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## **THE FIRST YEAR OF ETA PRESIDENCY**



*Agustin Pujol (ETA President)*

**In March 2001, you will have completed one year as ETA President. How have you found this new role and the responsibilities that accompany it?**

This is a new tennis experience for me. My main responsibility is to serve European tennis, in particular the countries in need of greater help from the European Tennis Association.

Being President of the ETA is very different from being President of a National Federation where results are more direct and immediate.

**One of the most memorable events in the past year must certainly be Spain's victory in the Davis Cup. What does this historic win mean to Spanish tennis and**

**what in your opinion will be the long-term effects of this win?**

This historic moment has been a great way to close what have been the best years of Spanish tennis, the 90's. It is a victory that Spanish tennis has pursued for a long time and in 2000 we were able to achieve it.

There is no doubt that the positive impact that this victory has created in our society will attract many young people to our sport.

**Not only has this been a marvellous year for Spanish tennis, but also for European Tennis. How do you see the future of the professional game in Europe?**

The future for European professional tennis is extremely bright. We can see that more players are coming to the top of the rankings. Three of the top five players in the ATP rankings are European and two of the five in women's tennis.

However, it is not only at the top of the game that we can see Europe shining. We can see that Europe is a driving force in all aspects of the game. I think European tennis

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will be very important in years to come.

**The year 2000 has been a memorable year for the ETA not only because the association has been celebrating its 25th anniversary, but also due to the numerous improvement in the fields of development, marketing, communication, events and administration. How do you see the future of the association and how**

**can it further develop to promote European tennis?**

The future of the ETA is very good. The office in Basel has been working under the supervision of the different committees and the Management Committee to implement new ideas that will make our organization stronger.

We will continue with our development programmes to

ensure that tennis is consistently played in all countries of Europe.

I believe that all of our member Nations fully support the ETA and with that support and a lot of hard work we will be able to drive tennis successfully into the new Millennium.

(Alex Nicholas)

## NEWS FROM VETERANS TENNIS

The ETA Veterans Committee met in **Seefeld** (Austria) on January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2001, taking the opportunity to visit the European Indoor Championships.

This year Seefeld Tennis Club was celebrating the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the European Championships. They were not left alone to celebrate as a record of 645 participants turned up in this beautiful ski resort in the Tyrolean Alps.

The results of the Championships can be viewed on our website.

The Veterans Committee approved the **Veterans Rankings valid for 2001**. These are based on the results from the 77 tournaments which are part of the 2000 European Veterans Circuit: 533 draws data with more than 10.000 results were considered for establishing 20 dif-

ferent ranking lists, 9 age categories for ladies and 11 age categories for men. The Veterans data now includes approx. 13800 players.

The five best results head-to-head as well as bonus points for the rounds achieved at three tournaments are counted for calculating the rankings.

The Committee also confirmed the categories of the tournaments part of the **2001 European Veterans Circuit**.

The Circuit comprises this year a total of 50 tournaments and 9 European Championships, including the European Veterans Clubs Championships. The dates and venues are available from page ten.

Another task of the Committee was to finalise the criteria of the **EUROPEAN VETER-**

**ANS FUND:** thanks to the generosity of one person having a big heart for Veterans Tennis the ETA will be able to allocate grants to Clubs not able to participate in the European Veterans Clubs Championships due to lack of financial means. This scheme will be started this year and specific criteria for the allocation of the grants have been worked out by the Veterans Committee. The detailed information will be sent to the ETA Member Nations in due course.

You will find on page three the list of the **2000 PLAYERS OF THE YEAR**, who are the players ranked first on the rankings. We would like to congratulate them for their performance and wish them good luck for the upcoming tournaments.

