

MEMO

To: To whom it may concern
From: Dave Miley, Executive Director, Tennis Development
Re: ITF Development Programme Annual Report 2005

The ITF Development Programme is funded by the ITF and the Grand Slam Development Fund. In 2005, US\$3,868,141.81 was spent on tennis development, with US\$2,385,806.36 being provided by the ITF and US\$1,482,335.45 by the Grand Slam nations, bringing the total funding to date since 1986 to just over US\$56.8million.

The following is a written report on the tennis development projects supported in 2005. For further information on current activities please visit the new ITF Development Programme weblet on www.itftennis.com/development. Attached also are the following documents supporting papers:

Attachment 1 List of ITF / GSDF Touring Team Members 2005

Attachment 2 List of ITF Coaches Workshops 2005

Yours sincerely,



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ITF DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME ANNUAL REPORT 2005

ITF FUNDED DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME ACTIVITIES

Development Officers

The implementation of many of the ITF development initiatives relies on the work of the ITF Development Officers who are 'out in the field' helping nations to put in place and monitor the development initiatives. The Development Officers are the eyes and ears of the development programme and in order to truly be able to advise and assist national associations on their activities - the Development Officers each spend an average of 30 weeks travelling, attending events and visiting the nations in their region. In 2005, there were nine full-time Development Officers:

Amine Ben Makhlouf	Development Officer, West and Central Africa
Sami Sidia	Development Officer, Southern Africa
Prince Madema	Development Officer, East Africa
Gustavo Granitto	Development Officer, Central America & Caribbean
Miguel Miranda	Development Officer, South America
Hrvoje Zmajic	Development Officer, Europe
Dan O'Connell	Development Officer, Pacific Oceania
Suresh Menon	Development Officer, Asia
Karim Saddallah	Development Officer, West Asia

In October 2005, two new Development Officers joined the ITF development team - Amine Ben Makhlouf of Morocco and Karim Saadallah of Algeria. Amine is the new ITF Development Officer for West & Central Africa and is based in Accra, Ghana. Karim is the new ITF Development Officer for West Asia and is based in Qatar.

In addition, Doug MacCurdy was appointed ITF Development Officer for China on a one-year contract, which commenced in May 2005. The project is jointly funded by the ITF and Olympic Solidarity and allows Doug to work closely with the Chinese Tennis Association in the areas of high-level player training and coaches education.

Coaches Education

With many national associations currently without a coaches education programme of its own, the ITF assists National Associations with the creation of their own coaches education programme and also works to improve the level of tennis coaching throughout the world. National Associations and coaches are able to access a variety of ITF resources including the ITF recommended Level 1, 2 and 3 syllabi and it is encouraging to see an increasing number of

ITF member nations working with the ITF to put in place their own certification programme. In 2005, 51 courses took place as follows:

- 2 x Pre Level 1 Courses
- 24 x Level 1 Coaches Courses
- 11 x Level 2 Coaches Courses
- 1 x Level 3 Coaches Course
- 2 x Play Tennis Courses
- 3 x Level 1 Tutors Courses
- 8 x Other Courses

Of the 51 courses held in 2005 - 21 of these were funded by Olympic Solidarity.

(please refer to attachment 2 for a summary of the ITF Coaches Courses in 2005).

2005 also saw the ITF's flagship event in the field of coaches' education - the 14th ITF Worldwide Coaches Workshop being held in Antalya, Turkey from 17 – 23 October. Hosted by the ITF and the Turkish Tennis Federation, more than 280 coaches from 85 countries gathered to attend the biennial event which also attracted a large field of speakers including some of the world's top coaches, national technical directors and international experts in the various areas of tennis sport science. The theme of this year's Workshop was "Quality Coaching for the Future" and the programme for the week consisted of five days of lecture room and on-court presentations as well as some shorter sessions, involving three presentations taking place simultaneously. Speakers at this year's event included: Former World No 1 Arantxa Sanchez-Vicario, Gustavo Luza, Georges Goven, Louis Cayer, Antoni Girod, Rohan Goetzke, Per Renstrom, Craig Tiley and Ann Quinn.

