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ITF/ETA DEVELOPMENT CHAMPIONSHIPS

The 7th ITF/ETA Development Championships were excellently hosted this year by the Bulgarian Tennis Federation in Plovdiv, from 23 April – 4 May.

17 European nations sent their best players to compete in this highly traditional 16 & under event, which this year for the first time was up-

graded to category II within the ETA Junior Tour. The feed-in system was used for the consolation matches over the two-week competition and this was greatly appreciated by the draw of 32 boys and 32 girls since it gave them maximum competitive match experience with each player having one single match every day.

THE ITF JUNIOR ANTI-DOPING CAMPAIGN



A powerful new campaign warning young people of the inherent dangers of drug taking in sport was launched at the beginning of April.

This anti-drug initiative is organised by the International Tennis Federation (ITF), the European Tennis Association (ETA) and the International Wheelchair Tennis Association (IWTA) and co-financed by the European Union.

Juan Margets the Executive Vice-President of the International Tennis Federation (ITF) was so kind to give us an interview concerning this extremely important campaign.

Why have you selected juniors as a primary target group?

The ITF Anti-doping Campaign recognises that tennis cannot afford to be complacent about its position as a clean sport, and in order to maintain this position, is targeting juniors as the players

of the future. The rewards for success in any sport are ever increasing and we have seen how far some individuals are prepared to go to achieve this. A pre-emptive educational initiative may provide a long lasting deterrent against performance enhancing drugs creeping into the game.

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THE ITF JUNIOR ANTI-DOPING CAMPAIGN

How is the campaign set-up?

The ITF has employed a London-based youth Communications Company called Beatwax, who have developed the key concepts and will implement them in the field jointly with the ITF.

Our campaign has a very distinct modus operandi. We must remember that the young people we are targeting are not just tennis or sports players; they have varied tastes, aspirations and lifestyles. They are market, media and technologically aware and are constantly targeted by brands. Many educational initiatives fail to talk the language of such people. The message "Hey Kids - Don't Do Drugs In Sport" is just another authoritarian statement among hundreds of similar statements your average young person is subject to in his/her young life. This campaign seeks to reach people of this age through innovative and creative initiatives that key into their lifestyle. To achieve this, the language and look of the campaign must be credible to them.

The campaign includes a travelling showcase that started in Arezzo, Italy, last month and will visit a total of 14 events on the European Junior Tennis calendar. It will provide a very visible focal point for the distribution of educational literature created specifically for this campaign. Visitors will be encouraged to learn about the dangers of steroid abuse by entering a competition - the answers to which can be researched on special pages on the ITF juniors website - www.itfjuniors.com/antidoping. The website features an on-line version of the educational literature, and visitors can download a cartoon which shows the dangers of taking steroids. A pan European PR campaign will target not just sporting and tennis media, but also consumer and youth lifestyle publications. The campaign features hard-hitting images that can double as advertising in the media.

What feedback have you received so far?

The feedback to date has been very encouraging. Many senior players have endorsed the campaign, in-

cluding Anna Kournikova, Gustavo Kuerten, Monica Seles and Martina Hingis. The showcase has enjoyed a good response from tournament organisers and received invitations to events throughout Europe. The campaign was launched at a press conference in the Netherlands, and we are expecting some impressive media coverage, both in the tennis and non-tennis press, during the course of the year.

When and how are you going to evaluate (follow up) the campaign?

Evaluation is an ongoing process. Ultimately we will be looking to see how well the key messages of the campaign have been communicated to the right audience. We are trying to point as many people as possible to the relevant pages on the ITF juniors website, which features on all the literature within the campaign. The number of visitors to the site and the amount of media coverage will help determine the number of people to whom the campaign has been exposed.

(M. Grönvold)

ETA PHOTO GALLERY

The ETA photo gallery is now online. For the latest photos of ETA tournaments, players, conferences and development activities then take a look at www.etatennis.com/gallery/main. Don't forget to revisit later in the year for more photos from the world of European Tennis!"

