



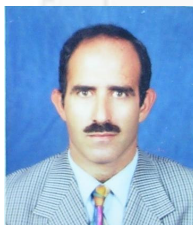
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Hichem Riani
Directeur Général CAT



Tarak Cherif
Président CAT

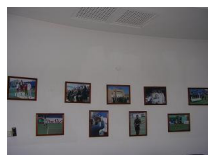
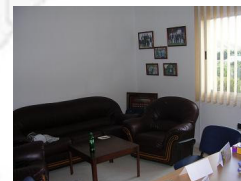
1- CAT Offices:

Following its meeting in Prague – June 2005 and consultations with ITF President, CAT Executive Committee has decided to transfer its Offices from London to Tunis and to recruit a full time General Manager. Hichem Riani accepted this assignment and started on his new functions on 1st September 2005.

Hichem Riani, Physical Education Master has been involved as ITF Development Officer in West Asia and as Technical Director of the Tunisian Tennis Federation for many years. He has considerable tennis experience in administrative affairs and both as player and coach; he is a Level 2 Coach and was Davis Cup player & Captain for Tunisia during several years. He has also conducted many ITF Coaches courses as Tutor.

Hichem Riani speaks regularly three languages, French, English and Arabic.

CAT has also engaged Miss Lynda Medaissi as CAT Assistant since 2 January 2006.



The new CAT Offices in Tunis covering 300 Msq

2- 6th African Nations Cup:

Tunisia hosted the 6th edition of the African Nations Cup CAN from 6 to 12 November 2005, 11 nations competed in that continental event under the authority of the Confederation of African Tennis : Algeria, Cameroon, Cote d'Ivoire, Egypt, Gabon, Mauritius, Libya, Morocco, Nigeria, South Africa and Tunisia. More than 40 players (men & ladies) contested men's single/doubles, women's single/doubles and team event.

The 6th edition of CAN was a successful event in all domains: organisation, level of players and public attendance.

A lot of thanks to the Tunisian Tennis Federation.

Results :

Men's Single :

Gold Medal : Lamine Ouahab (Algeria) – Silver Medal : Malek Jaziri (Tunisia) – Bronze Medal : Wael Kilani (Tunisia) & Abdelhak Hameurlaine (Algeria).

Women's Single :

Gold Medal: Sélima Sfar (Tunisia) – Silver Medal : Bahia Mouhtassine (Morocco) – Bronze Medals : Samia Medjahdi (Algeria) & Lizaan Du Plessis (South Africa).

Men's Doubles :

Gold Medals : Lamine Ouahab & Abdelhak Hameurlaine (Algeria)

Silver Medals : Malek Jaziri & Fares Zaier (Tunisia).

Women's Doubles :

Gold Medals : Alicia Pillay & Lizaan Du Plessis (South Africa)

Silver Medals: Bahia Mouhtassine & Habiba Ifrah (Morocco).

Team Event :

Tunisian team with: Malek Jaziri, Wael Kilani, Sélima Sfar et Olfa Dhaoui secured the victory over Algerian Team with: Lamine Ouahab, Abdelhak Hameurlaine, Samia Medjahdi et Assia Halo by 3 victories to 1.



3- CAT Executive Committee Meeting:

CAT Executive Committee Meeting was held during the 6th edition of CAN in Tunis in the new CAT Offices on Friday 11 November 2005. Were present in that meeting Mr **Tarak Chérif**, CAT President — Mr **Sani Ndanusa**, President of Zone II - Mr **Johann Koorts**, President of Zone V – Mr **Houmed Houssein** President of Zone IV – Dr **Mohamed Bouabdallah**, President of Zone I and Mr **Hichem Riani**, CAT General Manager.

Many subjects were discussed during the meeting, essentially: African competitions, CAT headquarters, cooperation with MC Concept and the next CAT AGA.

It was also agreed to organize the African Nations Cup (CAN) every year and the Executive Committee proposed to Tunisia to host its 7th edition in November 2007.



CAT Executive Committee – from left to right
H.Riani –Dr M.Bouabdallah – Mr J.Koorts – Mr
T.Charif – Mr S.Ndanusa – Mr H. Houmed

4- CAT Development Committee Meeting:

The CAT Development Committee Meeting chaired by Mr **Mohamed Oumar Traoré** from Mali held its regular meeting in Tunis during the 6th edition of CAN in the new CAT Headquarters on Wednesday 9 November 2006. The principal subjects discussed in the agenda of that meeting were: African Competitions for all ages, Education Courses and the African Calendar of Events. Attended the meeting, Mr **Mohamed Oumar Traoré**, President, **Leon Friemend** (South Africa), **Hichem Riani** – CAT General Manager, **Amine Ben Makhoul** – Development Officer for the West & Central region and **Sami Sidia** – development Officer for the Southern region.



