



TENNIS NEWS



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1- CAT ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 13 APRIL 2006.

The Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Confederation of African Tennis was held at Hotel Movenpick Cairo-Heliopolis on Thursday 13 April 2006 following the 29th edition of the African Junior Championships (AJC).

37 delegates from 27 African nations (Algeria, South Africa, Benin, Botswana, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cameroon, Egypt, Ethiopia, Ghana, Mauritius, Kenya, Lesotho, Libya, Madagascar, Mali, Morocco, Namibia, Nigeria, Rwanda, Democratic Republic of Congo, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Sudan, Togo, Tunisia, Zambia and Zimbabwe) attended the AGM.



Mr Tarak Chérif, CAT President who chaired the AGM wished the welcome to all delegates and to Mr Francesco Ricci Bitti, President of the International Tennis Federation (ITF), Mr Ismail El Shafei, President of the Egyptian Tennis Federation and Member of the ITF Board, Mrs Christine Ungricht Member of the ITF Board and Mr Dave Miley ITF Executive Director of Development.

The AGM was very successful by a remarkable organisation and a very high level of debate from all intervenient. During the debate Mr Tarak Chérif spoke about the progress of Tennis in Africa in all domains (organisation, information & communication, events, education, development and marketing), he thanked the ITF for its help and support to all African nations and incited nations to duplicate efforts in order to push up the African Tennis in a highest level.

Mr Francesco Ricci Bitti ITF President has felicitated CAT and the Egyptian Tennis Federation for the excellent organisation of the AGM and announced again his support to the African Tennis which is registering great progress year after year.

Many subjects were discussed during this AGM and basically :

A very clear financial statement presented by Mr Johann Koorts, The approbation of the new CAT constitution, A very rich overview in information about CAT activities by Mr Hichem Riani, A clearly and completed report presented by Mr Dave Miley regarding the development of Tennis in Africa and the new perspectives of the ITF towards this Continent, Activities of the different African zones presented by CAT Vice Presidents, Sponsoring and targets of CAT with its partner MCCConcept presented par Mr Philippe Boone, Officiating and its future in Africa presented by Mr Adel Araf and the preservation of the CAT permanent headquarters in Tunisia, in addition of several interesting subjects marked this AGM.

It's important to mention that Mr Bola Ahmed Tinubu, Governor of Lagos State who is nominated to get the CAT Award 2006 for his support of Tennis in Nigeria and West Africa Region has attended the AGM and pronounced a speech.

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2- Around the AGM

Mr Bola Ahmed Tinubu Governor of Lagos State received from Mr Tarak Cherif CAT President the « CAT Award 2006 », Mr Francesco Ricci Bitti and Mr Ismail El Shafei took part of this ceremony.



CAT Award 2006
to Dr Bola Ahmed



Dr Bola was also
honoured par ETf

Mr Ismail El Shafei, President of the Egyptian Tennis Federation has invited all delegates for a dinner at the Tennis & Golf Club at El Kattamia, a residencial area in Cairo.



The Egyptian Tennis Federation has invited all delegates on the 13 April for the official dinner aboard a boat restaurant at Nile Riverbank with great ambiance.



ITF - CAT Team

ZONES MEETINGS

African Zones Meetings were held on Wednesday 12 April at Cairo-Heliopolis Movenpick Hotel. Mr Tarak Chérif et Mr Francesco Ricci Bitti visited these meetings and have discussed with all delegates.



ZONE I



ZONE II



ZONE III



ZONE IV

Mr Francesco Ricci Bitti has attended the major part of the AGM, he was absent during 2 hours with Mr Ismail El Shafei to be received by the Egyptian Prime Minister.



Francesco Ricci Bitti & Tarak Cherif

Mme May Elwany, General Manager of the Egyptian Tennis Federation and all her administrative staff provided great help to insure the success of the AGM.



H.Tarraf, H.Nasser & May
Elwany

The Egyptian Tennis Federation organised an excursion to visit Pyramids for all delegates, on Saturday 15 April.



3- AGM Album



4- 29th African Junior Championships

« Smash Academy », the site of 29th AJC during 12 days. Its Manager Mr Amr El Sallali did very well to insure a great success for the event.



Smash Academy



Amr Sellali –H.Tarraf & Dave Miley

Morocco sweep to victory at the African Junior Championships

The last day of the 29th ITF/CAT African Junior Championships (AJC) saw Morocco add to its silverware by clinching the team trophy for the seventh time.

With Morocco already confirmed as the winning team, the real battle in the team trophy competition was for second and third place. Once the matches were completed the points were calculated and only 40 points separated Egypt A and Tunisia for second and third place respectively.

