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**To:** To whom it may concern  
**From:** Dave Miley, Executive Director, Tennis Development  
**Re:** ITF Development Programme Annual Report 2004

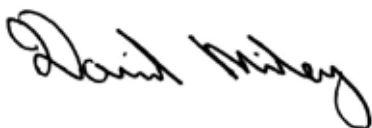
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The ITF Development Programme is funded by the ITF and the Grand Slam Development Fund. In 2004, US\$3,470,136 was spent on tennis development, with US\$2,195,679 being provided by the ITF and US\$1,274,457 by the Grand Slam nations, bringing the total funding to date since 1986 to just under US\$53million.

The following is a written report on the tennis development projects supported in 2004. For further information on current activities please visit the new ITF Development Programme weblet on [www.itftennis.com/development](http://www.itftennis.com/development). Attached also are the following documents supporting papers:

Attachment 1 List of ITF Coaches Workshops 2004  
Attachment 2 List of ITF / GSDF Touring Team Members 2004

Yours sincerely,



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## ITF DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME ANNUAL REPORT 2005

### ITF FUNDED DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME ACTIVITIES

#### Development Officers

In 2004, there were 9 full-time Development Officers:

<b>Achille Takpa</b>	Development Officer, West and Central Africa
<b>Karl Davies</b>	Development Officer, Southern & East Africa
<b>Prince Madema</b>	Assistant Development Officer, Southern & East African
<b>Gustavo Granitto</b>	Development Officer, Central America & Caribbean
<b>Miguel Miranda</b>	Development Officer, South America
<b>Hrvoje Zmajic</b>	Development Officer, Europe
<b>Dan O'Connell</b>	Development Officer, Pacific Oceania
<b>Suresh Menon</b>	Development Officer, Asia
<b>Hichem Riani</b>	Development Officer, West Asia

Their role is to advise and assist national associations on their tennis activities, conduct coaches courses and player training camps, coordinate regional competitions as well as talent scout and provide vital assessments of ITF funded initiatives across the globe. In 2004, the 9 Development Officers visited over 120 different countries and each spent on average 25 weeks on the road.

In June of 2004, the ITF appointed Hichem Riani as the ITF Development Officer for West Asia. Riani, formerly Technical Director and Davis Cup Captain for the Tunisian Tennis Federation, is based in Qatar and covers Bahrain, Iran, Iraq, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Palestine, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Syria, UAE and Yemen.

#### Coaches Education

One of their main areas of activity is coaches' education 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 2004, 44 courses were held including 12 x Level 1 and 19 x Level 2 courses (see attachment 1 for a summary of the ITF Coaches Courses in 2004). One of the most memorable courses was the course that took place in Amman, Jordan in September 2004. Being unable to run a course in either Iraq or Palestine in the current climate, the ITF with the help of the Jordan Tennis Federation (JTF) ran a Level I Course at the JTF national tennis centre in Amman and coaches from Palestine and Iraq travelled by road to attend the 9-day course which was conducted in Arabic by Moustapha Naim (Egypt).

Regional Workshops were also held in each continent. Many of the coaches attending these events have already undertaken the Level 1 and Level 2 Coaches Courses and the Regional Workshops provide the chance for them to update their knowledge with presentations from top international speakers on the latest tennis coaching and sports science findings. One of the highlights was the 10<sup>th</sup> ITF South American Coaches Workshop organised in conjunction with COSAT and the Asociacion Paraguaya de Tenis, which saw more than 160 coaches from all over South America gather in Asunción for five days of presentations. Other Regional Workshops took place in the Dominican Republic, Malta, India and South Africa.

In addition to courses, coaches worldwide are now able to keep themselves informed by visiting the new ITF coaching weblet ([www.itftennis.com/coaching](http://www.itftennis.com/coaching)), which was launched in July 2004. The weblet contains information on the ITF Coach Education programme, upcoming courses, access to the latest issue of Coaching & Sport Science Review and ITF publications as well as a resource centre with information on injury prevention, ethics, tennis academies etc.

