

**Cape Town Hosts 2005 SWATCH-FIVB World Tour Season Finales**

**Lausanne, Switzerland, November 2, 2005** - The 2005 SWATCH-FIVB World Tour ends the season on the African continent when the Cape Town suburb of Camps Bay hosts the US\$200,000 South Africa Open for women November 16-20.

The women's SWATCH season finale will be the first of two weeks of international Beach Volleyball competition as Camps Bay, which is located at the foot of the majestic Twelve Apostles mountain range, hosts the men's SWATCH finale the next week (November 23-27) for another \$200,000 event.

Camps Bay is one of the most popular suburbs in Cape Town due to its proximity to the centre of town, via the spectacular Kloof Nek road. Along with its fine white sand, Camp Bay's beach promenade is lined with cafés, bistros, discotheques and restaurants making it the area's most trendy suburb.

The South Africa Open follows the "most exciting" gold medal match in the history of SWATCH-FIVB World Tour women's history since the start of the international tour in 1992 as Brazil's Juliana Felisberta Silva and Larissa Franca upset reigning Olympic and World champions Misty May-Treanor and Kerri Walsh of the United States in the Corona Acapulco Open finale October 30.

The Mexican finale was the longest match since the start of "rally scoring" in 2001 on the SWATCH-FIVB World Tour for both men and women. The three-set match lasted 100 minutes (one hour, 40 minutes) as Juliana and Larissa out-lastred May-Treanor and Walsh 28-26, 40-42 and 15-13. The combined 82-point second set was a record as was the total 164 points in the match.

The gold medal win was the sixth in 2005 for Juliana (22 years old) and Larissa (23), who clinched the 2005 SWATCH-FIVB World Tour point's title at September's SWATCH stop Athens, Greece. The young Brazilians, who have won 77 of 89 matches this season (86.5 percent), also added to season earnings mark record with \$387,750. For their career, Juliana and Larissa moved into fourth-place in all-time earnings with \$511,750 in 24 SWATCH starts with seven gold medals.

May-Treanor and Walsh's gold medal match defeat in Acapulco was their first to an international team on the "sand" since July 5, 2003 in Norway where the Americans were defeated by Brazil's Ana Paula Connelly and Sandra Pires in the Stavanger finale. May-Treanor and Walsh entered the Mexican finale with a 22-match SWATCH winning streak with their last international defeat being to American rivals Rachel Wacholder and Elaine Youngs at July's stop in Paris.

The Americans, who are now 20-7 in SWATCH gold medal matches, have earned \$242,000 in only six international events this season. May-Treanor and Walsh won their five previous SWATCH stops in 2005, including gold medal wins over Juliana and Larissa in Berlin (SWATCH-FIVB World Championships), Paris and last week in Brazil. May-Treanor and Walsh rank second in career FIVB earnings with \$879,140 with a 216-29 mark for 38 SWATCH starts.

The Corona Acapulco Open men's podium was an All-Brazilian affair led by Athens Olympic champions Emanuel Rego and Ricardo Santos, who defeated Pedro Cunha and Franco Neto in the October 29 title match. Benjamin Insfran and Harley Marques captured the Acapulco bronze to give Brazil its fourth podium sweep in 2005 and 11th overall since the start of the men's SWATCH circuit in 1987.

With their third-straight "open" win this season, Emanuel and Ricardo increased their SWATCH-FIVB World Tour point's leadership to 292 points (4,988-4,696) over their Brazilian rivals Marcio Araujo and Fabio Magelhaes. A 13th-place or better finish on the Camps Bay sand would clinch Emanuel and Ricardo's third-straight international season point's title.

Emanuel and Ricardo will also be looking to win the Cape Town gold after placing second in the 2004 Camps Bay stop when they dropped the finale to Franco and Tande Ramos while Benjamin and Harley claimed the bronze in another Brazilian podium sweep.

## PAST SWATCH-FIVB WORLD TOUR – SOUTH AFRICA RESULTS

**CAMPS BAY 2005** – While the men's SWATCH-FIVB World Tour returns to Cape Town for the second-straight season and third-time overall, the African continent will be hosting its first-ever international women's event as Camps Bay stages back-to-back weeks of Beach Volleyball action. The men's SWATCH-FIVB World Tour stages its fourth event in South Africa as Durban hosted a men's event in 1996 where Brazilians Guilherme Marques/Para Ferreira captured the title by defeating Atlanta Olympic Silver Medallists Mike Dodd and Mike Whitmarsh in the finals. Sean Hayes and Jason Smith placed 13th in the 1995 Cape Town event for South Africa's best finish in an event the country hosted. Cape Town is arguably one of the most beautiful places in South Africa with Table Mountain, the view from Cape Point, the magical mild weather and the Cape Peninsula National Park, a patchwork of mountains, forests and coastline all combining to make for an awe inspiring setting. Cape Town, the legislative centre of South Africa, is renowned for its outdoor pursuit opportunities and Beach Volleyball will be thriving in this environment for two weeks with the best men's and women's athletes in the world taking place on the beautiful sands of Camps Bay. All the players will need to be aware of the forceful "Cape Doctor" that appears sometimes from nowhere. While the traditional wind, which whips in from the south-east, will add to the mystic of the place, it will of course also play a crucial role in the Beach Volleyball action. Cape Town also boasts some fascinating historical sites, excellent museums and vibrant markets. Its climate is perfect for producing the world renowned Stellenbosch white wine.

**Year – Cape Town Gold Medal / Cape Town Silver Medal / Cape Town Bronze Medal**

**1995** - Emanuel Rego/Zé Marco de Melo, Brazil / Martin Conde/Eduardo Martinez, Argentina / John Child/Mark Heese, Canada

**2004** - Franco Neto/Tande Ramos, Brazil / Emanuel/Ricardo Santos, Brazil / Benjamin Insfran/Harley Marques, Brazil

**2006 SWATCH-FIVB World Tour Scheduled Approved** - The SWATCH-FIVB World Tour for the 2006 Beach Volleyball season was approved here Friday with 31 events on five continents featuring three Grand Slams events in Norway, France and Austria with a prize money exceeding US\$6.7-million. The 2006 SWATCH-FIVB World Tour schedule will feature 16 events for men and 15 tournaments for the women with 11 double gender stops. Stavanger, Paris and Klagenfurt will host Grand Slam stops where the combined prize money will be \$1.770-million for the combined men's and women's events. Event sites hosting international Beach Volleyball events for the first-time include Dubai, United Arab Emirates (double gender), Roseto degli Abruzzi, Italy (men), Porto Santo, Portugal (women), Warsaw, Poland (men) and Phuket, Thailand (women). Rhodes, Greece will host a women's stop after staging a 2003 double gender event. Vitoria, Brazil will stage a double gender event for the first time after staging separate men's (1998-2001) and women's (2000 and 2002) events. Here is the 2006 SWATCH-FIVB World Tour schedule (\*to be announced, TBC, to be confirmed):

