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## **2001 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

The Cyprus Tennis Federation is celebrating this year its Golden Jubilee and President Philios Christodoulou invited the European Tennis Association



to hold its 27<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting in Nicosia on March 23-25. 71 delegates attended the meeting, including the representatives from 35 member nations (among which 20 Presidents) as well as the ITF President Francesco Ricci Bitti, ITF Executive Vice-President Juan Margets, the members of the ITF  
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## **FRANCESCO RICCI BITTI**



Francesco Ricci Bitti, the former ETA President, was elected President of the International Tennis Federation at the 1999 ITF Annual General Meeting. He has a long history in tennis especially within the ETA. He was first involved with the ETA in 1977 when he was appointed to the Junior Committee and in 1981 he was elected as a member of the ETA Committee of Management.

In addition to his involvement as a tennis administrator, Francesco Ricci Bitti has been a senior Executive in International Communication Technology companies for the past 30 years.

**You have now been President of the ITF for almost two years. What have been the biggest changes which you and your team have initiated within the ITF and the Tennis World?**

After being elected to the position of ITF President I had two major goals – one internal and one external. The internal goal was to make the ITF more efficient particularly

with regard to servicing our member nations. The external goal was to improve our relationship with the other tennis constituents such as the ATP, WTA Tour and IOC. It was also important to continue to strengthen the relationship with the Grand Slams.

I believe that we have achieved good results.  
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## 2001 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Board of Directors Ruurd de Boer and Ian King and ETA Honorary Life President Heinz Grimm. Thomas Hallberg, former ITF Davis Cup Director and Michael MacCaughey, Tretorn Executive Vice-President, were the special guests.

Philios Christodoulou and his team had prepared a wonderful programme for the delegates and accompanying people.

One highlight of the weekend was the inauguration of the National Tennis Centre by the Minister of Education and Culture Mr. Ouranios bannides. The delegates could also admire a photo exhibition and watch the most promising Cypriot Junior Marcos Baghdatis playing against an Italian Junior.

The partners very much enjoyed visiting Nicosia and its surroundings and no doubt many delegates will soon come back to Cyprus for a holiday.

The AGM itself started with an Open session on Friday afternoon dedicated to three main issues:

The role of the ETA in the Marketing the Game scheme launched by the ITF last year: ITF Executive Vice-President Juan Margets made a presentation emphasizing the role of the ITF as a catalyst and how the ETA could be involved;

The criteria of membership

categories: the meeting agreed that the ETA and the ITF will liaise on this important issue as both bodies wish to review their current system.

The ITF Board of Directors elections: ETA President Agustin Pujol explained the idea of the ETA Committee of Management. The strategy that should help to have the best possible candidates from Europe will be presented at a meeting with the European Presidents during Roland Garros.

The plenary session was officially opened on Saturday morning by the President of the Cyprus Sport Organisation Mr. Andreas Papacharalambous and the President of the Olympic Committee Mr. Kikis Lazarides.

Loucas Christofides, Press Officer, made a presentation showing an impressive number of achievements made by the Cyprus Tennis Federation lead by Philios Christodoulou and a very dynamic Board and Staff.

ETA President Agustin Pujol started his report announcing that Jacques Dupré (FRA) was appointed new member of the Committee of Management in replacement of J. P. Darteville. He then presented the main issues on which the Committee of Management was currently working. He announced the winners of the ETA Trophy 2000: Spain obtaining the overall

Trophy together with the Trophy for Professional Events, Russia the Trophy for Junior Events and Germany for Veterans Events. The prize giving ceremony took place during the Official dinner. The delegates from the National Associations were presented with the medals and diplomas of the 2000 Juniors and Veterans Players of the Year, rewarding every year the best ranked players in each age category.

The President also announced that Thomas Hallberg was this year's recipient of the ETA Award, especially for his involvement in the ETA at the very beginning.

The plenary was also dedicated to the reports of the different Committees and to the Financial Report, with the approval of the accounts for the year 2000 and the budget for the year 2001.

The delegates approved unanimously the upgrade of the Czech Republic from Group B to A following the recommendation of the Committee of Management, and agreed with the proposed rule changes. A motion to be put forward to the ITF AGM regarding membership was approved as well.

Finally, the LTA President invited all delegates to Great Britain for next year's Annual General Meeting.

