

Tennis Europe Annual General Meeting in Tallinn

The 39th Annual General Meeting of Tennis Europe was hosted in Tallinn during the weekend of 22-24 March as part of the centenary celebrations of the Estonian Tennis Association.

Chaired by Tennis Europe President Jacques Dupré, and opened by the President of the Estonian Tennis Association Urmas Soorumaa, the Meeting took place at Swissôtel Tallinn and saw a total of 98 delegates from 36 of Tennis Europe's 49 member nations in attendance.

The main event was preceded by meetings of Tennis Europe's Junior and Development Committees, as well as a meeting of the Board of Management.

The opening day saw the launch of Tennis Europe's Coaches Education Initiative by Chief Executive Officer Olli Mäenpää and the ITF/Tennis Europe Development Officer, Hrvoje Zmajic, who announced plans for the creation of a digital communication platform to share information about the diverse coaches' education systems in Europe, with the ultimate goal of establishing European standards.



Tennis Europe President Jacques Dupré, ITF President Francesco Ricci Bitti and Estonian Tennis Association President Urmas Soorumaa exchange mementoes at the AGM in Tallinn

The remainder of the first session focused on International Tennis Federation matters, with President Francesco Ricci Bitti providing his annual update on the organisation's activities and Executive Vice-President Juan Margets giving the delegates a detailed look at the current situation of the Davis Cup by BNP Paribas competition. [Page 2 >>](#)

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Tennis Europe & Polar launch online store

Tennis Europe has extended its cooperation with leading heart-rate system manufacturer Polar Electro with the launch of an official online shop designed for users of the organisation's web site. The store will sell a range of products that have been specially selected for tennis players and coaches looking to focus on the fitness aspect of their training regimes. [Page 3 >>](#)



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Esteemed coach Igor Vadimovich Vsevolodov collects his Tennis Europe award alongside his former pupil, Russian Tennis Federation President Shamil Tarpishev and Tennis Europe President Jacques Dupré

<< An opportunity was then given for the European candidates at the forthcoming ITF Board of Directors elections to make short presentations and participate in a question and answer session with the delegates.

The plenary session saw annual reports from Tennis Europe's President and CEO, as well as updates from Chairpersons of the various committees; Günther Lang (Development), Karin van Bijsterveld (Juniors), Philios Christodoulou (Seniors), and also from the Honorary Treasurer, Peter Bretherton.

Constitutional matters addressed during the meeting included the approval of Serbia's application to change its membership status from 'C' to 'B'-Nation and the adoption of a proposal for the automatic adjustment of membership fees linked to the European index, which will take place with effect from January 1st 2014. An application for affiliated membership status from the Tennis Federation of Kosovo failed to receive the necessary two-thirds majority required from the assembly.

Mr. Dupré remarked; "The meeting was very well-attended and I am grateful to all of the delegates, guests and observers for their contributions on both days, in particular Mr. Ricci Bitti, whose presence and commitment is greatly appreciated. The reports given here have shown that Tennis Europe has continued to perform well in our key activities over the past year, and we are looking forward to embarking on the new projects announced for the coming months. It is a source of great pride for us to see the continued progress of tennis in Serbia, and their ascension in membership status is entirely merited. I would also especially like to thank Mr.



Tennis Europe President Jacques Dupré presents the Tennis Europe Award to Toomas Leius of Estonia, 1959 Wimbledon boys' champion and a former Roland Garros singles quarterfinalist and mixed doubles runner-up.

Soorumaa and all his staff for their hard work and warm hospitality. We are honoured to have been invited to Tallinn during the centenary year of the Estonian Tennis Association and to be able to see first-hand the excellent job that they are doing."

In accordance with tradition, Saturday's official dinner at Tallinn's Modern Art Museum was the scene of the presentation of the Tennis Europe Awards, which are nominated by member nations in recognition of outstanding contributions to the sport and its administration. There were nine recipients in total; Ernst Wolner (AUT), Max Mirnyi (BLR), Toomas Leius (EST), Tom Kinloch (GBR), Janis Pliens (LAT), Evert-Jan Hulshof (NED), Wojciech Radomski (POL), Igor Vadimovich Vsevolodov (RUS) and Domenico Vicini (SMR).

Guest of honour at the dinner was Ene Ergma, President of the Riigikogu, who was on hand to see the European Tennis Trophy awards presented to 2012 winners Netherlands (Wheelchair Tennis), Germany (Seniors Tennis), Russia (Junior Tennis) and Czech Republic (Professional Tennis and Overall Performance). Special awards were also given to recognise the exceptional performances of Serbia (Best-Performing 'C'-Nation), the Slovak Republic (Best-Performing 'B'-Nation) and Hungary (Greatest Improvement).

Tennis Europe confirmed during the meeting that next year's AGM will be hosted by the Bulgarian Tennis Federation in Sofia from 27-30 March.

Click [here](#) to see a photo gallery from Tallinn.

Tennis Europe & Polar launch online store

The project is the latest step in a long-term partnership between the two organisations and is intended to reap benefits for Tennis Europe's members and online users. The online store contains specially-selected products that Polar recommends to enhance the training regimes of all tennis players and coaches, from beginners to performance players.

Polar has been a leader and innovator in the field of heart rate monitoring for the last thirty years with a focus on endurance sports. However, skill-oriented sports such as tennis have become increasingly physically demanding in recent years and many top players have adopted the use of heart rate monitors to maximise physical performance during training and competition.

Polar already plays an active role at Tennis Europe's coaching events, and also sponsors the Tennis Europe Junior Tour Player of the Year titles, which are awarded to the best-performing 14 and 16 & Under players at the end of the season.

Tennis Europe Chief Executive Officer Olli Mäenpää said, "We are very proud to announce this new development in our partnership with Polar, whose products are increasingly sought-after by the tennis com-



Heart rate monitors are an essential tool in the optimisation of fitness training.

munity yet can be difficult to find in specialist tennis shops. Tennis Europe's website provides an ideal platform to connect with millions of players and fans across the continent and we look forward to bringing further benefits of our relationship with Polar to our users in the future."

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Tennis Europe Junior Tour rewards organisers

The winners of two annual contests held by tennis Europe to reward the efforts of tournament organisers have been announced.

Tennis Europe Junior Tour Tournament Director Competition

All Tennis Europe Junior Tour Tournament Directors are eligible to enter the competition. To do so, they must send Tennis Europe copies of promotional material and photos from their events. Subject to the implementation of the Tour's guidelines and organisational requirements, successful events are then put into a draw to receive prizes in recognition of their outstanding professionalism.

The grand prize for 2012 went to Osvalds Sausverds, Director of the Riga Open, a combined 12, 14 and 16 & under event. He wins a 2-day trip to Roland Garros including centre court tickets.

Runner-up prizes also went to Peter Rohsmann of the Mercedes Jugend Cup in Renningen, and Florenta Mihai of the Dr. Oetker Junior Trophy, a new Category 1 event in Bucharest, both of whom will receive a Polar FT60 computerised training wristwatch.

Tennis Europe would like to thank all of the event organisers for their work in 2012 and invites them to continue to submit their photos and promotional material for the 2013 competition.

Tennis Europe Junior Tour Ball Contest

Also announced recently were the winners of the 2012 Tennis Europe Junior Tour Ball Contest. All tournaments that take advantage of the special offer to use balls from our sponsor HEAD are automatically entered into a prize draw.