Date	Site	Gender .....	Prize Money
March*	Dubai, United Arab Emirates	Women & Men.....	\$400,000
May 23-28	Shanghai, China	Women & Men.....	\$400,000
May 31-June 4	Rhodes, Greece*	Women .....	\$200,000
May 31-June 4	Zagreb, Croatia	Men .....	\$200,000
June 7-11	Roseto degli Abruzzi, Italy (TBC)	Men .....	\$200,000
June 14-18	Espinho, Portugal	Men .....	\$200,000
June 20-25	Gstaad, Switzerland	Women & Men.....	\$400,000
June 27-July 2	Stavanger, Norway	Women & Men.....	\$580,000
July 4-9	Marseille, France	Women & Men.....	\$400,000
July 12-16	Montréal, Canada	Women & Men.....	\$400,000
July 18-23	St. Petersburg, Russia	Women & Men.....	\$400,000
July 25-30	Paris, France	Women & Men.....	\$580,000
August 1-6	Klagenfurt, Austria	Women & Men.....	\$580,000
August 30-September 3	Porto Santo, Portugal	Women .....	\$200,000
August 30-September 3	Warsaw, Poland	Men .....	\$200,000
September 19-24	Victoria, Brazil	Women & Men.....	\$400,000
October 11-15	Cape Town, South Africa	Women .....	\$200,000
October 18-22	Cape Town, South Africa	Men .....	\$200,000
October 24-29	Acapulco, Mexico	Men & Women.....	\$400,000
November 1-5	Phuket, Thailand	Women .....	\$200,000

## 2005 SWATCH-FIVB World Tour Leaders (Through October 30, 14 men's and 15 women's events)

### Men's Rank, Team, "Open" Titles, Earnings

- 1, Emanuel Rego/Ricardo Santos, Brazil, 56 \$323,100
- 2, Marcio Araujo/Fabio Luiz Magalhaes, Brazil, 2, \$258,700
- 3, Harley Marques/Benjamin Insfran, Brazil, 1, \$197,850
- 4, Martin Laciga/Markus Egger, Switzerland, 1, \$145,600
- 5, Stefan Kobel/Patrick Heuscher, Switzerland, 1, \$133,150
- 6, Julius Brink/Kjell Schneider, Germany, 1, \$130,350
- 7, Christoph Dieckmann/Andreas Scheuerpflug, Germany, 2, \$128,000
- 8, Markus Dieckmann/Jonas Reckermann, Germany, 0, \$118,150
- 9, Paul Laciga/Sascha Heyer, Switzerland, 0, \$108,450
- 10, Stein Metzger/Jake Gibb, United States, 0, \$80,750
- 11, Kristjan Kais/Rivo Vesik, Estonia, 0, \$80,300
- 12, Nikolas Berger/Clemens Doppler, Austria, 0, \$80,200

### Men's Rank, Team, Points

- 1, Emanuel Rego/Ricardo Santos, Brazil, 4,988
- 2, Marcio Araujo/Fabio Luiz Magalhaes, Brazil, 4,696
- 3, Harley Marques/Benjamin Insfran, Brazil, 4,024
- 4, Martin Laciga/Markus Egger, Switzerland, 2,956
- 5, Stefan Kobel/Patrick Heuscher, Switzerland, 2,714
- 6, Julius Brink/Kjell Schneider, Germany, 2,704
- 7, Paul Laciga/Sascha Heyer, Switzerland, 2,476
- 8, Markus Dieckmann/Jonas Reckermann, Germany, 2,408
- 9, Christoph Dieckmann/Andreas Scheuerpflug, Germany, 2,380
- 10, Kristjan Kais/Rivo Vesik, Estonia, 2,096
- 11, Nikolas Berger/Clemens Doppler, Austria, 2,020
- 12, Francisco Alvarez/Oney Ramirez Bernal, Cuba, 1,884

### Women's Rank, Team, "Open" Titles, Earnings

- 1, Larissa Franca/Juliana Felisberta Silva, Brazil, 6, \$387,750
- 2, Misty May-Treanor/Kerri Walsh, United States, 5, \$231,000
- 3, Shelda Bede/Adriana Behar, Brazil, 0, \$176,900
- 4, Jia Tian/Fei Wang, China, 0, \$173,500
- 5, Vasso Karadassiou/Vassiliki Arvaniti, Greece, 1, \$157,500
- 6, Renata Ribeiro/Talita Antunes, Brazil, 2, \$154,750
- 7, Efthalia Koutroumanidou/Maria Tsiartsiani, Greece, 0, \$108,700
- 8, Rebekka Kadijk/Merel Mooren, Netherlands, 0, \$108,600
- 9, Ana Paula Connolly/Leila Barros, Brazil, 0, \$104,900
- 10, Elaine Youngs/Rachel Wacholder, USA, 0, \$104,400
- 11, Simone Kuhn/Lea Schwer, Switzerland, 0, \$93,100
- 12, Stephanie Pohl/Okka Rau, Germany, 0, \$77,800

### Women's Rank, Team, Points

- 1, Larissa Franca/Juliana Felisberta Silva, Brazil, 6,044
- 2, Shelda Bede/Adriana Behar, Brazil, 3,752
- 3, Jia Tian/Fei Wang, China, 3,744
- 4, Vasso Karadassiou/Vassiliki Arvaniti, Greece, 3,312
- 5, Misty May-Treanor/Kerri Walsh, United States, 3,280
- 6, Rebekka Kadijk/Merel Mooren, Netherlands, 2,836
- 7, Renata Ribeiro/Talita Antunes, Brazil, 2,672
- 8, Ana Paula Connolly/Leila Barros, Brazil, 2,592
- 9, Efthalia Koutroumanidou/Maria Tsiartsiani, Greece, 2,520
- 10, Simone Kuhn/Lea Schwer, Switzerland, 2,380
- 11, Elaine Youngs/Rachel Wacholder, United States, 2,316
- 12, Marrit Leenstra/Sanne Keizer, Netherlands, 1,934