CONGRATULATIONS TO PABLO LLORENS REÑAGA FOR RECEIVING THE 2001 GOLDEN ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

The International Tennis Hall of Fame announced that Pablo Llorens Reñaga is this year's recipient of the Golden Achievement Award. The Golden Achievement Award is presented annually on a worldwide basis to individuals who have made important contributions to tennis in the fields of administration, promotion or education, and have devoted long and outstanding service to the sport. Llorens Reñaga was

President of the Spanish Tennis Federation for 15 years. In 1975 he founded the European Tennis Association together with the Federation Presidents of France, Switzerland, Germany and Great Britain. In 1976 he became Vice-President of the European Tennis Association, a position that he kept until 1981. In 1973, Llorens Reñaga became the first Spanish member elected to the Committee of Management for the International Tennis Federation

(ITF). He has served as the Chairman of the ITF Olympic Tennis Committee. During his tenure, Llorens Reñaga was a leading force in making tennis an Olympic Sport (Seoul, Korea 1988). He held the position of first Vice-President of the ITF and is now an honorary life Vice-President. He has been a member of the Spanish Olympic Committee since 1971 and is now an honorary life member.

ITF/ETA DEVELOPMENT CHAMPIONSHIPS



Based on the combined results from the two tournaments, the following players will receive an ITF GSDF Travel Grant to attend more junior tournaments in 2001:

BOYS

SKRIPKO Aleksander (BLR)
 UNGUR Adrian (ROM)
 SAVIC David (YUG)
 MIHAILOVIC Milan (YUG)
 MERGEA Florian (ROM)

GIRLS

STOIANOVA Elena (BUL)
 VASSILEVA Nadejda (BUL)

YAKIMOVA Anastasya (BLR)
 MATEI Simona Iulia (ROM)
 GANCHEVA Elena (BUL)

Both tournaments in the boys' event were dominated by Skripko (1986) from Belarus who played very consistently throughout the Championships. Based on good results last year at 14 & Under age category of this event, Skripko was a member of the ITF/ETA Eastern European 14U Team in 2000 and will certainly be a name to look out for in the future.

Close behind Skripko in the final order of merit were the Romanian and Yugoslavian boys.

On the girls' side the home nation Bulgaria performed extremely well with three players securing a place in the top five final standings together with Yakimova Anastasya from Belarus and Matei Simona Iulia from Romania.

Acknowledgements must also go the players from countries with less of a tennis tradition such as Azerbaijan, Malta and Cyprus 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 the European Tennis Association.

(L. Santilli)

RACE TO PRATO - ETA JUNIOR MASTERS

The ETA Junior Masters was started in 1996 to reward the players who compete in the ETA Junior Circuit. It is the end of season highlight for the eight best-ranked boys and girls of the 14 and 16 & under age categories. The competition came to life thanks to the initiative of the Italian Tennis Federation and the Tennis Club Prato, where it has been played since its creation.

BOYS 14 & UNDER

	Name	Surname	Nation
1	KRASNOROUTSKI	ALEXANDRE	RUS
2	MURRAY	ANDREW	GBR
3	ZVEREV	MIKHAIL	RUS
4	LACKO	LUKAS	SVK
5	THRON	ALJOSCH	GER
6	PISKACEK	TOMAS	CZE
7	NATALI	YARI	ITA
8	ELESKOVIC	ERVIN	SWE

Ranking as per 23/05/2001

GIRLS 14 & UNDER

	Name	Surname	Nation
1	LUKIC	VOJISLAVA	YUG
2	SAFAROVA	LUCIE	CZE
3	LISJAK	IVANA	CRO
4	GAJDOSOVA	JARMILLA	SVK
5	EVTIMOVA	DIA	BUL
6	KIRIANOVA	EKATERINA	RUS
7	RYBOVA	JANA	CZE
8	IVANOVA	EKATERINA	RUS