*Charlotte Ferrari*

## FRANCESCO RICCI BITTI

Internally we have managed to reduce expenditure considerably whilst at the same time maintaining the same standards of service to our Member Nations.

Externally we achieved many goals such as the Tennis Masters Cup agreement, ATP points for the Olympic Games, the upgrade of tennis within the Olympic Sports, a successful cooperation with the ATP and WTA Tour regarding the Men's and Women's Circuits, the continuous exchange of views with the Grand Slams in order to achieve a common position and, finally, reassessing the leading role of the ITF with regard to the Rules of Tennis.

**There have been many things going on at the ETA within the last years such as the arrival of a new President, new board members, new staff members, an ETA homepage with almost 100,000 hits per month, Jubilee activities, a ball agreement with Tretorn etc. Are you following this process and how do you think the ETA will develop in the near future?**

I am following the European Tennis Association very closely due to two reasons. First of all the ETA is the most important Regional Association and the ITF is maintaining a very close cooperation with ETA. The second reason is personal. I have been serving on ETA Committees for more than 20 years and during my time as

ETA President I had the opportunity to influence the direction of the organisation. If I look back I am very proud to say that I left behind a well-functioning organisation, which is now in the good hands of the new leaders.

**On one hand the tendency in professional tennis is that most of the money is put into very big events and these events seem to grow and grow. On the other hand smaller events like ITF Circuits have difficulties to gain sponsorship. How do you feel about this development? Do you think it is a problem?**

I do not completely agree with this statement. It is correct that the big money is going to the top events such as the Grand Slams, Masters Series and Davis Cup but the ITF Circuits are not targeting the same markets as these events. In this instance we are talking more about tournaments which are working with local broadcasters and local sponsors and I think these tournaments are not suffering from the growth of the top competitions. The problem area, if any, are the tournaments in between the levels above.

**You are very involved with the Team events at the ITF and also as an ETA President you put a lot of attention to this. How would you describe the philosophy & advantages of team events?**

Generally speaking the team events represent a unique aspect of our sport as our game is primarily an individual sport. Therefore, to participate in team competitions creates different pressures for the players and as a result a win is special and memorable. Players like Roger Federer, Juan Carlos Ferrero, Gustavo Kuerten and many, many more have stated that winning a Davis Cup Tie is an amazing experience that cannot be compared to anything else. I think that says everything.

**Before you were elected ITF President you lived in Italy in a Mediterranean surrounding. How did you settle over there in London?**

Even though I spent a lot of time in Rome over the past years, my residence was in Milan, which is not particularly Mediterranean. I would say London is one of the most international and exciting cities in the world. Although I am travelling a lot, I try to enjoy London as much as possible when I am there.

At work I can benefit from my former career as an executive businessman. I spent a long time working in multinational companies and, as a result, I have an American business background, which helps me in London. In conclusion, I want to stress that the British culture approach is special and very fascinating and I have plenty of time to learn more about this culture.

*Magnus Grönvall*

## ETA TROPHY



This year the ETA Trophy will be celebrating its 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Every year, since 1991, awards have been distributed to the European Nations with the best overall performances in four different categories: overall tennis achievement, professional tennis, junior tennis and veterans' tennis.

This year the competition was closer than ever before, making for an interesting climax. For the second time in the competition's history, Spain took the overall tennis achievement trophy, just beating second place Germany by a mere 195 points. Spain's victory in the ETA Trophy competition highlights the country's outstanding tennis achievements over the past 12 months.

Changes to the competition's format such as the introduc-

OVERALL TENNIS ACHIEVEMENT - TOP TEN	
1. Spain	3180 Points
2. Germany	2985 Points
3. Russia	2295 Points
4. France	2285 Points
5. Italy	2025 Points
6. Czech Republic	2020 Points
7. Sweden	1315 Points
8. Great Britain	1245 Points
9. Slovak Republic	950 Points
10. Switzerland	945 Points
<b>Professional Tennis Winner</b>	<b>Spain</b>
<b>Junior Tennis Winner</b>	<b>Russia</b>
<b>Veterans' Tennis Winner</b>	<b>Germany</b>

tion of points for the performances of ATP and WTA players, as well as a redistribution of points, reflecting the relative importance of each of the four categories, has made this year's competition more credible and more "in touch" with the 21<sup>st</sup> century game.