(Charlotte Ferrari)

## 2001 EUROPEAN VETERANS' INDOOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

Cat.	Winner		Runner up	Score
W 40	Resch-Sommerauer Ingrid (AUT)	Vs	Metzger-Reboul Beatrix (FRA)	6/2 6/3
W45	Leinen Gaby (GER)	Vs	Geyer-Pichler Maria (AUT)	7/5 6/4
W 50	Eisterlehner Heidi (GER)	Vs	Pinterova Marie (HUN)	6/3 6/3
W 55	Orth Heide (GER)	Vs	Schröder Renate (GER)	7/5 7/5
W 60	Reimers Freya (GER)	Vs	Allendorf Bärbel (GER)	7/6 6/1
W 65	Jung Brigitte (GER)	Vs	Perusch Elisabeth (AUT)	4/6 6/4 4/2
W 70	Exner Elisabeth (GER)	Vs	Kyburz Monique (SUI)	7/5 6/3
W 75	Schomandl Erica (AUT)	Vs	Haas Ingeborg (GER)	6/4 6/4
M 40	Kopp Thomas (GER)	Vs	Zimma Hermann ((GER)	6/2 7/5
M 45	Rocchi Ferrante (ITA)	Vs	Pugaev Konstantin (RUS)	6/4 1/6 7/5
M 50	Petrov Lubomir (GER)	Vs	Tuomola Reijo (FIN)	6/3 3/6 6/4
M 55	Andren Henrik (SWE)	Vs	Koudelka Stephan (GER)	7/5 6/4
M 60	Pokorny Peter (AUT)	Vs	Nitsche Bodo (GER)	6/3 6/3
M 65	Duesler Bob (USA)	Vs	Mertins Werner (GER)	6/4 6/3
M 70	Halmos Inre (HUN)	Vs	Smidt Charles (BEL)	6/4 6/3
M 75	Legenstein Laci (AUT)	Vs	Jirkovsky Oskar (AUT)	6/4 6/4
M 80	Kempa Bernhard (GER)	Vs	Starling J.A. (GBR)	6/1 6/3
M 85	Rogers Bill (AUS)	Vs	Münch Gerhardt (GER)	6/1 6/3

## ETA VETERAN PLAYERS OF THE YEAR

The European Tennis Association is pleased to publish the names of the 2000 ETA Veteran Players of the year. The delegates of each respective Association will receive the medals and diplomas on at the next ETA Annual General Meeting, to take place in Nicosia, Cyprus in March 2001. Please take note that this award is based on the 2000 ETA Veterans' Ranking which is available from our website.

## CATEGORY MEN 35

Bulant Jaros CZE

## CATEGORY MEN 40

Jungnitsch Manfred GER

## CATEGORY MEN 45

Seuss Heiner GER

## CATEGORY MEN 50

Renoult Bruno FRA

## CATEGORY MEN 55

Adrigan Peter GER

## CATEGORY MEN 60

Pokorny Peter AUT

## CATEGORY MEN 65

Mertins Werner GER

## CATEGORY MEN 70

Legenstein Laci AUT

## CATEGORY MEN 75

Jirkovski Oskar AUT

## CATEGORY MEN 80

Kempa Bernhard GER

## CATEGORY MEN 85

Grad Tiberius ROM

## CATEGORY WOMEN 35

Metzger Beatrix FRA

## CATEGORY WOMEN 40

Gröll Gebriela GER

## CATEGORY WOMEN 45

Appel Elly NED  
Birukova Eugenia ITA

## CATEGORY WOMEN 50

Eisterlehner Heidi GER

## CATEGORY WOMEN 55

Krocke Ellie NED

## CATEGORY WOMEN 60

Darmon Rosy FRA

## CATEGORY WOMEN 65

Perusch Elisabeth AUT

## CATEGORY WOMEN 70

Kyburz Monique SUI

## CATEGORY WOMEN 75

Jennis Marlies GER

## ITF/ETA NORTH EAST REGIONAL TRAINING CAMP FOR PLAYERS 14 & UNDER

The first ITF/ETA training camp for players 14 & Under in north east Europe was held in Siauliai - two hours drive from the capital city Vilnius - Lithuania from 14 – 21 January.

The idea behind the camp was to re-create the successful training camps that were regularly held in this part of Europe at the time of the USSR, where coaches and players from the former Soviet Republics gathered to train together.

Thirty-two players from Estonia, Latvia, Belarus and Ukraine were invited to Lithuania to the beautiful Siauliai Tennis School. The school has excellent facilities including accommodation/restaurant/TV/games room facilities, four indoor and six outdoors courts, two gyms, sauna and a small swimming pool. The camp

was conducted by Luca Santilli, the ITF/ETA Development Officer who, together with 10 national coaches from the invited countries, made sure that the players' training was high quality and intense. The weekly programme comprised 48 on court and 10 off court sessions, with each player being involved in 24 on court and 5 off court training sessions.