Morocco's overall team success was underlined by the fact that in addition to winning the team trophy, they also secured both boys' and girls' team trophies.

Ali Choqri, Morocco's team coach said: "We are proud to have won the team trophy again – it is a great achievement for all our players who have worked hard to secure this win. We look forward to defending the title again next year."

The boys' 14 & under final featured Sami Ghorbel (TUN) seeded No.4 who came through his semi final match against the No.1 seed by the skin of his teeth after facing match point to claw his way into the final. Ghorbel faced Mohamed Anas Amallah from Morocco who justified his No.2 seeding by securing a place in the final without dropping a set. On paper Anas Amallah was the favourite to win the match, but despite this, Ghorbel took control of the match in the first set to take an unassailable lead. Anas Amallah was unable to counter the Tunisian's powerful play and eventually lost the first set 64. In the second set Anas Amallah raised his level of play to stay in contention, but soon found his Tunisian opponent to be in an uncompromising mood when he took the second set 61 to win the match and the boys' singles title. Despite Anas Amallah only winning one game in the second set, the match itself was closer than the score suggests. In the girls' final, the fifth seed, Mora Eshak (EGY) emerged as the 14 & under singles champion in a three-set thriller against Christi Potgeiter of South Africa. Supported by an enthusiastic crowd, both competitors played a mature and tactical match that Eshak eventually won 36 62 60. On their way to the final, both Potgeiter and Eshak eliminated the top seeds, Nour Abbes from Tunisia and Elizabeth Morake from South Africa.

With the home crowd cheering him on, Mohamed Safwat (EGY) seeded third in the boys' 16 & under event, made easy work of his South African opponent, Hendrick Coertzen who he defeated 64 61. This was a crucial match for the Egyptians who needed a win under their belt to keep their chances of winning the team trophy alive.

The No. 1 seed, Nadia Lalami from Morocco brushed aside the No. 3 seed, Olfa Dhaoui from Tunisia in straight sets 62 61 to win the girls' 16 & under singles title.

The boys' 18 & under final was an all-Moroccan affair between the No.2 seed, Reda El Amrani and the No.3 seed, Houssam Yassine who had previously knocked out the No.1 seed Christian Vitulli of Kenya. Although on paper, El Amrani looked to be the favourite to take the title after winning the warm-up event last week, Yassine obviously had other ideas forcing his opponent to fight for every point.

In the first set, Yassine surprised his fellow compatriot with his powerful display of groundstroke to take the first set 63. Building on the success of his first set win, Yassine held his nerve to serve out the match after breaking his opponent's serve at four-all to win the set 64 and clinch the boys' singles title.

Fatima El Allami a stalwart of the African Junior Championships swept aside her opponent, Amira Benaissa from Algeria, to win the girls' 18 & under singles title. Benaissa was unable to cope with the experienced Moroccan who took control of the match from the onset winning in straight sets 62 61. El Allami boasts an impressive record in these championships and following this win now holds the girls' singles titles in all three age categories.

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 2006: Junior Davis Cup by BNP Paribas (16 & Under): Egypt and Morocco. Junior Fed Cup by BNP Paribas (16 & Under): Morocco. World Junior Tennis (14 & Under) Boys: Morocco. World Junior Tennis (14 & Under) Girls: South Africa



5- Album of the AJC 2006.



EGYPT
Second Team Trophy



MOROCCO
Winner Team Trophy



TUNISIA
Third Team Trophy

6- Visit to CAT Offices.

Mr ISSA MBOUP VISITED CAT

Mr Issa Mboup, President of the "Fédération Sénégalaise de Tennis" has done a short visit to CAT Headquarters in Tunis on Tuesday 18 April 2006, and has particularly met Mr Tarak Cherif CAT President.

Many subjects regarding Development of Tennis in Africa were discussed. Mr Mboup declared that he is very happy to discover the new CAT Offices which he can consider as very satisfied.

Mr Mboup has also visited the Tunisian Tennis Federation.



Mr Issa Mboup with Mr Tarak Cherif in front of CAT headquarters

7- ATP Events in Africa.

Africa hosted during April and May 2006, two ATP Events, Trophée Hassan II in Morocco 415000\$ and the Tunis Open en Tunisia 125000\$.

Trophée Hassen II :

The Trophée Hassan II in its 22nd edition rallied number of valorous professional players and several African ones, particularly Lamine Ouahab who benefited a Wild Card in the main draw of this famous Tournament following his Title of African Champion in November 2005. Unfortunately Lamine could not pass the first round contrarily to the two other Africans, the Algerian Slimane Saoudi, coming from the qualifying rounds and who passed the first round beating Czech player David Skoch and Moroccan Mehdi Tahiri who defeated the Austrian Olivier Marach to reach the second round.

