



## Editorial

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The ITF Coaching department is proud to welcome you to the 56th issue of Coaching and Sport Science Review, in this the 20th anniversary of its launch. The articles in this monographic tactics issue cover a number of topics, including how to train clay court strategy, modern doubles tactics and patterns, common flaws in strategy, and 'game theory'. The articles within this special issue come from a number of contributors, including Javier Piles- the ATP touring coach of David Ferrer, four- time Grand Slam doubles champion Wayne Black, Carlos Rodriguez- coach of former world number 1 Justine Henin and leading tennis researchers from around the world. We hope that this collection of articles will form a comprehensive coaching resource on tactics of the modern game of tennis.

Since its launch as a biannual publication in English in 1992, the ITF has published over 560 articles from contributors of more than 35 different nationalities. Today the review is produced 3 times per year in the 3 official ITF languages of English, Spanish and French and made available free of charge on the ITF coaching weblet at <http://www.itftennis.com/coaching/sportsscience>.



*Robert Ballard presenting at the previous 2010 edition of the Asian Regional Coaches Conference in Subic Bay, Philippines.*

In 2012, the ITF will again once again be organizing Regional Coaches Conferences. The ITF Regional Coaches Conferences are conducted every 2 years in partnership with Olympic

Solidarity and the relevant Regional Associations (ATF, COSAT, COTECC, and CAT).

The tentative dates for the ITF Regional Coaches Conferences are as follows:

### **19 - 22 September**

7th Central American and Caribbean Regional Coaches Conference – Guanajuato, Mexico

### **22 - 25 September**

8th Southern African Regional Coaches Conference - Pretoria, South Africa

### **10 - 13 October**

1st North African & West Asian Regional Coaches Conference - Hammamet, Tunisia

### **16 - 19 October**

14th South American Regional Coaches Conference- Santa Cruz, Bolivia

### **7 - 10 November**

16th Asian Regional Coaches Conference - Bangkok, Thailand

Coaches who are interested in attending the conference in their region should approach their National Associations who will shortly be receiving detailed information regarding the conferences. Relevant information will also be available on [www.itftennis.com/coaching](http://www.itftennis.com/coaching) over the coming months.

The European Coaches Symposium will also take place in Helsinki, Finland from 24th -28th October and coaches interested in attending should contact Tennis Europe.

Another exciting event this year is the re-launch with a new appearance and structure of the ITF Coaching weblet which we hope will improve the ease of navigation and enhance the user experience for visitors to the site. The coaching weblet will continue to provide and disseminate the most important tennis specific information and resources such as the CSSR, as

well as keep coaches up-date on important international coaching matters.

Finally, as the CSSR heads into its 20th year, we would like to thank you as one of our valued readers, and hope that you enjoy edition 56 of the ITF Coaching and Sport Science Review

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