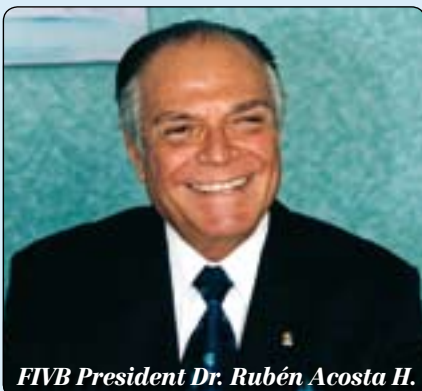


## FIVB Board of Administration generates exciting plans for future

### Rule changes for a fast-growing sport

Three pages of this World Volley News April issue are dedicated to a summary of the main points of the FIVB Board



FIVB President Dr. Rubén Acosta H.

of Administration in March. Even the abridged version of events is rather wide-ranging so one can easily imagine the lengthy discussions and interesting work that emanated from the three-day session, which was hosted for the first time in our new Boardroom equipped with state-of-the-art technology.

Since we were faced with so many important decisions over the future of our sport, it was decided to have another meeting. Thus, the FIVB Board of Administration will come together for a second session this year on May 12 here in Lausanne in order to prepare all the working files for the 31st FIVB World Congress in Dubai on June 16 and 17.

From the main topics discussed at the March meeting, the media world was extremely interested in the new ball for Volleyball, which will be used for the very first time at the Olympic Games in Beijing. Other big stories in the newspapers and on the web focused on a solution for Clubs and the use of players with International Transfer Certificates.

The Board will continue discussing this point in May to find the best solution for developing our sport and helping all the young players of each National Federation find their place on the Volleyball court.

Dr. Rubén Acosta H.  
FIVB President

The FIVB Board of Administration looked towards a bright future for Volleyball after a number of progressive proposals and presentations at the 2008 Board in March, with all decisions made during the working session to be forwarded for approval at the 31st FIVB World Congress in Dubai on June 16-17, 2008.

FIVB President Dr. Rubén Acosta welcomed all Members to the new technologically state-of-the-art Boardroom in Lausanne where they discussed a range of topics including how to increase the number of local players in leagues, successful Anti-Doping controls, a new Mikasa ball for the Olympic Games and dates and places of future events.

### Club players coming from other National Federations

The Board discussed how to increase the number of local players playing for each Club in order to protect the identity and culture of each country. The ultimate goal for the Board is to have nine local players and three players coming from other National Federations, allowing two players simultaneously on court at any one time for each Club.

The Board agreed to increase gradually the number of local players in each Club.

For the 2008/2009 season a maximum of two players coming from other National Federations will be allowed simultaneously on court for each Club. For the 2009/2010 season the Clubs will be allowed to register players coming from other National Federations, permitting the participation of two players coming from other National federations on court at the same time.

For the 2010/2011 season and on, nine local players and three players coming from other National Federations will be allowed to be registered per Club, allowing only two players coming from other



The FIVB Board of Administration convenes in new Boardroom in March

National Federations, simultaneously, on the court at the same time.

*"We have a full understanding of the European laws, but we believe that sport is not a matter of labour," said Dr. Acosta. "The FIVB and CEV have agreed upon and will continue to determine how to best implement this plan in Europe, and will be ready to provide information upon request by the European Union."*

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The FIVB will not sanction future transfer activities and a Club will not be able to engage players coming from other National Federations if they ignore this ruling.

### Sanctions for Clubs

It was proposed and approved that if a club either does not pay a player's salary or refuses to pay a player who is representing his/her country in the National Team during an FIVB competition, then the FIVB will not sanction the Club's future transfer activity, meaning the Club will not be able to engage players coming from other National Federations.

The National Federations themselves will be responsible for the follow-up of these rulings and for stopping the actions of a Club disbanding and reforming in order to circumvent the sanctions.

### Successful Anti-Doping controls

It was reported that there were no positive doping cases at all in 2007 among the 39 tests for Men and 31 tests for Women and no positive cases in the following World Championships: Men's Junior in Morocco, Women's Junior in Thailand, Boys' Youth in Mexico.