## 2005 SWATCH-FIVB World Tour Schedule & Results

Dates	Tournament	Gender .....	Gold Medal Team/Purse
May 17-22	Cup China Jinshan Open, Shanghai	W .....	Juliana Felisberta Silva/Larissa Franca, Brazil
May 17-22	Cup China Jinshan Open, Shanghai	M.....	Christoph Dieckmann/Andreas Scheuerpflug, Germany
May 25-29	Japan Open, Osaka	W .....	Shaylyn Bedê/Ana Paula Connolly, Brazil
June 8-12	VIP Open, Zagreb, Croatia	M.....	Marcio Araujo/Fábio Magalhães, Brazil
June 8-12	Italy Open, Milan	W .....	Juliana/Larissa, Brazil
June 14-18	1to1 Energy Open, Gstaad, Switzerland	W .....	Juliana/Larissa, Brazil
June 15-19	1to1 Energy Open, Gstaad, Switzerland	M.....	Emanuel Rego/Ricardo Santos, Brazil
June 21-25	SWATCH-FIVB Worlds, Berlin, Germany	W .....	Misty May-Treanor/Kerri Walsh, United States
June 22-26	SWATCH-FIVB Worlds, Berlin, Germany	M.....	Marcio Araujo/Fábio, Brazil
June 28-July 2	ConocoPhillips Open, Stavanger, Norway	W .....	Vasso Karadassiou/Vassiliki Arvaniti, Greece
June 29-July 3	ConocoPhillips Open, Stavanger, Norway	M.....	Emanuel/Ricardo, Brazil
July 5-9	St. Petersburg Open, Russia	W .....	Juliana/Larissa, Brazil
July 6-10	St. Petersburg Open, Russia	M.....	Emanuel/Ricardo, Brazil
July 12-16	Portugal Open, Espinho	W .....	May-Treanor/Walsh, United States
July 13-17	Portugal Open, Espinho	M.....	Julius Brink/Kjell Schneider, Germany
July 20-24	Mazury Open, Stare Jablonki	M.....	Markus Egger/Martin Laciga, Switzerland
July 26-31	Beach Volleyball Paris-Ile de France Grand Slam, Paris	W .....	May-Treanor/Walsh, United States
July 26-31	Beach Volleyball Paris-Ile de France Grand Slam, Paris	M.....	Patrick Heuscher/Stefan Kobel, Switzerland
August 3-6	A1 Grand Slam presented by Nokia, Klagenfurt	W .....	May-Treanor/Walsh, United States
August 3-7	A1 Grand Slam presented by Nokia, Klagenfurt	M.....	C. Dieckmann/Scheuerpflug, Germany
August 24-28	Canada Open, Montreal	W .....	Juliana/Larissa, Brazil
August 24-28	Canada Open, Montreal	M.....	Benjamin Insfran/Harley Marques, Brazil
August 30-September 3	INFOTE Athens Open, Greece	W .....	Renata Ribeiro/Talita Antunes, Brazil
August 31-September 4	INFOTE Athens Open, Greece	M.....	Emanuel/Ricardo, Brazil
September 14-18	Indonesia Women's Open 2005, Bali	W .....	Renata/Talita, Brazil
October 18-22	Brazil Open, Salvador	W .....	May-Treanor/Walsh, United States
October 19-23	Brazil Open, Salvador	M.....	Emanuel/Ricardo, Brazil
October 25-29	Corona Acapulco Open, Acapulco	M.....	Emanuel/Ricardo, Brazil
October 26-30	Corona Acapulco Open, Acapulco	W .....	Juliana/Larissa, Brazil
November 16-20	South Africa Open, Cape Town	W .....	\$200,000
November 23-27	South Africa Open, Cape Town	M.....	\$200,000

## 2005 SWATCH-FIVB WORLD TOUR TOP SERVES

Rank	Men	Nation	Speed.....Event	Rank	Women	Nation	Speed .....Event
1	Conrad Leinemann	CAN	104.4 ..... Austria	1	Katerina Nikolaidou	GRE	83.8 ..... Greece
2	Clemens Doppler	AUT	101.6 ..... Mexico	2	Sara Goller	GER	82.0 ..... Norway
3	Julius Brink	GER	101.5 ..... Austria	2	Ana Paula Connelly	BRA	82.0 ..... Indonesia
4	Harley Marques	BRA	101.3 ..... Norway	4	Goller	GER	81.2 ..... Germany
5	Harley	BRA	101.1 ..... Canada	5	Ana Paula Connelly	BRA	81.1 ..... Austria
6	Kristjan Kais	EST	100.8 ..... Poland	6	Wang Fei	CHN	80.8 ..... Japan
7	Julius Brink	GER	100.7 ..... Portugal	6	Ana Paula	BRA	80.8 ..... Indonesia
8	Brink	GER	100.2 ..... Portugal	8	Wang Fei	CHN	80.7 ..... Japan
8	Harley	BRA	100.2 ..... Canada	9	Goller	GER	80.6 ..... Germany
10	Harley	BRA	100.1 ..... Mexico	10	Ana Paula	BRA	80.3 ..... Greece
17	Doppler	AUT	98.3 ..... Switzerland	12	Wang Fei	CHN	80.2 ..... China
23	Harley	BRA	97.4 ..... Russia	12	Ana Paula	BRA	80.2 ..... Brazil
28	Pablo Herrera	ESP	97.0 ..... France	15	Ana Paula	BRA	80.0 ..... Canada
34	Kais	EST	96.6 ..... Greece	15	Ana Paula	BRA	80.0 ..... Switzerland
49	Harley	BRA	95.6 ..... China	17	Wang Fei	CHN	79.9 ..... Italy
53	Jonas Reckermann	GER	95.2 ..... Croatia	20	Ana Paula	BRA	79.7 ..... Portugal
59	Reckermann	GER	94.8 ..... Germany	23	Ana Paula	BRA	79.5 ..... Russia
NR	Luis Maia	POR	91.1 ..... Brazil	35	Ana Paula	BRA	78.8 ..... Mexico
				77	Larissa Franca	BRA	77.6 ..... France

## SWATCH-FIVB World Tour Medals

**MEN** - Brazil 26 (9 gold, 8 silver, 9 bronze), Germany 8 (3, 3, 2), Switzerland 6 (2, 2, 2), United States 2 (0, 1, 1)

**WOMEN** - Brazil 26 (9 gold, 10 silver, 7 bronze), United States 9 (5, 2, 2), China 5 (0, 1, 4), Greece 4 (1, 2, 1), Germany 1 (0, 0, 1)

## SWATCH-FIVB World Tour "Final Fours"

**MEN** - Brazil 32, Germany 10, Switzerland 8, United States 4, Australia 1, Italy 1

**WOMEN** - Brazil 33, United States 12, China 6, Greece 5, Cuba 1, Germany 1, the Netherlands 1, Switzerland 1

## SWATCH-FIVB World Tour Most Outstanding Player Awards

**MEN** - Ricardo Santos, Brazil, 4 (Switzerland, Norway, Greece, Brazil), Christoph Dieckmann, Germany 2 (China, Austria), Emanuel Rego, Brazil 2 (Russia, Mexico), Marcio Araujo, Brazil (Portugal), Patrick Heuscher, Switzerland (France), Martin Laciga, Switzerland (Poland), Fabio Magalhaes, Brazil (Croatia), Harley Marques, Brazil (Canada), Thorston Schoen, Germany (World Championships, Germany).