In addition to courses, coaches all over the world are now able to keep up-to-date on the latest coaching news by visiting the ITF coaching website (www.itftennis.com/coaching). The website which was launched in July 2004, contains information on the ITF Coach Education programme, upcoming courses and also allows coaches to access the latest issue of Coaching & Sports Science Review and ITF publications as well as being a resource centre with information on injury prevention, ethics and tennis academies. May saw the launch of the eLearning presentations on the ITF coaching website which allow coaches to not only log onto the website to see powerpoint presentations from renowned speakers but also to hear the experts present their work. With further development of the coaching website set for 2006, the ITF coaching website looks set to be one of the most useful and invaluable tools of the ITF Coaches Education programme.

OLYMPIC SOLIDARITY

The Development Department's close co-operation with Olympic Solidarity continues, with even more member nations benefiting from financial assistance through their National Olympic Committee. The funding is used for OS / ITF programmes, particularly in the area of coaches education and player training via the OS World Programme 2005 – 2008.

In 2005, in addition to technical course grants, OS has also provided Olympic scholarships for seven coaches to undergo a three-month intensive course of high-level training, practical experience and theoretical study in Valencia, Spain. In 2005, George Oyoo (Kenya), Noah Bukari (Ghana), Juan Pino (CUB), Rodrigo Vallejo (DOM), Kevin Yarde (BAH), Elena Mitrofanova (UZB) and Erhan Oral (TUR) all benefited from the OS scholarship programme.

At the elite athlete level, the following players benefited from OS Olympic Scholarships in 2005 to train at high-level centres in preparation for the 2012 London Olympic Games:

2012 Training Grants for Young Athletes:

- 1 Kateryna BONDARENKO (UKR)
- 2 Rafael AREVALO (ESA)*
- 3 Komlavi LOGLO (TOG) *
- 4 Florin MERGEA (ROM)
- 5 Loic DIDAVI (BEN)

* These players attended the ITF Spanish Training Centre in Barcelona, Spain.

As mentioned above, Olympic Solidarity also supports the Development programme through Olympic Scholarships for Athletes, awarding athletes who have the potential to compete in future Olympic Games with scholarships to train at high-level training centres. The ITF Spanish Training Centre which has been open since July 2000 and which operates in Barcelona in conjunction with the Spanish and Catalan Tennis Federations, accepted several recipients of these scholarships in 2005. One of the principle aims of the Centre is to allow players who have graduated from the junior circuit access to high level training and easy access to professional tournaments, of which there are over 30 weeks in Spain.

ITF Training Centres

The ITF continued to operate three training centres in 2005 with players from less developed tennis nations attending on a full-time or part-time basis. Those attending on a full-time basis still continue their schooling at local schools and many of the players attending the ITF Centres are benefiting from ITF or Olympic Solidarity scholarships as a result of their performance at regional competitions.

The ITF / SATA African Training Centre is based in Pretoria, South Africa with players using the facilities at the University of Pretoria while continuing their education at local schools. In 2005, 16 players attended the ITF centre on a full-time basis. Residents training full-time at the centre in 2005 were:

BOYS

Christian Vitulli	Kenya	26.3.88
Bradwin Williams	RSA	12.10.87
Bokang Setshogo	Botswana	21.1.88
Lofo Ramiaramanana	Madagascar	14.6.89
Admire Mushonga	Zimbabwe	20.5.91
Jurgens Strydom	Namibia	13.3.87
Duncan Mugabe	Uganda	27.11.90
Takura Happy	Zimbabwe	19.3.90
Arlen Domoney	RSA	9.10.87
Emmanuel Mensah	Ghana	15.12.88
Lionel Obame	Gabon	12.6.90

GIRLS

Fadzai Mawisire	Zimbabwe	13.2.88
Sakina Nshimirimana	Burundi	15.9.91
Sandra Andriamarosoa	Madagascar	13.4.92
Nantenaina Ramalalaharivololona	Madagascar	10.7.87
Aziza Butoyi	Burundi	12.7.90

The ITF / OTF Pacific Oceania Regional Training Centre is based in Lautoka, Fiji. In 2005, there were 12 players from the region on full-time scholarships residing at the Centre:

Tavu Fa	Fiji	24/06/88
Prince Matautia	Samoa	24/09/92
Johnson Taliki	Solomon Islands	27/10/88
Zinnia Leamana	Solomon Islands	16/12/91
Ian Honila	Solomon Islands	21/09/90
Sione Mu'amoholeva	Tonga	12/06/88
Marie Liwuslili	Vanuatu	21/01/88
Jacklyn Lahari	Papua New Guinea	08/05/88
Abigail Tere Apisah	Papua New Guinea	13/07/92
Angelita Detudamo	Nauru	31/10/86
Sammy Ramoni	Solomon Islands	13/09/86
Valu Fa	Fiji	20/05/86

ITF Junior Tennis Initiative (JTI)

The Junior Tennis Initiative encompasses three of the ITF's most fundamental tennis development programmes for players aged between 6 and 14 years:

- Mini-tennis (School Tennis Initiative)
- Performance player training and tournaments (Performance Tennis Initiative)
- The provision of equipment (Equipment Distribution Programme).

Countries involved in the Junior Tennis Initiative are expected to put together in conjunction with the ITF Development Officers, their own Junior Tennis Initiative (in effect a 14 & Under player development plan), ensuring that there is a logical link between the various 14 & Under programmes operating at national level. ITF support for mini-tennis, player training, new tournaments, equipment and any co-ordinator subsidies is based on the totality of the Junior Tennis Initiative plan in place in a particular nation.

Now operating in more than 80 countries, the ITF Junior Tennis Initiative not only gives children their first taste of tennis but a large proportion of competitors who now take part in ITF funded regional competitions and training camps have come through School Tennis Initiative (STI) and Performance Tennis Initiative (PTI) programmes, demonstrating that the ITF Junior Tennis Initiative is starting to show results.

ITF Equipment Distribution Programme (EDP)

For any tennis nation, developed or otherwise, equipment and facilities are at the core of its development plan. Many of the ITF member nations still find it difficult to obtain equipment for its tennis programmes. The ITF's Equipment Distribution Programme is able to help nations by providing ITF branded equipment (rackets, balls, strings), free of charge, for use by national associations. In 2005 alone, 110 national associations benefited from the ITF Equipment Distribution Programme, with the following quantities being distributed throughout the year:

- Rackets: 7,006
- Mini-tennis bats: 11,611
- Balls: 184,442 balls or 15,370 dozen
- Mini-tennis nets: 795
- Strings: 1,764 x 200m reels

- Coaching books: 9,394

Training Camps

Training is also an essential part of any tennis players' programme. The ITF organises training camps on a regional basis, which enables some of the best players in the region to not only practice together, but also to educate and update coaches from the region in high-level training methods. Five ITF Junior Training Camps took place in 2005 as follows:

- 13 – 19 January: North East European Regional Training Camp – Lithuania
- 15 – 23 April: ITF East African Training Camp – Kenya
- 26 – 31 July: Balkan Training Camp – Bulgaria
- 26 July – 1 August: South East European Training Camp – Turkey
- 19 – 24 November: ITF / COTECC Regional Training Camp – Florida

GRAND SLAM DEVELOPMENT FUND (GSDF) ACTIVITIES

As stipulated in the Guidelines for the Fund, the Grand Slam Development Fund Committee met periodically to consider applications and to review the programmes and budget for 2005. Meetings were held on 9 February, 17 May, 11 August and 8 November 2005.

Junior Circuits

In 2005, 25 regional junior events (18, 16 and 14 & U) took place across five continents with ITF or GSDF financial assistance as well as technical assistance from the ITF Development Officers. The competitions provide the opportunity for the players from each country to test themselves against the best in their region. The full list of circuits funded in 2005 is as follows:

- 2 – 12 January: West African 18 & Under Circuit – Benin and Togo
- 6 – 13 January: Southern / East African Qualifying for African Junior Championships (14's & 16's) – Pretoria, South Africa
- 8 – 19 January: ITF 14 & Under Asian Championships, Zone 2 – Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam
- 11 – 20 March: East European 14 & Under Development Championships 2005 – Estonia
- 15 – 19 March: ITF 18 & U JWR event (+16 and 14 & U events) / Warm-up event for AJC Mauritius
- 21 – 26 March: 28th ITF / CAT African Junior Championships - Mauritius
- 27 March – 10 April: ITF 14 & Under Asian Championships, Zone 1 – India
- 18 – 22 April: Central Pacific Qualifying event – Kiribati
- 1 – 6 May: West Pacific Qualifying event – Fiji
- 31 May – 4 June: East Pacific Qualifying event – Samoa
- 13 – 17 June: North Pacific Qualifying – Guam
- 19 – 30 June: ITF/CAT Southern Africa 13 & Under circuit – Botswana
- 3 – 13 July: ITF/CAT North Africa 13 & Under circuit - Tunisia
- 22 July – 15 August: ITF/CAT West/Central Africa 13 & Under circuit – Benin
- 1 – 7 August: JITIC, Central America & Caribbean Closed
- 1 – 17 August: South/Central Africa 18 & Under circuit – Namibia, Botswana & Zimbabwe
- 15 – 26 August: ITF/CAT East Africa 13 & Under circuit – Kenya

- 16 – 20 August: Pacific Oceania Junior Championships (14s and 18s) – Fiji
- 21 – 25 August: Oceania Closed Junior Championships – Fiji
- 10 – 21 September: Central Asian 13 & Under circuit – Zone 3 – Tajikistan
- 19 - 24 September: Central American 14 & Under Development Championships – El Salvador
- 22 Sept – 4 Oct: West Asian 13 & Under circuit – Zone 4 – Qatar
- 6 – 12 November: Caribbean 14 & U Development Championships – Trinidad & Tobago
- 27 Nov – 13 Dec: East African 18 & U JWR event – Rwanda, Uganda and Kenya
- 18 – 23 Dec: West & Central African 14 and 16 & U qualifying event for AJC – Ghana

In Asia, Tajikistan became the fourth Central Asian nation to organise the ITF 13 & Under Central Asia Junior Championships – Zone 3. The event was held in the capital Dushanbe in September and saw players from Afghanistan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan participating in the event. Also in September, the Federación Salvadoreña de Tenis played host to the 8th ITF Central American 14 & Under Development Championships. The event, which is organised in conjunction with COTECC attracted 29 players from the Central American countries of Costa Rica, Guatemala, Honduras and Panama with the players from Guatemala proving too strong for the rest of the draw, clinching both the boys’ and girls’ singles titles. While in the Pacific, the team from the West Pacific continued its domination of the Pacific Oceania Junior Championships (POJC) as its 16-player team secured the regional title for the fifth consecutive year. The annual event, which plays host to the best 18 & Under and 14 & Under players from throughout the Pacific region was held at the ITF Regional Training Centre in Lautoka, Fiji in August of this year.

African Junior Championships

One of the more established junior events on the development calendar is the ITF / CAT African Junior Championships (AJC) which saw Mauritius hosting the 28th edition of the event in March. The Championships offers competition in three age groups at the 14 & Under, 16 & Under and 18 & Under levels. In addition two regional qualifying events, one for West/Central Africa and one for East/Southern Africa took place earlier in the year. From these events, the best players were selected to join an ITF team, which also took part in the Championships.

With Cyclone Hennie waiting in the wings and heavy rains delaying play, the format of the event had to be modified slightly in order to allow the event to finish on time which was a relief to the 151 players from 27 different African countries who had travelled to Mauritius for the event.

Singles results were as follows:

<u>AJC 2005</u>	<u>Winner</u>	<u>Runner up</u>
Boys 18	Anas Fattar (Morocco)	Kevin Kerr (South Africa)
Boys 16	Rikus De Villiers (South Africa)	Slah Mbaraek (Tunisia)
Boys 14	James Munro (South Africa)	Ramy Kamal Etah (Egypt)
Girls 18	Ola Abou Zekri (Egypt)	Magy Nader Aziz (Egypt)
Girls 16	Fatim Zahra El Allami (Morocco)	Chene Hines (South Africa)
Girls 14	Yasmine Alkema (Algeria)	Menna El Nagdy (Egypt)

Players gained points for their country according to their placing, and the team with the highest aggregate won the Team Trophy. South Africa fought back to take the silverware from Morocco who had broken South Africa's eight-year unbroken run the previous year.