The project had great press coverage throughout the week, especially when the Mayor of Siauliai called a press conference at the Municipality.

It was an unique occasion for players and coaches from the Region to work together and exchange information, experiences and to play some matches of course!

(Luca Santilli)

## ITF LAUNCHES A NEW JUNIOR WEBSITE

The International Tennis Federation has officially launched its dedicated website to players, officials, media and followers of the ITF Junior Circuit: **[www.itfjuniors.com](http://www.itfjuniors.com)**. Designed by the ITF's IT department, the site combines colourful graphics with access to a dynamic database. Rankings, calendars, drawsheets, biographies and player results are all updated automatically, while visitors can also access the latest news and history of the circuit. For players there is all the necessary background information, and advice on getting started.

Jackie Nesbitt, ITF Manager of Juniors and Vets Tennis, said: "The site was initially born from a wish to pass on news and views about the circuit to current international junior players more effectively. However it soon became apparent that we had an opportunity, through the development of a dedicated junior website, not only to reach circuit players, but also all those involved or interested in international junior tennis."

The ITF is always looking for ways to attract new players and fans to the game and the next stage will be to create a site that will be

fun for young people to visit."

The site is divided into the following sections:

- Boring Stuff
- Rules and Regulations
- You Cannot Be Serious
- Your Letters and Queries, Cyber Cards
- News
- Up-to-date news from the circuit
- Tournaments
- Drawsheets, ITF Junior Team Competitions
- Getting Started
- History and Background on the ITF Junior Circuit
- Rankings
- Current ITF Junior World Rankings
- Calendar
- Current ITF Junior Circuit Calendar
- Wise Up
- Advice and tips for junior players
- Players
- Biographies
- Player Results

## 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	PISKACEK	TOMAS	CZE
5	NATALI	YARI	ITA
6	LACKO	LUKAS	SVK
7	KOROLEV	EUGENI	RUS
8	ELESKOVIC	ERVIN	SWE

*Ranking as per 07/02/2001*

### GIRLS 14 & UNDER

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

*Ranking as per 07/02/2001*

### BOYS 16 & UNDER

	Name	Surname	Nation
1	MERGEA	FLORIN	ROM
2	MONACO	JUAN	ARG
3	TSONGA	JO WILFRIED	FRA
4	PUCHKARYOV	IVAN	UKR
5	MIHAIOVIC	MILAN	YUG
6	TECAU	VLAD HORIA	ROM
7	HORMAZABAL	GUILLERMO	CHI
8	ZIMMERMAN	MARCEL	GER

*Ranking as per 07/02/2001*

### GIRLS 16 & UNDER

	Name	Surname	Nation
1	PENG	SHUAI	CHN
2	OZEGOVIC	NIKA	CRO
3	PAVIC	NADIA	CRO
4	SOURKOVA	ANASTASIA	RUS
5	ARKHIPOVA	MARIA	RUS
6	BARDINA	VASILISA	RUS
7	HSIEH	SU WEIL	TPE
8	KANEPI	KAIA	EST

*Ranking as per 07/02/2001*

## ETA JUNIOR TOUR RESULTS

14&UNDER		Winner	Runner-up	Score
MOSCOW	Boys	E. KOROLEV (RUS)	A. KRATSOV (RUS)	46 61 62
	Girls	E. MAKAROVA (RUS)	E. KIRIANOVA (RUS)	46 64 62
TELFORD	Boys	A. MURRAY (GBR)	E. ELESKOVIC (SWE)	62 64
	Girls	E. IVANOVA (RUS)	L. SAFAROVA (CZE)	63 10 RTD
TARBES	Boys	A. KRASNOROUTSKIY (RUS)	A. MURRAY (GBR)	36 75 62
	Girls	V. LUKIC (YUG)	GAJDOSOVA J. (SVK)	7 6(3) 75
16&UNDER				
RADONICE	Boys	T. CERMAK (CZE)	J. PROKOP (CZE)	36 76 64
	Girls	E. VALKOVA (CZE)	N. KIPRITIDOU (GRE)	61 61
TOGLIATTI	Boys	K. KRAVCHOUK (RUS)	A. KOUDRIAVTSEV (RUS)	61 61
	Girls	V. DOUCHEVINA (RUS)	E. GREBENIUK (RUS)	62 62

