



EDITORIAL

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Welcome to issue 69 of the ITF Coaching and Sport Science Review. In this special monographic issue of CSSR, the main topic of focus is physical development in U12 tennis players. This edition features articles from various authors all boasting years of coaching experience related to the athletic development of young tennis players in this important developmental phase.

The ITF Coaches Commission (pictured right) met at the ITF Headquarters in London on Sunday 3 July, with the meeting chaired by Russian Aleksei Selivanenko, who sits on the ITF Board of Directors. The Commission also welcomed new members for the 2016/17 term including: Alfredo de Brix (PAR), Martin Blackman (USA), Dr. Janet Young (AUS), David Sanz (ESP), Hichem Riani (TUN) and Wei Zhang (CHN).

The agenda at the meeting covered a range of strategic discussions including ITF International Coaching Licensing and Certification, continuous professional development for coach education, on-court coaching and the impact of entry-level National Junior tournaments on participation.

Luca Santilli, the ITF Executive Director, Tennis Development presented the new Development strategy with its two core objectives – increase participation in tennis world-wide and develop talented players – through four strategic pillars: Events, Facilities, Coaching and Programmes. The Commission also discussed the preparations for the 2017 ITF Worldwide Coaches Conference by BNP Paribas.

Miguel Crespo, ITF Participation and Coaching Manager, reported on the progress made in coaching since the last meeting, and how the new coaching strategy will be implemented in order to improve coach education in tennis worldwide for the benefit of the ITF member nations.

ITF Coaching have finalised the venues and dates for this year's Regional Coaches Conferences by BNP Paribas. They are:

ITF Southern African Regional Coaches Conference: Sun City, South Africa from 9 to 11 August

ITF/OS Caribbean Regional Coaches Conference: Port of Spain, Trinidad from 6 to 9 September

ITF/OS Central American Regional Coaches Conference: Queretaro, Mexico from 26 to 29 September

ITF West Asian Regional Coaches Conference: Tehran, Iran from 15 to 17 October

2016 Tennis Europe Coaches Conference: Antwerp, Belgium from 20 to 22 October

ITF/OS North African Regional Coaches Conference: Oran, Algeria from 24 to 27 October

ITF/OS Asian Regional Coaches Conference: Guangzhou, China from 29 October to 1 November

ITF South American Regional Coaches Conference: Santa Marta, Colombia from 1 to 4 November.

The ITF will be launching an official conference app for delegates that will keep attendees up-to-date with: daily schedules, speaker biographies and presentation summaries and the opportunity to interact with other conference app users and industry expert speakers through a live activity feed. The app will be available for free download on iOS, Android or HTML5 only if you have received a welcome email and are attending the following conferences:

ITF Southern African Regional Coaches Conference by BNP Paribas: Sun City, South Africa from 9 to 11 August 2016 “Performance coaching for junior tennis” or ITF South American Regional Coaches Conference by BNP Paribas: Santa Marta, Colombia from 1 to 4 November 2016 “Preparación física en el desarrollo de los jugadores”

Newly published content on Tennis iCoach includes conference presentations from the 2015 ITF Worldwide Coaches Conference and LTA National Coaches Conference from experts including: Francis Roig (ESP), Alex Cuellar (ESP), Kenneth Bastiaens (BEL) and Louis Cayer (CAN) to name a few. Members can also find out more about the growing visually impaired tennis opportunities and view new drills videos that can help improve training and matchplay performance.

You can view all of these presentations and register for Tennis iCoach membership here.

We hope that you enjoy this latest issue of the ITF Coaching and Sport Science Review and the articles prove informative in broadening worldwide coaches' knowledge in the physical development of U12 players.

