



Editorial

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Issue 54 of ITF Coaching & Sport Science Review is a monographic edition which is devoted to "Coaches' Education". In preparing this issue we have collated articles from experts and national directors of coach education who are at the forefront of coaching methodology and practise and many of them in charge of coach education in their respective nations.

Articles within this issue include: "Coach education systems in Europe- a competencies comparison" and "Online resources for coaches' education" and "The role of sport science in coaches' education". In addition to these, readers will find a range of other articles that will serve to keep you up-to-date on developments within coach education around the world.

The preparations continue for the forthcoming 17th ITF Worldwide Coaches Conference 2011 by BNP Paribas. This year the conference takes place in the Port Ghalib Red Sea resort, Egypt, from Sunday 20th to Thursday 24th November.

Confirmed speakers include:

Patrick McEnroe, Max de Vylder, Mark Kovacs, Louis Cayer, Luis Bruguera, Antoni Girod, Álvaro Margets, Bruce Elliot, Machar Reid, Iván Molina, Luca Santilli, Dave Miley, Miguel Crespo, Doug MacCurdy.



This year the conference is an 'open registration' policy, allowing an unlimited representation of coaches from each nation to attend, subject to approval by the relevant national association. Registration remains open on the official conference website at www.itfcoachesconference.com. Here you will be able to register online, as well as gain important information on travel, visas, accommodation packages, speakers' biographies and much more. A tentative programme schedule is also available.

The "ITF Recognition of Coaches Education Systems of National Associations" is now fully underway. In 2009, both Spain and Australia's coach education structures were approved by the ITF. Presently in 2011, there are currently 10 more nations that are undertaking the process of approval. The goal of the recognition process is to ensure that coach education standards of ITF member nations are at least meeting the minimum standards necessary to protect and grow our sport that were established by the ITF Task Force on Coach Education and approved by the ITF coaches commission in 2008. More information and details surrounding the recognition scheme can be found in the relevant article within this issue.

The ITF Play and Stay Campaign continues to go from strength to strength. In addition to the continued work preparing to implement the new rule change for tennis10s, over the last few months, piloting has taken place for the new Adult Tennis Xpress program in 9 nations around the world including Australia, Great Britain and the US. The 10-hour program is an active and dynamic introduction to tennis for adults using the Orange and Green balls, ensuring that at the end of the 10 hours all of the players can play competitively. It is hoped to launch adult tennis Xpress in early 2012.

The new iCoach platform which was launched recently is proving a successful and welcome change. In addition to the enhanced usability, new content is being regularly released, with new Davis cup footage and tennis 10s drills coming shortly.

Finally, we hope that you continue to take advantage of this and other resources provided on the Coaching weblet (www.itftennis.com/coaching) and that you enjoy this 54th issue of the ITF Coaching & Sport Science Review.

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