Ranking as per 23/05/2001

BOYS 16 & UNDER

	Name	Surname	Nation
1	WOELFLER	PATRICK	AUT
2	MERGEA	FLORIN	ROM
3	TSONGA	JO WILFRIED	FRA
4	MIHAILOVIC	MILAN	YUG
5	SKRYPKO	ALIAKSANDR	BLR
6	ALMAGRO	NICOLAS	ESP
7	BOZOLJAC	ILIJA	YUG
8	UNGUR	ADRIAN	ROM

Ranking as per 23/05/2001

GIRLS 16 & UNDER

	Name	Surname	Nation
1	OZEGOVIC	NIKA	CRO
2	SOURKOVA	ANASTASIA	RUS
3	SCHMASSMANN	TINA	SUI
4	ARKHIPOVA	MARIA	RUS
5	BARDINA	VASILISA	RUS
6	STOIANOVA	ELENA	BUL
7	KIRILENKO	MARIA	RUS
8	LYTOVCHENKO	VICTORIA	UKR

Ranking as per 23/05/2001

SMALL STATES CHAMPIONSHIPS 14 & UNDER

The 2nd edition of the ITF/ETA Small States Championships, the newly created junior competition that was launched last year within the joined ITF/ETA Development programme in Europe, took place in Limassol, Cyprus at the Famagusta Tennis Club, from 28 April – 5 May 2001. Hosted by the Cyprus Tennis Federation, the competition reserved to the Small States in Europe such as Andorra, Cyprus, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Malta, Monaco and San Marino saw the participation of Albania and Azerbaijan which received a special invitation from the ITF/ETA.

The organiser did very well and provided the teams with warm hospitality and excellent playing conditions while the hot local weather assisted the event throughout the two-week competition.

Twenty boys and sixteen girls battled hard during the two-week competition. The feed-in system used for the consolation matches guaranteed maximum competitive match experience with each player having one single match every day.

Both tournaments in the boys' event were dominated by Herbert Weirather (1988)

from Liechtenstein who played very consistently throughout the Championships while Nicolas Kourtis from Cyprus proved to be a good contender reaching two finals and securing himself his second invitation in a row into the ITF/ETA Team 14U. Close behind Weirather and Kourtis in the final order of merit were the Luxembourgis and Cypriot boys.

On the girls' side both Tanya Camilleri from Malta and Sarah Hanesch from Luxembourg performed extremely well, winning one tournament each and securing a place in the top two final standings.

Based on the combined results from the two tournaments, the following players will be invited to be member of an ITF/ETA Team to attend more junior tournaments in 2001:

BOYS

WEIRATHER Herbert (LIE)
 BARTHELEMY JEFF (LUX)
 BIEVER Mark (LUX)
 KOUTROUZAS Christopher (CYP)

GIRLS

CAMILLERI Tanya (MLT)
 HANESCH Sarah (LUX)

The ITF/ETA Small States Team will be under the direction of one ITF/ETA coach, Piotr Unierzycki from Poland. The Team shall participate in the following tournaments part of the 2001 ETA Tour 14 & Under:

DATE	2001 ETA TOUR 14 & UNDER EVENTS
28 June – 3 July	Training Camp in Tallin, Estonia
4 – 8 July	Estonian Open U14, Tallin
9 – 15 July	Riga 800 U14, Latvia
16– 22 July	Liepaja International Tournament, Latvia

Acknowledgements must also go to Jon Sigurdsson (ICE), and Shirinov Fakhraddin (AZE) 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 the European Tennis Association on www.etatennis.com (L. Santilli)

2001 EUROPEAN VETERANS CLUBS CHAMPIONSHIPS

The venues for the European Veterans Clubs Championships are finalised and while we could count as usual on the traditional hospitality of Austria and France, we are very pleased that the Men 55 event will be hosted by the Netherlands.

Two Clubs are particularly happy to participate in this year's Championships: The LRI Malev Sport Club from Budapest and the Match Ball Club Sarajevo.

Both Clubs have been allo-

cated a special grant from the newly created European Veterans Fund. The aim of this fund is to give financial support to participants from countries which cannot send players abroad to participate in the European Veterans Clubs Championships because of lack of funds.