The winners are Alexandra Costa of the 12 & Under event in Barcelona (ESP), who receives two centre court tickets for one day at Roland Garros, Markus Büchel of the event in Vandans (AUT) who wins a TIP mini-tennis set, and Mariana Nenova of the Dema Cup in Bulgaria, who wins a HEAD racquet.



In the Spotlight: ITF President Francesco Ricci Bitti

International Tennis Federation President Francesco Ricci Bitti was guest of honour at the recent Annual General Meeting in Tallinn, where he was on hand to make his annual address and meet with delegates. Tennis Europe News spoke to him afterwards to discuss some of the current matters facing our sport.

This is the centenary year of the International Tennis Federation. How are the celebrations going?

Obviously it is a very important occasion. We celebrate not just our organisation, but the growth of tennis itself. The sport has gone from being elite and exclusive to one of the world's most popular sports. The ITF was founded in Paris, so the first decision we made about the centenary was that we would celebrate our AGM there to acknowledge the place where the founding countries met on 1st March 1913. It promises to be very special indeed.

Tied in with the centenary celebrations, last month saw the first-ever World Tennis Day. How would you evaluate its success?

We were very positively surprised with the outcome. Activities were held in 53 nations, so this message has obviously been very positively received around the world. We had the cooperation of a very good promoter, which gave us a great platform to promote our participation programs like Tennis 10s and Tennis Xpress in front of massive audiences. Our role is to promote the sport and encourage participation, so it was great to be associated with several great events in important places all around. We hope that the promotional side will develop in many more countries in future editions.

Do you think it's fair to say that the date was not ideal in order for European nations to get fully involved?

Yes of course, but it's not possible to have a date that is ideal for every single nation and region. But the date of the World Tennis Day is somewhat dependent on the professional calendar, so we don't have too much flexibility there. For sure this impacted a bit in Europe, because in many European countries it is still a little early in the year to arrange large-scale outdoor activities. But if you look at it from another perspective, Europe is already the most advanced region in terms of promotion and activities, and there were still many World Tennis Day events held there, so it has been a great success even taking into account the challenge of the date.



Mr. Ricci Bitti addresses the Tennis Europe AGM in Tallinn.

There is much talk in the tennis world at the moment about the introduction of biological passports. In reality, what does this mean for players?

Everybody likes the wording of 'biological passports', but the fundamental basis of the biological passport is the decision to increase the frequency of blood tests, which is being done immediately. Once you have several blood tests you can start to build a record of the athletes and irregularities are easier to spot.

Why do you think that so many players have said in recent months that they would like to see more blood testing, and is it good or bad for the sport that they are doing so?

In general terms of course it is very good, because it's important to have the support of the players in such a project. But this initiative isn't a result of the comments from the players, it has been in the pipeline for some time and obviously many bodies are involved; the players, the governing bodies – ITF, ATP, WTA, the Grand Slams and so on. So we have all been around the table since last summer. Many of the players are talking in response to the Armstrong case, about which naturally the media ask and it has prompted them to think maybe more closely about this topic than ever before. It is good to have the players on our side; surprisingly some of the players in question are the same that a couple of years ago were complaining of the intrusion and inconvenience of drug testing, so it's a step forward.

Are you confident that enough is done to educate players about the importance of integrity in sport?

Tennis has its own huge educational program dedicated to this, which was developed by the ITF in collaboration with a British university and >>

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ITF and Tennis Europe Presidents Francesco Ricci Bitti and Jacques Dupré in Tallinn last month.

<< reaches all of the top players. I think that as a sport we do very well in this area; we are one of only two international federations that currently invests in anti-corruption education, the other being FIFA. This is not coincidence; in the main regulated countries in Europe, statistics show that the vast majority of sports betting goes on football, with some 25% originating from tennis. So it's normal that we are the two sports to be actively tackling the matter and investing substantially in it.

As a member of the Working Group that the IOC has put together with the betting operators and government authorities, I have a further position, which is that on a long-term basis we also have to start looking into a fair return for sports bodies like the ITF who invest heavily into such schemes while the betting organisations – the originators of the issue – do not have to contribute. This takes money away from the development of the sport and is clearly something to be addressed.

Last time you spoke to Tennis Europe News was in the run-up to the London Olympics. Looking back on the event, would you say it managed to live up to expectations?

For me personally, but also as President of the International Tennis Federation, it was a dream come true. We achieved both of our goals, which were on the one hand to have the tennis tournament be very successful and one of the highlights of the Games, eclipsing some of the more established sports, and on the other hand to ensure that the Olympic tournament was very relevant within the tennis calendar. We achieved both of these goals much earlier than I expected when I began my Olympic activities, so it has been a very positive experience.

Lately we're hearing a lot about massive prize money increases at the biggest tennis events. Yet the prize money for players on the ITF Pro Circuits (especially the men's side) hasn't increased in many years. Are you hopeful that this situation might change in the near future?

Yes, we are very aware of this and have been for a long time. It has our attention, but there are a lot of factors to consider. It's true that the prize money has not moved in many years, in contrast to the top tournaments. It's also true that a bigger number of players deserve to have enough financial support during the transition from junior to professional. Having said that, we are very prudent about changing the prize money structure because it has been very successful from a promotional and development point of view. The Pro Circuit is present in almost all the countries because it is easy from the point of view of the risk taker – who we must remember is not always the federation, it may be a club or a promoter – to entertain an activity with prize money of \$10,000 than with double that amount. Obviously the issue is on the table and we have a working group in place with the ATP and WTA to consider items like the adjustment in ranking points and other consequential matters like prize money. But a key consideration is that we do not want to lose too many tournaments, or opportunities for players to compete, that changes to the prize money structure could bring.

What have been your impressions of this Tennis Europe AGM in Tallinn?

As usual it has been very interesting. Tennis Europe is by far the most important and leading regional association. So for me it's always a great pleasure, but also a matter of interest to be here.

I have two observations in particular from this AGM; the first is that there were many new faces, which means new blood and new ideas and that is always welcome. Secondly, the great organisation of a very small country like Estonia is great to witness. They have achieved as much as many bigger countries in a short time. The new tennis centre we visited in Tallinn is one of the best centres I have seen, especially in a country where indoor facilities are essential because of the weather. So I would like to congratulate Jacques Dupré, the President of Tennis Europe, as well as all the staff, but also Urmas Soorumaa and our Estonian friends because it is great to have the chance to see first-hand how effective this small country has been.

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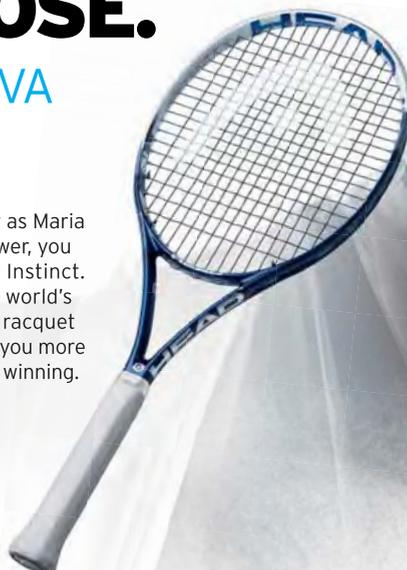
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Turkish players excel at Development Championships

Turkish players dominated this year's ITF/Tennis Europe 14 & Under Development Championships, which took place in Antalya, Turkey from 13 - 23 March. The event, which was hosted by the Turkish Tennis Federation, attracted players from 18 countries and comprised of a one-day training camp followed by two consecutive Category 2 tournaments with a day off in between the two events.