The future of the competition certainly looks bright with plans to have regular updates on the "Race to the

Trophy" throughout the year, as well as some other promotional activities.

The ETA congratulates all its Member Nations on a very successful year of tennis.

For more information, please visit our new ETA Trophy website at <http://www.etatennis.com/sites/etatrophy/etatrophy.htm>

*Alex Nicholas*

## 2001 EUROPEAN WINTER CUPS

The four Final Rounds of the 2001 European Winter Cups (Boys & Girls 14/16&U), took place from 2-4 March 2001. San Miniato (Italy), Rotterdam (the Netherlands), Schneverdingen (Germany) and Ronchin (France) were once more the venues for the four events, in which all the teams showed a high level of play on the court.



Great Britain winner of the Boys 14&U competition in San Miniato (ITA)

The British and French Teams were the winners of the 2001 European Winters Cups for the categories Boys 14/16&U. The Russian girls won both the 14 and the 16&U categories, certainly proving once more the strength and the potential of their players.

The results of the competition are available from our Website and the detailed information from the ETA Headquarters in Basel.

*Sylvia Alvarado*

## 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	PISKACEK	TOMAS	CZE
4	ZVEREV	MIKHAIL	RUS
5	NATALI	YARI	ITA
6	LACKO	LUKAS	SVK
7	SAMOUILOV	ANTON	BLR
8	KOROLEV	EUGENI	RUS

*Ranking as per 28/03/2001*

### GIRLS 14 & UNDER

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

*Ranking as per 28/03/2001*

### BOYS 16 & UNDER

	Name	Surname	Nation
1	TSONGA	JO WILFRIED	FRA
2	MERGEA	FLORIN	ROM
3	MIHAIOVIC	MILAN	YUG
4	ALMAGRO	NICOLAS	ESP
5	BERDYCH	TOMAS	CZE
6	TECAU	VLAD HORIA	ROM
7	PUCHKARYOV	IVAN	UKR
8	ZIMMERMAN	MARCEL	GER

*Ranking as per 28/03/2001*

### GIRLS 16 & UNDER

	Name	Surname	Nation
1	OZEGOVIC	NIKA	CRO
2	PAVIC	NADIA	CRO
3	KUZNETSOVA	SVETLANA	RUS
4	SOURKOVA	ANASTASIA	RUS
5	BYCHKOVA	EKATERINA	RUS
6	ARKHIPOVA	MARIA	RUS
7	BARDINA	VASILISA	RUS
8	DOMACHOWSKA	MARTA	POL

*Ranking as per 28/03/2001*

## DEVELOPMENT CHAMPIONSHIPS 14/16 & Under

The 7<sup>th</sup> ITF/ETA Development Championships will be hosted this year by the Tennis Associations of Lithuania (14U) and Bulgaria (16U) as follows:

The 14 & Under will be taking place in Siauliai, Lithuania from the 26 March to 7 April

while the 16 & Under will be in Plovdiv, Bulgaria from the 23 April – 4 May.

More than 120 players from 17 European nations are expected to participate. 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 singles match every day. Those players who perform well will have the opportunity to be invited to be a member of an ITF/ETA Team 14/U and receive a Special Travel Grant (16/U) of 2000 US\$ to attend more junior tournaments.

Luca Santilli

## SMALL STATES CHAMPIONSHIPS 14 & UNDER

The 2<sup>nd</sup> edition of the ITF/ETA Small States Championships, will be taking place in Limassol, Cyprus, from 28 April – 5 May.

Hosted by the Tennis Association of Cyprus for the first time, the competition is reserved to the Small States in

Europe such as Andorra, Cyprus, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Malta, Monaco and San Marino. This year a special invitation to participate was forwarded to the National Associations of Albania and Azerbaijan. The format of the nearly two weeks competition will be the

feed-in system with more than 16 boys and 16 girls playing one singles match every day. The players who perform well will have the opportunity to be invited to be a member of an ITF/ETA Small States Team 14&Under.

Luca Santilli

## 2001 EUROPEAN SPECIFIC THEME CONFERENCE

The 2<sup>nd</sup> edition of the European Specific Theme Conference will be held in Otocec Slovenia from 5-7 October 2001. The Conference will be organised by the ETA in conjunction with the Slovene Tennis Association following the success of the 2000 European Coaches Symposium which took place last October in Otocec as well. As a matter of fact the strategic geographical position of Slovenia in Europe combined with the high standard facilities provided by this renowned tourist resort (90 km from Ljubljana) in beautiful surrounding of forest and lakes, makes it an ideal venue for this European Con-

ference.