There were 56 out-of-competition tests by the World Anti-Doping Agency on Volleyball and Beach Volleyball athletes. On the Beach Volleyball FIVB World Tour, there were 146 samples taken with only one positive result but there was no fault or negligence on the part of the player and thus no suspension. The overall percentage of positive cases in testing for use

of performance-enhancing drugs throughout the Volleyball world was less than 1 percent (one of the lowest percentages in sport).

### New ball for the Olympic Games

A newly designed ball, with the same weight, pressure and dimensions but with a revamped technical composition that includes indentations on the surface, has been approved for use for the very first time at the Beijing Olympic Games. It was also approved to continue to test lower ball pressures (in Serbia, Brazil, China, Japan) to help increase the length of rallies, especially in the Men's game, by bettering players' ball control.



### Development Centres

The Commission reported on Centres in Senegal, Sudan, Tunisia, Bahrain, India, Thailand, Barbados, Dominican Republic, Venezuela, Indonesia and new Development Centres in Argentina, South Africa and Nigeria. It was approved that every National Federation will be required to establish a Development Centre and then obtain FIVB recognition for the Centre.

fer Certificate (ITC) approved by both Federations and duly authorized by the FIVB.

4. Starting from the season 2008/2009 only two players possessing an ITC may play on court at the same time.
5. Only for the 2008/2009 and 2009/2010 seasons the NF concerned may authorize on court one more player with ITC.
6. Clubs exceeding the limit of ITC players on court are liable to sanctions by the NF and, in case of serious breaches denounced to the FIVB, the Club may be declared not eligible to take part in International competitions and ultimately not eligible to register players with an ITC.
7. Starting from the season 2008/2009 ITCs will be valid only for one single season.

During its next meeting on May 12, the FIVB Board will discuss the need to determine a limited number of ITCs per Club.

The Board of Administration gathers



### New Media

The new official FIVB website ([www.fivb.org](http://www.fivb.org)) is to be launched in June 2008, with fan interaction to be enhanced in all FIVB marketing projects. The website will be revamped to include a medical and anti-doping information section with educational tools for players.

A new section for referees will be set up, including all the signals for Volleyball. The 2010 FIVB World Championships, to be held in Japan for Women and Italy for Men, will have a special section on the website with a host of information for National Federations and Volleyball fans. A new program for FIVB merchandise also was announced and is now being studied.

The FIVB will provide highlights at the end of each event and will announce their availability to the major video news agencies and will study the possibility of selling these highlights to the open market.

### Elective Congress

The Board approved by consensus to move the Elective Congress to the year of the Olympic Games, two of the reasons being to avoid conflict during the FIVB World Championships between outgoing and incoming officials and to avoid the potential changing of rules during the Olympic period. The Board also approved to propose to the Congress to extend by two years the mandate of all the current Board and Commissions' Members. Other essential points related to election will be discussed during the next Board of Administration in May.

The Board also approved the forwarding of proposed changes to the CEV Constitution to the World Congress.

### Rules of the game

Proposals were advanced for new Volleyball rules. The World Congress will vote if players can make contact with the opponent's court with any part of the body above the feet, and whether contact with the net is only a fault if it interferes with play (it is a fault if the players hit the top band of the net while playing or attempting to play the ball).

### Implementation of the 2008 Board decisions about Clubs

The FIVB Board of Administration's decision is aimed at supporting the development of young local players which contributes to the cultural identity through Sport.

In order to properly implement the FIVB Board of Administration decision concerning players licensed by an affiliated National Federation and playing abroad with an FIVB International Transfer Certificate (ITC), the FIVB Secretariat will process the ITC requests in accordance with the following principles.

1. Only National Federations may determine the composition of clubs playing in its recognized National Leagues.
2. National Leagues are supposed to be composed of Clubs with players having the same nationality and operate in accordance with the decisions of the corresponding National Federation.
3. Players who have another Federation of Origin may be registered only if they possess an International Trans-

**Chad**

The FIVB Board acknowledged the Chad Federation President's decision to take the Federation out of the Olympic Movement by dropping its affiliation to FIVB. Notwithstanding, the Board granted to Chad's Volleyball teams and players the opportunity to rejoin the FIVB before the 31st FIVB World Congress in Dubai on June 16. The National Olympic Committee of Chad has been notified.

**31st FIVB World Congress in Dubai**

A status report from Dubai was presented stating it will be the most successful FIVB World Congress ever. Visas have been guaranteed for delegates registered by the FIVB in due time.