Top seed Ergi Kirkin (TUR, pictured) won both the boys' singles titles, defeating his compatriot and Winter Cups team-mate Kaya Gore in the final of the first tournament, winning 6-1 2-6 7-6(5) after a titanic battle. Kirkin and Gore teamed up to win the first boys' doubles event against the Belarusian pair of Artsiom Ausiyevich and Aliaksandr Liaonenka 4-6 6-3 [10-3]. The following week saw the same teams in the finals once again, with the Turks winning another close contest 3-6 6-1 [10-3].

Kirkin has won four doubles and three singles titles since the beginning of the year, and looks set to claim the #1 spot in the Race to the Tennis Europe Junior Masters rankings later this week.

In the first event of the girls' competition, Inci Ogut secured a Turkish sweep by beating second seed Oleksandra Andieieva of Ukraine in the final, 6-1 7-5. Oleksandra also reached the final of the second event, but just failed to go unbeaten in Antalya when she suffered a loss to Oiza Omirou of Cyprus. Omirou claimed her first Tennis Europe Junior Tour title with a 7-5 6-1 victory in the final. Oiza also excelled in the doubles events, teaming up with compatriot India Shialis to win both weeks' competitions. In the first event, they beat Belarusians Nika Shytskouskaya & Katsyarina Yemelyanenko 6-2 6-4



Ergi Kirkin (TUR) has excelled this season, winning three singles and three doubles titles, including that of Tarbes (pictured).

in the final, while in the second event they scored a decisive win over Turkish pair Ogut and Defne Olcay, 6-3 6-1.

ITF/Tennis Europe Development Officer Hrvoje Zmajic was in attendance at the event, and commented; "Thanks to the ITF/Tennis Europe Development Programme, these Championships have once again helped players from a number of our smaller nations to compete against high quality opposition. The facilities here in Antalya are first class and with ten matches over ten days, all of the players and coaches have been able to make the most of the opportunity to work on their games and gain valuable international experience."

A number of today's top professionals, including Victoria Azarenka and Marcos Baghdatis have benefitted from playing the event in the past. Full draws and results from the tournaments can be found [here](#).



ITF/Tennis Europe 18 & Under Team in North Africa & Europe

This year's ITF/Tennis Europe 18 & Under Winter Team recently took part in a 5-week tour of three countries in North Africa and Europe. The tour began on 24th January with a training camp that was held at Tennis Club Sfax, Tunisia where the team of three girls - Iryna Shymanovich (BLR), Kateryna Sliusar (UKR), Dessislava Zlateva (BUL) and one boy, Mantas Bugailiskis (LTU) - practised together for four days. The training camp gave the the players and their coach, Goran Shevchenko (MKD), an opportunity to get to know each other before embarking on a tour of four high-level ITF tournaments in North Africa and Europe.

The tour began with the Grade 2 11th SFAX ITF Junior Tournament that was held at the site of the training camp. Team-mates Iryna Shymanovich and Kateryna Sliusar met at the quarter final stage of girl's singles event from where Iryna advanced to the finals winning by 6-3 6-1. In the final, she faced Great Britain's Isabella Wallace but after a tight first set lost 7-5 6-1. In the doubles event the two girls reached the semi-final, losing to Belgian/British pair Liebens/Wallace, 6-2 6-1.

From here the team moved across Tunisia to Monastir to play the Grade 2 12th Monastir ITF Junior Tournament. Shymanovich again led the way and won her first singles title on this tour by beating Russia's Anna Koval 6-3 6-4. Kateryna Sliusar reached the semi final before falling to Koval in a close match, 7-6(7), 2-6, 1-6. Again the two girls reached the doubles semi-final, this time losing to the British team Boulter/Wallace 6-3 6-3. Dessislava Zlateva also reached the doubles semi-finals, partnering Klaartje Liebens (BEL) before losing to Austrians Grabher/Kurz 6-4 7-6(3).

The third tournament of the series was the Grade 2 Trofeul D. Sturdza held in Chisinau, Moldova. The tournament was played on wood and was the toughest of the four events played. Again the ITF/Tennis Europe players scored some remarkable results; freshly arrived on the tour after competing in Australia, Petros Chrysochos of Cyprus reached the quarter finals before losing out to Romania's Alexandru George Tatomir 6-7 6-4 6-2.



The Team pictured after the first event of the tour. Left to right, Mantas Bugailiskis, Dessislava Zlateva, Iryna Shymanovich, Kateryna Sliusar and coach Goran Shevchenko.

Shymanovich was also beaten in the quarters by a Romanian as she went down 6-1 1-6 6-2 to Elena Gabriela Ruse. In the doubles event, Chrysochos teamed with Mantas Bugailiskis to reach the semi-finals, where the pair lost to Apostol & Frunza (ROU) 6-3 3-6 10-5.

The last tournament on the circuit was the Grade 2 Aivaras Balzekas Memorial Cup held in Siauliai, Lithuania. This event was also successful for the ITF/Tennis Europe Team. Iryna Shymanovich and Petros Chrysochos both reached the semi-finals, losing to Darya Kasakina (RUS) 6-1 6-4 and Daniil Medvedev (RUS) 6-13-6 6-1 respectively. Kastakina had earlier also beaten Kateryna Sliusar 6-4 6-1 in the quarter finals.

The team's coach Goran Shevchenko was delighted with the players' success, commenting, "This year we had a great team and each of them recorded some good results on the Tour. All of the team members showed fighting spirit and took good advantage of the opportunity to play and practice every day with high level players, and also created friendships with players from around the world."



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BNP Paribas World Team Cup European Qualification

Teams from Greece and Spain emerged victorious at the BNP Paribas World Team Cup European Qualification event, which was held in Antalya, Turkey during the first week of March.

Seeded fourth, the Greek men's team of Stefanos Diamantis, Giorgios Lazaridis and Epameinondas Stamatis beat Israel 2-1 in the final match, though the victory was already complete following singles wins for Diamantis and Lazaridis. The win means that Greece will advance to compete in World Group 2 for the seventh time at the finals in May.

Spain's women came from behind to beat fourth seeds Russia in the women's final. Spanish #1 Lola Ochoa levelled the tie by beating 14-year old Viktoria Lvova in straight sets to cancel out Russia's advantage, created when Ludmila Bubnova outlasted Elena Jacinto 6-3 2-6 6-4.

The experienced Spanish pair then went on to claim a decisive win in the doubles match, ensuring their nation a 10th appearance in the World Group. Greece will be joined by fellow regional qualifiers Nigeria and Canada in the men's World Group 2, while



The Greek men's team celebrates in Antalya.

South Africa will join Spain in the women's World Group at the finals, which will also be held in Antalya, from 20-26 May.

Full draws, results and reports from the competition can be found on the ITF's Wheelchair Tennis website [here](#).

Wheelchair Tennis Development Fund project in Lithuania

ITF Wheelchair Tennis Manager Mark Bullock visited Lithuania last week for a follow-up visit to check progress on the country's ITF/Tennis Europe Wheelchair Tennis Development Fund project, supported by the Cruyff Foundation.