This year the theme of this two days long European tennis conference will be "Planning and periodisation for tournament players" with lectures and on-court presentations on different players' age groups presented by top international experts, mainly from Europe.

Detailed information together with a tentative programme of the conference will be mailed to all ETA member nations, early in April. Applications to attend the workshop must come to the ETA Headquarters in Basel via National Associations. Closing date for entries is Friday

29 June 2001. Therefore, any coaches wishing to apply to attend the Conference should contact their National Association immediately.

Even this year the jointly funded ITF/ETA 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 ETA Homepage ([www.etatennis.com](http://www.etatennis.com)) or contact Luca Santilli the ITF/ETA Development Officer ([lucasantilli@attglobal.net](mailto:lucasantilli@attglobal.net)).



## 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 16 March 2001. You will find weekly updated information from the Women's section in our Website. The 2000 figures are also available from our website.

### TITLES BY COUNTRY

(players from 11 different countries won titles in 2001)

Germany	2
Hungary	2
Russia	2
Denmark	1
Japan	1
Kazakhstan	1
Netherlands	1
Slovenia	1
Czech Republic	1
France	1
Great Britain	1

### HIGHEST RANKED PLAYER TO WIN A TITLE

Matevzic, Maja (SLO) WTA 166 Ortisei (ITA)

### LOWEST RANKED PLAYER TO WIN A TITLE

Safina Dinara (RUS) WTA 672 Roma (ITA)

### YOUNGEST WINNER

Safina Dinara (RUS) 14 years 11 months Roma

### OLDEST WINNER

Saeki, Miho (JPN) 24 years 11 months Faro

### DOUBLE BAGELS IN MAIN DRAW FROM THE QUARTERFINALS

Borisova (BLR) – Topalova (BUL)	6-0/6-0	Quarterfinal Istanbul 1
Hopmans (NED) – Hegedus (HUN)	6-0/6-0	Quarterfinal Sutton

### TITLES-FINALISTS AT HOME BY COUNTRY

Great Britain	1-0
France	0-1
Spain	0-1
Germany	0-1

### HIGHEST SEEDDED WINNER

Keothavong, Anne (GBR)	No. 3	Jersey
Molnar, Eszter (HUN)	No. 3	Mallorca 2
Henke Vanessa (GER)	No. 3	Cholet

## FULL HOUSE AND EXTENSIVE PLANS IN ORTISEI

The Italian city of Ortisei, located in Val Gardena, one of the most popular skiing resorts in Europe, hosted a 25'000\$ women's tournament. Six hundred spectators attended the final between Maja Matevzic (Slovenia) and the qualifier Ekaterina Kozhokhina (Russia). Maja was luckier in the end, succeeding in a dramatic 67 63 63 final. The doubles title

went to the first seeds - Angelika Bachmann of Germany and Eva Dyrberg of Denmark.

Martina Alterova, the Coordinator of the ETA Women's Department, carried out a site visit to the event. "Ortisei had the strongest players' field of all European \$25'000 tournaments in 2000. In 2001, their main draw cut off

is also the best so far. This is the result of precise pre-tournament planning, great promotion and excellent organization of the event. The ETA is very happy that the tournament organizers led by Wolfgang Wanker the Tournament Director, are planning to upgrade the event to a 50'000\$ next year", said Martina.

## ETA WOMEN'S COMMITTEE MEETS IN VALE DO LOBO

Vale Do Lobo Tennis Academy, a beautiful club in the famous Algarve resort on the shore of the Atlantic Ocean, hosted an ITF Women's 10'000\$ tournament for the first time.

Ekaterina Kozhokhina (Russia) proved her outstanding form by beating in three sets the number one seed Julie Pullin (Great Britain) in the final.

Members of the ETA Women's Committee who met in Vale Do Lobo during the final days of the tournament for one of their regular meetings joined the specta-

tors for the semi-finals and finals.

The Committee discussed many issues concerning the development of the ITF Women's Circuit in Europe. These included, finding ways to encourage National Associations and organizers to stage new events in the January-March period; preventing late tournament cancellations and problems experienced by some tournament organisers due to the fluctuation of the US dollar/local currency exchange rate.

