



Editorial

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Welcome to issue 77 of the ITF Coaching and Sport Science Review. This issue covers a range of aspects in the game including: motor learning for extremely young players; wheelchair tennis; psychological training in action at a top academy; junior and university tennis injuries; an analysis of grassroots tennis in Brazil; coaches perceptions of scaled equipment; the effect of gender stereotyping on performance; and, match fixing.

Following its success in 2018, the ITF Worldwide Participation Conference has been confirmed for 2019 and will be held on 7-8 July at Chelsea FC's Stamford Bridge Football Stadium in London, United Kingdom. Registration is now open, and you can register by clicking [here](#). The conference, aimed at those making high level decisions on sports participation builds on build on the global conversation that began at the 2018 edition, providing an interactive forum centred around shared practices and discussions with specific attention focused on the retention in sport and physical activity participation. Tennis will be at the heart of the conference topics with experts, from both inside and outside of the sport.

2019 will see the return of the ITF Worldwide Coaches Conference by BNP Paribas which will take place in Bangkok, Thailand from 25-27 October. Full details of how to sign up will be accessible on the conference website, which will be accessible through the ITF Website from May. From this time we will also be calling for papers for the conference.

Another of the ITFs Key Strategic Objectives for 2019 is the World Tennis Rating which aims to give every player a simple indicator of their standard of play. Being developed worldwide with the assistance and collaboration of different national and regional associations as well as leading sport and university organisations, it will enable players of all abilities from beginners to professionals to access relevant and enjoyable playing opportunities. Work is well underway with a singles and doubles rating algorithm, an information technology system and a mobile application currently in development. ITF will begin launching the World Tennis Rating alongside the nations of world tennis in 2019.

The ITF Academy has now been launched and will replace Tennis iCoach as the ITF Coaching's online educational platform. The ITF Academy retains all the content of iCoach but builds on its functionality aiming to provide information, education, certification and continuous professional development support to coaches through a blended learning



approach. The ITF Academy features two initial online courses on ethics in coaching and an introduction on tennis for users to try out. You will have to sign up for a new account, even if you had an iCoach account. If you had an active iCoach account, your subscription will be credited to your ITF Academy account as long as you use the same email upon signing up. Please [click here](#) to go to the ITF Academy.

Finally, we would like to thank all the authors for their contributions, as well as all of those who sent in proposals. We hope that you enjoy reading the 77th edition of the ITF Coaching and Sport Science Review

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