**WOMEN** - Juliana Felisberta Silva, Brazil, 3 (Italy, Switzerland, Russia), Misty May-Treanor, United States, 3 (France, Austria, Brazil), Larissa Franca, Brazil, 3 (China, Canada, Mexico), Talita Antunes, Brazil (Indonesia), Vassiliki Arvaniti, Greece (Norway), Ana Paula Connelly, Brazil (Japan), Vasso Karadassiou, Greece (Greece), Thailia Koutroumanidou, Greece (Portugal), Kerri Walsh, United States (World Championships, Germany).

## 2005 SWATCH-FIVB WORLD TOUR CHALLENGER/SATELLITE LEADERS

(Through October 16, 15 men's, nine women's events)

### Rank, Men's Team, Events, Golds, Earnings, Points

1, Eugenio Amore/Riccardo Fenili, Italy, 6, 3, \$13,850, 186
2, Andrea Raffaelli/Fabio Galli, Italy, 6, 0, \$6,900, 150
3, Paulo Emilio Silva/Moises Santos, Brazil, 4, 0, \$6,200, 134
4, Simone Bendandi/Fosco Cicola, Italy, 5, 0, \$5,800, 132
5, David Wenger/Philip Gabathuler, Switzerland, 7, 0, \$6,400, 126
6, Luizao Correa/Alex Acco, Brazil, 2, 1, \$8,700, 114
7, Rodrigo Monteiro/Bruno De Paula, Brazil, 5, 2, \$8,000, 110
8, Kay Matysik/Markus Popp, Germany, 2, 1, \$5,750, 84
9, Andrea Ghiurghi/Gianni Mascagna, Italy, 5, 0, \$4,650, 82
10, Marcel Gscheidle/Jan Schneider, Switzerland, 4, 0, \$5,400, 80
11, Janis Grinbergs/Austris Stals, Latvia, 2, 0, \$3,600, 78
11, Igor Stejskal/Michal Biza, Czech Republic, 3, 0, \$3,100, 78
13, Pedro Solberg Salgado/Ian Borges, Brazil, 3, 0, \$4,700, 76
13, Jarle Huseby/Kim Hellum, Norway, 7, 0, \$2,800, 76
15, Ricardo Lione/Matteo Varnier, Italy, 2, 0, \$5,400, 72
15, Andris Krumins/Ruslas Sorokins, Latvia, 2, 0, \$5,100, 72
15, Mischa Urbatzka/Daniel Krug, Germany, 2, 0, \$3,500, 72
18, Mykola Babich/Oleg Nikolaev, Ukraine, 2, 1, \$4,950, 70
19, Brian Hiebert/Martin Reader, Canada, 4, 0, \$2,600, 66
20, Jorre Kjemperud/Tarjei Skarlund, Norway, 1, 1, \$5,000, 60
20, Para Ferreira/Jan Ferreira, Brazil, 1, 1, \$4,800, 60

### Rank, Women's Team, Events, Golds, Earnings, Points

1, Galyna Osheyko, Svitlana Baburina, Ukraine, 4, 1, \$5,300, 72
2, Lina Yanchulova, Petia Yanchulova, Bulgaria, 3, 2, \$5,300, 62
3, Mireya Kaup, Geeske Banck, Germany, 2, 0, \$3,900, 48
3, Margherita Chiavaro, Manuela Malerba, Italy, 3, 1, \$3,850, 48
5, Sara Montagnoli, Sabine Swoboda, Austria, 3, 1, \$3,650, 46
6, Morgane Faure, Virginie Sarpoux, France, 3, 0, \$2,750, 42
7, Ethel-Julie Arjona, Virginie Kadjo, France, 2, 1, \$3,500, 38
8, Simone Kuhn, Lea Schwer, Switzerland, 1, 1, \$3,400, 34
8, Gaia Cicola, Margherita Reniero, Italy, 3, 0, \$1,800, 34
8, Cristiana Parenzan, Mara Palmeri, Italy, 3, 0, \$1,800, 34
11, Sara Uddstahl, Karin Lundquist, Sweden, 2, 0, \$1,850, 28
11, Sarah Schmocker, Tanya Schmocker, Switzerland, 2, 0, \$1,350, 28
13, Sara Goller, Laura Ludwig, Germany, 1, 0, \$1,700, 26
13, Isabelle Forrer, Romana Kayser, Switzerland, 2, 0, \$1,250, 26
15, Paola Paggi, Darina Mifkova, Italy, 2, 0, \$1,300, 24
16, Monique Oliver, Denise Johns, England, 2, 0, \$1,150, 22
16, Celine Gemise Fareau, Marion Castelli, France, 2, 0, \$1,150, 22
18, Tereza Petrova, Hana Klupalova, Czech Republic, 1, 1, \$2,000, 20
18, Whenhui You, Linjun Ji, China, 1, 1, \$2,000, 20
18, Karin Trussel, Nadia Erni, Switzerland, 2, 0, \$1,100, 20
18, Roberta Marini, Cecilia Fontanella, Italy, 2, 0, \$1,000, 20
18, Kevienne Etienne, Helene Yahiel, France, 2, 0, \$950, 20
18, Catalina Pol, Julia Mandana, Spain, 2, 0, \$950, 20
18, Marie Rolfe, Rebecca Moskowitz, Canada, 3, 0, \$750, 20