Carole Munn, the ITF Administrator of Women's Tennis,

reported on the approved changes in the 2001 Women's Circuit Regulations, short sets testing and Junior Exempt project.

Martina Alterova, the Coordinator of the ETA Women's Department, presented the amended ETA women's web page (see below on this page).

Special thanks for excellent organization of the tournament and warm hospitality should go to Pedro Frazas, the Tournament Director and his team and to Jose Costa, General Secretary of the Portuguese Tennis Federation.

## ETA WOMEN'S DEPARTMENT EXPANDS ONLINE SERVICES

The ETA Office is pleased to announce the recent important additions to the information available on the ETA web site.

All tournament fact sheets, calendar with the most recent changes and acceptance lists have been available on-line since April 2000.

All fact sheets are now available also as a PDF format, which makes it possible to download several fact sheets

at the same time.

All 2001 final draw sheets of the ITF Women's Circuit Tournaments held in Europe are now available on our website, provided that the office receives the results in digital form from the tournament organizers or referees.

The ETA provides further opportunities for tournament organizers and clubs to promote their events by placing the direct links to their Internet sites on the ETA

Women's Calendar page.

2001 Rules of Tennis and 2001 Women's Circuit Regulations, the most recent Sanex WTA Tour rankings, entry and withdrawal forms, and other useful documents can be downloaded from the "documents" section.

The acceptance lists are updated every hour from the ETA women's office database.

*Martina Alterova*

Direct link to our women's section  
[www.etatennis.com/sites/women/wom.htm](http://www.etatennis.com/sites/women/wom.htm)



## THE SANEX WTA AWARD WINNERS GALA IN INDIAN WELLS



*D. Bedanova*

Daja Bedanova (CZE), the 1998 European Individual Champion 16&U gives us a short report on the WTA Players Award winners Gala.

"For the first time in my tennis career I had a chance to attend the Sanex WTA Tour Players Award Winners party. The celebration was held during the tournament in Indian Wells at the beautiful Renaissance Esmeralda Resort. Even though many seeded players of the tournament decided not to attend the party it was

a very nice experience for me to be there and to enjoy the evening with some of my tennis friends. My personal highlight was, of course, my nomination as Sanex WTA Tour Newcomer of the year. The following European players were honoured for their great achievement during the last 12 months:

Elena Dementieva (RUS)	Most improved player
Iva Majoli (CRO)	Comeback of the year
Kim Clijsters (BEL)	Sportsmanship Award
Martina Hingis (SUI)	Diamond ACES Award

I wish all of you an exciting tennis season and hopefully I can report next year again about positive European Tennis results". *D. Bedanova*

## EVERY CHILD HAS THE RIGHT TO PLAY - OLYMPIC AID

Olympic Aid is a humanitarian organisation that has grown out of the original Olympic ideals of peace, human dignity and the promotion of human excellence. It is an athlete-driven initiative, which aims to raise funds for disadvantaged children within Australia and refugee children around the world. As well, it seeks to raise awareness about children in need in the hope that these children, like Olympians, may come to achieve their dreams.

"Sport has always meant a lot to me and I am happy to be involved in Olympic Aid, so I as an athlete, can give back to other children giving them the opportunity to develop through sport. It is great to see the impact and result of Olympic Aid, especially the first time a child is given the opportunity to play. When a child develops through sport he/she not only develops physically, but also psychologically and sociologically. Olympic Aid can really make the difference."

*Johann Olav Koss (Chairperson Olympic Aid)*

### History

Olympic Aid began in 1994 at the Lillehammer Winter Olympics. Speed skater Johann Olav Koss, who won three gold medals at these Games, challenged his fellow Norwegians to donate a small amount of money every time a

Norwegian athlete won a medal. By the end of the Games the campaign had raised US\$18 million for those affected by the war in the former Olympic host city of Sarajevo and elsewhere around the world.

At the Atlanta Olympic Games in 1996, Johann Olav Koss led the Olympic Aid campaign and, with the help of athletes including Michael Jordan, Andre Agassi, Michael Johnson and Nadia Commaneci, raised US\$13 million for children affected by conflict.

In 2000, it was Australia's turn to rise to the aid of disadvantaged children worldwide during the Olympic Games in Sydney.