The Clubs must of course meet with some specific criteria, such as not have entered a team in that particular event in the last three years, have won their National

Championships, etc.

The Hungarian Ladies Team led by Suzanne Turi, Nr. 4 in the Women 40 European ranking, will go to Le Touquet for the first time and join there teams from Belgium, Spain, France, Italy and Great Britain.

The Club from Bosnia-Herzegovina will take part in the most contested category Men 45 together with 18 other Clubs from all over Europe.

(Ch. Ferrari)

Dates and venues:

Women 40/50	Le Touquet Tennis Club, France	June 26-29
Men 45	Feldkirch, Austria	August 20-26
Men 55	Almere, Netherlands	September 2-6
Men 60	Bergheim/Salzburg, Austria	September 3-9

The detailed fact-sheets and entry lists are available from our website.

2001 ITF WOMEN'S CIRCUIT – STATISTICS

These figures are based on the 2001 ITF Women's Circuit events held in Europe from 1 January to 20 May 2001. You will find more specific statistics from the Women's section on our Website.

HIGHEST SEEDED WINNER

Garbin, Tathiana (ITA)	No. 1	Caserta
Klemenschitz, Sandra (AUT)	No. 1	Bournemouth
Steinbach, Lydia (GER)	No. 1	San Severo
Gubacsi, Zsafia	No. 1	Edinburgh
Henke, Vanessa (GER)	No. 3	Cholet
Keothavong, Anne (GBR)	No. 3	Jersey
Molnar, Eszter (HUN)	No. 3	Mallorca 2
Noorlander, Seda (NED)	No. 3	Dinan
Timotic, Ana (YUG)	No. 3	Beograd 1
Yaryshka, Alena (BLR)	No. 3	Mersin

LOWEST RANKED PLAYER TO WIN A TITLE

Cetkovska, Petra (CZE)	WTA 1,5 pnt.	Hvar
Casanova, Myriam (SUI)	WTA 990	Nitra 1
Vichnevskaya, Ilona (RUS)	WTA 962	Swansea
Kuznetsova, Svetlana (RUS)	WTA 923	Cagliari
Snajdrova, Lenk (CZE)	WTA 860	Szczecin
Bartoli, Marion (FRA)	WTA 829	Hatfield

HIGHEST RANKED PLAYER TO WIN A TITLE

Garbin, Tathiana (ITA)	WTA 51	Caserta
Matevzic, Maja (SLO)	WTA 166	Ortisei
Gubacsi, Zsafia (HUN)	WTA 168	Edinburgh
Noorlander, Seda (NED)	WTA 180	Dinan
Snajdrova, Lenk (CZE)	WTA 860	Szczecin

YOUNGEST WINNER

Safina, Dinara (RUS)	14 years 11 months	Roma
Kuznetsova, Svetlana (RUS)	15 years 2 months	Cagliari
Casanova, Myriam (SUI)	15 years 10 months	Nitra 1
Cetkovska, Petra (CZE)	16 years, 2 months	Hvar
Gallovits, Edina (ROM)	16 years 4 months	Cavtat
Bartoli, Marion (FRA)	16 years 6 months	Hatfield

OLDEST WINNER

Vanc, Andrea (ROM)	27 years 6 months	Quart
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NEW OFFICIALS

Two officiating schools have been held during the Spring where the following European officials have passed the exams.

LEVEL 3-SCHOOL IN CAIRO

- Remy Azemar (FRA) as Silver/Referee
- Toygar Alagoz (TUR), Kader Nouni (FRA) and Rogerio Santos (POR) as Bronze/Chair Umpires.

