

Martin appointed ITF Player Welfare Officer

The ITF announced that Kathy Martin has been appointed in the new role of ITF Player Welfare Officer. Martin, who is currently Director of Athlete Assistance for the Sony Ericsson WTA Tour, will combine her ITF role with her current position at the WTA Tour.

The purpose of the new appointment is to oversee the development of a new Player Welfare Code of Practice for all ITF events and the establishment of a Player Welfare Policy and other relevant programmes among the ITF and its National and Regional Associations. In addition the ITF has set up a 24-hour emergency counselling helpline for players at ITF events offering specially trained staff in every language.



From 1991 to 2006 Martin worked as a Primary Health Care Provider for the Sony Ericsson WTA Tour, where she was part of its education department from 2000. Since 2007, she has been the Tour's Director of Athlete Assistance, and is currently responsible for overseeing the Tour's strategy to ensure the safety, security and wellbeing of WTA athletes.

ITF President Francesco Ricci Bitti said: "The work undertaken by Kathy in a variety of elite sporting environments over 25 years has clearly given her a unique insight into and an excellent understanding of the pressures faced by players competing across the many ITF Circuits. The ITF is very grateful to the Sony Ericsson WTA Tour for its cooperation in this instance and we are delighted to welcome Kathy as a part of our team."

Tennis Channel becomes US home of Davis Cup

Tennis Channel has signed a multi-year deal with the ITF to be the exclusive US television home of all US Davis Cup ties, starting with next month's Davis Cup by BNP Paribas World Group first round tie against Switzerland in Birmingham, Alabama. The agreement puts all three ITF annual international team competitions – Davis Cup by BNP Paribas, Fed Cup by BNP Paribas and Hyundai Hopman Cup – on Tennis Channel in the United States.

Tennis Channel plans to surround its high-definition US Davis Cup coverage with short- and long-form ancillary programming, specials and year-round promotion, building up the team's annual quest for the championship as a long-term franchise for the network.

"We are delighted that Tennis Channel has become the US television home for all the ITF's international team competitions," said Jan Menneken, the ITF's Executive Director, Commercial. "The network's high-quality television production has done an excellent job translating the excitement of international Davis Cup play to its viewers, and we look forward to expanding our partnership with them to include all US ties."

Nominations for Davis Cup World Group first round ties

The nominations for the eight World Group first round ties in the 2009 Davis Cup by BNP Paribas, to be played on 6-8 March, will be announced on Tuesday 24 February. These nominations, alongside nominations for the 26 Zonal ties being played the same weekend, will appear on the official Davis Cup website: www.daviscup.com and www.daviscup.com/es.



Romanian takes advantage of ITF Junior Exempt Project



*Elena Bogdan (ROU)
(Photo: Corinne Dubreuil)*

Elena Bogdan of Romania will take part in this week's \$50,000 ITF Women's Circuit in Biberach, Germany courtesy of the ITF Junior Exempt Project.

The Junior Exempt programme is operated by the ITF Women's Circuit for junior female players who obtain a Top 10 year-end ITF Junior World Ranking. The programme offers these players direct entry into the main draw of selected ITF Women's Circuit events.

Sixteen-year-old Bogdan finished 2008 ranked No. 4 in the year-end ITF Junior World Rankings to earn three direct entries during the year.

The Romanian is contesting her 15th tournament on the ITF Women's Circuit, with her best finish to date a final appearance in a \$10,000 event in Bucharest in April 2008. She joins three Top 100 players in the Biberach event.

Development boost for Kiribati

Tennis in Kiribati received a boost this week, with the confirmation that the ITF and ANZ bank have agreed to match a grant from the Kiribati National Olympic Committee (KNOC) to create a Tennis Development position in the nation.

Kiribati native and former ITF Junior Circuit player Aruea Kaintikuaba will fill the new role, and take on responsibility for organising and supporting tennis in schools, as well as running ANZ Mini Tennis competitions. ANZ has been an outstanding supporter of Mini Tennis in the Pacific region for 16 years. This year Kiribati is one of 11 nations involved in the highly successful ANZ Mini Tennis programme.

The ITF provides grants and equipment to over 80 nations worldwide as part of its Junior Tennis Initiative, creating opportunities for children all over the world to play tennis who would otherwise not get the chance.

Dan O'Connell, ITF Development Officer for Pacific Oceania, said: "I would like to thank ANZ and KNOC for their contributions to create this position. Aruea is from a tennis family and was one of the top juniors in the region. Working with KNOC and the Kiribati Tennis Federation, I have no doubt she can have a big impact on tennis in the nation."

