this event is still increasing. Even the figure of 655 players coming from 29 different countries did not cause any problems to the TC Seefeld and Tournament Director Kurt Winkler.

The elder age-groups were played in the first - and the younger ones in the second week of the competition. In addition to all the singles and doubles events – played in 18 (age) categories, 8 ladies and 10 men – also a Consolation and a Mixed Doubles Competition was organized.

The whole tournament was run very well and it was very much appreciated by the Players. Besides

the sport-activities in both weeks of the event, there was a reception held in the Seefeld – Casino and the traditional Players Party with dancing at the Klosterbräu Hotel right in the centre of Seefeld. Many players left the party after midnight.

The oldest player came from Great Britain – 92 years old Peter Forda. Peter had a handicap playing quite younger opponents since this age-group started already with players of the age of 85.

The Veterans Committee of Tennis Europe held its meeting during this Championships in Seefeld and they all were impressed by the enthusiasm and the skills of all the participating players.

(Peter Nader)

Winners (Singles)

W40: I. RESCH (AUT)
W45: M. GEYER-PICHLER (AUT)
W50: H. EISTERLEHNER (GER)
W55: H. ORTH (GER)
W60: H. ORTH (GER)
W65: I. MICHAEL (GER)
W70: R. VERNY (GER)
W75: P. RUSSO (ITA)

M40: F. CAVALLERI (ITA)
M45: P. GODFROID (BEL)
M50: P. LUBOMIR (GER)
M55: H. ANDREN (SWE)
M60: P. POKORNY (AUT)
M65: K. FUHRMANN (GER)
M70: W. MERTINS (GER)
M75: L. LEGENSTEIN (AUT)
M80: C. MARRE (NED)
M85: B. ROGERS (AUS)

To check the doubles and the complete singles results from our website please click [here](#)

THE TWENTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF LES PETITS AS

In 1982, three young players and teachers from Tarbes had an ambitious idea, to create a tournament for young boys and girls from France but also from abroad.

Now twenty years later, Les Petits AS, which is played under the umbrella of Tennis Europe, is one of the best under 14 junior tournament in the world. Players like Martina Hingis, Anna Kurnikova, Juan – Carlos Ferrero, Kim Clijsters etc. won the tournament and many other famous players participated in this unique tournament. Nowadays the tournament has a huge budget and almost 40'000 spectators per year enjoy the atmosphere of this international event.

Tournament of the superlatives

Tarbes is not just a tournament, more than 7000 kids try to qualify in 50 venues to play the Main Draw in Tarbes. Players, who make it to the Main Draw, count as very promising and they are during the period of the tournament under the supervision of various sport management agencies, sporting

good manufacturers, national coaches etc. If you win the tournament you have the right to look into a bright future but still it is not a guarantee that you become one of tomorrow's big stars.

"It is an amazing tournament. The quality of the Main Draws, the high standard of the facilities and all the activities like the exhibition match of the French Davis Cup heroes and the opening ceremony are just incredible." commented Olli Mäenpää, Managing Director External Affairs of Tennis Europe.

14&Under Main Draw

This year Dylan Arnould (USA) won the boys singles tournament and Timea Bacsinszky (SUI) succeeded in the girls competition.

The boys doubles contest was won by the Croatian Grubisic/Kovacic and the girls competition by the Russian Kosminskaja/Makarova.

Unique Wheelchair Event

Since 17 years a wheelchair com-

petition takes place in conjunction with the Under 14 competition. This year Sweden's Stefan Olsson won the boys singles event.

Some of the best tennis of the tournament was in the girl's event. Kaitlyn Verfeurth (USA) won the singles in a closely contested final against Annick Sevenans (BEL) 64 36 75.

Stefan Olsson added the doubles title to his singles victory. Germany's Thomas Nolte partnered him. They beat in the final Stephen Coll and Danny Fik in a very close affair.

In the girls doubles Alexandra Blickle (GER) and Annick Sevenans (BEL) beat Kaitlyn Verfeurth and Elizabeth Williams 76 64.

The Junior Wheelchair Cup at Les Petits As is the most prestigious individual event on the junior wheelchair tennis calendar. For the full draw sheets visit www.lespetitsas.com.