The two-day meetings were attended by advisers to Lithuania's Prime Minister, the President of the National Paralympic Committee and the Vilnius Municipality as well as staff of the Lithuanian Tennis Union.

Several on-court sessions were also held for the players taking part in the programme, while a player and coach from neighbouring Latvia were also in attendance as part of an ITF/Tennis Europe project taking place in Latvia this year.

Evaluating the progress made in Lithuania, Mr. Bullock said, "We are delighted with the progress that has been made with regard to the development of wheelchair tennis in Lithuania in a short time. This has been achieved with the support of the ITF, Tennis Europe, the Cruyff Foundation and some strong leadership in the country."



Tennis Xpress course published

The ITF has published the official Tennis Xpress course and supporting materials online at www.itftennisxpress.com.

Tennis Xpress is an easy, active and fun coaching programme for starter adults and recommended by the ITF as the best way to learn the game. The aim is to help starter adults to serve, rally and score (play the game) from the first session and to ensure that by the end of the course, (i) all adults will know the basic techniques, tactics and the Rules of Tennis; and (ii) all adults will be able to play competitive points using the Green ball on a full court.

Designed as a nine-hour course over six weeks for tennis facilities and clubs, Tennis Xpress is centred on the use of slower Green balls (25% slower) and Orange balls (50% slower) to ensure that players quickly learn the rules of tennis, and the basic techniques and tactics of tennis, in an active way. Tennis Xpress is a supporting programme of the ITF Tennis Play and Stay campaign.

Following the global launch of the Tennis Xpress programme during the 3rd Tennis Play and Stay seminar, held at the LTA's National Tennis Centre in

London in November 2012, many member federations of the ITF have expressed their wish to launch the new programme. The supporting materials produced will make it easy for national federations and their coaches, to introduce the course into their development programmes under the Tennis Xpress name.

The promotional video, which can be viewed [here](#), is one of a series of videos to be produced by the ITF that can be used by federations and their coaches as a valuable coaching resource to successfully implement the Tennis Xpress course to starter adults around the world.

ITF Executive Director of Development, Dave Miley stated, "Research has shown that health and exercise benefits, and learning and improving at something new, are of particular importance to adults when choosing their leisure activities. The Tennis Xpress course ensures that adults learn to play tennis quickly while having a great workout and a sociable and fun experience. We believe that this programme will have a big impact globally in both attracting and retaining new players in our sport."

European Racquet Stringers Association Symposium in Düsseldorf

The European Racquet Stringers Association is organizing an ERSA Annual Meeting and Symposium for racquet stringers, coaches interested in stringing and people interested in racquet sports technologies.

The Symposium will kick off on Friday night at the Düsseldorf Tryp Airport Hotel with a Welcome Drink. Saturday and Sunday presentations will be offered on subjects including Stringing Basics, Tournament Stringing, Around-the World Stringing patterns, Stringing Natural Gut, Racquet Tuning, Grip Moulding and String Testing. Racquet and String testing will be done afternoons in a tennis club near the hotel. Monday ERSA Certification testing will be done for Certified Stringer, Master Racquet Technician and Pro Tour Stringer.

Stringers from around the world are attending, so it is a great place to meet some of the top stringers in the world who will share their knowledge with you. A Speed Stringing Contest will also take place during the Symposium.

The new ATP 250 Power Horse Cup will be taking place during the Symposium behind the ERSA office



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The Symposium is free to ERSA members with reduced hotel prices for participants, along with product samples from many manufacturers. Fees are 150€ for ERSA Electronic Members and 250€ for non-members.

For more information and to receive a registration form contact the ERSA: mmaslo3330@aol.com or +49-211-68814151.

Russian Tennis Federation holds La Manga Club training camp

The Russian Tennis Federation has become the latest in a string of European national associations to establish a training camp at La Manga Club in Spain.

A group of fifteen elite juniors aged from 13 to 18 years are currently enjoying a two-week stay at the resort where they are using the academy facilities to prepare for the summer clay court tournaments.

The group includes many of the leading lights on the Tennis Europe Junior Tour, including European 14 & Under #1 Evgeniya Levashova and winners of last year's 16 & under Summer Cups title, Elizaveta Kulichkova and Darya Kasatkina.

Current WTA world #24 Ekaterina Makarova said, "I am so happy that our federation organised this camp. It is perfect preparation for the clay court season. The atmosphere and facilities are great and the players really enjoying practising here. It's so good to be able to play outdoors at this time of year, so I am sure that we will come back again next year."

In recent months, the British Lawn Tennis Association and Belgian Tennis Federation have also held training camps at La Manga Club. ATP world #29 Kevin Anderson of South Africa will also be using the resort to fine tune his clay court game between Masters 1000 events in Monte Carlo and Madrid.

James Rose, Director of Tennis Coaching at La Manga Club added, "We are very happy to be strengthening our relationships with a number of federations, and have received a great deal of positive feedback about these camps. It's a pleasure to host these teams, as

well as the individual top players that are using La Manga Club as their training base."



La Manga Club is also Tennis Europe's Official Resort Partner and will once again be the venue for this year's European Seniors Club Championships this autumn, where teams from all fourteen age categories will meet from September 23 - October 5.

Set over 1,400 acres in an area three times the size of Monaco, La Manga Club is renowned for its first-class range of facilities and has hosted star names from the worlds of sport, leisure and showbusiness over the last 40 years.

In addition to several high-profile international tennis events, La Manga Club has hosted the Spanish Open golf championship and regularly attracts professional and international football teams to the first-class year-round training facilities which are also used by rugby and cricket sides.

The resort boasts unrivalled facilities as a sport and leisure venue including three 18-hole championship golf courses, a 28-court tennis centre and a 2,000sqm spa and fitness centre. It also offers the choice of a five-star hotel, four-star serviced apartments and townhouses, more than 20 bars and restaurants and is great fun for children.



Members of the Russian team and La Manga Club staff.



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Beyond the Baseline...

The draw has been made for the **Davis Cup by BNP Paribas** World Group play-offs, which will take place during the weekend of 13-15 September, and is as follows: (hosting nations listed first) Spain vs. Ukraine, Netherlands vs. Austria, Croatia vs. Great Britain, Switzerland vs. Ecuador, Germany vs. Brazil, Poland vs. Australia, Belgium vs. Israel, Japan vs. Colombia.

By recapturing the world #2 spot with his Miami Masters win, **Andy Murray** ensured that neither Roger Federer nor Rafael Nadal appear in the top two positions in the rankings for the first time in 10 years.

The ATP event in **Stuttgart** will be played on grass in 2015 during the week following Roland Garros, as the calendar shifts to allow an extra week between the French Open and Wimbledon.

A combined ATP/WTA Tour event will be held in **Rio de Janeiro**, Brazil next February, and will become the biggest event in South America.

The **United States Tennis Association** recently installed its 10,000th mini-tennis court.

The **German Tennis Federation** has announced a 10-year media rights deal with domestic commercial broadcaster ProSiebenSat1 which will provide coverage of the nation's Davis and Fed Cup matches as well as premier WTA events. Further events are expected to be added to the deal, which will commence with the broadcast of this month's Fed Cup tie against Serbia.

Former world #1 **Justine Henin** has given birth to her first child, daughter Lalie.