**Asian Schools' Projects**

FIVB Board Member Mrs. Rita Subowo, announced the start of initial construction in Thailand in five provinces as part of a 3 million USD project after the tsunami tragedy in Asia. Construction sites were visited by FIVB and Mondo and it was estimated that the first schools with Volleyball courts will be ready in April.

**Accounts report and balance sheet**

The FIVB made a complete reorganisation of its accounts and is ready to follow new requirements of Swiss accounting practices, managing budgets in the most accurate way.

The external audit conducted by Ernst & Young confirmed the healthy financial situation of the FIVB.

**Investments**

Mr. Ary Graça, President of the Investment Committee, presented the results of the investment plan previously decided by the Commission, using three different banks to manage the FIVB portfolio with impressive results.

**Donation to FIVB**

The Board accepted and were appreciative of the donation by Madame Malú Acosta and her family of antique furniture of incalculable value to the FIVB Headquarters and recommended allocating a plaque in the building indicating the name of the donor and details to recognise this kind act.

**World Championships 2010 in Italy and Japan**

A total of 200 teams are expected to take part in the 2010 FIVB World Championships compared to 174 countries in 2006. The 10 host cities for the Men's World Championships 2010 in Italy (September 23 to October 10), yet to be approved by the FIVB, are Ancona, Reggio Calabria, Catania, Florence, Rome, Milan, Turin, Verona, Modena, Trieste. The 15 venues presented to host the Women's World

Championships 2010 in Japan (October 29 to November 14), still to be approved, are in the cities of Fukuoka, Kobe, Hiroshima, Osaka, Nagoya, Nagano, Sapporo, Saitama, Kawasaki, Hamamatsu and Tokyo.

**Beach Volleyball**

There were 1,294 hours of international live television coverage in 177 countries of the 2007 SWATCH FIVB World Tour, with 500,000 on-site spectators and 63 countries participating.

The TV audience grew by 350 percent from the previous year. The 2008 season is set to be the best ever, with a record number of events. Beach Volleyball during the Olympic Games in Beijing is set to be a sell-out after an excellent test event in 2007.

The Board approved a new stand-alone tournament (like the FIVB World Cup for Volleyball) to be organised to qualify six pairs for the 2012 London Olympic Games.

**World League**

It was reported that the total attendance for the 2007 FIVB World League was 637,000 fans, with 2,244 hours of TV coverage and more than 1 billion TV viewers for the Finals, with 757 hours of live TV coverage. The FIVB World League Finals in Rio will be from July 23-27. From 2009, countries that have the lowest attendances will be replaced.

**World Grand Prix**

Spectators totalling 334,975 in 2007 were reported. Final Round attendance improved in 2007 from 2006. There were 500 hours of first-run TV coverage, 498.65 million potential TV households.

**World Grand Champions Cup 2009**

The FIVB World Grand Champions Cup 2009 in Japan has been confirmed for November 10-15 for Women and November 18-23 for Men.

**Junior and Youth World Championships 2009**

It was approved to host the events as follows: Junior Men's: July 8-19, France; Junior Women's: July 22 to August 2, Mexico; Girls' Youth: August 5-16, India; Boys' Youth: August 19-30, Italy.

**Singapore 2010 Youth Olympics**

The Board agreed to propose that the Boys' and Girls' tournaments both be Under-18 events, with players born after January 1, 1992.

**Club World Championships**

Requests from Qatar and United Arab Emirates to host the Club World Championships in 2009 or 2010 were approved. Negotiations with the two countries will start immediately.

**Gumel named Executive Vice-President; France's Blain chosen as Coaching Commission President**

The FIVB Executive Committee nominated Mr. Habu Ahmed Gumel as Executive Vice-President to replace the outgoing Mr. Yuri Chesnokov, while France's Head Coach Mr. Philippe Blain replaces the Russian as FIVB Coaching Commission President.



Nigeria Olympic Committee and Nigeria Volleyball Federation President Gumel, a 58-year engineer from Jigawa State, studied in Kiev, Russia, before beginning a career in

engineering and a successful alternate career in sport organization. Already a member of the FIVB Board of Administration, he was chosen as FIVB Executive Vice-President during the annual FIVB Board in March.