(Magnus Grönvold)

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 7th March 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	Roshardt	Robin	SUI
2	Tsvinaria	Temur	RUS
3	Novikov	Dmitry	BLR
4	Katic	Dejan	YUG
5	Lejnieks	Karlis	LAT
6	Dolgoplov	Alexandr	UKR
7	Cilic	Marin	CRP
8	Lojda	Dusan	CZE

GIRLS 14 & UNDER

	Name	Surname	Nation
1	Stojic	Dijana	BIH
2	Kosminskaya	Ekaterina	RUS
3	Gavartsova	Volga	BLR
4	Mladenova	Dessislaca	BUL
5	Bacsinszky	Timea	SUI
6	Frankova	Nikola	CZE
7	Corduneanu	Corina	ROM
8	Makarova	Ekaterina	CZE

BOYS 16 & UNDER

	Name	Surname	Nation
1	Skrypko	Aliaksandr	BLR
2	Steiner	Christoph	AUT
3	Rieschik	Sebastian	GER
4	Grubin	Aleksandar	YUG
5	Visak	Vilim	CRO
6	Nikolenko	Volodymyr	UKR
7	Tolok	Dmitriy	UKR
8	Pechr	Jiri	CZE

GIRLS 16 & UNDER

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

WHEELCHAIR TENNIS - PLAYERS CHOICE AWARD

The 2001 ITF World Champion, Esther Vergeer (NED), and three-time World Champion David Hall (AUS) have become the first recipients of a new award voted for by players on the NEC Wheelchair Tennis Tour. The Players Choice Awards were introduced by the ITF in 2001 to mark the 25th anniversary of wheelchair tennis. They will be presented with their awards at one of the up-

coming events on the NEW Wheelchair Tennis Tour.

In another category, the players chose the British Open, Nottingham, England as Tournament of the Year. Voting for these new awards is based on criteria such as fair play and the player's contribution to the development of wheelchair tennis. The tournament of the year is awarded to a

tournament on the NEC Tour that is acknowledged for quality of the organisation and it's contribution to the development of wheelchair tennis at a national or international level. The British Open, held at the City of Nottingham Tennis Centre, has long been recognised for very high standards and in particular the standard of officiating.

(Mark Bullock)

8th ITF / TENNIS EUROPE DEVELOPMENT CHAMPIONSHIPS – 14 & UNDER

During the second and third week of January, twenty-six boys and girls battled hard at the 8th ITF / Tennis Europe Development Championships for a chance to win a place on the much coveted ITF / Tennis Europe 14 & Under Team.



The Referee, Winner and runner-up and the tournament director

The two 5-day tournaments, hosted by the Lithuanian Tennis Union for the second successive year were held in Siauliai, Lithuania

from 7 – 18 January and saw some 13 East European nations participating in what is one of the highlights of the ITF / Tennis Europe calendar.

"The level of play was extremely high and there were some very interesting matches from the very first day" commented Luca Santilli, ITF / Tennis Europe Development Officer for Europe who was in Siauliai to oversee the smooth running of the event.

He went on to say: "All the players were very motivated and proud to have been nominated by their respective Federations to participate in this important competition."

Belarus were the 'dream team' of the first week, taking first place in both the boys' and girls' events. Novikov Dmitri (BLR) secured first

place in the boys' event by defeating Dejan Katic from Yugoslavia in three tough sets in the semi-finals and Sergeyev Ivan from the Ukraine in the final, who despite his powerful game could not overcome the speed of the Belarusian player.

In the girls' event, Gavartsova Volma (BLR) lost only one set on her way to victory, defeating Corduneanu Corina from Romania in the final in two straight sets.

Following the completion of the two-week competition, players who have performed well at the 14 & Under event will be invited to be a member of an ITF / Tennis Europe Team who will compete in 5-weeks of top level events as part of the European Junior tour in Europe during the summer.

(Luca Santilli)

2002 ITF/TENNIS EUROPE DEVELOPMENT CHAMPIONSHIPS 16 & Under

We are pleased to announce that the town of Plovdiv, Bulgaria for the second time in a row will be the venue of the 8th ITF/Tennis Europe Development Championships 16 & Under from 15 - 25 April 2002.

More than 60 players from 17

European nations are expected to participate in the Events.

The format of the nearly two weeks competition will be the feed-in system with a draw of 32 boys and 32 girls playing one single match every day. Those players who perform well will receive a

Special Travel Grant (16/U) of 2000 US\$ to attend more junior tournaments.