Mr Tarak Cherif, CAT President honoured by his presence this important event, the final victory came through the Italian Daniele Bracciali (63 ATP) against Chilean Nicolas Massau (40 ATP).



Tunis Open : African Distinctions.

The Tunis Open 2006 Knew for the first time of Challengers history a North African final between the Algerian Lamine Ouahab, revelation of this Challenger and Moroccan Younes El Aynaoui.

This Final was unfortunately not played due to the injury of Younes El Aynaoui, but a hut trick to Lamine Ouahab who was issued from the Qualifying rounds and reached the final beating through his way valorous players.

Lamine Ouahab won more than 100 places in the ATP ranking and acceded to the 185 place. An other African distinction came from Tunisian Heythem Abid who reached the second round after beating Spanish Alex Calatrava (183ATP) before loosing against French player Michael LLodra 63 64, Tunisian Malek Jaziri who had also passed the first round of the Main draw was stopped by Jiri Vanek (102 ATP) from Czech Republic.



8- African Ranking- 23 May 2006

TOP TWENTY ITF JUNIOR RANKING
BOYS

1- (20)	VITULLI	Christian	KEN
2- (58)	YASSINE	Houssein	MAR
3- (75)	KILANI	Wael	TUN
4- (113)	MBAREK	Slah	TUN
5- (154)	MENSAH	Emmanuel	GHA
6- (156)	ANDERSON	Jean	RSA
7- (170)	WILLIAMS	Brad Brinkhouse	RSA
8- (174)	KAMEL	Mahmoud	EGY
9- (176)	RAMIARAMANAN	Lofo	MAD
10- (177)	SETSHOGO	Bokang	BOT
11- (196)	ROELOFSE	Ruan	RSA
12- (211)	EL AMRANI	Reda	MAR
13- (246)	OWUSU	Menford	GHA
14- (247)	SHARAF	Ahmed	EGY
15- (268)	CROWLEY	Keith-Patrick	RSA
16- (269)	MIGOGO	Mpiloenhle	RSA
17- (281)	KASSEM	Mohamed	EGY
18- (291)	SAFWAT	Mohamed	EGY
19- (331)	GHORBEL	Anis	TUN
20- (342)	MOKHTAR ASHRAF	Ali	EGY

TOP TWENTY ITF JUNIOR RANKING
GIRLS

3- (74)	EL ALLAMI	Fatima	MAR
2- (117)	MAWISIRE	Fadzai	ZIM
3- (190)	AKRATE	Majdouline	MAR
4- (195)	DAVIN	Suzelle	NAM
5- (200)	OLIVIER	Engela	RSA
6- (226)	THARWAT-HAFEZ	Rana	EGY
7- (244)	OLIVIER	Abigail	RSA
8- (257)	SUTHERLAND	Justine	RSA
9- (272)	LALAMI	Nadia	MAR
10- (281)	BEN AISSA	Amira	ALG
11- (336)	PRINGLE	Jane	RSA
12- (350)	DHAOU	Olfa	TUN
13- (386)	SMITH	Nicole	RSA
14- (398)	HAMZA	Yasmin	EGY
15- (401)	DAVIDSON	Bronwyn	RSA
16- (414)	HINES	Chane	RSA
17- (423)	FAKHRY	Aliaa	EGY
18- (443)	OSBORNE	Jenna-May	RSA
19- (451)	RAMEZ	Rana	EGY
20- (474)	MEGHOUFEL	Sara	ALG

TOP TWENTY MEN ATP RANKING

1- (73)	MOODIE	Wesley	RSA
2- (136)	DE VOEST	Rik	RSA
3- (153)	EL AYNAOUI	Younes	MAR
4- (184)	OUAHAB	Lamine	ALG
5- (262)	SAOUDI	Slimane	ALG
6- (301)	JAZIRI	Malek	TUN
7- (312)	ADJEI-DARKO	Henry	GHA
8- (356)	MAAMOUN	Karim	EGY
9- (414)	LOGLO	Komlavi	TOG
10- (434)	ANDERSON	Andrew	RSA
11- (488)	MITCHELL	Stephen	RSA
12- (490)	TAHIRI	Mehdi	MAR
13- (504)	SANON	Valentin	CIV
14- (574)	SABRY	Sherif	EGY
15- (594)	WHITEHOUSE	Wesley	RSA
16- (636)	IGBINOVIA	Jonathan	NGR
17- (664)	VAN DER MERWE	Izak	RSA
18- (678)	ABID	Haitthem	TUN
19- (686)	ZIADI	Mehdi	MAR
20- (687)	CHAKI	Rabie	MAR