The regional qualifying events for the ITF Junior Team events were also held in conjunction with the African Junior Championships, and the following countries qualified for the world finals later in 2005:

- Junior Davis Cup by BNP Paribas (16 & Under): South Africa, Tunisia
- Junior Fed Cup (16 & Under): Morocco, South Africa
- World Junior Tennis (14 & Under) Boys: South Africa
- World Junior Tennis (14 & Under) Girls: Algeria

ITF / GSDF Touring Teams

Based on performances at regional junior circuits, players have the opportunity to win a place on an ITF touring team to play higher-level events outside their region, with the ITF coach and expenses during the tour financed by the Development Programme. The ITF touring team programme is probably the ITF's most well known development initiative. Paradorn Srichaphan (Thailand), Gustavo Kuerten (Brazil), Cara Black (Zimbabwe), Eleni Daniilidou (Greece) and Marcos Baghdatis (Cyprus) have all been ITF touring team members in the past. In 2005 there were 20 ITF Touring Teams involving 165 players from 78 different countries (see attachment 1 for a full list of the players that were selected onto ITF GSDF Touring Teams in 2005).

The flagship team of the programme is undoubtedly the ITF 18 & Under Team, which plays a series of Grade 1 and Grade A events including junior Roland Garros and junior Wimbledon. In 2005, the team consisted of 13 players from 11 countries. Raluca Olaru of Romania was one of the best performers of the team, winning the girls' single title at the Astrid Bowl and reaching two singles finals at Milan and Roland Garros. On the boys' side, Ryan Sweeting of the Bahamas had some good results reaching the singles semi-finals in Santa Croce, Milan and Roehampton. He then went on to win the US Open Juniors event as a member of the ITF 18 & Under Team to North America, bringing the Bahamas their first ever Junior Grand Slam title.

Travel Grants

In 2005, travel grants were provided to 37 players from 19 countries to play a specific programme of tournaments.

ITF Facility Grants

Many national associations also do not have their own national tennis centre and are forced to rent private facilities in order to conduct player training or competitions. The ITF is able to help through facility grants, which are available to help national associations build or refurbish their own centre. Although grants are only a small percentage of the overall building cost, the ITF grant often act as an endorsement and catalyst to enable associations to attract other funding whether from the government or private sector. National Associations benefiting from facility grants in 2005 were as follows:

- Bhutan
- Cyprus
- El Salvador
- Madagascar
- Rwanda
- Yemen

Professional Tournaments

The Grand Slam Development Fund also continues to provide prize-money grants to assist less developed tennis nations with the hosting of entry-level professional events for men and women, to help provide competitive opportunities throughout the world. In 2005, the fund provided grants for 53 weeks of Men's professional events (ITF Satellites and Futures) and 29 weeks of ITF Women's Circuit Events.

In addition to international professional events, 13 weeks of ITF / CAT Prize-Money Circuit events were funded in Africa. These events are open solely to African players (juniors and seniors alike) and aim to provide additional competitive opportunities to the continent. In 2005, the following events took place as part of the ITF / CAT African Prize-Money Circuit:

ITF / CAT African Prize-Money Circuit 2005		
Date	Region	Event
16 – 19 February	West Africa 1	Senegal
23 – 26 February	West Africa 1	Mali
2 – 5 March	West Africa 1	Burkina Faso
2 – 5 February	East Africa 1	Djibouti
9 – 12 February	East Africa 1	Burundi
16 – 19 February	East Africa 1	Rwanda
23 – 26 February	East Africa 1	Uganda
4 – 7 May	East Africa 2	Sudan
11 – 14 May	East Africa 2	Ethiopia
19 – 22 May	East Africa 2	Kenya
8 – 11 June	Central Africa 1	Gabon
15 – 18 June	Central Africa 1	Central African Republic
5 – 8 October	East Africa 3	Tanzania