

## **EDITORIAL**

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Welcome to issue 75 of the ITF Coaching and Sport Science Review. This issue covers a range of aspects in the game including: court scaling in doubles; video analysis and intelligent racket devices; emotional control; life as a tour coach; multi-sport participation; and, malalignment issues, among others. This issue also contains an article dedicated to the legal implications of group sessions, an essential reading for coaches and organisers.

The ITF Worldwide Participation Conference took place in London on 8 and 9 July 2018. The speakers, experts and top executives from world tennis and sports organisations alike, shared their valuable insight on a number of topics including: using data and technology; attracting and keeping more women in tennis; and, widening access to tennis.

The ITF Coaches Commission met during the French Open and covered several topics including the ITF Worldwide Coaches Conference by BNP Paribas; the ITF (online) Academy; and the 2017-2020 Development Strategy. A newly approved 'White' entry level certification for the Recognition of Coaching Education Systems is available to nations who are self-sufficient in delivering their own Play Tennis course.

The ITF Regional Coaches Conferences by BNP Paribas, in which women's tennis will be the main feature, have all the venues, dates and host countries finalised: Caribbean 19-21 September (Trinidad and Tobago); West and Central Asia 10-12 October (Qatar); Northern Africa 21-24 October (Egypt); Central America 25-27 October (Panama); Southern Africa 25-27 October (Botswana); South and East Asia 29-31 October (Hong Kong); and, South America 1-3 November (Brazil). For more information, please click here.

The ITF is now embarking with its World Tennis Rating Project of providing a unified system of player ratings as well as an easy conversion system which will contribute to the growth of the sport across the world as players will find it easier to find appropriate competition and progress their game; we look forward providing our member nations with more information about this in months to come.



The ITF eBooks app has over 90 publications, of which around 50 are free. The ITF recently published an eBook on the app of Essential Readings for Tour Tennis Coaches. Tennis iCoach now features selected presentations from the 2018 ITF Worldwide Participation Conference. You can sign up for just \$30USD per year, and by going to www. tennisicoach.com. The ITF Online Academy, which will provide information, education and certification to all interested, will be launched soon. More information will be provided in the next issue.

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 75th edition of the ITF Coaching and Sport Science Review just as much as we enjoyed putting it together.

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