#### ITF Equipment Distribution Programme (EDP)

Lack of access to basic tennis equipment is still a limiting factor in many ITF member nations trying to develop tennis. The ITF through its Equipment Distribution Programme provides ITF branded equipment (rackets, balls, strings), free of charge, for use by national associations. During 2004, 110 national associations benefited from the ITF Equipment Distribution Programme with the following quantities being distributed throughout the year:

- Rackets: 8497
- Mini-tennis bats: 12850
- Balls: 242,435 or 20,203 dozen
- Mini-tennis nets: 983
- Strings: 1427 x 200m reels
- Coaching books: 16,102

#### ITF Facility Grants

Like equipment, many national associations do not have their own national tennis centre and instead have to rent private facilities in order to conduct player training or competitions. Facility grants are available to help these national associations build their own centre. While being only a small percentage of the overall building cost, the ITF grant often acts as an endorsement and catalyst to enable associations to attract other funding whether from the government or private sector. In 2004, five national associations (Haiti, Kyrgyzstan, Liberia, Peru and the Seychelles) were awarded facility grants and started the important process of building their own headquarters. In May 2004, with the help of an ITF facility grant awarded in late 2003, the Oman Tennis Association completed a 4-court facility at the Sultan Qaboos Sports Complex. Following the success of this facility, the Oman Tennis Association secured additional funding from the ministry to build a further 3 courts giving them a venue large enough to then go on and host for the first time the ITF Asian 13 & U Championships – Zone 4 (West Asia) in December 2004.

#### ITF Training Centres

The ITF continued to operate two Training Centres in 2004. Players from less developed tennis nations may attend on a full or part-time basis. Those attending on a full-time basis continue their schooling at local schools. 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 training at the High Performance Centre at the University of Pretoria while continuing their education at local schools. In 2004, 21 players attended the ITF Centre on a full-time basis with 37 players and 4 coaches attending on a part-time basis. Residents training full-time at the centre in 2004 were:

### **Boys**

Bradwin Williams	South Africa	12/10/87
Arlen Domoney	South Africa	09/10/87
Phenyo Matong	Botswana	25/02/86
Bokang Setshogo	Botswana	21/01/88
Matshidiso Malope	Botswana	16/07/90
Christian Vitulli	Kenya	26/03/88
Lofo Ramiamanana	Madagascar	14/06/89
Admire Mushonga	Zimbabwe	20/05/91
Takura Happy	Zimbabwe	19/03/90
Jurgens Strydom	Namibia	13/03/87
Duncan Mugabe	Uganda	29/11/90
Elvis Harimenshi	Burundi	08/02/90
Ludwig Easton	Mauritius	13/02/90
Lionel Obame	Gabon	12/06/90

### **Girls**

Fadzai Masiyazi	Zimbabwe	26/05/87
Fadzai Mawisire	Zimbabwe	13/02/88
Sakina Nshimirimana	Burundi	15/09/91
Sandra Andriamarosoa	Madagascar	13/04/92
Aziza Butoyi	Burundi	12/07/90

The ITF / OTF Pacific Oceania Regional Training Centre is based in Lautoka, Fiji. In 2004 there were 16 players from the region on full-time scholarships residing at the Centre:

Tavu Fa	Fiji	24/06/88
Valu Fa	Fiji	20/05/86
Angelita Detudamo	Nauru	31/10/86
Willence Seymour	Nauru	27/07/88
Marvin So'onalole	Samoa	04/05/87
Kim Carruthers	Samoa	25/01/91
Prince Matautia	Samoa	24/09/92
Shantel Tavita	Samoa	14/04/88
Sammy Ramoni	Solomon Islands	13/09/86
Johnson Taliki	Solomon Islands	27/10/88
Ian Honila	Solomon Islands	21/09/90
Zinnia Leamana	Solomon Islands	16/12/91
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

The ITF Spanish Training Centre also continued to operate in 2004 with 25 players and coaches from 17 different nations attended the Centre on a short-term basis. The Centre is a high-level

player training centre which has been open since July 2000 and which operates in Barcelona in conjunction with the Spanish and Catalan Tennis Federations.