For more information on the above ITF/Tennis Europe Championships, please contact Luca Santilli, ITF/Tennis Europe Development Officer (lucas@tenniseurope.org).

14 & UNDER ITF/TENNIS EUROPE NORTH EAST REGIONAL TRAINING CAMP

The ITF / Tennis Europe training camp for 14 & Under players in north east Europe was held for the second successive year in Siauliai, Lithuania from 4 – 9 February.

Thirty-two players from Estonia, Latvia, Belarus and Ukraine were invited to Lithuania to attend the beautiful Siauliai Tennis School for the camp. The camp was conducted by Luca Santilli, ITF / Tennis

Europe Development Officer together with ten national coaches from each of the invited countries. Players and coaches were involved in both on-court and off-court training sessions, covering a number of different topics including movement practice and footwork, coordination skills, mental psychological training, tactical patterns on hard court and practising the five games situation. The aim of this project is to recreate the

successful training camps that were held regularly in this part of Europe before the break-up of the USSR.

Luca Santilli said: "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 information".

(Tennis Europe)

2002 EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS DATES

PROFESSIONAL TENNIS

Competition	Date
European Club Championships for Women	Week 27
European Club Championships for Men	Week 27/38
European Women's Team Championships	Week 46
European Men's Team Championships	Week 49

JUNIOR TENNIS

Competition	Date
European Winter Cups (Qualifying Rounds)	15 - 17 February
European Winter Cups (Final Rounds)	01 - 03 March
ITF/Tennis Europe Dev. Championships 16&U	
Week 1	15 - 19 April
Week 2	21 - 25 April
ITF/Tennis Europe Small States Championships 14&U	
Week 1	6 - 9 April
Week 2	10 - 13 April
European Summer Cups (Qualifying Rounds) 14&U	30 June – 2 July
European Summer Cups (Final Rounds) 14&U	5 - 7 July
European Summer Cups (Qualifying Rounds) 16/18&U	30 July - 1 August
European Summer Cups (Final Rounds) 16/18&U	4 - 6 August
European Junior Individual Championships 14/16/18&U	22 - 28 July
European Junior Masters 14/16&U	October

VETERAN TENNIS

Competition	Date
European Veterans Championships (Outdoor) Pörtlach 60-80	10 -16 June
European Veterans Championships (Outdoor) Baden-Baden 40-55	17 - 23 June
European Veterans Championships (Outdoor) Cuxhaven 35	25 - 28 July
European Veterans Clubs Championships Le Touquet Ladies 40/50	11 - 14 June
European Veterans Clubs Championships Barcelona Men 45	16 - 22 September
European Veterans Clubs Championships Barcelona Men 55	3 - 7 September
European Veterans Clubs Championships Salzburg Men 60	2 - 7 September
European Veterans Clubs Championships Eschenried Men 65	4 - 6 September

2002 TENNIS EUROPE MEETINGS/CONFERENCES

Date	Conference	Venue
14 - 17 March	Annual General Meeting	Cambridge (Great Britain)
12 June	Regional Meeting	Marrakech (Morocco)
3-5 October	Top Executive's Meeting	Molliets (France)
12 - 17 October	Coaches Symposium	Vale de Lobo (Portugal)
November	Junior General Meeting	TBA
Autumn	Tournament Conference	TBA

If you require more information, please contact the Tennis Europe office in Basel (Phone: +41 61 331 76 65 or Email: info@tenniseurope.org).

2002 EUROPEAN COACHES SYMPOSIUM

TENNIS EUROPE is very pleased to announce that the 26th European Coaches Symposium will be held in Vale do Lobo, Portugal from 12-17 October 2002.

The European Coaches Symposium on this occasion will be organised by Tennis Europe in conjunction with the Portugal Tennis Federation.

It is the third time, following the 1982 and 1988 editions respectively held in Vilamoura and Madeira that this high level technical conference is held in Portugal. The renowned tourist resort of Val de Lobo (Algarve) and also host of one of the ATP Senior Tour tournaments is situated in one of the most unspoiled regions of the Portuguese golden stretch of coastline in the south of Portugal (20 km from the international airport of Faro).