## GOOD FEEDBACK ON ITF WOMEN'S CIRCUIT RULE CHANGES

Our Women's Department is receiving many questions everyday concerning the changes of the entry and withdrawal procedures at the 2001 ITF Women's Circuit events. Overall, the reactions of the tennis community to the changes have been very

positive so far. The new procedures allow players to stay on one Acceptance List per week only. Also, there are no dramatic changes in the Main Draws after the Main Draw Withdrawal Deadline anymore, which has been happily accepted, especially by

the Tournament Directors. Qualifying draws of all tournaments held so far have been full.

We would be very happy to hear your opinion on this matter.

## ITF WOMEN'S CIRCUIT RESULTS (WEEK 1- 5)

	Venue/ week	P-Money	Winner	Runner-up	Score
SINGLES	JERSEY, GBR	\$10'000	KEOTHAVONG (GBR)	LEBESCOND (FRA)	63 62
DOUBLES	WEEK 4		PAYNE (GBR) – WOODHOUSE (GBR)	BLUMBERG (USA) – TAKASE (JPN)	46 62 62
SINGLES	BASTAD 1, SWE	\$10'000	MULLER (GER)	RUUTEL (EST)	62 60
DOUBLES	WEEK 4		KUMBAROVA (CZE) – VILDOVA (CZE)	CENKOVA (CZE) – JERABEK (GER)	61 63
SINGLES	MALLORCA 1, ESP	\$10'000	RAIMROVA (CZE)	GONI (ESP)	61 26 62
DOUBLES	WEEK 5		DI NATALE (ITA) VANC (ROM)	GOUREVICH (RUS) SAFINA (RUS)	75 36 64
SINGLES	ISTANBUL 1, TUR	\$10'000	CZINK (HUN)	ZDENOVCOVA (CZE)	57 61 62
DOUBLES	WEEK 5		AKSIT (TUR) YARYSHKA (BLR)	KONDRATIEVA (RUS) MOSSIAKOVA (RUS)	63 60
SINGLES	TIPTON, GBR	\$10'000	HEITZ (FRA)	STEINBACH (GER)	64 36 76 (2)
DOUBLES	WEEK 5		CROOK (GBR) DAVIES (GBR)	DANIILIDOU (GRE) GEZNGE (BUL)	26 64 64

## ETA WOMEN'S OFFICE COORDINATOR MEETS ITALIAN TOURNAMENT DIRECTORS IN ROME

Foro Italico, the beautiful site of the Italian Open, hosted a meeting of the Tournament Directors of ITF Women's Circuit events held in Italy organized by Federazione Italiana Tennis.

Italy can be proud to play a leading role in staging women's events in Europe. In 2000, 32 events were held. For 2001, the even more optimistic plan is to hold 34 events offering a total of 710.000 US\$ in prize money which is more than 20% of the entire European circuit.

The meeting was attended by

27 Tournament Directors from all over Italy, the General Secretary of FIT Mr. Mario Orienti, the Tournament Department Director Mr. Massimo Verdina, General Manager Mr. Adriano Panatta, Circuit Coordinators Mr. Cirillo Raffaele and Mrs. Stefania Macrini.

The aim of the conference was to discuss ways to improve organisation and promotion of women's events.

Martina Alterova, the Coordinator of the ETA Women's Department, was invited to attend the meeting and to

update the audience on the 2001 ITF Women's Circuit rule changes, as well as the work of the ETA Women's Department. Martina delivered her two presentations, with Luca Santilli, ITF/ETA Development Officer, acting as an interpreter.

The meeting proved to be a success, enabling the Federation officials, Tournament Directors and the ETA Women's Department to get to know each other better and to bring new suggestions for improvement of the European women's tennis.