NEWS IN BRIEF

Fed Cup venue change

The 2009 Fed Cup by BNP Paribas Europe/Africa Zone Group II event originally scheduled to be played in Malta will now be played in Antalya, Turkey, at the Attaleya Shine Tennis Club the week commencing 20 April. The tie will be played outdoors and the surface is Decoturf II (hard). The Marsa Sports Club in Malta will still be hosting the Europe/Africa Zone Group III event the same week.

Ysern Roland Garros appointment

The French Tennis Federation announced that Gilbert Ysern has been appointed director of Roland Garros, responsible for the competition and international relations. Ysern, who was previously the Roland Garros referee from 1989 until 1999, joins the FFT on 2 March.

NEWS IN BRIEF cont.

Tennis Europe Winter Cup finals

Great Britain (boys 14 & under), Belgium (girls 14 & under), France (boys 16 & under) and Hungary (girls 16 & under) were the overall winners at the finals of Europe's junior indoor team tennis championships, the Tennis Europe Winter Cups by HEAD, played during the weekend of 20-22 February. A record total of 126 national teams took part in the competition. For further information, visit www.tenniseurope.org.

Obituary - Alison Ide

The ITF was saddened to learn of the death of Australian **Alison Ide** on 2 February aged 75 after a brave battle with cancer. Ide played on the ITF Seniors Circuit for many years, winning numerous titles including the 70+ World Doubles title at the 2006 Super-Seniors World Individual Championships in Turkey.

National Association updates

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ITF Wheelchair Rankings

23 February 2009

MEN'S SINGLES RANKING

Position	Player Name (Nationality)	Points
1st	KUNIEDA, Shingo (JPN)	4713
2nd	AMMERLAAN, Robin (NED)	3302
3rd	HOUDET, Stephane (FRA)	2711
4th	OLSSON, Stefan (SWE)	2273
5th	SCHEFFERS, Maikel (NED)	2092
6th	JEREMIASZ, Michael (FRA)	2024
7th	KRUSZELNICKI, Tadeusz (POL)	1904
8th	LEGNER, Martin (AUT)	1623
9th	SAIDA, Satoshi (JPN)	1594
10th	PEIFER, Nicolas (FRA)	1425

WOMEN'S SINGLES RANKING

Position	Player Name (Nationality)	Points
1st	VERGEER, Esther (NED)	4001
2nd	HOMAN, Korie (NED)	2985
3rd	GRIFFIOEN, Jiske (NED)	1909
4th	GRAVELLIER, Florence (FRA)	1735
5th	WALRAVEN, Sharon (NED)	1577
6th	VAN KOOT, Aniek (NED)	1007
7th	SEVENANS, Annick (BEL)	971
8th	FRIDMAN, Ilanit (ISR)	962
9th	DI TORO, Daniela (AUS)	937
10th	SHUKER, Lucy (GBR)	916

QUAD SINGLES RANKING

Position	Player Name (Nationality)	Points
1st	NORFOLK, Peter (GBR)	3577
2nd	WAGNER, David (USA)	3234
3rd	TAYLOR, Nicholas (USA)	1745
4th	ANDERSSON, Johan (SWE)	1534
5th	VAN ERP, Bas (NED)	1121

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ITF Junior Rankings

JUNIOR BOYS RANKING

Position	Player Name (Nationality)	Points
1st	BHAMBRI, Yuki (IND)	1508.75
2nd	DIMITROV, Grigor (BUL)	1087.50
3rd	YANG, Tsung-Hua (TPE)	911.25
4th	URIGUEN, Julien (GUA)	690.00
5th	PEREIRA, Jose (BRA)	635.00
6th	KRAJINOVIC, Filip (SRB)	635.00
7th	BUCHANAN, Chase (USA)	630.00
8th	CARRENO-BUSTA, Pablo (ESP)	628.75
9th	BASIC, Mirza (BIH)	620.00
10th	OBRY, Julien (FRA)	618.75

JUNIOR GIRLS RANKING

Position	Player Name (Nationality)	Points
1st	LERTCHEEWAKARN, Noppawan (THA)	1150.00
2nd	ROBSON, Laura (GBR)	1126.25
3rd	BOGDAN, Ana (ROU)	1015.00
4th	BOGDAN, Elena (ROU)	963.75
5th	TOMLJANOVIC, Ajla (CRO)	861.25
6th	NARA, Kurumi (JPN)	790.00
7th	OUUDIN, Melanie (USA)	757.50
8th	HALEP, Simona (ROU)	750.00
9th	BABOS, Tímea (HUN)	735.00
10th	EMBREE, Lauren (USA)	726.25



