

# Editorial

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Welcome to issue 55 of the ITF Coaching and Sport Science Review, which is the final edition for 2011. November saw the highly successful staging of the 17th ITF Worldwide Coaches Conference by BNP Paribas in Port Ghalib, Egypt, with the theme "The long-term development of the high performance player". The 2011 event attracted 541 attendants from 94 countries.

The five-day conference, which was officially opened by the Chairman of the ITF Coaches Commission, Ismael El Shafei, brought together leading experts in coaches' education, player performance and sports science to present on the latest developments in these fields. The programme consisted of lecture room and on-court presentations which were translated into Arabic and Spanish, as well as concurrent break-out sessions in the afternoons.



*Wayne Black presenting at the Worldwide Coaches Conference.*

Keynote speakers included four-time Grand Slam Doubles Champion Wayne Black, ATP touring coach Miles Maclagan, as well as Vlado Platenik and Carl Maes - the long-term coach of former world number one and Grand Slam Champion, Kim Clijsters.

Other notable speakers included well renowned touring doubles coach Louis Cayer, who presented on Tactical

Planning as well as world renowned tennis psychologist Antoni Girod, who covered 'the Long- term Development of Emotional Control'. Contributions also came from Mario Bravo, the former coach of Juan Martin Del Potro, Max de Vyllder of Britain's Lawn Tennis Association, Bruce Elliot and Machar Reid of Tennis Australia and Mark Kovacs from the USTA.

The majority of the presentations from the conference will become available on the Tennis iCoach website throughout 2012 and will be available to all current 8000 members to view. If you are not already a member, you can join now by visiting <http://www.tennisicoach.com/amember/signup.php>

In 2012, the ITF Coaching Department will be pleased to announce the launch of the "Coaching Beginner and Intermediate Tennis Players" in the French language. With this important manual soon to be available in the three official languages of the ITF, we hope that it will benefit coaches around the world to improve their level of expertise when coaching beginner and intermediate players. All ITF publications are available at <https://store.itftennis.com>

Throughout 2011 we saw the successful implementation of phase

1 of the Recognition of Coaches Education Systems of National Associations. Following the successful pilot phase that recognized Spain and Australia's coach education system in 2010, this year saw the successful recognition of 9 new nations. Canada, Great Britain, Netherlands, Switzerland, Belgium, Italy, Germany, France and Austria were all approved. Moving forward, 2012 will see other nations having their coach education systems recognised by the ITF.

Looking forward to 2012, more courses and conferences are planned including the 5 ITF Regional Coaches Conferences. Details of these will appear in the next issue and we look forward to seeing many of our readers in attendance. Finally, we hope you continue to take advantage of the resources provided on the coaching weblet ([www.itftennis.com/coaching](http://www.itftennis.com/coaching)) and that you enjoy the 55th issue of the ITF Coaching Sport Science Review.

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