### Training Camps

Four ITF Junior Training Camps took place in 2004 as follows:

- 3 –12 January: North-East European Regional Training Camp - Estonia
- 22 – 30 March: East African Training Camp - Bujumbura, Burundi
- 22 – 23 June: Red Clay Camp for Central America & Caribbean region – Florida, USA
- 2 – 13 August: South East European Training Camp – Turkey

The camps are designed not only to provide the opportunity for some of the best players in the region to practice together, but also to educate and update the coaches from the region in high-level player training methods.

### ITF School Tennis Initiative

Now operating in more than 80 countries, the ITF School Tennis Initiative gives children their first taste of tennis and since its inception in 1996 more than 3 million children have benefited from regular mini-tennis lessons and have taken part in local mini-tennis competitions through the STI programme.

A large proportion of competitors now taking part in ITF funded regional competitions and training camps have come through ITF funded School Tennis Initiative (STI) and Performance Tennis Initiative (PTI) programmes. PM Thar of Myanmar and B Munkhbaatar of Mongolia (winner and runner up respectively in the Asian Zone 2 event in Myanmar) are cases in point, highlighting that ITF initiated programmes are starting to show results.

In the Pacific Oceania Region, the STI and PTI programmes are supported by ANZ Bank. In 1993 the original goal of the ANZ Bank mini-tennis programme was to give children a taste of tennis and at the same time to help coaches turn their hobby of teaching tennis into a career. Today the programme operates in 14 Pacific countries with 110 schools and 30,000 children taking part. Andrew Mailtorok of Vanuatu and Samuel Tesimu of Solomon Islands both started out playing in ANZ mini-tennis programmes and, having progressed through the ITF Training Centre in Fiji, are now studying in the USA on tennis scholarships.

### African Junior Championships

The largest annual event of the year was the ITF / CAT African Junior Championships. This year's Championships took place at the Smash Tennis Academy in Cairo with the Egyptian Tennis Federation hosting the event for the third time in the event's 27-year history. Twenty-one African countries received direct acceptance into the event along with an ITF Team made up of players that had won through regional qualifying competitions earlier in the year for the weaker countries from West/Central Africa and East/Southern Africa. In all a total of 158 competitors made the trip to Cairo for individual and team competitions at the 14, 16 and 18 & Under level.

Singles results were as follows:

<u>AJC 2004</u>	<u>Winner</u>	<u>Runner up</u>
Boys 18	Mehdi Ziadi (Morocco)	Kevin Anderson (South Africa)
Boys 16	Wael Kilani (Tunisia)	Reda El Amrani (Morocco)
Boys 14	Mohamed Safwat (Egypt)	Michael Thompson (South Africa)

Girls 18	Magy Nader Aziz (Egypt)	Ola Abu Zekri (Egypt)
Girls 16	Fatim Zahra El Allami (Morocco)	Elze Potgieter (South Africa)
Girls 14	Olfa Dhaoui (Tunisia)	May El Werdani (Egypt)

Players gained points for their country according to their placing, and the coveted Team Trophy was won by Morocco with Egypt and South African coming 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> respectively.

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 2004:

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

## GRAND SLAM DEVELOPMENT FUND 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. Meetings were held on 10 February, 20 May, 25 August and 20 October 2004.