### Olympic Aid's Partners

Internationally, Olympic Aid will work with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees to provide a range of sport, health and education program to refugee children. In Australia, funds will be distributed between the Patrick Rafter Cherish the Children Foundation, the Indigenous Sports Program Goolagong Sports Libraries, the Leukemia Foundation and the Children's Cancer Institute Australia.

If you would like to know more about Olympic Aid please visit [www.olympicaid.com](http://www.olympicaid.com).

## THE PRESIDENT OF THE CYPRUS TENNIS FEDERATION



Philios Christodoulou has been the President of the Cyprus Tennis Federation for the past 19 years. He has always been very involved in international tennis matters and that is one of the reasons why he was nominated more than a decade ago to the ETA Development Committee. Philios Christodoulou is a senior officer at the Central Bank of Cyprus and his limited spare time is dedicated to his family and to tennis.

### **The Cyprus Tennis Federation is celebrating its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. How has tennis developed in the last 50 years in your country?**

The growth has been impressive especially in the last 15 years. For many years, Tennis was considered as a sport only for the elite class in Cyprus. Tennis courts were found only in private exclusive Clubs and the large majority of the Cypriots could not access them. Things have indeed changed dramatically. Tennis has grown into one of the most popular sports in Cyprus. There are now 13 tennis clubs and more than 250 tennis courts, easily accessible and at a faire cost. Moreover, the CTF has 5 development programmes running and we managed to get tennis into the public elementary schools with the Mini-Tennis programme of the ITF. Things have changed to the better and tennis in Cyprus is growing rapidly.

Tennis is taking the high position it deserves. It is very popular in Cyprus, it is now played by more than 10.000 people in a country where the population is only half a million. Tennis Academies have been created teaching tennis to thousands of children every day. These kids will be tomorrow's juniors, adults,

veterans etc. So tennis is turning into a sport everyone can play and wants to play.

### **You have organised a very successful ETA AGM. What was your motivation to have this meeting in Cyprus?**

Let me first say that it was indeed an honour for all of us in Cyprus to host such a prestigious event in our country and to have the leadership of the International and European Tennis here. The motivation was that we wanted the European tennis family to join us in celebrating our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary, our Jubilee Year and to honour with their presence, the inauguration of the National Tennis Center. I am very pleased that this AGM was successful and fruitful and that all the distinguished delegates had a great time in Cyprus.

### **The CTF built a new National Tennis Center. What impact do you expect it will have on Cyprus Tennis with regards to the sporting and the financial aspect of it?**

The benefits of having a National Tennis Center in your country are immense. As far as the sporting side is concerned, we now have our tennis "home", a place where tennis can move forward on a

more professional and more organized way. The National tennis teams and the development programmes can be exercised and monitored better here and on top of that, we now have a Center where we can host international tennis events, making tennis more attractive to Cypriots. With regards to the financial side, certainly the cost of constructing such a Center is very high. However we believe that the money is well spent and we see it as a long-term investment in Cyprus Tennis. I am certain that the "return on investment" will be felt in the coming years.

### **What are your next goals with the CTF?**

Our goals and aspirations are to further promote tennis in Cyprus and to see Cypriot players performing well on an international level. For that reason, we have formulated a 5-year strategic plan which consists of all the elements and parties involved in this collective effort and we plan to execute it to the maximum. We are very optimistic about tennis in our country and we look forward to any assistance that can be provided by the ETA and the ITF towards that goal.

*Magnus Grönvold*

**THE EUROPEAN TOP 10****WOMEN**

	Player	Country	WTA TOUR Ranking
1	Hingis Martina	SUI	1
2	Martinez Conchita	ESP	6
3	Kournikova Anna	RUS	9
4	Pierce Mary	FRA	10
5	Dementieva Elena	RUS	11
6	Tauziat Nathalie	FRA	12
7	Mauresmo Amelie	FRA	13
8	Sanchez-Vicario Arantxa	ESP	14
9	Huber Anke	GER	15
10	Clijsters Kim	BEL	16

The European Women's Ranking is based on the WTA Ranking of 19th March 2001.