Gumel's appointment came after the Board showed their appreciation for Chesnokov, who attended his first FIVB Board in 1975. *"The longest applause I've ever heard in the Board of Administration,"* said Dr. Acosta after the tribute to Chesnokov.

Chesnokov was first elected FIVB Vice-President in 1976. He has been President of the Rules of the Game Commission, Sports Organizing Committee and Coaching Commission in his time with the FIVB.

Blain, named France's Head Coach in 2001, also enjoyed a successful playing career. He played 340 times for the French National Team from 1980 to 1991 and was elected MVP at the 1986 FIVB World Championships and 1987 European Championships.



Philippe Blain.  
Above, Habu Ahmed Gumel

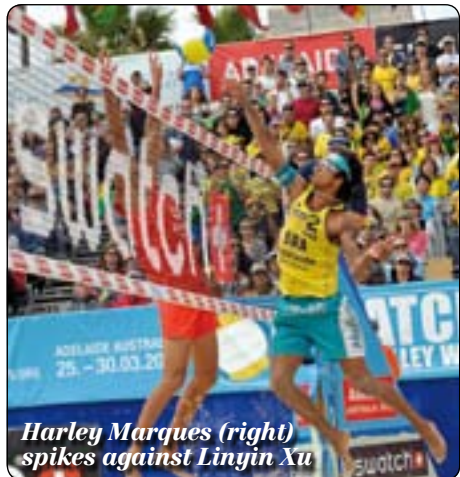
BEACH VOLLEYBALL MEN & WOMEN

### 2008 SWATCH FIVB World Tour Brazilians sweep season-openers in Adelaide

**Juliana Felisberta Silva and Larissa Franca remained "perfect" in 2008 as the young Brazilian Beach Volleyball players captured the season-opening event on the SWATCH FIVB World Tour Women's calendar by defeating compatriots Talita Antunes and Renata Ribeiro in the finals of the USD 350,000 Adelaide Australia Open on Glenelg Beach.**

The top-seeded Juliana and Larissa travelled to the South Australian capital with a "perfect" 20-0 match record from the Brazilian domestic tour and four titles and left with a SWATCH FIVB World Tour gold medal and a 6-0 mark.

Juliana and Larissa defeated the fifth-seeded Talita and Renata 21-13, 18-21



Harley Marques (right) spikes against Linyin Xu

and 15-12 in 57 minutes to share the USD 28,000 first-place prize and claim their 20th SWATCH FIVB World Tour gold medal to rank third on the all-time Women's international list. Brazilians Adriana Behar/Shelda Bede and Americans Misty May-Treanor/Kerri Walsh are currently tied atop the list with 31 titles each.

Meanwhile, Brazilian Men's team Harley Marques and Pedro Salgado won their fourth SWATCH FIVB World Tour gold medal at the inaugural Adelaide Australia Open to spoil China's first-ever appearance in a Men's international Beach Volleyball finale.

Before a near-capacity crowd of 3,000 fans on the Moseley Square centre court, the fourth-seeded Harley and Salgado scored a 23-21 and 21-12 win in 39 minutes over seventh-seeded Penggen Wu and Linyin Xu of China to share the USD 28,000 first-place prize. Wu and Xu shared USD 19,500.

*"The Chinese played great, but we were just a little better today,"* said the 22-year old Salgado. *"I don't know if our experience in finals helped us, but anytime you play for first place in any activity you expect to produce your best. This was a big win for us."*

For the second-straight season, Harley and Salgado captured a SWATCH FIVB opener as the Brazilians won the first event in 2007 in Shanghai, China. Before

finishing ninth in the 2007 season finale in Fortaleza, Brazil, Harley and Salgado captured titles in Finland and Russia.

*"In addition to winning all of our matches, this was a great weekend for us to make up some ground on Marcio Araujo and Fabio in a quest for a berth in the Olympics in Beijing,"* added the 33-year Harley after winning his seventh SWATCH FIVB World Tour gold medal in 11 seasons on the international tour. Harley was also named the SWATCH most outstanding player for the event.

Juliana and Larissa defeated Renata and Talita for the second time in the double-elimination Adelaide Australia Open, with the 24-year-old Juliana admitting she enjoyed herself on court.