17-31 March: ITF 14 & under Asian Championships (Group 1) - Jakarta, Indonesia

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Results week commencing 16 February

ITF MEN'S CIRCUIT

AUSTRALIA F2 FUTURES, BERRI (\$15,000)

Singles

Marinko Matosevic (AUS) d. Colin Ebelthite (AUS) 63 64

Doubles

Shao-Xuan Zeng/Ze Zhang (CHN) d. Kaden Hensel/Adam Hubble (AUS) 63 36 [10-6]

CROATIA F2 FUTURES, ZAGREB (\$15,000)

Singles

Lukas Lacko (SVK) d. Antonio Sancic (CRO) 62 46 75

Doubles

Victor Ionita (ROU)/Denis Matsukevitch (RUS) d. Erik Chvojka/Milos Raonic (CAN) 64 75

ITALY F2 FUTURES, TRENTO (\$15,000)

Singles

Stephane Robert (FRA) d. Joshua Goodall (GBR) 64 63

Doubles

Leonardo Azzaro (ITA)/Filip Prpic (SWE) d. Davide Della Tommasina/Alessandro Giannessi (ITA) 63 61

SPAIN F6 FUTURES, CARTAGENA (\$10,000)

Singles

Alexandre Renard (FRA) d. Romano Frantzen (NED) 62 75

Doubles

Daniel Danilovic/Goran Tomic (MNE) d. Romano Frantzen (NED)/Alexandre Renard (FRA) 61 62

USA F4 FUTURES, BROWNSVILLE, TX (\$15,000)

Singles

Michael Russell (USA) d. Nicholas Monroe (USA) 62 64

Doubles

Lester Cook/Shane La Porte (USA) d. Tigran Martirosyan (ARM)/Jesse Witten (USA) 61 75

ITF WOMEN'S CIRCUIT

\$10,000 GUANGZHOU (CHN)

Singles

Yi-Miao Zhou (CHN) d. Chen Liang (CHN) 63 46 60

Doubles

Chun-Mei Ji/Chen Liang (CHN) d. Xinyun Han/Sheng-Nan Sun (CHN) 67(7) 62 [10-3]

\$10,000 PORTIMAO (POR)

Singles

Sandra Soler-Sola (ESP) d. Nina Bratchikova (RUS) 36 62 63

Doubles

Diana Isaeva (RUS)/Liudmila Nikoyan (ARM) d. Raquel Piltcher/Roxane Vaisemberg (BRA) 76(5) 63

\$25,000 SURPRISE, AZ (USA)

Singles

Yanina Wickmayer (BEL) d. Julia Vakulenko (UKR) 67(o) 63 43 ret.

Doubles

Jorgelina Cravero (ARG)/Ekaterina Ivanova (RUS) d. Ahsha Rolle (USA)/Yanina Wickmayer (BEL) 61 61

ITF JUNIOR CIRCUIT

SANTIAGO, CHILE, GRADE 2

Boys Singles

Renzo Olivo (ARG) d. Guilherme Clezar (BRA) 57 63 63

Girls Singles

Camila Silva (CHI) d. Stephanie Cornish (GBR) 61 61

Boys Doubles

Hiroyasu Ehara/Shuichi Sekiguchi (JPN) d. Alejandro Gomez (COL)/Christian Harrison (USA) 64 63

Girls Doubles

Stephanie Cornish (GBR)/Angelique Van Der Meet (NED) d. Elisabeth Abanda/Emma Onila (CAN) 60 61

CHISINAU, MOLDOVA, GRADE 3

Boys Singles

Stanislav Poplavskyy (UKR) d. Anton Galkin (RUS) 36 75 64

Girls Singles

Nadejda Guskova (RUS) d. Anastasia Stepu (MDA) 61 61

Boys Doubles

Patrick Grigoriu/Florin-Valentin Popescu (ROU) d. Maksim Lagutin/Oleksiy Odazhyu (UKR) 76(3) 64

Girls Doubles

Patricia Haas (AUT)/Mateja Kraljevic (SUI) d. Nadejda Guskova (RUS)/Polina Pekhova (BLR) 61 60

DHAKA, BANGLADESH, GRADE 3

Boys Singles

Chuhan Wang (CHN) d. Mathew Thomson (GBR) w/o.

Girls Singles

Luksika Kumkhum (THA) d. Kobkanok Upapong (THA) 64 61

Boys Doubles

Bai Dong Du (CHN)/Yen-Hsiang Lo (TPE) d. David Thomson/Mathew Thomson (GBR) w/o.