## 2005 SWATCH-FIVB WORLD TOUR CHALLENGER/SATELLITE SCHEDULE & RESULTS

Dates	Tournament	Gender	Gold Medal Team/Purse
February 24-27	Thailand Satellite, Bangkok	W	Whenhui You/Linjun Ji, China
June 16-19	Finland Satellite, Turku	M	Martins Plavins/Aleksandrs Samoilous, Latvia
July 1-3	Italy Challenger, Cagliari	M	Kay Matysik/Markus Popp, Germany
July 7-10	Italy Challenger, Roseto degli Abruzzi	M	Jan Ferreira/Para, Ferreira, Brazil
July 15-17	Italy Challenger, Rimini	M	Alex Acco/Luizao Correa, Brazil
July 20-24	Morocco Satellite, Casablanca	M	Giorgio Domenghini/Diego Nota, Italy
July 22-24	France Satellite, St. Jean de Monts	M	Bruno De Paula/Rodrigo Monteiro, Brazil
July 22-24	France Satellite, St. Jean de Monts	W	Lina Yanchulova/Petia Yanchulova, Bulgaria
July 22-24	Italy Satellite, Alba Adriatica	M	Eugenio Amore/Riccardo Fenili, Italy
July 22-24	Italy Satellite, Alba Adriatica	W	Hana Klupalova/Tereza Petrova, Czech Republic
July 27-31	Ukraine Challenger, Kiev	M	Mykola Babich/Oleg Nikolaev, Ukraine
July 29-31	Italy Satellite, Palinuro	W	Svitlana Baburina/Galyna Osheyko, Ukraine
July 29-31	Italy Satellite, Palinuro	M	Amore/Fenili, Italy
August 5-7	Italy Satellite, Vasto	W	Margherita Chiavaro/Manuela Malerba, Italy
August 5-7	Italy Satellite, Vasto	M	Amore/Fenili, Italy
August 10-13	Switzerland Satellite, Lausanne	W	Simone Kuhn/Lea Schwer, Switzerland
August 11-14	Switzerland Satellite, Lausanne	M	Patrick Heuscher/Stefan Kobel, Switzerland
August 18-21	Liechtenstein Satellite, Vaduz	W	L. Yanchulova/P. Yanchulova, Bulgaria
August 18-21	Liechtenstein Satellite, Vaduz	M	Markus Egger/Martin Laciga, Switzerland
August 19-21	France Satellite, Le Lavandou	W	Ethel-Julie Arjona/Virginie Kadjo, France
August 19-21	France Satellite, Le Lavandou	M	Bruno/Rodrigo, Brazil
September 9-10	Madeira Challenge, Porto Santo	M	Jorre Kjemperud/Tarjei Skarlund, Norway
October 13-14	Argentina Satellite, Buenos Aires	W	Sara Montagnoli/Sabine Swoboda, Austria
October 13-16	Argentina Satellite, Buenos Aires	M	Emanuel Rego/Ricardo Santos, Brazil
December 27-30	Thailand Challenger, Phuket	W	\$50,000

## 2005 SWATCH-FIVB U-21 & U-19 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

### Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, September 7-11, 2005

#### Men U-21

1. Martins Plavins/Aleksandrs Samoilovs, Latvia
2. Jackson Henriquez/Jesus Villafane, Venezuela
3. Serguei Prokopiev/Yaroslav Koshkarev, Russia
4. Pedro Solberg Salgado/Tiago Santos, Brazil

#### Women U-21

1. Carolina Solberg Salgado/Camillinha Saldanha, Brazil
2. Ruth Flemig/Ilka Semmler, Germany
3. Stefanie Schwaiger/Doris Schwaiger, Austria
4. Nadine Zumkehr/Muriel Graessli, Switzerland

### Saint Quay Portrieux, France, August 3-7, 2005

#### Men U-19

1. Tine Urnaut/Nejc Zemljak, Slovenia
2. Joseph Dykstra/Mark Van Zwieten, United States
3. Grzegorz Fijalek/Michal Matyja, Poland
4. Jonathan Erdmann/Stefan Windscheif, Germany

#### Women U-19

1. Barbra Figueiredo/Carolina Aragao, Brazil
2. Katarzyna Urban/Joanna Wiatr, Poland
3. Florentina Buttner/Julia Sude, Germany
4. Veronika Opravilova/Marketa Slukova, Czech Republic

## 2005 SWATCH-FIVB World Tour Women's Final Four

### China - Shanghai (5/17-21, \$200,000)

1. Juliana Felisberta Silva/Larissa Franca, BRAZIL, \$32,000
2. Shelda Bedê/Adriana Behar, BRAZIL, \$22,000
3. Shaylyn Bedê/Ana Paula Connolly, BRAZIL, \$16,000
4. Tian Jia/Wang Fei, CHINA, \$12,000

**Gold** - Juliana/Larissa def. Shelda/Adriana, 21-15, 21-18 (46 minutes)

**Bronze** - Shaylyn/Ana Paula def. Tian Jia/Wang Fei, 21-17, 23-21 (46)

**SWATCH Most Outstanding Player** - Larissa

**SWATCH FASTEST SERVE** - Wang Fei, 80.2 km/h

### Japan - Osaka (5/25-29, \$200,000)

1. Shaylyn/Ana Paula, BRAZIL, \$32,000
2. Juliana/Larissa, BRAZIL, \$22,000
3. Shelda/Adriana, BRAZIL, \$16,000
4. Simone Kuhn/Lea Schwer, SWITZERLAND, \$12,000

**Gold** - Shaylyn/Ana Paula def. Juliana/Larissa, 19-21, 21-17, 15-10 (54)

**Bronze** - Shelda/Adriana def. Kuhn/Schwer, 21-11, 21-13 (37)

**SWATCH MOP** - Ana Paula

**SWATCH SERVE** - Wang Fei, 80.8 km/h

### Italy - Milan (6/8-12, \$200,000)

1. Juliana/Larissa, BRAZIL, \$32,000
2. Vassiliki Karadassiou/Vassiliki Arvaniti, GREECE, \$16,000
3. Stephanie Pohl/Okka Rau, GERMANY, \$16,000
4. Shelda/Adriana, BRAZIL, \$12,000

**Gold** - Juliana/Larissa def. Karadassiou/Arvaniti, 25-23, 21-16 (49)

**Bronze** - Pohl/Rau def. Shelda/Adriana, 24-22, 24-22 (46)

**SWATCH MOP** - Juliana

**SWATCH SERVE** - Wang Fei, 79.9, km/h

### Switzerland - Gstaad (6/14-18, \$200,000)

1. Juliana/Larissa, BRAZIL, \$22,000
2. Tian Jia/Wang Fei, CHINA, \$22,000
3. Shelda/Adriana, BRAZIL, \$12,000
4. Ana Paula/Leila Barros, Brazil, \$12,000