TOP TWENTY WOMEN WTA RANKING

1- (158)	SFAR	Selima	TUN
2- (183)	GRANDIN	Natalie	RSA
3- (220)	BLACK	Cara	ZIM
4- (236)	SCHEEPERS	Chanelle	RSA
5- (354)	DE BEER	Surina	RSA
6- (387)	MEDJAHDI	Samia	ALG
7- (453)	MOUHTASSINE	Bahia	MAR
8- (568)	DU PLESSIS	Lizaan	RSA
9- (579)	PILLAY	Alicia	RSA
10- (741)	GIRAUD	Marrine	MRI
11- (1038)	EKE	Hana	NGR
12- (1070)	EDWARDS	Tegan	RSA
13- (1115)	ABINU	Fatima	NGR
14- (1197)	ANUNA	Blessing	NGR
15- (1217)	SALEH	Nihal	EGY
16- (1227)	AKINGBADE	Ronke	NGR
17- (1247)	GBADAMOSI	Olusola	NGR
17- (1247)	SAMUEL	Blessing	NGR
19- (1279)	ESORAE	Nosa	NGR
20- (1330)	OKAFOR	Anuli	NGR

9- Results of African Events.

Men Circuits – Results

* Future Morocco F4: 15 000 \$ Oujda 10– 16 April 2006.

Men Singles:Michal NAVRATIL (CZE) - Manuel JORQUERA (ITA) 6/4 6/4

Men Doubles:MAYER-TISCHER (GER) / NAVRATIL (CZE) - BURZI (ITA) / PETRAZZUOLO (ITA) 6/3 6/4

* Future Morocco F5: 15 000 \$ Rabat 17 – 23 April 2006.

Men Singles:Lamine OUAHAB (ALG) - Frederico GIL (POR) 6/4 6/3

Men Doubles: BURZI (ITA) / KAROL (CZE) - GIL (POR) / JALLALI (TUN) 3/6 6/3 6/2

ATP Circuit

* Morocco: 380 000 \$ 24 April – 06 May 2006.

Men Singles:BRACCIALI Daniele (ITA) - MASSU Nicolas (CHI) 6/1 6/4

Men Doubles: KNOWLE Julian (AUT) / MELZER Jurgen (AUT) - MULEER Gilles (LUX) / ROCHUS Christophe (BEL) 6/3 6/4

* Tunisia : 125 000 \$ – 01-08 May 2006.

Simple Messieurs :OUAHAB Lamine (ALG) – EL AYNAOUI Younes (MAR) W/O

Double Messieurs :GIMENO-TRAVER Daniel (ESP) / NAVARRO PASTOR Ivan (ESP) - BEKS Bart (NED) / VAN HAASTEREN Martijn (NED) 6/27/5

Women Circuits - Results:

* Egypt 3 Cairo - 10 000\$ 27 March – 02 April 2006.

Women Singles:Galina Fokina (RUS) - Corina-Claudia Corduneanu (ROM) 5/7 6/4 6/1

Women Doubles:Fokina (RUS) / Gourevitch (RUS) - Andrei (ROM) / Lukic (SCG) 7/6(2) 5/7 6/4

* Morocco-Rabat - 10 000\$ 08 – 14 May 2006

Women Singles:Raluca-Ioana OLARU (ROM) - Samia MEDJAHDHI (ALG) 6/2 2/6 7/5

Women Doubles:Emilie Bacquet (FRA) / BahiaMouhtassine (MAR) - Maria-FernandaAlvarez-Teran (BOL) / Raluca-Ioana Olaru (ROM) W/O

ITF Junior Tournaments – Results

* Tunisia – Monastir (G3) 28 March– 01 April 2006.

Boys Singles:Wael KILANI (TUN) - Joao SOUSA (POR) 7/5 6/4

Boys Doubles:Bedene (SLO) / Sousa (POR) Michon (FRA) / Rufin (FRA) 6/75 6/3 7/65

Girls Singles:Sandra Roma (SWE) - Adeline Goncalves (FRA) 6/2 6/4

Girls Doubles:Roma (SWE) / Toljan (AUT) - Abaeva (RUS) / Maskaljun (EST) 6/3 6/2

* Egypt – warm-up AJC (G3) 04 – 08 April 2006.