### Junior Circuits

In 2004, 25 regional junior events (18, 16 and 14 & U) took place across 5 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 funding in 2004 is as follows:

- 3 – 13 January: West African 18 & U JWR Circuit – Ghana and Togo
- 5 – 13 January: Southern / East African Qualifying for African Junior Championships (14's & 16's) – Pretoria, South Africa
- 9 – 20 January: Asian Zone 2 14 & U Championships – Yangon, Myanmar
- 6 – 14 March: Small States 14 & U Championships 2004 – Luxembourg
- 21 Mar – 4 April: Asian Zone 1 14 & U Championships – Jakarta, Indonesia
- 6 – 10 April: ITF 18 & U JWR event (+ 16 and 14 & U events) / Warm-up event for AJC Cairo, Egypt
- 12 – 17 April: 27<sup>th</sup> ITF / CAT African Junior Championship – Cairo, Egypt
- 28 Apr-8 May: ITF/Tennis Europe East European Development Championships, 16 & U Novisad, Serbia & Montenegro
- 5 – 15 May: ITF/Tennis Europe East European Development Championships, 14 & U Yerevan, Armenia
- 10 – 14 May: West Pacific Qualifying for POJC (14 and 18 & U) – Fiji
- 14 – 18 June: North Pacific Qualifying for POJC (14 and 18 & U) Northern Mariana Islands
- 17 – 30 June: ITF/CAT Southern Africa 13 & U circuit – South Africa
- 12 – 16 July: East Pacific Qualifying for POJC (14 and 18 & U) – American Samoa
- 3 – 19 August: South/Central Africa 18 & U JWR circuit – Lesotho, Botswana and Namibia
- 9 – 31 July: ITF/CAT West/Central Africa 13 & U circuit – Nigeria
- 9 – 15 August: JITIC Championships – Costa Rica

- 9 – 18 August: ITF/CAT East Africa 13 & U circuit – Burundi
- 17 – 21 August: Pacific Oceania Junior Championships (14 and 18 & U) – Fiji
- 22 – 26 August: Oceania Closed Junior Championships – Fiji
- 11 – 21 Sept: Asian Zone 3 (Central Asia) 13 & U Championships – Turkmenistan
- 18 – 23 October: Caribbean 14 & U Development Championships – Netherlands Antilles
- 2 – 6 November: Central American 14 & U Development Championships – Panama
- 30 Nov – 4 Dec: East African 18 & U JWR event – Kenya and Ethiopia
- 11 – 22 Dec: Asia Zone 4 (West Asia) 13 & U Championships – Oman
- 16 – 21 Dec: West African 14 and 16 & U qualifying event for AJC - Ghana

In Asia, the year started with the ITF 14 & Under Asian Championships (Zone 2) which was hosted by the Myanmar Tennis Federation (TFM) in January. The two-week event was not only the first ITF event to be organised by the TFM but also the first international tennis event to be held in the country for 30 years. The Championships attracted a great deal of support from the government and teams from Bhutan, Laos, Malaysia, Maldives, Mongolia, Nepal, Pakistan and Sri Lanka participated.

In Africa, events are organised at the 13 & Under level in Southern, East, West and Central Africa. Three-day training camps are followed by 2 tournaments using feed-in consolation, giving competitors the maximum possible matches and the chance for accompanying national coaches to work together and exchange ideas. The events also give the chance for ITF Development Officers to gauge the level of play and talented players are often offered the chance to attend an ITF Training Camp, awarded a scholarship to attend an ITF Training Centre or receive a GSDF travel grant to go on and play more events outside their region.

#### 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 this year's Olympic Gold medallist Nicolas Massu (Chile) have all been ITF Touring Team members in the past. In 2004 there were 17 x ITF Touring Teams involving 151 players from 71 different countries (see attachment 2 for a full list of the players that were selected onto ITF GSDF Touring Teams in 2004).

The flagship Team is undoubtedly the ITF 18 & Under Team which players an 8-week series of Grade 1 and Grade A events including junior Roland Garros and junior Wimbledon. This year's team consisted of 18 players from 15 different countries but despite the diversity of nations, the Team was to be dominated by the performances of one region – the girls from Eastern Europe. Madalina Gojnea of Romania was a finalist at Roland Garros while at Wimbledon, Katerina Bondarenko of Ukraine won the singles title with the Belarussian duo of Viktoria Azarenka and Volha Havartsova winning the doubles event, making it an impressive four doubles titles during their 8-week tour.