**Gold** - Juliana/Larissa def. Tian Jia/Wang Fei, 17-21, 21-15, 15-8 (57)

**Bronze** - Shelda/Adriana def. Ana Paula/Leila, 21-12, 21-16 (40)

**SWATCH MOP** - Juliana

**SWATCH SERVE** - Ana Paula, 80.0 km/h

### World Championships, Germany - Berlin (6/21-25, \$500,000)

1. Misty May-Treanor/Kerri Walsh, United States, \$60,000
2. Juliana/Larissa, BRAZIL, \$45,000
3. Tian Jia/Wang Fei, CHINA, \$36,000
4. Dalixia Fernandez Grasset/Tamara Larrea Peraza, CUBA, \$26,000

**Gold** - May-Treanor/Walsh def. Juliana/Larissa, 21-17, 21-17 (40)

**Bronze** - Tian Jia/Wang Fei def. Fernandez Grasset/Larrea Peraza, 21-13, 21-17 (40)

**SWATCH MOP** - Walsh

**SWATCH SERVE** - Sara Goller, Germany, 81.2 km/h

### Norway - Stavanger (6/28-7/2, \$280,000)

1. Karadassiou/Arvaniti, GREECE, \$41,500
2. Juliana/Larissa, BRAZIL, \$27,500
3. Tian Jia/Wang Fei, CHINA, \$21,500
4. Shelda/Adriana, BRAZIL, \$16,900

**Gold** - Karadassiou/Arvaniti def. Juliana/Larissa, 12-21, 21-16, 15-10 (51)

**Bronze** - Tian Jia/Wang Fei def. Shelda/Adriana, 21-16, 21-10 (41)

**SWATCH MOP** - Arvaniti

**SWATCH SERVE** - Goller, Germany, 82.0 km/h

### Russia - St. Petersburg (7/5-9, \$200,000)

1. Juliana/Larissa, BRAZIL, \$32,000
2. Renata Ribeiro/Talita Antunes Rocha, BRAZIL, \$22,000
3. Leila/Ana Paula, BRAZIL, \$16,000
4. Agatha Bednarczuk/Sandra Pires, BRAZIL, \$12,000

**Gold** - Juliana/Larissa def. Renata/Talita, 26-24, 21-14 (47)

**Bronze** - Leila/Ana Paula def. Agatha/Sandra, 21-14, 21-19 (40)

**SWATCH MOP** - Juliana

**SWATCH SERVE** - Ana Paula, 79.5 km/h

### Portugal - Espinho (7/12-16, \$200,000)

1. May-Treanor/Walsh, UNITED STATES, \$32,000
2. Thalia Koutroumanidou/Maria Tsiartsiani, GREECE, 22,000
3. Juliana/Larissa, BRAZIL, \$16,000
4. Rachel Wacholder/Elaine Youngs, USA, \$12,000

**Gold** - May/Walsh def. Koutroumanidou/Tsiartsiani, 21-12, 21-13 (34)

**Bronze** - Juliana/Larissa def. Wacholder/Youngs, 17-21, 22-20, 15-7 (60)

**SWATCH MOP** - Koutroumanidou

**SWATCH SERVE** - Ana Paula, 79.7 km/h

### France - Paris (7/26-30, \$280,000)

1. May-Treanor/Walsh, UNITED STATES, \$27,500
2. Juliana/Larissa, BRAZIL, \$27,500
3. Tian Jia/Wang Fei, CHINA, \$21,500
4. Wacholder/Youngs, UNITED STATES, \$16,900

**Gold** - May-Treanor/Walsh def. Juliana/Larissa, 21-17, 21-15 (46)

**Bronze** - Tian Jia/Wang Fei def. Wacholder/Youngs, 23-21, 21-17 (51)

**SWATCH MOP** - May-Treanor

**SWATCH SERVE** - Larissa, 77.6 km/h

### Austria - Klagenfurt (8/3-6, \$280,000)

1. May-Treanor/Walsh, UNITED STATES, \$27,500
2. Wacholder/Youngs, UNITED STATES, \$16,900
3. Tian Jia/Wang Fei, CHINA, \$16,900
4. Adriana/Shaylyn, BRAZIL, \$16,900

**Gold** - May-Treanor/Walsh def. Wacholder/Youngs, 21-17, 21-12 (35)

**Bronze** - Tian Jia/Wang Fei def. Adriana/Shaylyn, 21-23, 21-18, 15-12 (68)

**SWATCH MOP** - May-Treanor

**SWATCH SERVE** - Ana Paula, 81.1 km/h

### Canada - Montreal (8/24-28, \$200,000)

1. Juliana/Larissa, BRAZIL, \$32,000
2. Renata/Talita, BRAZIL, \$22,000
3. Adriana/Shelda, BRAZIL, \$16,000
4. Sanne Keizer/Marrit Leenstra, NETHERLANDS, \$12,000

**Gold** - Juliana/Larissa def. Renata/Talita, 21-9, 21-10 (44)

**Bronze** - Adriana/Shelda def. Keizer/Leenstra, 21-15, 21-14 (46)

**SWATCH MOP** - Larissa

**SWATCH SERVE** - Ana Paula, 80.0 km/h

### Greece - Athens (8/30-9/3, \$200,000)

1. Renata/Talita, BRAZIL, \$32,000
2. Juliana/Larissa, BRAZIL, \$22,000
3. Adriana/Shelda, BRAZIL, \$16,000
4. Karadassiou/Arvaniti, GREECE, \$12,000

**Gold** - Renata/Talita def. Juliana/Larissa, 18-21, 21-16, 17-15 (56)

**Bronze** - Adriana/Shelda def. Karadassiou/Arvaniti, 21-18, 24-26, 15-11 (68)

**SWATCH MOP** - Vasso Karadassiou, Greece

**SWATCH SERVE** - Katerina Nikolaidou, Greece, 83.8 km/h

### Indonesia - Bali (9/14-18, \$200,000)

1. Renata/Talita, BRAZIL, \$32,000
2. Adriana/Shelda, BRAZIL, \$22,000
3. Koutroumanidou/Tsiartsiani, GREECE, \$16,000
4. Leila/Ana Paula, BRAZIL, \$12,000

**Gold** - Renata/Talita def. Adriana/Shelda, 21-19, 27-25 (56)

**Bronze** - Koutroumanidou/Tsiartsiani def. Leila/Ana Paula, 21-17, 17-21, 15-13 (54)

**SWATCH MOP** - Talita

**SWATCH SERVE** - Ana Paula, 82.0 km/h

### Brazil - Salvador (10/18-22, \$200,000)

1. May-Treanor/Walsh, UNITED STATES, \$32,000
2. Juliana/Larissa, BRAZIL, \$22,000
3. Wacholder/Youngs, UNITED STATES, \$16,000
4. Renata/Talita, BRAZIL, \$12,000