**MEN**

	Player	Country	ATP TOUR CHAMPIONS RACE
1	Clement Arnaud	FRA	2
2	Kafelnikov Yevgeny	RUS	3
3	Grosjean Sébastien	FRA	4
4	Hrbaty Dominik	SVK	7
5	Escudé Nicolas	FRA	8
6	Federer Roger	SUI	10
7	Henman Tim	GBR	11
8	Rusedski Greg	GBR	14
9	Norman Magnus	SWE	15
10	Clavet Francisco	ESP	16

The European Men's Ranking is based on the ATP Tour Champions Race Ranking of 19 March 2001.

## 2001 EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS DATES

### PROFESSIOANL TENNIS

Competition	Date
European Club Championships for Women	Week 36
European Club Championships for Men	Week 38
European Women's Team Championships	Week 47
European Men's Team Championships	Week 49

### JUNIOR TENNIS

Competition	Date
<b>ITF/ETA Dev. Championships 14&amp;U</b>	
Week 1	26 March – 1 April
Week 2	2-8 April
<b>ITF/ETA Dev. Championships 16&amp;U</b>	
Week 1	23 – 27 April
Week 2	29 April – 3 May
<b>ITF/ETA Small States Championships 14&amp;U</b>	
Week 1	28 April – 1 May
Week 2	2 – 5 May
European Summer Cups (Qualifying Rounds) 14&U	1-3 July
European Summer Cups (Final Rounds) 14&U	6-8 July
European Summer Cups (Qualifying Rounds) 16/18&U	31 July – 2 August
European Summer Cups (Final Rounds) 16/18&U	5 – 7 August
European Junior Individual Championships 14/16/18&U	23-29 July
ETA Junior Masters 14/16&U Prato	5- 7 October
European Championships for Regions 14&U Barcelona	Week 29 October

### VETERAN TENNIS

Competition	Date
European Veterans Championships (Outdoor) Pörschach (60-80)	11-17 June
European Veterans Championships (Outdoor) Baden-Baden (40-55)	18-24 June
European Veterans Championships (Outdoor) Cuxhaven (35)	25-29 July
European Veterans Clubs Championships Ladies 40/50 Le Touquet	week 25 June
European Veterans Clubs Championships Men 45 Feldkirch	week 20 August
European Veterans Clubs Championships Men 60 Salzburg	week 3 September
European Veterans Clubs Championships Men 55 Almere	week 3 September

## THE LATEST FROM TENNIS EUROPE

**NEW MEMBER IN THE ETA  
COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT**

**Mr. Jacques Dupré**, France, was co-opted **member of the ETA Committee of Management** until the next elections in 2002 following the resignation of Jean-Pierre Darteville. Jacques Dupré is currently General Secretary of the French Tennis Federation. He will chair the **ETA Development Committee**.

The **Lithuanian Tennis Union** has elected a new President and Vice-President:

President: Dainius Pavilonis  
Vice-President: Edvinas Paulauskas

**LINK COLLECTION**

The ETA is proud to unveil its new links page on [www.etatennis.com](http://www.etatennis.com). This is one of the most comprehensive tennis links pages on the net, with direct links to the most popular and important tennis websites in Europe and around the world.

From tournaments and ETA Member Nations, to media, clubs and tennis academies, all aspects of the tennis world have been covered. If you know of a website that you feel should be included on the ETA site, then please send an email to Alex Nicholas at the ETA in Basel ([alexn@etatennis.com](mailto:alexn@etatennis.com)).

**STAFF NEWS**

The Committee of Management renewed the contract of **Olli Mäenpää** who was appointed **Managing Director, External Affairs**.

**Charlotte Ferrari**, was appointed **Managing Director for Administration**.

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To mark its 25th Anniversary, the **Jubilee Publication** has been produced in order to have an official, permanent and comprehensive record of the Associations activities. With a detailed history of the development of the ETA, facts and figures of all member nations, jubilee records listing winners and runner-ups of various ETA competitions, a "flashback", hall of fame, and articles about European Tennis, we hope this publication will be both informative and interesting to all its readers. There is a limited number available for our readers and you will be served on a first come first serve basis. The book can be ordered from the European Tennis Association, Alex Nicholas, Seltisbergerstr. 6, CH-4059 Basel, Email [alexn@etatennis.com](mailto:alexn@etatennis.com)

**2001 ETA JUNIOR GENERAL MEETING**

The ETA is very pleased to confirm that the 2001 Junior General Meeting will take place in **Portugal on 23-25 November**. The exact venue has not been decided yet, but the Member Nations will receive the official communication and invitation in due time.

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