LEVEL 2-SCHOOL IN ROME (All White badges)

- Daniel Infanger (AUT),
- Nicolas Boi, Frederic Gautier (BEL)
- Niklas Andersson, Johan Carlsson, Louise Engzell, Johanna Ingvarsson (SWE)
- Steeve Danchet, Julien Deloume (FRA)
- Andrea De Carlo, Stefan Sacchi, Giuseppe Solarino, Fabio Tannoia (ITA)
- Dominic James, Kath Lovell (GBR)
- Hugo Mendes (POR)
- Ainhoa Mendez, Alberto Munuera (ESP)

REMAINING SCHOOLS IN 2001

The preliminary calendar for ITF Officiating Schools in Europe for 2001 look like this:

- **Level 2-school:** Leeds (GBR), 29 September – 2 October, (application forms will be sent to the National TA:s in July)
- **Level 3-school:** Amsterdam (NED), 18-21 October, (application forms will be sent to the National TA:s in July)
- **Refresher school:** Place TBA, November/December (by individual invitations only)

OFFICIATING - LEVEL 1 SCHOOL

The National Tennis Center in Chisinau, Moldova, hosted an ITF Level 1 Officiating School, held on 22-24 April, 2001. This school was a part of ITF/ETA Development Programme for Eastern Europe and was taught by an ITF Silver Badge referee Valery Lutkov (Russia). 15 stu-



Fifteen enthusiastic participants

dents attended sessions in the classroom and on-court that covered the Rules of Tennis, Line Umpiring, Chair Umpiring and the Code of Conduct. The students had a chance to practice their skills later that week while calling lines at an exciting Davis Cup tie Moldova – Armenia.

THE EUROPEAN TOP 10

WOMEN

	Player	Country	WTA TOUR Ranking
1	Hingis Martina	SUI	1
2	Mauresmo Amelie	FRA	5
3	Kournikova Anna	RUS	8
4	Dementieva Elena	RUS	9
5	Martinez Conchita	ESP	10
6	Tauziat Nathalie	FRA	11
7	Sanchez-Vicario Arantxa	ESP	13
8	Clijsters Kim	BEL	14
9	Maleeva Magdalena	BUL	15
10	Henin Justine	BEL	16

The European Women's Ranking is based on the WTA Ranking of 21 May 2001.

MEN

	Player	Country	ATP TOUR CHAMPIONS RACE
1	Ferrero Juan Carlos	ESP	2
2	Grosjean Sébastien	FRA	4
3	Clement Arnaud	FRA	7
4	Kafelnikov Yevgeny	RUS	8
5	Federer Roger	SUI	9
6	Portas Albert	ESP	9
7	Moya Carlos	ESP	12
8	Henman Tim	GBR	14
9	Hrbaty Dominik	SVK	15
10	Escudé Nicolas	FRA	16

The European Men's Ranking is based on the ATP Tour Champions Race Ranking of 21 May 2001.

THE LATEST FROM TENNIS EUROPE



Staff changes in the Women's Tournament Office:

Patricia Zuberbühler will be leaving the ETA at the end of May to pursue a new career. We thank her for her contribution to the ETA and we wish her all the best for the future.

She is replaced by **Nada Koran**, who was already an ETA staff member some time ago. Nada is in her mid-thirties and has the Swiss as well as the Czech Citizenship. She dedicates her spare time to her family and to sport, especially tennis. She plays in the Interclub team of Old Boys Basel and is also very active in the organizing body of an international tennis event. We wish her all the best for her upcoming tasks and welcome her back to the ETA.

The **Slovak Tennis Association** has a new email address:

stz@stz.sk

The new Address of the **Swedish Tennis Association** is:

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269 21 Bastad
Sweden

Phone +46 431 783 90
Fax +46 431 756 84
Email info@tennis.se

The **Polish Tennis Association** has elected a New Committee of Management. It consists of the following people:

President	Lew Rywin
Vice-President	Waldemar Bialaszczyk Jacek Muzolf
General Secretary	Stefan Makarczyk
Treasurer	Kordian Borejko
Members	Jerzy Hertel Pawel Jaroch Ireneusz Maciocha

The new Address of the **Tennis Federation of the Republic of Moldova** is as following:

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The **Norwegian Tennis Association** has changed the phone/fax numbers:

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The ETA is very pleased to confirm that the **2001 European Top Executives' Meeting** will take place in **Prague, Czech Republic on 11-14 October.**



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