This beautiful scenario of beach-dunes, golf courses and

ocean views, will provide participants with all the comforts and facilities such as: outdoor courts, conference hall for 200 people, gym, golf-course, accommodation in independent modern villa, restaurants and bars.

Following the success of the 2000 edition which took place in Otocec Slovenia, the format of the four days long European tennis conference that deals with the development of high performance players and updates on the latest research in the coaching field will feature three distinctive parts (general/specific/scientific) with lectures and on-court presentations on different topics of general interest in tennis, on various areas of tennis sport science and on specific topics presented by top international experts mainly from Europe.

Detailed information together with a tentative programme of the conference will be air-

mailed to all TENNIS EUROPE member nations, early in May. Applications to attend the workshop must come to the TENNIS EUROPE Headquarters in Basel via National Associations. Closing date for entries is Friday 26 July 2002. Therefore, any coaches wishing to apply to attend the Symposium should contact their National Association immediately.

The jointly funded ITF/Tennis Europe Development Programme will provide accommodation and travelling grants to attend the conference for delegates of selected European member nations.

For further information please visit the Tennis Europe homepage (www.tenniseurope.org) or contact Luca Santilli the ITF/Tennis Europe Development Officer (lucas@tennis-europe.org).

THE EUROPEAN TOP 10

WOMEN

	Player	Country	WTA TOUR Ranking
1	Clijsters Kim	BEL	3
2	Hingis Martina	SUI	4
3	Henin Justine	BEL	7
4	Dokic Jelena	YUG	8
5	Mauresmo Amelie	FRA	10
6	Testud Sandrine	FRA	11
7	Farina-Elia Silvia	ITA	12
8	Dementieva Elena	RUS	14
9	Sanchez-Vicario Arantxa	ESP	15
10	Tauziat Nathalie	FRA	16

The European Women's Ranking is based on the WTA Ranking of 4th March 2002.

MEN

	Player	Country	ATP CHAMPIONS RACE
1	Johansson Thomas	SWE	1
2	Safin Marat	RUS	2
	Novak Jiri	CZE	2
4	Escudé Nicolas	FRA	4
	Henman Tim	GBR	4
6	Haas Thommy	GER	7
7	Federer Roger	SUI	8
8	Rusedski Greg	GBR	10
9	Schuetzler Rainer	GER	12
10	Björkman Jonas	SWE	14

The European Men's Ranking is based on the ATP Champions Race Ranking of 4th March 2002.

THE LATEST FROM TENNIS EUROPE



EUROPEAN TENNIS TROPHY

France is the winner of the 2001 European Tennis Trophy. With its outstanding Davis Cup performance the "tricolores" secured the overall victory in the last minute. The trophy consists of the four categories Professional Tennis, Junior Tennis, Veteran's Tennis and Wheelchair Tennis. The country with the best overall performance in all the four categories at the end of the year is the European Tennis Trophy winner.

In addition, there are 4 trophies for best Professional, Junior, Veterans' and Wheelchair tennis performance.

The trophies will be handed over to the winners during the Annual General Meeting of Tennis Europe in Mid-March.

If you want to know more about the European Tennis Trophy please click [here](#).

Winners:

Overall Winner France

Professional Tennis Spain
Junior Tennis Czech Republic

Veteran's Tennis Germany
Wheelchair Tennis Netherlands

PROMOTION

At the end of her first two years at Tennis Europe, the Committee of Management renewed Martina Alterova's contract for a new period of three years and promoted her to the position of "Head of Women's Department". Martina is coordinating the tasks of the three-person staff taking care of the administration of the ITF Women's Circuit in Europe. Congratulations for this deserved appointment and good luck!

The Polish Tennis Association has changed the address of their website and Email address:

Email: pzt@pzt.pl

Website: www.pzt.pl

NEW FACE AT TENNIS EUROPE OFFICE

Kenneth De Muynck joined the Tennis Europe team on January 1st for an internship. Kenneth is 22 years old, Belgian and studies at the European School of Economics in Milano.

He is focusing on marketing/communication issues including various projects.

He speaks Flemish, English, French, German and Italian, which will no doubt be a great asset at Tennis Europe!

The Albanian Tennis Federation has elected a new **President**:

Arben Alushi

The completed Draw Sheet of the **2002 European Junior Tour 14/16 & Under** are now available from the Internet.