Boys Singles:Reda EL AMRANI (MAR) - Houssam YASSINE (MAR) 3/6 6/3 6/0

Boys Doubles:RAMIARAMANAN (MAD) / VITULLI (KEN) - EL AMRANI (MAR) / YASSINE (MAR) 6/2 7/63

Girls Singles:Fatima EL ALLAMI (MAR) - Nadia LALAMI (MAR) 6/4 6/0

Girls Doubles:AKRATE (MAR) / EL ALLAMI (MAR) - BENNANI (MAR) / LALAMI (MAR) 6/4 7/63

* Egypt – AJC (B2) 10 – 16 April 2006.

Boys Singles:Houssam YASSINE (MAR) - Reda EL AMRANI (MAR) 6/3 6/4

Boys Doubles:KILANI (TUN) / MBAREK (TUN) - MENSAH (GHA) / OWUSU (GHA) 6/3 6/76 6/4

Girls Singles:Fatima EL ALLAMI (MAR) - Amira BEN AISSA (ALG) 6/2 6/1

Girls Doubles:AKRATE (MAR) / EL ALLAMI (MAR) - HAMZA (EGY) / THARWAT-HAFEZ (EGY) 7/62 6/4

* Algeria – (G5) 15 – 19 May 2006.

Boys Singles:Hicham KHADDARI (MAR) - Dean O'BRIEN (RSA) 7/5 6/2

Boys Doubles:KUSCHKE (RSA) / O'BRIEN (RSA) - HARIKA (IND) / WASFY (MAR) 6/3 6/4

Girls Singles:Amira BEN AISSA (ALG) - Lise MARBACH (FRA) 6/3 4/6 6/4

Girls Doubles:HESSE (FRA) / MARBACH (FRA) - DAVIDSON (RSA) / JAGTIANI (IND) 6/0 6/2

Prize Money - Results

* Sudan 4 500 \$ 18-21 May 2006

Boys Singles:DZUWA Martin (ZIM) – MISFEN Gladious (ETH)

Girls Singles:MOHAMED Samia (SUD) - OTULA Everlyn (KEN)

Boys Doubles:DZUWA Martin (ZIM) / GASIGWA Jean Claude (RWA) - NOURELDIN Waiel (SUD) / NOURELDINE Gafaar (SUD)

Girls Doubles:MOHAMED Samia (SUD) / ADAM Buthina (SUD) – OTULA Everlyn (KEN) / LABEEB Ozwan (SUD)

10- Upcoming Events June-July 2006.

ITF Men's Future

Tunisia (1) 10 000 \$: 29 May - 04 June 2006

Tunisia (2) 10 000 \$: 05 - 11 June 2006

Tunisia (3) 10 000 \$: 12 - 18 June 2006

Tunisia (3A) 10 000 \$: 19 - 25 June 2006

Egypt (1) 25 000 \$: 24 July - 20 August 2006

Senegal (1) 10 000 \$: 31 July - 06 August 2006

Prize Money

Kenya : 01- 04 June 2006 **TBC**

Gabon : 08 - 11 June 2006

Centrafrique : 15 - 18 June 2006

ITF Junior :

Morocco Gr (4) : 29 Mai - 03 June 2006

Morocco Gr (3) : 05 - 10 June 2006

Morocco Gr (2) : 12 - 17 June 2006

Morocco Gr (2) : 19 - 25 June 2006

Tunisia Gr (3) : 28 June - 02 July 2006

Tunisia Gr (4) : 03 - 08 July 2006

Egypt Gr (5) : 10 - 16 July 2006

Egypt Gr (5) : 17 - 23 July 2006

South Africa Gr (2) : 18 - 22 July 2006

South Africa Gr (2) : 25 - 29 July 2006

Lesotho Gr (4) : 31 July - 04 August 2006

11- Diverse Information.

Distinctions from the African Champions

The African Champions 2005, Lamine Ouahab(ALG) et Sélima Sfar (TUN) shined in May 2006 by their Titles respectively in the Tunis Open (ATP 125 000\$+H) and Jounieh Open of Lebanon (WTA 75 000\$+H). Lamine is actually occupying the 184th place on the ATP Ranking and the 4th in Africa and Sélima is actually 158th in the WTA Ranking and 1st in Africa.



Mr Diagna Ndiaye new President of CNOS

Mr Mamadou Diagna Ndiaye, Former CAT President was elected in Dakar as the new President of the National Olympic Committee of Senegal (CNOS). Mr Issa Mboup, actual President of the "Fédération Sénégalaise de Tennis" was also assigned as Vice President of CNOS.

Congratulations to Mr Diagna Ndiaye and Mr Mboup.



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