**Gold** - May-Treanor/Walsh def. Larissa/Juliana, 16-21, 21-18, 15-12 (58)

**Bronze** - Wacholder/Youngs def. Renata/Leila, 21-18, 21-15 (58)

**SWATCH MOP** - May

**SWATCH SERVE** - Ana Paula, 90.2.0 km/h

### Mexico - Acapulco (10/26-30, \$200,000)

1. Juliana/Larissa, BRAZIL, \$32,000
2. May-Treanor/Walsh, UNITED STATES, \$32,000
3. Wacholder/Youngs, UNITED STATES, \$16,000
4. Jennifer Kessy/Nancy Mason, UNITED STATES, \$12,000

**Gold** - Juliana/Larissa def. May/Walsh, 28-26, 40-42, 15-13 (100)

**Bronze** - Wacholder/Youngs def. Kessy/Mason, 21-16, 24-22 (52)

**SWATCH MOP** - Larissa

**SWATCH SERVE** - Ana Paula, 78.8 km/h

**2005 SWATCH-FIVB World Tour Men's Final Four****China - Shanghai (5/18-22, \$200,000)**

1. Andreas Scheuerpflug/Christoph Dieckmann, GERMANY, \$32,000
2. Emanuel Rego/Ricardo Santos, BRAZIL, \$22,000
3. Markus Egger/Martin Laciga, SWITZERLAND, \$16,000
4. Benjamin Insfran/Harley Marques, BRAZIL, \$12,000

**Gold** - C. Dieckmann/Scheuerpflug def. Emanuel/Ricardo, 21-18, 15-21, 16-14 (56 minutes)

**Bronze** - Egger/Laciga def. Benjamin/Harley, 16-21, 24-22, 15-10 (63)

**SWATCH Most Outstanding Player** - C. Dieckmann

**SWATCH FASTEST SERVE** - Harley, Brazil, 95.6 km/h

**Croatia - Zagreb (6/8-12, \$200,000)**

1. Marcio Araujo/Fábio Magalhães, BRAZIL, \$32,000
2. Markus Dieckmann/Jonas Reckermann, GERMANY, \$22,000
3. Emanuel/Ricardo, BRAZIL, \$22,000
4. Benjamin/Harley, BRAZIL, \$12,000

**Gold** - Marcio Araujo/Fábio def. M. Dieckmann/Reckermann, 21-17, 21-17 (48)

**Bronze** - Emanuel/Ricardo def. Benjamin/Harley, 15-21, 21-18, 15-10 (48)

**SWATCH MOP** - Fábio

**SWATCH SERVE** - Reckermann, 95.2 km/h

**Switzerland - Gstaad (6/15-19, \$200,000)**

1. Emanuel/Ricardo, BRAZIL, \$32,000
2. Benjamin/Harley, BRAZIL, \$22,000
3. Marcio Araujo/Fábio, BRAZIL, \$16,000
4. Franco Neto/Tande Ramos, BRAZIL, \$12,000

**Gold** - Emanuel/Ricardo def. Benjamin/Harley, 21-19, 21-13 (44)

**Bronze** - Marcio Araujo/Fábio won by forfeit over Franco/Tande

**SWATCH MOP** - Ricardo

**SWATCH SERVE** - Clemens Doppler, Austria, 98.3 km/h

**World Championships, Germany - Berlin (6/22-26, \$500,000)**

1. Marcio Araujo/Fábio, BRAZIL, \$62,000
2. Sascha Heyer/Paul Laciga, SWITZERLAND, \$45,000
3. Julius Brink/Kjell Schneider, GERMANY, \$36,000
4. Marvin Polte/Thorsten Schoen, GERMANY, \$26,000

**Gold** - Marcio Araujo/Fábio def. Heyer/P. Laciga, 22-20, 21-12 (42)

**Bronze** - Brink/Schneider def. Polte/Schoen, 16-21, 21-17, 15-10 (65)

**SWATCH MOP** - Schoen

**SWATCH SERVE** - Reckermann, Germany, 94.9 km/h

**Norway - Stavanger (6/29-7/3, \$280,000)**

1. Emanuel/Ricardo, BRAZIL, \$41,500
2. Benjamin/Harley, BRAZIL, \$27,500
3. Patrick Heuscher/Stefan Kobel, SWITZERLAND, \$21,500
4. M. Dieckmann/Reckermann, GERMANY, \$16,900

**Gold** - Emanuel/Ricardo def. Benjamin/Harley, 21-16, 21-19 (48)

**Bronze** - Heuscher/Kobel by forfeit over M. Dieckmann/Reckermann

**SWATCH MOP** - Ricardo

**SWATCH SERVE** - Harley, 101.3 km/h

**Russia - St. Petersburg (7/6-10, \$200,000)**

1. Emanuel/Ricardo, BRAZIL, \$32,000
2. Marcio Araujo/Fábio, BRAZIL, \$22,000
3. Franco/Tande, BRAZIL, \$16,000
4. Benjamin/Harley, BRAZIL, \$12,000

**Gold** - Emanuel/Ricardo def. Marcio/Fábio, 21-19, 22-24, 18-16 (72)

**Bronze** - Franco/Tande def. Benjamin/Harley, 21-10, 21-16 (48)

**SWATCH MOP** - Emanuel

**SWATCH SERVE** - Harley, 97.4 km/h

**Portugal - Espinho (7/13-17, \$200,000)**

1. Brink/Schneider, GERMANY, \$32,000
2. M. Dieckmann/Reckermann, GERMANY, \$22,000
3. Marcio Araujo/Fábio, BRAZIL, \$16,000
4. Todd Rogers/Sean Scott, UNITED STATES, \$12,000

**Gold** - Brink/Schneider def. M. Dieckmann/Reckermann, 25-27, 21-19, 15-12 (70)

**Bronze** - Marcio Araujo/Fábio def. Rogers/Scott, 21-12, 21-17 (49)

**SWATCH MOP** - Marcio Araujo

**SWATCH SERVE** - Brink, 100.7 Km/h

**Poland - Stare Jablonki (7/20-24, \$200,000)**

1. Egger/M. Laciga, SWITZERLAND, \$32,000
2. M. Dieckmann/Reckermann, GERMANY, \$22,000
3. Emanuel/Ricardo, BRAZIL, \$16,000
4. Franco/Tande, BRAZIL, \$12,000