#### Travel Grants

GSDF Grants are awarded based on applications received from developing nations, which are considered by the Grand Slam Development Fund Committee, with input from the relevant ITF Departments (Professional Tennis or Juniors) as well as feedback from the ITF Development Officers. Grant are also awarded as a form of follow-up assistance to players that have

performed well at ITF junior circuits. In 2004 travel grants were provided to 57 players from 27 countries to play a specific programme of tournaments.

### Professional Tournaments

The Fund 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 2004, the Fund provided grants for 49 weeks of men's professional events (ITF Satellites and Futures) and 31 weeks of ITF Women's circuit events.

In addition to international professional events, 9 weeks of ITF / CAT Prize money Circuit events were funded in Africa. GSDF prize money grants of \$2,500 were awarded to each host nation, which had to contribute a minimum of \$2,000 to the total prize-money. These events are open solely to African players (juniors and seniors alike) and aim to provide additional competitive opportunities to the continent. In 2004, the following events took place as part of the ITF / CAT African Prize-Money Circuit:

<b>ITF / CAT African Prize-Money Circuit 2004</b>		
<b>Date</b>	<b>Region</b>	<b>Event</b>
12 – 15 February	West Africa 1	Senegal
16 – 23 February	West Africa 1	Mali
11 – 14 March	East Africa 1	Sudan
18 – 21 March	East Africa 1	Ethiopia
25 – 28 March	East Africa 1	Kenya
21 – 25 July	East Africa 2	Burundi
28 July – 1 August	East Africa 2	Rwanda
4 – 8 August	East Africa 2	Uganda
15 – 18 Dec	West Africa 2	Benin

### OLYMPIC SOLIDARITY

Finally in an Olympic year, it is only fitting to acknowledge the continued support the ITF and its member nations receive from Olympic Solidarity (OS). OS is the part of the International Olympic Committee that distributes television income from the Olympic Games to National Olympic Committees and since the reintroduction of tennis into the Olympic family at Seoul in 1988, the ITF, through the Development Department, has collaborated closely with OS on a variety of programmes designed to grown tennis around the world. Coaches' education is the main area of activity and over the last four years, 50% of the 200 coaches' courses organised by the ITF have been funded through Olympic Solidarity.

In addition from 2001 – 2004, a total of 22 players from 20 countries have benefited from OS Training Scholarships in preparation for the Athens and Beijing Games, including former ITF Team-member and last year's ITF Junior World Champion Marcos Baghdatis of Cyprus.

#### Athens scholarships holders :

- 1 Kaia KANEPI (EST)
- 2 Neyssa ETIENNE (HAI)
- 3 Angelique WIDJAJA (INA)
- 4 Gilles MULLER (LUX)
- 5 Sekou DRAME (MLI)

- 6 Yen-Hsun LU (TPE)
- 7 Martin VILLARUBI (URU)
- 8 Marcel FELDER (URU)

Elite young athletes programme (Beijing):

- 1 Arnaud SEGODO (BEN) \*
- 2 Todor ENEV (BUL) \*
- 3 GAO Quan (CHN) \*
- 4 CHEN Yan Chong (CHN) \*
- 5 Marcos BAGDATIS (CYP)
- 6 Michael PRZYSIEZNY (POL)
- 7 Adrian CRUCIAT (ROM) \*
- 8 Komlavi LOGLO (TOG) \*
- 9 José Roberto MONCADA (HON)
- 10 Andri JONSSON (ISL)
- 11 Jelena JANKOVIC (SCG)
- 12 Jean-Max KEZZA (CAF)
- 13 Heithem ABID (TUN)
- 14 Aziza BUTOYI (BDI)

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