

EDITORIAL

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Welcome to issue 71 of the ITF Coaching and Sport Science Review, the first issue of 2017. In this issue, the topics cover a range of aspects in the game including; current player fitness testing standards, the psychology of turning points in tennis and a case study of wheelchair tennis to name a few.

The ITF is pleased to announce that the 2017 ITF Worldwide Coaches Conference by BNP Paribas will take place in Sofia, Bulgaria from Wednesday 11 to Saturday 14 October 2017. The event is being organised by the ITF in conjunction with the Bulgarian Tennis Federation and Tennis Europe.

The ITF Worldwide Coaches Conference by BNP Paribas is an international coaching conference which regularly attracts over 650 coaches and experts from over 90 different countries around the world. The venue will be the Hotel Marinela in Sofia. Further information will follow on the Coaching website (<http://en.coaching.itftennis.com/home.aspx>) in the next month where interested parties can access all the relevant information and keep up-to-date with Conference news. Online registration to attend the Conference will be available via this website in May.

Confirmed keynote speakers for this year's conference include ITF President, David Haggerty, Great Britain's Davis Cup team doubles coach and LTA Head of Performance Coaching, Louis Cayer, and Tennis Australia's Innovation Catalyst, Machar Reid. More keynote speakers will be confirmed shortly and a call for submission of short presentations will be made within the next few weeks.

In February, ITF Coaching announced that the new ITF ebooks app has been released. For the first time, electronic editions of books and publications from the ITF are available to download as ebooks in English, Spanish, French and Russian. The ITF ebooks app offers an exclusive range of publications from the world of tennis, which are a must read for all those with an interest in the sport. The app now has more than 60 publications available, 32 of which are free, to download as ebooks from Google Play for Android devices and from the App Store for Apple devices. Recently available titles include The ITF's annual yearbook, the ITF Year 2016,

Tennis Xpress: Play tennis the easy way and the Tennis 10s Manual to name a few. Free ebooks currently available include 'Being a Better Tennis Parent' by Miguel Crespo and Dave Miley, 'Essential Readings for Tour Tennis Coaches (vol. 1)' with expert contributions from Nick Bolletieri, Mark Kovacs, Francis Roig, Louis Cayer, Doug MacCurdy and more as well as the '2017 Rules of Tennis'.

The ITF Tennis iCoach website now has presentations from; Machar Reid, Magdalena Maleeva - former WTA no.4, Christoph Biaggi - Swiss Tennis strength and conditioning coach and Dermot Sweeney - ITF Technical Director of Training Centres and Players at the 2016 Tennis Europe Coaches Conference available as well as an engaging on- court presentation from Allistair McCaw about key warm-up and cool-down routines from the 2016 LTA National Coaches' Conference. You can view this content and register for Tennis iCoach membership here. For just \$30USD per year you can keep up to date with the most current tennis specific coaching information.

We hope that you will value the information presented in this 71st edition of the ITF Coaching and Sport Science Review. We would like to thank all the authors for their contributions and those who sent proposals. We also hope that you will continue to make use of all the other coaching resources provided by the ITF which can be viewed on the ITF Coaching webpage here.