**Gold** - Egger/M. Laciga def. Dieckmann/Reckermann, 21-19, 21-15 (46)

**Bronze** - Emanuel/Ricardo def. Franco/Tande, 21-17, 21-17 (45)

**SWATCH MOP** - Laciga

**SWATCH SERVE** - Kristjan Kais, Estonia, 100.8 Km/h

**France - Paris (7/27-31, \$280,000)**

1. Heuscher/Kobel, SWITZERLAND, \$41,500
2. Jake Gibb/Stein Metzger, UNITED STATES, \$27,500
3. Brink/Schneider, GERMANY, \$21,900
4. Heyer/P. Laciga, SWITZERLAND, \$16,900

**Gold** - Heuscher/Kobel def. Gibb/Metzger, 21-14, 21-16 (41)

**Bronze** - Brink/Schneider def. Heyer/P. Laciga, 21-17, 21-17 (43)

**SWATCH MOP** - Heuscher

**SWATCH SERVE** - Pablo Herrera, Spain, 97.0 km/h

**Austria - Klagenfurt (8/3-7, \$280,000)**

1. Scheuerpflug/C. Dieckmann, GERMANY, \$41,500
2. Emanuel/Ricardo, BRAZIL, \$27,500
3. Marcio Araujo/Fábio, BRAZIL, \$21,500
4. Rogers/Scott, UNITED STATES, \$16,900

**Gold** - C. Dieckmann/Scheuerpflug def. Emanuel/Ricardo, 21-19, 21-13 (42)

**Bronze** - Marcio Araujo/Fábio def. Rogers/Scott, 21-15, 21-15 (44)

**SWATCH MOP** - C. Dieckmann

**SWATCH SERVE** - Conrad Leinemann, Canada, 104.4 km/h

**Canada - Montreal (8/24-28, \$200,000)**

1. Benjamin/Harley, BRAZIL, \$32,000
2. Marcio Araujo/Fábio, BRAZIL, \$22,000
3. Emanuel/Ricardo, BRAZIL, \$16,000
4. Pedro Cunha/Franco, BRAZIL, \$12,000

**Gold** - Benjamin/Harley def. Marcio Araujo/Fábio, 16-21, 21-17, 18-16 (71)

**Bronze** - Emanuel/Ricardo def. Cunha/Franco, 21-14, 21-19 (47)

**SWATCH MOP** - Harley

**SWATCH SERVE** - Harley, 101.1 km/h

**Greece - Athens (8/31-9/4, \$200,000)**

1. Emanuel/Ricardo, BRAZIL, \$32,000
2. Egger/M. Laciga, SWITZERLAND, \$22,000
3. Benjamin/Harley, BRAZIL, \$16,000
4. Andrew Schacht/Joshua Slack, AUSTRALIA, \$12,000

**Gold** - Emanuel/Ricardo def. Egger/M. Laciga, 21-14, 26-24 (43)

**Bronze** - Benjamin/Harley def. Schacht/Slack, 24-22, 21-19 (59)

**SWATCH MOP** - Ricardo

**SWATCH SERVE** - Kais, Estonia, 96.6 km/h

**Brazil - Salvador (10/19-23, \$200,000)**

1. Emanuel/Ricardo, BRAZIL, \$32,000
2. Marcio Araujo/Fábio, BRAZIL, \$22,000
3. Gibb/Metzger, UNITED STATES, \$16,000
4. Egger/M. Laciga, SWITZERLAND, \$12,000

**Gold** - Emanuel/Ricardo def. Marcio Araujo/Fábio, 19-21, 21-16, 15-13 (69)

**Bronze** - Gibb/Metzger def. Egger/M. Laciga, 17-21, 13-21, 16-14 (71)

**SWATCH MOP** - Ricardo

**SWATCH SERVE** - Luis Maia, Portugal, 91.1 km/h

**Mexico - Acapulco (10/25-29, \$200,000)**

1. Emanuel/Ricardo, BRAZIL, \$32,000
2. Pedro Cunha/Franco, BRAZIL, \$22,000
3. Benjamin/Harley, BRAZIL, \$16,000
4. Ricardo Lione/Matteo Varnier, ITALY, \$12,000

**Gold** - Emanuel/Ricardo def. Cunha/Franco, 21-12, 21-19 (42)

**Bronze** - Benjamin/Harley def. Lione/Varnier, 21-19, 21-19 (55)

**SWATCH MOP** - Emanuel

**SWATCH SERVE** - Clemens Doppler, Austria, 101.6 km/h.

**FIVB Beach Volleyball World Council Concludes Annual Meeting**

**Lausanne, Switzerland, October 7** - The FIVB Beach Volleyball World Council concluded their annual meetings here Friday with the FIVB joining with event organizers and players to continue to develop the sport throughout the world along with looking to the future starting with the approval of the 2006 schedule.

“The FIVB has shown itself to be stronger than ever. The Beach Volleyball World Council made several important decisions that will benefit all parties, including players, promoters, National Volleyball Federations and consultants. We are very proud to be part of a structure, having a constituency made of our affiliated National Volleyball Federations,” said FIVB President Acosta.

The SWATCH-FIVB World Tour 2006 calendar was approved with 31 events on five continents, including the Grand Slams (France, Norway and Austria). The 2006 SWATCH-FIVB World Tour will feature nearly US\$7-million in total prize money.

Development of National Tours will also receive special attention to further establish the sport. In line with the growth plan, a development plan for National Tours will be presented at the next World Congress in Japan in November 2006. The World Council also decided the following:

- To announce the 2006 official calendar and tentative 2007 and 2008 calendars in order to better promote the events. It was also recommended to balance the number of Grand Slam events over the 2007 and 2008 Olympic qualification period.
- To adopt a revised players' agreement for the 2006-2008 period in response to the need of granting all players the same benefits and requiring them to participate in a minimum of eight events within a season in order to receive FIVB benefits.
- To test on the occasion of the last 2005 SWATCH-FIVB World Tour Open events in South Africa a competition format featuring eight pools of four pairs each and a 24-team single elimination bracket to consider applying the format for the 2006 Grand Slam and 2007 World Championships. This system aims to better enhance the television appeal of the matches by knowing well in advance the competition schedule. All Opens will continue to use the double elimination system.
- That the World Ranking will incorporate the Challenger and Satellite tournaments for entry purposes.
- To introduce a new and appealing top for the men in 2006, and if the promoters agree, to not use the men's top. The athletes committed also to make a proposal on the ideal uniforms for them.
- To test a new rule concerning allowing the touch of the net if the touch does not interfere with the game.
- To definitely reject coaching on the field of play after having carried out a test this past September in Athens and at the SWATCH-FIVB U-21 World Championships in Rio de Janeiro.