CAT Development Committee – from left to right
A.B.Makhoul – S.Sidia – L.Friemend – M.Traoré – H.Riani

5- ITF / OS Coaches Courses :

The International tennis Federation(ITF) has organized in collaboration of the Olympic Solidarity (OS), three ITF Level II Coaches Courses in Africa successively in Uganda 7-19 November 2005 (12 candidates under the tutorships of **Prince Madema** and **Ales Filipcic**, in Nigeria from 21 November to 2 December 2005 (10 candidates) under the Tutorships of **Vjeran Friscic** et **Rotimi Akinloye** and in Bénin from 5 to 16 December 2005 (19 candidates) under the Tutorships of **Amine Ben Makhlouf** and **Achille Takpa**. The 41 candidates represented 12 African Nations: **Algeria, Benin, Burkina-Faso, Cote d'Ivoire, Gambia, Ghana, Kenya, Mali, Nigeria, Sudan, Tanzania et Uganda**.

12 Candidates obtained the Level II Coaches Certificate from their respective Federations:

Lawrence A Karanja (Kenya)- Frank Tarmena, Bulus Hassaini, Wale Obalola (Nigeria) – Joseph Acquah(Ghana) – Philip Akibogun(Gambia) – Bruno Dahouan, Jean Marie Da Silva (Benin) – Karim Saadallah (Algeria) – Sanogo Modibo (Burkina-Faso) – Raphael Brou Koffi, Getheme Koffi Doni (Cote d'Ivoire).



ITF /OS Level 2 Coaches Course Cotonou – Benin 5 – 16 Décembre 2005.

6- 29th African Junior Championships(AJC) & Qualifying Event :

The 29th ITF/CAT African Junior Championships will be held in Egypt from 10 - 15 April 2006. The tournament is part of the 2006 ITF Junior Circuit. There will also be a Warm-up event from 4 – 8 April, preceding the African Junior Championships, which will be held in Egypt as well. The main tournament venue will be the Smash Tennis Academy.
The full schedule of events is as follows:

3 April	Players arrive in Egypt / Draw for Warm-up event
4 – 8 April	Warm-up tournament
9 April	Draw for African Championships, coaches' meeting, practice, 1 st round matches
10 – 15 April	African Championships, including:
*14 April	16 & Under and 14 & Under singles and doubles finals, 18 & Under doubles final
*15 April	18 & Under singles final
	Junior Davis Cup & Fed Cup and World Junior Tennis Regional Qualification semi-finals
16 April	Junior Davis Cup & Fed Cup and World Junior Tennis Regional Qualification finals
16/17 April	Players depart

Conditions of participation:

Group A nations are entitled to enter up to 8 players in the 14 & Under and 16 & Under events and up to 4 players [a maximum of two boys and two girls] in the 18 & Under event (18 & Under players subject to acceptance). Please note that Group B nations are entitled to enter up to a total of 6 players. For the 18 & Under event, only the top 24 ranked boys and top 16 ranked girls entered [according to the ITF Junior World Ranking at the closing date] will be accepted.

An ITF Team will be selected from the Group C nations who have participated in the regional qualifying events in West/Central Africa and Southern/East Africa.

Group A	Group B	Group C nations invited to attend the Regional Qualifying events	
Algeria Egypt Morocco South Africa Tunisia Zimbabwe	Benin Botswana Burundi Ethiopia Ghana Kenya Lesotho Madagascar Malawi Mauritius Namibia Nigeria Senegal Sierra Leone Zambia	<u>West/Central Africa</u> Burkina Faso Cape Verde Central African Rep. Cote d'Ivoire Democratic Rep. of Congo Gabon Gambia Guinea Bissau Liberia Mali Mauritania Niger Togo	<u>Southern/East Africa</u> Angola Djibouti Eritrea Libya Mozambique Rwanda Seychelles Sudan Swaziland Tanzania Uganda

This division has been made on the basis of:

- * Results from the African Junior Championships over the last four years and the 2005 Qualifying Events.