Roger Draper has announced plans to step down after seven years as CEO of Britain's Lawn Tennis Association in September.

Emirates Airlines has launched a 5-year partnership with the **Barcelona Open Banc Sabadell** ATP World Tour 500 series event.

Marion Bartoli has hired former Wimbledon champion Jana Novotna as her coach.

US Open organisers plan to almost double the total prize money to \$50 million by 2017 and will schedule the mens' semifinals on Friday and final on Sunday by 2015, according to reports. Prize money in 2013 will increase by \$8.1million to \$33.6million.

Musician **Redfoo**, a former competitive junior player and constant courtside companion of Victoria Azarenka in recent months, has entered the US Open national playoffs in a bid to earn a place in the tournament.

Top players including Andy Murray, Novak Djokovic and Serena Williams are reported to have signed up to take part in a new Asian professional tennis league modelled on cricket's Twenty20 format, expected to launch during the off-season later this year.

The ITF has announced that mixed doubles events will be trialled at some **NEC Tour** Wheelchair Tennis Super Series events this year.

The Estoril Open has changed its name to the **Portugal Open**.

Roger Federer has confirmed that he will play at the Swiss Indoors in his home town of Basel later this year, despite having originally omitted the event from his schedule.

Martina Hingis will return to World Team tennis this summer, playing for defending champions Washington Kastles. The Swiss former world #1 will also be inducted into the International tennis Hall of Fame this summer, alongside Cliff Drysdale, Ion Tiriac, Charlie Pasarell and Thelma Coyne Long.

Organisers of the **Boodles Challenge** at Stoke Park near London have announced that Novak Djokovic, Juan Martin del Potro, Thomas Berdych, Marin Cilic, Richard Gasquet, Grigor Dimitrov and Milos Raonic will take part in the exhibition event from 18-22 June.

Tim Henman, Greg Rusedski and Heather Watson will be three of the players taking part in a mixed doubles exhibition on 9 June to mark the opening of the new centre court at **Edgbaston Priory Club**, location of the grass court WTA Tour event.

FAST FACT

Four European countries – Cyprus, Turkey, Georgia and Liechtenstein – provided only one competitor each at the 2012 Wimbledon Championships. *Source: SPORTS MARKETING SURVEYS INC. Wimbledon Equipment Census 2012.*





Tennis Europe Junior Tour Rankings – Overall

Tennis Europe's junior ranking system is devised to give a unified overall list that shows the relative strengths of all players, regardless of where they achieved their results or picked up points,

A player's overall total includes points from Tennis Europe Junior Tour 16 and 14 & Under events, plus points earned by players in these age categories who participate in ITF Junior Circuit and professional tournaments, all of which are weighted

according to their relative strengths.

The 14 & Under ranking is still available separately containing points earned exclusively at Tennis Europe Junior Tour events (see next page), as well as being integrated to these overall rankings.

For more information on the rankings system, visit www.TennisEurope.org.

Rankings below are as of April 9th, 2013.

Overall Girls' Ranking

Rank		Name	Nat.	Points
01	▶	Ana KONJUH	CRO	2780
02	▶	Iryna SHYMANOVICH	BLR	2212
03	▶	Belinda BENCIC	SUI	1872
04	▶	Francoise ABANDA	CAN	1697
05	▶	Aliona BOLSOVA	MDA	1631
06	▶	Anna BONDAR	HUN	1595
07	▲	Veronika KUDERMETOVA	RUS	1560
08	▶	Kateryna SLIUSAR	UKR	1540
09	▶	Jelena OSTAPENKO	LAT	1492
10	NEW	Darya KASATKINA	RUS	1435



Darya Kasatkina (RUS) (Photo: Richard van Loon)

Overall Boys' Ranking

Rank		Name	Nat.	Points
01	▶	Jaume MUNAR CLAR	ESP	1470
02	NEW	Stefan KOZLOV	USA	1094
03	▼	Seong Chan HONG	KOR	1033
04	▲	Michal DEMBEK	POL	1030
05	▼	Roman SAFIULLIN	RUS	1010
06	NEW	Omar JASIKA	AUS	990
07	NEW	Andrey RUBLEV	RUS	963
08	▼	Daniel ORLITA	CZE	960
09	NEW	Aleksandre BAKSHI	GEO	908
10	▼	Carlos TABERNER	ESP	898



Andrey Rublev (RUS)



Tennis Europe Junior Tour Rankings – 14 & Under

Evgeniya Levashova of Russia recently completed her rise to the top of the Tennis Europe 14 & under rankings. A strong start to the season has seen her win one doubles and two singles titles, including the Category 1 event in Stockholm.

The biggest climber in recent weeks in Max Stewart of Great Britain who claimed his first 14 & under title in style, blasting through the draws without the loss of a set to take both singles and doubles titles at the Category 1 event in Maia, Portugal.

Double Development Championships winner Ergi Kirkin climbs to #2, and thus becomes the highest ever ranked Turkish boy. Five spots behind him is another Turk, Kaya Gore, who picked up a title of his own two weeks ago in Angra do Heroismo.

The Race to the Junior Masters rankings are already being updated as players fight to secure places at the season-ending elite event.

You can follow the latest Race rankings [here](#). The rankings below are as of April 9th, 2013.

14 & Under Girls

Rank		Name	Nat.	Points
01	▶	Andreea Amalia ROSCA	ROU	745
01	▲	Evgeniya LEVASHOVA	RUS	745
03	▶	Anna UREKE	RUS	710
04	▶	Sofya ZHUK	RUS	680
04	▲	Marketa VONDROUSOVA	CZE	680
06	▼	Amina ANSHBA	RUS	650
07	▲	Ioana GUNA	ROU	595
08	▼	Valeriya YUSHCHENKO	RUS	590
09	▲	Ekaterina ANTROPOVA	RUS	555
10	▼	Eva GUERRERO ALVAREZ	ESP	540



Evgeniya Levashova (RUS)

14 & Under Boys

Rank		Name	Nat.	Points
01	▶	Artem DUBRIVNYY	RUS	690
02	▼	Miomir KECMANOVIC	SRB	590
02	▲	Ergi KIRKIN	TUR	590
04	▼	Samuele RAMAZZOTTI	ITA	585
04	▲	Phiipp KLIMOV	RUS	535
06	▼	Kacper ZUK	POL	530
07	▶	Kaya GORE	TUR	460
07	▲	Corentin MOUTET	FRA	460
09	NEW	Max STEWART	GBR	440
10	▼	Alexei POPYRIN	AUS	430



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Tennis Europe Junior Tour Results

