



Welcome

We are delighted to be able to welcome 300 participants from over 100 nations to the 14th ITF Worldwide Coaches Workshop held at the wonderful Club Ali Bey resort in Antalya, Turkey.

As you are aware the theme of this year's Worldwide Coaches Workshop is "Quality Coaching for the Future" and to this end we have a group of highly experienced speakers lined up to present on a wide range of topics that are important for coaches working with or looking to develop high-level players. Many thanks to all of the speakers for taking the time to be here with us this week.

The programme for the week consists of lecture room and on-court presentations, as well as some shorter sessions, involving three presentations taking place simultaneously. We hope this year's topics will not only provide you with the most up-to-date information, but will also generate discussion and exchange of ideas amongst the many coaches from all corners of the globe here present. Do try and meet as many delegates as you can.

It is our privilege to have with us this week, Francesco Ricci Bitti, ITF President. We hope as many of you as possible will have the opportunity to meet him during his stay.

Sincere thanks must go to the Turkish Tennis Federation, and in particular to Azmi Kumova and Ayda Uluc, for hosting the Workshop. The Turkish Tennis Federation has always been a strong supporter of ITF events and we are grateful for their commitment. We would also like to thank Ahmet Kolukisa of Club Ali Bey for his assistance and enthusiasm in the run up to this event, and recognise the effort over the past few months of Miguel Crespo, Rachel Woodward, Tori Billington and Patrick McInerney who have worked hard to ensure the success of what has become the biggest event on the ITF Development Department calendar.

Thanks also to the ITF Coaches Commission for their assistance in putting together the programme, as well as all those coaches, many of whom are here this week, who have helped us over the years with the ITF Development and Coaches Education Programme.

It's not all hard work, and we do hope you will all join us for the Opening and Closing Ceremony Dinners which are planned for Tuesday and Saturday evening. In addition, I trust you will all take every opportunity to enjoy the splendid facilities on offer at Club Ali Bey and the surrounding area.

We wish you a productive and enjoyable week.

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