Girls Doubles

Luksika Kumkhum (THA)/Demi Schuurs (NED) d. Hua-Chen Lee (TPE)/Kobkanok Upapong (THA) 36 64 [11-9]

ALMERE, NETHERLANDS, GRADE 4

Boys Doubles

Tom Farquharson/Stefan Sterland-Markovic (GBR) d. Sebastian Hagn/Tim Nedic (GER) 62 64

Girls Doubles

Denisa Allertova/Anezka Makovickova (CZE) d. Paula De Man/Bernice Van De Velde (NED) 61 62

OULU, FINLAND, GRADE 4

Boys Singles

Jeffrey Mira Svensson (SWE) d. Arvis BERZINS (LAT) 26 61 63

Girls Singles

Daria Mironova (RUS) d. Isabel Rapisarda-Calvo (ESP) 61 64

Boys Doubles

Arvis Berzins (LAT)/Jeffrey Mira Svensson (SWE) d. Tuomas Manner/Henrik Sillanpaa (FIN) 26 62 [10-5]

Girls Doubles

Yana Filyushina/Daria Mironova (RUS) d. Elizaveta Kuzmina/Anastasia Vovk (RUS) 63 42 ret.

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ZAPOPAN, MEXICO, GRADE 4

Boys Singles

Alfredo Moreno (MEX) d. Alvaro Iturriaga Romero (ESP) 63 64

Girls Singles

Anna Orlik (BLR) d. Renata Arshavskaya (RUS) 60 61

Boys Doubles

Alvaro Iturriaga Romero/Daniel Vidal (ESP) d. Campbell Johnson/Dane Webb (USA) 75 76(4)

Girls Doubles

Anna Orlik (BLR)/Monica Turewicz (USA) d. Adel Arshavskaya/Renata Arshavskaya (RUS) 62 61

ITF WHEELCHAIR CIRCUIT

CHRISTCHURCH, NEW ZEALAND, ITF 3 SERIES

Men's Singles

Ben Weekes (AUS) d. Adam Kellerman (AUS) 61 62

Men's Doubles

Michael Dobbie/Ben Weekes (AUS) d. Glenn Barnes/Travis Moffat (NZL) 46 64 63

This Week Next Week

Events - week commencing 23 February 2009

MEN	Spain F7 Futures	Terrasa	\$10,000
	USA F5 Futures	Harlingen, TX	\$15,000
WOMEN	Spain	CANCELLED	\$10,000
	Germany	Biberach	\$50,000
	USA	Clearwater, FL	\$50,000
SENIORS	Canada	Markham	Grade 2
	Great Britain	Glasgow	Grade 4
JUNIORS	Argentina	Mar del Plata	Grade 2
	Lithuania	Siauliai	Grade 3
	El Salvador	La Libertad	Grade 4
	Germany	Nurnberg	Grade 4
	Norway	Oslo	Grade 4
	Sri Lanka	Colombo	Grade 5
WHEELCHAIR	Australia	Hobart	ITF Futures Series
	Great Britain	Preston	ITF Futures Series

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This Week Next Week

Events - week commencing 2 March 2009

MEN

DAVIS CUP BY BNP PARIBAS, WORLD GROUP 1ST ROUND AND ZONAL TIES

Brazil F1 Futures	CANCELLED	\$10,000
Canada F1 Futures	Gatineau	\$10,000
Portugal F1 Futures	Faro	\$10,000
Spain F8 Futures	Sabadell	\$10,000
Switzerland F1 Futures	Greifensee	\$10,000
Kazakhstan F1 Futures	Astana	\$15,000
USA F6 Futures	McAllen, TX	\$15,000

WOMEN

Egypt	Giza	\$10,000
France	Lyon	\$10,000
Germany	Buchen	\$10,000
Israel	Raanana	\$10,000
Spain	CANCELLED	\$10,000
Australia	Sydney	\$25,000
Belarus	Minsk	\$25,000
USA	Fort Walton Beach, FL	\$25,000

SENIORS

France	Menton	Grade 1
USA	Houston Texas	Grade 1
Australia	Melbourne	Grade 2
South Africa	Bleomfontein	Grade 2
Egypt	Cairo	Grade 4
Sweden	Göteborg	Grade 4
Bolivia	Santa Cruz	Grade B2

JUNIORS

Indonesia	Jakarta	Grade 2
Luxembourg	Esch/Alzette	Grade 2
Uruguay	Montevideo	Grade 2
Costa Rica	San Jose	Grade 3
Russia	Izhevsk	Grade 3
Sweden	Kramfors	Grade 3
Latvia	Jurmala	Grade 4

WHEELCHAIR

Chinese Taipei	Taipei	ITF 3 Series
New Zealand	Hamilton	ITF 3 Series
Switzerland	Bien	ITF 3 Series

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