12 & Under

Date	Tournament	Winner	Runner-Up	Score	Doubles Winner
Mar 2	Auray (FRA)	M Popovic (SRB)	D Fainblum (CAN)	36 63 60	Andreev (BUL)/Zgirovsky (BLR)
		A Potapova (RUS)	E Makarova (RUS)	46 63 62	Machova/Nikolovova (CZE)
Mar 9	Umag (CRO)	F Moroni (ITA)	D Adjukovic (CRO)	62 36 63	Kupcic/Tekavec (SLO)
		O Danilovic (CRO)	B Tokac (TUR)	62 60	Oliynykova/Zelic (CRO)
Mar 16	Sergiev Posad (RUS)	D Spasibo (RUS)	I Trunov (RUS)	26 64 63	Kniazeu/Yarmoshuk (BLR)
		S Avilycheva (RUS)	T Pachkaleva (RUS)	62 60	Dementyeva/Pachkaleva (RUS)
Mar 23	Braga (POR)	A Helali (TUN)	H Maia (POR)	64 46 76(3)	Adonis/Maia (POR)
		E Makarova (RUS)	P Vlasova (RUS)	60 60	Kardava/Makarova (RUS)
Mar 30	Maglie (ITA)	M Furlanetto (ITA)	F Moroni (ITA)	62 64	Furlanetto/Moroni (ITA)
		E Cocciaretto (ITA)	G di Muzio (ITA)	46 60 62	Laguza (UKR)/Truden (ITA)
Mar 30	Ponta Delgada (POR)	T Leblanc Claverie (FRA)	N Schoder (GER)	62 60	Goncalves/Maia (POR)
		E Makarova (RUS)	Z Kardava (RUS)	75 76(1)	Kardava/Makarova (RUS)



Recent photos from the Tennis Europe Junior Tour (clockwise from top left): Junior world #1 Gianluigi Quinzi greets players at the 12 & Under event in Maglie (ITA). Australian Open champion and world #3 Victoria Azarenka surprises players at the 14 & Under Belkanton Cup in Minsk, Italian Tennis Federation Technical Director Michelangelo Dell'Edera with finalists at the 12 & Under event in Maglie. More photos from the Tennis Europe Junior Tour can be found at <http://www.tenniseurope.org/photobooks.aspx?id=719>.



Tennis Europe Junior Tour Results

14 & Under

Date	Tournament	Category / Winner	Runner-Up	Score	Doubles Winner
Feb 25	Stockholm (SWE)	1 A Dubrivnyy (RUS)	K Zuk (POL)	63 61	Klimov (RUS)/Popyrin (AUS)
		E Levashova (RUS)	S Zhuk (RUS)	46 64 62	Ureke/Yushchenko (RUS)
Feb 25	Togliatti (RUS)	3 S Pankin (RUS)	A Rainin (UKR)	16 64 64	Dorodnov/Kopylov (RUS)
		O Pervushina (RUS)	T Nikolaeva (RUS)	61 61	Kruglova/Nikolaeva (RUS)
Feb 25	Bleiswijk (NED)	3 M Moeller (GER)	R Molleker (GER)	57 61 61	Molleker (GER)/Zakharov (RUS)
		A Kulikova (RUS)	L Rohacova (SVK)	64 75	Golubovskaya (RUS)/Zavatska (UKR)
Mar 2	Ste Genevieve (FRA)	1 C Moutet (FRA)	A Popyrin (AUS)	75 64	Dubrivnyy (RUS)/Zuk (POL)
		M Vondrousova (CZE)	E Kazionova (RUS)	60 76(6)	Slovakova/Vondrousova (CZE)
Mar 2	Tel Aviv (ISR)	2 M Sokolovskiy (RUS)	O Hefez (ISR)	64 60	Oliel (ISR)/Sokolovskiy (ISR)
		T Makarova (RUS)	Y Keren (ISR)	64 60	Vishnevskaya/Vlasenkova (RUS)
Mar 9	Kosice (SVK)	2 E Fetisleam (ROU)	I Vidan (ROU)	61 64	Fetisleam/Vidan (ROU)
		I Guna (ROU)	I Novac (ROU)	63 61	Pillarova/Rohacova (SVK)
Mar 9	Jerusalem (ISR)	2 A Shevchenko (RUS)	Y Oliel (ISR)	63 06 61	Oliel (ISR)/Sokolovskiy (ISR)
		T Makarova (RUS)	A Stepanova (ISR)	60 62	Cohen (ISR)/Vukovic (SRB)
Mar 9	Development 1 (TUR)	2 E Kirkin (TUR)	K Gore (TUR)	61 26 76(7)	Gore/Kirkin (TUR)
		I Ogut (TUR)	O Andrieieva (UKR)	61 75	Omirou/Shiaelis (TUR)
Mar 9	Oulu (FIN)	3 E Ruusuvoori (FIN)	N Talimaa (SUI)	64 61	Ruusuvoori/Sarpola (FIN)
		A Makarova (RUS)	A Abramyan (RUS)	63 63	Lansere/Treshcheva (RUS)
Mar 9	Isernhagen (GER)	3 M Moeller (GER)	R Molleker (GER)	62 57 76(1)	Kuhn (ESP)/Molleker (GER)
		D Solovyeva (RUS)	K Kislyak (RUS)	46 61 61	Kislyak/Solovyeva (RUS)
Mar 16	Maia (POR)	1 M Stewart (GBR)	D Vale (POR)	62 61	Ramazzotti (ITA)/Stewart (GBR)
		D Said (EGY)	E Antropova (RUS)	61 64	Bilardo (ITA)/Oliveira (POR)
Mar 16	Nastola (FIN)	3 E Ruusuvoori (FIN)	A Zakharov (RUS)	64 64	Ruusuvoori (FIN)/Zakharov (RUS)
		A Kulikova (RUS)	V Deminova (RUS)	64 61	Kulikova (RUS)/Marcinkevica (LAT)
Mar 16	Development 2 (TUR)	2 E Kirkin (TUR)	E Neos (CYP)	64 63	Gore/Kirkin (TUR)
		E Omirou (CYP)	O Andrieieva (UKR)	75 61	Omirou/Shiaelis (TUR)
Mar 23	Angra (POR)	2 K Gore (TUR)	J Antonio (POR)	26 63 64	Antonio/Vale (POR)
		E Antropova (RUS)	A Capogrosso (ITA)	75 67(2) 62	Antropova/Boltkinskaya (RUS)
Mar 23	Minsk (BLR)	2 J Rodionov (BLR)	P Klimov (RUS)	63 76(3)	Ausiyevich/Rodionov (BLR)
		E Rybakina (RUS)	U Grib (BLR)	64 64	Rybakina (RUS)/Shytouskaya (BLR)
Mar 23	Kopavogur (ISL)	3 L Massimo (ITA)	M Tinelli (ITA)	75 61	Bandeira/Sabugueiro (POR)
		E Korzhova (RUS)	A Hertel (POL)	63 63	Kislyak/Malykh (RUS)
Mar 30	Minsk (BLR)	2 P Klimov (RUS)	N Vylegzhanin (RUS)	62 64	Bolokhin (RUS)/Liaonenka (BLR)
		E Kazionova (RUS)	K Yemelyanenko (BLR)	63 63	Grib (BLR)/Kazionova (RUS)
Mar 30	Athens (GRE)	3 G Giunta (ITA)	P de Giorgio (ITA)	61 60	De Giorgio/Giunta (ITA)
		M Marculescu (ROU)	R Maffei (ITA)	46 64 63	Ivasco/Zaienco (MDA)