## EUROPE DOMINATES THE TOP 100 IN PROFESSIONAL TENNIS

These are the Nations with the most Top 100 players at the end of the year 2000. In Men's as well as in Women's Tennis, Europe has more than 50% of the Top 100 players.

### ATP Entry System Men

1. Spain	13
2. United States	9
3. France	8
Sweden	8
5. Germany	7
Australia	7
7. Argentina	6
8. Czech Republic	5
9. Brasil	3
Marocco	3
Switzerland	3

### WTA Tour Ranking Women

1. United States	18
2. Spain	9
3. France	8
4. Russia	7
5. Italy	5
6. Belgium	4
Czech Republic	4
Switzerland	4
9. Germany	3
Austria	3
Bulgaria	3
Belarus	3

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

	Player	Country	WTA TOUR Ranking
1	Hingis Martina	SUI	1
2	Martinez Conchita	ESP	6
3	Pierce Mary	FRA	8
4	Kournikova Anna	RUS	9
5	Tauziat Nathalie	FRA	11
6	Dementieva Elena	RUS	12
7	Sanchez-Vicario Arantxa	ESP	13
8	Testud Sandrine	FRA	15
9	Clijsters Kim	BEL	16
10	Huber Anke	GER	17

The European Women's Ranking is based on the WTA Ranking of 5th Feb 2001.

**MEN**

	Player	Country	ATP TOUR CHAMPIONS RACE
1	Clement Arnaud	FRA	2
2	Grosjean Sebastian	FRA	3
3	Hrbaty Dominik	SVK	5
4	Kafelnikov Yevgeny	RUS	6
5	Rusedski Greg	GBR	7
6	Federer Roger	SUI	8
7	Norman Magnus	SWE	10
8	Moya Carlos	ESP	12
9	Tabara Michael	CZE	12
10	Vicente Fernando	ESP	15

The European Men's Ranking is based on the ATP Tour Champions Race Ranking of 5th February 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
European Winter Cups (Qualifying Rounds)	16-18 Feb
European Winter Cups (Final Rounds)	2-4 March
ITF/ETA Dev. Championships 14&U	
Week 1	26 March – 1 April
Week 2	2-8 April
ITF/ETA Dev. Championships 16&U	
Week 1	23 – 27 April
Week 2	29 April – 3 May
ITF/ETA Small States Championships 14&U	
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	5- 7 October
European Championships for Regions 14&U	TBA

### 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	Duisburg week 20 August
European Veterans Clubs Championships Men 55	to be announced

## THE LATEST FROM TENNIS EUROPE



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

George Karamanoukian

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The **San Marino Tennis Federation** has elected a new executive board:

President	Christian Forcellini
Vice-President	Ennio V. Pellandra
General Secretary	Marino Guardigli
Treasurer	Gian Carlo Manuzzi
Members	Stefano Palmieri
	Franco Bartoni
	Leardo Burgagni

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The 12<sup>th</sup> **ITF Worldwide Coaches Workshop** is due to be held later this year in Asia. The tentative dates for this event are Sunday, Oct. 27 to Friday, Nov. 2.

**JUBILEE PUBLICATION ERRATUM**, the Slovene Tennis Association history was replaced by mistake by the Slovak Tennis Association's history. The Slovene Tennis Association History is available from [www.etatennis.com](http://www.etatennis.com). Apologies.

**New "MAN"POWER** in the ITF/ETA Women's Tournament Office. Patrice Schaffter joined at the beginning of the year ETA.

Patrice is 23 years old and he has Swiss Citizenship. His spare time he dedicates to sport, in particular tennis and soccer. We wish him all the best for his upcoming tasks and hope that he will enjoy his time with ETA.

The **Italian Tennis Federation** has elected a new President and appointed a new General Secretary:

President:	Angelo Binaghi
General Secretary	Mario Orienti

The **Tennis Association of Bosnia & Herzegovina** has appointed two new executives:

General Secretary	Milenko Rimac
Executive Secretary	Haris Barucija

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 "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 edition available for our readers and you will be served by a first come first serve basis. The book can be order from European Tennis Association, Alex Nicholas, Seltisbergerstr. 6, CH-4059 Basel, Email [alexn@etatennis.com](mailto:alexn@etatennis.com)

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