*"We had a lot of fun out their today,"* Juliana said. *"It helped that Renata was not at her physical best due to an ankle (right) sprain. The first set was pretty easy, but we had to step it up after losing the second set. Getting out to a 5-0 lead in the deciding set really helped."*

In the Women's bronze-medal match, Brazil earned a podium sweep for the 16th-time in SWATCH FIVB World Tour history as 11th-seeded Shelda and Ana Paula Connelly defeated fourth-seeded Nicole Branagh and Elaine Youngs 21-19 and 21-13 in 39 minutes. Shelda and Ana Paula shared USD 14,000 for the bronze medal while the Americans left Australia with USD 10,500 for fourth place.

In the all-American Men's bronze-medal match, 2007 SWATCH FIVB World Champions Phil Dalhausser and Todd Rogers



Clockwise: Todd Rogers/Phil Dalhausser, Harley Marques/Pedro Salgado, Linyin Xu/Penggen Wu, Renata Ribeiro/Talita Antunes, Juliana Felisberta Silva/Larissa Franca, Ana Paula Connelly/Shelda Bede show medals



Ana Paula Connelly dives



*Juliana Felisberta Silva (front) stretches*



*Linyin Xu (right) attacks*

avenged one of their two setbacks during the tournament with a 21-18, 14-21 and 15-11 win over 18th-seeded Jake Gibb and Sean Rosenthal in 50 minutes. The second-seeded Dalhausser and Rogers split the USD 14,000 third-place prize while Gibb and Rosenthal, who defeated their compatriots 24-20 and 21-18 Thursday, shared USD 10,500 for their fourth-place finish.

The SWATCH FIVB World Tour was set to resume in April in China for another double-gender event in Shanghai (April 28-May 4). Before heading to Europe in June, the Women's SWATCH FIVB tour stays in Asia for events in Seoul, Korea (May 13-18), and Osaka, Japan (May 20-25), before rejoining the Men in late May in Barcelona, Spain (May 26-June 1).

The Men's SWATCH FIVB World Tour takes in Prague, Czech Republic (May 6-11), Roseto degli Abruzzi (May 13-18), and Zagreb, Croatia (May 20-25), before Barcelona.

On the SWATCH FIVB World Tour up to and including Adelaide, Juliana and Larissa had won 21 of 24 matches against Talita and Renata with four wins in five gold-medal matches with their Brazilian rivals. The final marked the 35th all-Brazilian Women's gold-medal affair on the SWATCH FIVB World Tour since the start of the circuit in 1992. Also, Juliana was named the SWATCH most outstanding player for the event.

Talita and Renata, who split USD 19,500 for their second-place finish, moved to a 4-5 record in SWATCH FIVB World Tour finales after Adelaide.

Juliana and Larissa, 20-13 in FIVB gold-medal matches after Adelaide, are the No.1-ranked team on the SWATCH standings after claiming their third season FIVB point's title last year by winning five events and placing third in the 2007 SWATCH FIVB World Championships in Gstaad, Switzerland. With 10 more events left after Adelaide before the end of the Be-



ijing 2008 Olympic qualifying process on July 20, Harley and Salgado trailed Marcio Araujo and Fabio Magalhaes by 400 points after starting the Australian weekend 600 points behind compatriots Emanuel Rego and Ricardo for a possible second Summer Games berth.

### Shanghai to host SWATCH FIVB World Tour event for fifth year in a row

Shanghai hosts a SWATCH FIVB World Tour event for the fifth straight season as the country continues preparations for the Beijing 2008 Olympic Games.

The 2008 China Shanghai Jinshan Open features double-gender competition for the fourth-straight year after teams from Brazil and China won the Men's and Women's competition, respectively, the past two seasons.

Marcio Araujo and Fabio Magalhaes have competed in the Men's Shanghai gold-medal match the past two seasons in All-Brazilian finals. Marcio Araujo and Fabio defeated Pedro Cunha and Franco Neto for the 2006 title before losing to Harley Marques and Pedro Salgado in the 2007 finale.

The best finish by a Chinese team was a fifth by Penggen Wu and Linyin Xu in 2007 after being eliminated in the quarter-finals by Russians Dmitri Barsouk and Igor Kolodinsky.