Tennis Europe Junior Tour Results

16 & Under

Date	Tournament	Category / Winner	Runner-Up	Score	Doubles Winner
Feb 25	Bleiswijk (NED)	3 J Perez Fuster (ESP)	D Morelli (ITA)	61 62	Iliescu (TUR)/Sabugueiro (POR)
		P Vanenburg (NED)	L Lebedzeva (NED)	62 57 64	Holtkamp/van der Ploeg (NED)
Mar 2	Chambon-sur-L. (FRA)	1 L Bouquet (FRA)	M Petel (FRA)	75 64	Bouquet/De La Bassetierre (FRA)
		D Vukovic (SUI)	C Castille (FRA)	46 62 61	Bruehwiler (SUI)/Sahinagic (BIH)
Mar 2	Milovice (CZE)	2 D Szintai (HUN)	M Valkusz (HUN)	62 76(7)	Farkas/Szintai (HUN)
		A Zarytska (UKR)	V Lapko (BLR)	75 61	Polanska/Prochzkova (CZE)
Mar 2	Nastola (FIN)	3 S Schetinina (RUS)	M Siimar (EST)	63 62	Siimar/Siimar (EST)
		D Kruzhkova (RUS)	N Belova (RUS)	62 64	Kruzhkova/Kunina (RUS)
Mar 16	Trencianske (SVK)	3 M Valkusz (HUN)	R Farkas (HUN)	63 64	Glavac/Selecky (RUS)
		T Mihailikova (SVK)	I Guna (ROU)	62 61	Golovkina (UKR)/Polanska (POL)
Mar 23	London (GBR)	3 V Gillespie (GBR)	D Skalidakis (GRE)	57 76(7) 63	Hammond/Wright (GBR)
		M Bolkvadze (GEO)	J Burrage (GBR)	62 62	Budin/Hallsworth (GBR)
Mar 23	Kopavogur (ISL)	3 L Massimo (ITA)	M Tinelli (ITA)	75 61	Bandeira/Sabugueiro (POR)
		E Korzhova (RUS)	A Hertel (POL)	63 63	Kislyak/Malykh (RUS)
Mar 30	Rijeka (CRO)	3 E Dalla Valle (ITA)	S Ramazzotti (ITA)	4-5 ret	Mayr (GER)/Valchev (RUS)
		L Boskovic (CRO)	L Stefanini (ITA)	61 67(3) 63	Boskovic/Robic (CRO)



Recent photos from the Tennis Europe Junior Tour (left to right): Artem Dubrivnyy and Evgeniya Levashova lift the trophies at the 14 & under Category 1 event in Stockholm, boys' champion Jorge Lopez Perez Fuster (ESP) at the 16 & Under event in Bleiswijk (Photo courtesy of Richard van Loon), Daniela Vukovic (SUI), girls' champion at the 16 & Under event in Chambon-sur-Lignon (FRA). More photos from the Tennis Europe Junior Tour can be found at <http://www.tenniseurope.org/photobooks.aspx?id=719>.

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ITF Men's Circuit

Week	Venue	Cat.	Winner	Runner-Up	Score	Doubles
Dec 17	Antalya (TUR)	\$10,000	G Olaso (ESP)	S Sabry (EGY)	64 64	cancelled
Dec 24	Istanbul (TUR)	\$10,000	V Rudnev (RUS)	L Frigerio (ITA)	64 63	Krasnorutskiy/Manegin (RUS)
Jan 7	Antalya (TUR)	\$10,000	I Bozoljac (SRB)	G Olaso (ESP)	76(4) 64	Onozawa/Uchiyama (JPN)
Jan 7	Schwieberdingen (GER)	\$10,000	A Juska (LAT)	F Martin (FRA)	64 64	Cluskey (IRL)/Satschko (GER)
Jan 14	Bagnoles (FRA)	\$10,000+H	T Puetz (GER)	M Fucsovics (HUN)	60 4-1 ret	Arenas Gualda/Lopez Perez (ESP)
Jan 14	Glasgow (GBR)	\$10,000	M Willis (GBR)	J Goodall (GBR)	64 64	Rice/Thornley (GBR)
Jan 14	Eilat (ISR)	\$10,000	J Vesely (CZE)	G Olaso (ESP)	61 62	Jebavy/Vesely (CZE)
Jan 14	Stuttgart (GER)	\$10,000	N Langer (GER)	A Juska (LAT)	36 76(6) 63	Marx (GER)/Mergea (ROU)
Jan 14	Antalya (TUR)	\$10,000	I Bozoljac (SRB)	P Carreno Busta (ESP)	64 64	Androic/Marcan (ROU)
Jan 21	Eilat (ISR)	\$10,000	J Vesely (CZE)	J McGee (IRL)	62 64	Jebavy/Vesely (CZE)
Jan 21	Kaarst (GER)	\$15,000	M Mecir (SVK)	M Middelkoop (NED)	62 76(3)	Fransen/Koolhof (NED)
Jan 21	Bressuire (FRA)	\$10,000+H	P Hubert (FRA)	R Jouan (FRA)	63 62	Herbert/Renavand (FRA)
Jan 21	Preston (GBR)	\$10,000	E Corrie (GBR)	C Harrison (USA)	26 63 75	Skupski/Skupski (GBR)
Jan 21	Antalya (TUR)	\$10,000	P Carreno Busta (ESP)	T Androic (CRO)	63 62	Carreno/Granollers (ESP)

ITF Women's Circuit

Week	Venue	Cat.	Winner	Runner-Up	Score	Doubles
Dec 17	Antalya (TUR)	\$10,000	I Ramialison (FRA)	I Shinikova (BUL)	61 26 60	Grymalska (ITA)/Stamatova (BUL)
Dec 17	Ankara (TUR)	\$50,000	A Savic (CRO)	M Puig (PUR)	57 63 64	Linette/Piter (POL)
Dec 24	Istanbul (TUR)	\$10,000	I Shinikova (BUL)	I Soylu (TUR)	64 62	Marozava (BLR)/Yashina (RUS)
Dec 24	St. Petersburg (RUS)	\$10,000	R Kulikova (RUS)	A Vasylyeva (UKR)	60 57 64	Artamonova (RUS)/Dzehalevich (BLR)
Dec 31	Fort-de-France (FRA)	\$10,000	S Molnar (CAN)	S Benamar (FRA)	62 60	De Vroome (NED)/Starr (USA)
Jan 7	Saint Martin (FRA)	\$10,000	I De Vroome (NED)	L Tholey (FRA)	63 62	Cascino/Tholey (FRA)
Jan 7	Antalya (TUR)	\$10,000	R Jani (HUN)	M Boonstra (NED)	61 16 76(4)	Okadue (JPN)/Sezer (TUR)
Jan 14	Gosier (FRA)	\$10,000	N Hickey (USA)	L Tholey (FRA)	75 62	Hickey/Pooler (USA)
Jan 14	Stuttgart (GER)	\$10,000	J Kimmelmann (GER)	L Siegemund (GER)	64 63	Golubic (SUI)/Kimmelmann (GER)
Jan 14	Glasgow (GBR)	\$10,000	T Moore (GBR)	M Georges (FRA)	64 61	Moore/South (GBR)
Jan 14	Antalya (TUR)	\$10,000	R Jani (HUN)	S Kvatsabaia (GEO)	60 61	Lee/Yoo (KOR)
Jan 21	Eilat (ISR)	\$10,000	A Kudryavtseva (RUS)	R Olaru (ROU)	67(4) 63 62	Kudryavtseva (RUS)/Olaru (ROU)
Jan 21	Kaarst (GER)	\$10,000	J Kimmelmann (GER)	E Alexandrova (RUS)	63 62	Golubic (SUI)/Kimmelmann (GER)
Jan 21	Preston (GBR)	\$10,000	T Moore (GBR)	A Bowtell (IRL)	76(2) 61	Murray/Windley (GBR)
Jan 21	Antalya (TUR)	\$10,000	A Dulgheru (ROU)	R Jani (HUN)	62 62	Lee/Yoo (KOR)
Jan 21	Andrezieux (FRA)	\$25,000	A van Uytvanck (BEL)	A Vrljic (CRO)	61 64	Sadikovic (SUI)/Vrljic (CRO)