Qualifying Events:

West & Central African region Winneba-Ghana from 18 to 23 December 2005: **Amine Ben Makhoul**, Development Officer of West & Central Africa was designed as Referee and ITF Representative for that event with the participation of 6 nations : Burkina Faso, Cap Verde, Cote d'Ivoire, Gabon, Mali and Democratic Republic of Congo.

Eastern & Southern African region, Dar Es Salaam-Tanzania from 6 to 13 January 2006 : **Prince Madema** and **Sami Sidia** Development Officer respectively in the Eastern & Southern region conducted the qualifying event with the participation of 7 nations : Eritrea, Mozambique, Rwanda, Seychelles, Swaziland, Tanzania and Uganda.

Le niveau général de ces qualifications était moyen dans l'ensemble et une équipe ITF sera sélectionnée incessamment pour participer à la 29^e édition des AJC qui auront lieu en Egypte en Avril 2006.



AJC 2006 Phase Qualificative Winneba – Ghana 18 – 23 December 2005.



AJC 2006 Phase Qualificative Dar Es Salaam – Tanzania 6 – 13 Janvier 2006.

7- African Ranking :

TOP TEN ITF JUNIOR RANKING

BOYS

1- (26) VITULLI Christian	KEN
2- (89) YASSINE Housseem	MAR
3- (105) KILANI Wael	TUN
4- (124) BOUABBANE Mehdi	ALG
5- (141) WILLIAMS Brad Brinkhause	RSA
6- (152) KAMEL Mahmoud	EGY
7- (153) MENSAH Emmanuel	GHA
8- (155) MBAREK Slah	TUN
9- (168) RAMIARAMANAN Lofa	MAD
10- (187) SETSHOGO Bokang	BOT

TOP TEN MEN ATP RANKING

1- (57) MOODIE Wesley	RSA
2- (275) ADJEI-DARKO Henry	GHA
3- (281) SAOUDI Slimane	ALG
4- (283) OUHAB Lamine	ALG
5- (348) JAZIRI Malek	TUN
6- (382) MAAMOUN Karim	EGY
7- (423) LOGLO Komlavi	TOG
8- (466) MITCHELL Stephen	RSA
9- (542) IGBINOVIA Jonathan	NGR
10- (554) WOLMARANS Fritz	RSA

TOP TEN ITF JUNIOR RANKING

GIRLS

1- (93) MAWISIRE Fadzai	ZIM
2- (141) POTGIETER Else	RSA
3- (159) EL ALLAMI Fatima	MAR
4- (189) DAVIN Suzelle	NAM
5- (226) OLIVIER Engela	RSA
6- (235) MEGHOUEF Sara	ALG
7- (251) SUTHERLAND Justine	RSA
8- (269) OLIVIER Abigail	RSA
9- (338) DHAOUI Olfa	TUN
10- (347) SMITH Nicole	RSA

TOP TEN WOMEN WTA RANKING

1- (77) RANDRIANTEFY Dally	MAD
2- (172) BLACK Cara	ZIM
3- (175) GRANDIN Natalie	RSA
4- (204) SFAR Selima	TUN
5- (216) SCHEEPERS Chanelle	RSA
6- (295) DE BEER Surina	RSA
7- (450) MEDJAHDI Samia	ALG
8- (500) MOUHTASSINE Bahia	MAR
9- (550) DU PLESSIS Lizaan	RSA
10- (593) PILLAY Alicia	RSA

8- Results of African Tournaments :

ITF FUTURES :

Tunisie Future - 4 Sfax 13-20 November 2005.

S.M : Tony HOLLZINGER(GER) – Benjamin BALLERET (MON) 1/6 6/1 7/5

D.M : Roc JARC & Blaz KAVCIC (SLO) – Gordan PERANEC(CRO) & Carlos REXACH-ITOIZ (ESP) 7/6(8) 6/1

Tunisie Future – 5 Monastir 20-26 November 2005.

S.M : Tony HOLLZINGER(GER) - Lamine OUAHAB (ALG) 7/6(1) 6/4

D.M: Mikhail ELGIN & Denis MATSUKEVITH (RUS) – Martin EMMRICH & Tony HOLLZINGER (GER) 6/3 6/0

Tunisie Future – 6 El Menzah 26 November- 3 December 2005.