The Chinese Women's team of Jia Tian/Jie Wang have competed in the past two



*Harley Marques and Pedro Salgado celebrate 2007 gold*

finals, losing to Chen Xue/Zhang Xi in 2006 and defeating Nila Ann Hakedale/Ingrid Torlen in 2007. At 17 years old in 2006, Xue became the youngest player to win an international Beach Volleyball title. The Norwegian silver medal in 2007 was the best-ever finish by a Women's team from the European country on the SWATCH FIVB World Tour.



*China's Jie Wang dives as partner Jia Tian watches on way to winning in Shanghai 2007*

### DEVELOPMENT

## 2008 Volley All Festival Enabling youth from around the world to get involved

The Volley All Festival will once again be held this year, enabling youth from around the world to get involved in the sport. The FIVB Technical and Development Department has sent all National Federations an invitation encouraging them to participate in this event. The Festival will be held on the same weekend across the world, either immediately before or after July 1, 2008.

The Volley All Festival provides an opportunity for each Federation to attract and support children and youth activities as



*The 2007 Volley All Festival in Germany*

well as to promote Volleyball and Beach Volleyball as a fun recreational activity. Any National Federation interested in participating in this event should contact the FIVB directly at:

[technical.development@fivb.org](mailto:technical.development@fivb.org).

## 2007 World Cup Technical Analysis

New technical analysis from the 2007 Men's and Women's World Cup has been posted on the FIVB Technical website. This new material is an addition to the already existing analysis made of the 2006 World Championships. The material is free for use to all National Federations, coaches, players and officials worldwide.

This material is extremely useful as coaches can download their own images and show the latest team tactics as well as the best individual player's techniques at the same time.

The links to this material follows.

National Federations can hyperlink this material for their own purposes:

[www.fivb.org/en/technical/worldchampionships/men/2006/](http://www.fivb.org/en/technical/worldchampionships/men/2006/)

[www.fivb.org/en/technical/worldchampionships/women/2006/](http://www.fivb.org/en/technical/worldchampionships/women/2006/)

[www.fivb.org/en/technical/worldcup/men/2007/](http://www.fivb.org/en/technical/worldcup/men/2007/)

[www.fivb.org/en/technical/worldcup/women/2007/](http://www.fivb.org/en/technical/worldcup/women/2007/)

The FIVB has now added the new Technical E-Library to the official website which provides new didactic material aimed at teaching Women's Volleyball. New material will be developed in the future. Following is the direct link:

[www.fivb.org/EN/Technical/eLibrary/](http://www.fivb.org/EN/Technical/eLibrary/)

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*Fabiana spikes at 2007 World Cup*

## QuickSets



*Rodrigão in doubt for Beijing*

### Injury blow for Brazilians

Bad news for two top Brazilian players: Rodrigão's dreams of going to Beijing with Brazil are up in the air after he injured the anterior cruciate knee ligament in his left knee, while Ricardinho has broken his right hand.

Middle Blocker Rodrigão faces a race against time to be fit for Brazil's defence of the Olympic title they won in Athens in 2004 after undergoing surgery on his knee on March 11 after breaking down in an Italian Cup match for Club team Lube Banca Marche Macerata. He was said to be looking at between four and eight months rehabilitation time, making it touch-and-go whether he will make an appearance at the Olympic Games in August.



*Ricardinho has broken hand*

Setter Ricardinho, Most Valuable Player when Brazil won the FIVB World League in 2007 but who hasn't been part of national team plans since the start of the 2007 FIVB World Cup in Japan, was unable to finish the season in Italy with team Cimone Modena because of his injury.

**Elwani awarded by President Mubarak as Volleyball chosen as best sport in Egypt**

Egyptian President Mr. Hosni Mubarak has presented African Volleyball Confederation (CAVB) and Egyptian Volleyball



*Egypt President Hosni Mubarak (left) presents award to Amr Elwani*

Federation President Dr. Amr Elwani with the Order of the Country award after Volleyball was chosen as the best sport in Egypt for the second year running.

President Mubarak gave the Order to Elwani after Egypt's historic achievement in qualifying for the Beijing Olympics and congratulated him for his great work in improving standards and increasing Volleyball's popularity all over the country.

**Northern Ireland Volleyball President Murphy honoured**

Northern Ireland Volleyball Association President Patrick Murphy had the honour of being a special guest among selected Northern Ireland sports officials at a reception hosted by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

Murphy's invitation was to celebrate his contribution to Volleyball in Northern Ireland and the UK. Her Majesty thanked him for his work and noted that the 2012 Beach Volleyball Olympic Tournament would be near Buckingham Palace on London's Horseguards Parade.



*Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II stands with NIVA President Patrick Murphy, first left, in glasses*

Photo courtesy of HARRISON Photography Belfast

**FIVB Technical Courses & Seminars Calendar - April-May 2008**

COUNTRY	TYPE	DATES		DAYS
		From	To	
Burkina Faso	Coaches Level II	31-Mar	12-Apr	13
Gambia	Coaches Level I	31-Mar	11-Apr	12
Barbados	Defense Seminar	1-Apr	5-Apr	5
Bahrain	VIS	19-Apr	23-Apr	5
Senegal	Coaches Level I	26-Apr	7-May	12
Cameroon	Coaches Level I	30-Apr	11-May	12
Thailand	Referee Refresher	5-May	9-May	5
Dominican Republic	VIS	6-May	10-May	5
Iran	Coaches Level I	7-May	18-May	12
Senegal	Defense Seminar	16-May	20-May	5

**FIVB Volleyball Cooperation Programme Calendar - April-May 2008**

COUNTRY	TYPE	DATES		DAYS
		From	To	
Laos	VCP Refereeing	1-Apr	6-Apr	6
Sri Lanka	VCP Beach	7-Apr	12-Apr	6
Pakistan	VCP Coaches	7-Apr	14-Apr	8
Seychelles	VCP Refereeing	14-Apr	19-Apr	6
Rwanda	VCP Refereeing	16-Apr	21-Apr	6
Haiti	VCP Refereeing	21-Apr	26-Apr	6
Fiji	VCP Refereeing	21-Apr	26-Apr	6
Korea	VCP Young Players	5-May	10-May	6
Philippines	VCP Refereeing	6-May	11-May	6
Saipan, Mariana Islands	VCP Coaches	12-May	19-May	8
Burkina Faso	VCP Refereeing	12-May	17-May	6
Solomon Islands	VCP Beach	14-May	19-May	6
Comoros Republic	VCP Coaches	19-May	26-May	8
Zimbabwe	VCP Teachers	25-May	30-May	6
Western Samoa	VCP Teachers	26-May	31-May	6

**2008 Global Calendar - Competitions and Events - Volleyball & Beach Volleyball**

DATES	EVENT	COUNTRY	ORG.	M/W
April 5-6	Indesit European Champions League Final Four Women	Murcia, Spain	CEV	W
April 10-18	27th African Clubs Champions Championship	Libya	CAVB	M
April 16-21	II NORCECA Beach Volleyball Circuit	Guatemala	NORCECA	M/W
April 17-20	NESTEA European Championship Tour - Spanish Masters	Gran Canaria, Spain	CEV	M/W
April 23-28	II NORCECA Beach Volleyball Circuit	El Salvador	NORCECA	M/W
April	IV Olympiad of Cuban Sport	Cuba	NORCECA	M/W
April 27 - May 4	23rd African Clubs Champions Championship	Cairo, Egypt	CAVB	W
April 28 - May 3	SWATCH FIVB World Tour Open	Shanghai, China	FIVB	M
April 29 - May 4	FIVB World Tour Open	Shanghai, China	FIVB	W
April 30 - May 5	II NORCECA Beach Volleyball Circuit	Colima, Mexico	NORCECA	M/W
May 6-11	SWATCH FIVB World Tour Open	Prague, Czech Republic	FIVB	M
May 7-12	II NORCECA Beach Volleyball Circuit	Guadalajara, Mexico	NORCECA	M/W
May 8-12	NESTEA European Championship Tour - Austrian Masters	St. Pölten, Austria	CEV	M/W
May 13-18	SWATCH FIVB World Tour Open	Seoul, Korea	FIVB	W
May 13-18	SWATCH FIVB World Tour Open	Roseto d. Abruzzi, Italy	FIVB	M
May 14-19	II NORCECA Beach Volleyball Circuit	Aruba	NORCECA	M/W
May 16-18	FIVB Country vs. Country	Montpellier, France	FIVB	M
May 16-18	Ech Women's Small Countries Div. - Qualif. Round - Pool A-B	Malta, Faroe Islands	CEV	W
May 17-25	World Olympic Qualification Tournament	Tokyo, Japan	FIVB	W
May 20-25	SWATCH FIVB World Tour Open	Osaka, Japan	FIVB	W
May 20-25	SWATCH FIVB World Tour Open	Zagreb, Croatia	FIVB	M
May 21-26	II NORCECA Beach Volleyball Circuit	Puerto Rico	NORCECA	M/W
May 22-25	NESTEA European Championship Tour - Swiss Masters	Lucerne, Switzerland	CEV	M/W
May 23-25	World Olympic Qualification Tournament	Düsseldorf, Germany	FIVB	M
May 26-31	SWATCH FIVB World Tour Open	Barcelona, Spain	FIVB	W
May 27 - June 1	SWATCH FIVB World Tour Open	Barcelona, Spain	FIVB	M
May 28 - June 8	VII Pan-American Cup	Mexicali & Tijuana, Mex.	NORCECA	W
May 29 - June 1	NESTEA European Championship Tour - Dutch Masters	The Hague, Netherlands	CEV	M/W
May 29 - June 2	II NORCECA Beach Volleyball Circuit	Trinidad & Tobago	NORCECA	W
May 30 - June 1	World Olympic Qualification Tournament	Espinho, Portugal	FIVB	M
May 31 - June 8	World Olympic Qualification Tournament	Tokyo, Japan	FIVB	M
May 31 - June 8	III Pan-American Cup	Canada	NORCECA	M