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European Tennis Rankings – Men & Women

European Women

Rank (WTA)	Name	Nat.	Points
1 (1)	▲ Maria SHARAPOVA	RUS	10240
2 (3)	▼ Victoria AZARENKA	BLR	9325
3 (4)	▶ Agnieszka RADWANKSA	POL	6845
4 (6)	▶ Angelique KERBER	GER	5500
5 (7)	▶ Sara ERRANI	ITA	5405
6 (8)	▶ Petra KVITOVA	CZE	5225
7 (10)	▶ Caroline WOZNIACKI	DEN	3760
8 (11)	▲ Nadia PETROVA	RUS	3075
9 (12)	▲ Maria KIRILENKO	RUS	2911
10 (13)	▲ Roberta VINCI	ITA	2715
11 (14)	▼ Marion BARTOLI	FRA	2710
12 (15)	▼ Dominka CIBULKOVA	SVK	2695
13 (17)	▼ Ana IVANOVIC	SRB	2495
14 (18)	▲ Jelena JANKOVIC	SRB	2405
15 (19)	NEW Carla SUAREZ NAVARRO	ESP	1875
16 (20)	NEW An. PAVLYUCHENKOVA	RUS	1875
17 (21)	▲ Klara ZAKOPALOVA	CZE	1860
18 (23)	NEW Kirsten FLIPKENS	BEL	1816
19 (24)	▼ Ekaterina MAKAROVA	RUS	1770
20 (25)	▼ Lucie SAFAROVA	CZE	1730

European Men

Rank (ATP)	Name	Nat.	Points
1 (1)	▶ Novak DJOKOVIC	SRB	12500
2 (2)	▲ Andy MURRAY	GBR	8750
3 (3)	▼ Roger FEDERER	SUI	8670
4 (4)	▶ David FERRER	ESP	6970
5 (5)	▶ Rafael NADAL	ESP	6385
6 (6)	▶ Tomas BERDYCH	CZE	5015
7 (8)	▶ Jo-Wilfried TSONGA	FRA	3695
8 (9)	▲ Richard GASQUET	FRA	3230
9 (10)	▼ Janko TIPSAREVIC	SRB	3000
10 (11)	▶ Marin CILIC	CRO	2675
11 (12)	▶ Nicolas ALMAGRO	ESP	2390
12 (13)	▶ Gilles SIMON	FRA	2390
13 (14)	▲ Tommy HAAS	GER	2260
14 (17)	▼ Stanislas WAWRINKA	SUI	1960
15 (19)	▶ Andreas SEPPI	ITA	1895
16 (21)	▶ Philipp KOHLSCREIBER	GER	1670
17 (22)	▶ Alexandr DOLGOPOLOV	UKR	1635
18 (24)	▲ Jerzy JANOWICZ	POL	1404
19 (25)	▶ Jeremy CHARDY	FRA	1331
20 (26)	NEW Mikhail YOUZHNY	RUS	1220



Maria Sharapova (RUS)



Andy Murray (GBR)



Carla Suarez Navarro (ESP)

Notes and news from Tennis Europe

Tennis Europe Conference Dates Confirmed

Dates have been confirmed for the Tennis Europe conferences due to take place later this year, including the Top Executives' Meeting, Coaches Education Conference and a combined Tennis Europe Junior Tour and Pro Tennis Conference. Full details can be found on the Official Events Calendar on the following page.

National Association Updates

Mr. Claude Lamberty has been elected as President of the Luxembourg Tennis Federation, while Mr. Chris Richartz is the organisation's new General Secretary.

Mr. Christian Forcellini has been re-elected as President of the San Marino Tennis Federation.

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JANUARY			
25-27	Fri-Sun	TENNIS EUROPE WINTER CUPS BY HEAD Qualifying Rounds	12&U
FEBRUARY			
1-3	Fri-Sun	TENNIS EUROPE WINTER CUPS BY HEAD Qualifying Rounds	14/16&U
8-10	Fri-Sun	TENNIS EUROPE WINTER CUPS BY HEAD Final Rounds	12&U
15-17	Fri-Sun	TENNIS EUROPE WINTER CUPS BY HEAD Final Rounds	14/16&U
MARCH			
21-24	Thu-Sun	TENNIS EUROPE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING Tallinn, Estonia	Conference
APRIL/MAY			
27 April – 3 May	Sat-Fri	EUROPEAN SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS Sofia, Bulgaria	35+ - 85+
JUNE/JULY			
30 June-2 July	Sun-Tue	EUROPEAN SUMMER CUPS Qualifying Rounds Copa del Sol & Europa Cup	14&U
JULY			
5-7	Fri-Sun	EUROPEAN SUMMER CUPS Final Rounds Copa del Sol & Europa Cup	14&U
22-28	Mon-Sun	EUROPEAN JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS 14 & U Pilzen, Czech Republic 16 & U Moscow, Russia 18 & U Klosters, Switzerland	14/16/18&U
25-28	Thu-Sun	TENNIS EUROPE NATIONS CHALLENGE BY HEAD Qualifying Rounds	12&U
JULY/AUGUST			
31 July-2 August	Wed-Fri	EUROPEAN SUMMER CUPS Qualifying Rounds Borotra & Helvetie Cup Galea/Valerio & Reina /Soisbault	16&U 18&U
AUGUST			
5-7	Mon-Wed	EUROPEAN SUMMER CUPS Final Rounds Borotra & Helvetie Cup Galea/Valerio	16&U 18&U
8-11	Thu-Sun	TENNIS EUROPE NATIONS CHALLENGE BY HEAD Final Rounds Boys: Venue TBA, Turkey Girls: Ajaccio, France	12&U
9-11	Fri-Sun	EUROPEAN BEACH TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS Brighton, Great Britain	Beach Tennis
SEPTEMBER			
23-28	Mon-Sat	EUROPEAN SENIOR CLUB CHAMPION SHIPS (Men 35,40,45,50/Women 40,45,50) La Manga Club, Spain	Seniors
TBC	TBC	EUROPEAN SUMMER CUPS Final Round Reina /Soisbault	18&U
SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER			
30 October - 5 September	Mon-Sat	EUROPEAN SENIOR CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS (Men 55,60,65,70/Women 55,60,65) La Manga Club, Spain	Seniors
OCTOBER			
4-6	Fri-Sun	TENNIS EUROPE JUNIOR MASTERS Reggio Calabria, Italy	14/16&U
4-5	Fri-Sat	TENNIS EUROPE COACHES' EDUCATION CONFERENCE Valencia, Spain	Conference
15-17	Tue- Thu	TENNIS EUROPE TOP EXECUTIVES MEETING Helsinki, Finland	Conference
NOVEMBER			
26-28	Tue - Thu	COMBINED TENNIS EUROPE JUNIOR TOUR & PRO TENNIS CONFERENCE Budapest, Hungary	Conference

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