S.M : Farrukh DUSTOV (USB) – Frederic JEAN CLAUDE (FRA) 6/4 6/1

D.M: Mohammed EL GHAREEB (KUW) & Walid JALLALI (TUN) – Pavel DILAJ & Robert GODLEWSKI (POL) 6/2 6/4

ITF JUNIOR WORLD RANKING:

Lagos – Nigeria Group (4) 2-6 January 2006.

S.Garçons: Henry ASTEYE(NGR) – Menford OWUSU (GHA) 6/3 6/4

D.Garçons: Emmanuel DICKSON & Sunday EMMANUEL (NGR) – Karim HINDOLO(SLE) & Lukas LITZFELLNER (AUT) 6/1 1/6 6/4

S.FILLES: Jeanine PRENTNER (AUT) – Ronke AKINGBADE (NGR) 6/0 6/3

D.FILLES: Anahita JAGTIANI (IND) & Jeanine PRENTNER (AUT) – Deborah GBADAMOSI & Blessing SAMUEL (NGR) 6/3 6/2

Cotonou – Benin Group (4) 8 -12 January 2006.

S.Garçons : Menford OWUSU (GHA) – Jean SEGODO (BEN) 6/1 6/4

D.Garçons : Emmanuel MENSAH & Michael NORTHEY (GHA) – Menford OWUSU & Albert ARTHUR (GHA) 3/6 7/6 6/2

S.FILLES : Jeanine PRENTNER (AUT) – Ninon SEGODO (BEN) 6/0 6/3

D.FILLES : Jeanine PRENTNER (AUT) & Ninon SEGODO (BEN) – Kate COLEMAN & Emma KUDJOE (GHA) 6/0 6/2



ITF Junior World Ranking Benin Group (4) 8 – 12 January 2006.

9- Tournoi à venir : Février – Mars 2006.

Prize Money

Burundi : 9 -12 February 2006
 Rwanda & Sénégal: 16 -19 February 2006
 Mali & Uganda : 23 -26 February 2006
 Burkina Faso : 2 - 5 March 2006
 Ghana : 9 - 12 March 2006

ITF Men's Future

Nigeria (1) 15 000 \$: 20 - 26 February 2006
 Nigeria (2) 15 000 \$: 27 February - 5 March 2006
 Morocco (1) 10 000 \$ & Egypt (1) 10 000 \$: 6 - 12 March 2006
 Morocco (2) 10 000 \$ & Egypt (2) 10 000 \$: 13 - 19 March 2006
 Morocco (3) 10 000 \$ & Egypt (3) 10 000 \$: 20 - 26 March 2006

ITF Seniors Circuit

Egypt Group (4) : 6 - 12 February 2006
 South Africa Group (2) : 27 February - 5 March 2006
 South Africa Group (2) : 6 - 12 March 2006

ITF Junior :

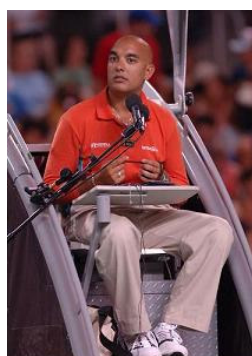
Algeria Group (4): 6 – 12 March 2006.
 Algeria Group (5): 13 – 19 March 2006.
 Tunisia Group (3): 20 – 26 March 2006.
 Tunisia Group (3): 27 March – 2 April 2006.

ITF Women's Circuit :

Nigeria (1) 10 000\$: 20 – 26 February 2006.
 Nigeria (2) & Egypt (1) 10 000\$: 27 February – 2 March 2006.
 Egypt (2) 10 000\$: 6 – 12 March 2006.
 Egypt (3) 10 000\$: 13 – 19 March 2006.

10-Diverse informations :

Tunisian, Adel Aref 26 years old, CAT Officiating Responsible have got the « Gold Badge » as chair umpire. Confederation of African tennis is very satisfied by this distinction and we hope that our African officials will follow the same way as this promising umpire. Congratulations to Adel wishing to



Adel Aref

Latest news:

Ricci Bitti elected to International Olympic Committee.

ITF President Francesco Ricci Bitti was elected to International Olympic Committee during the 118th Session held in Turin, Italy on 10 February 2006 ahead of the XX Olympic Winter Games. "It is a great honour for tennis and for me personally, to be represented in the membership of the International Olympic Committee" commented Ricci Bitti after his selection. CAT presents its congratulations to ITF President Francesco Ricci Bitti.



Jacques Rogge, Francesco Ricci Bitti and Tim Phillips



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