### FIVB Homologated sports material & equipments 2008

#### FIVB EXCLUSIVE APPROVED VOLLEYBALL BALLS

**MIKASA MVP 200** (colour, synthetic leather)  
**Exclusive game ball for all FIVB Competitions incl. OG 2008**

#### FIVB APPROVED VOLLEYBALL BALLS

**MIKASA MVP 200NC** (colour, synthetic leather)

**MOLTEN IV5XC (MTV5SLIT)** (colour, synthetic leather)

**GALA BV 5091S** (colour, synthetic leather)

**CAMBUCCI "Penalty" Volley Pro 6.0** (colour, synthetic leather)

**QUINGDAO-SYNSHEEN "Star" VB 205-34** (colour, synthetic leather)

**NATIONMAN 9900 PROFIT** (colour, synthetic leather)

**MONDO MONDO 5MF-Pro** (colour, synthetic leather)

#### FIVB OFFICIAL INSPECTED VOLLEYBALL BALLS

**MIKASA SV-2 School**  
**MIKASA VP500 Park Volley**

#### BEACH VOLLEYBALL BALLS

**MIKASA VLS 200 (colour) Beach**  
**Exclusive game ball for all FIVB Competitions incl. OG 2008**

**MOLTEN BV5000 (colour) Beach**

#### HOMOLOGATED POSTS, PADS, ANTENNAE, NETS, REFEREE CHAIR

**SENOH**  
**Posts, pads, nets with antennae & referees' chairs are exclusive for all FIVB Competitions incl. OG 2008**

**National Federations are requested to select material from the list of the FIVB approved sports material**

#### SHOES AND UNIFORMS

**ADIDAS** Shoes & uniforms

**ASICS** Shoes & uniforms

**CHAMPION** Uniforms

**DACAPO** Uniforms

**DESCENTE** Shoes & uniforms

**MIKASA** Uniforms  
**International Referees supplier for Volleyball**

**MIZUNO** Shoes & uniforms

**NIKE** Shoes & uniforms

**OLYMPIKUS** Shoes & uniforms

**TOPPER** Uniforms

#### FIVB APPROVED SYNTHETIC SPORTS FLOORS

**TARAFLEX**  
**Exclusive for all FIVB Competitions incl. OG 2008**

**TARAFLEX**  
**Taraflex Sport M Plus (7 mm thickness colour Teal 6431 and Coral 6146) over wood sub floors or synthetic sub floors**

**Taraflex Sport Performance Plus (9 mm thickness same colours as above) over concrete sub floors**

**MONDO MONDOFLEX**  
**Blue Laguna H23 + Rose Flamingo H41**

#### FIVB RECOMMENDED SYNTHETIC SPORTS FLOORS

**MONDO MONDOSPORT HP-E PVC indoor floor**  
**Blue Laguna H23 + Rose Flamingo H41**