

## Volleyball Family gets ready for Beijing

### A season full of surprises will close with the Beijing Olympic Games... surprises ahead?



FIVB President Dr. Rubén Acosta H.

again, Japanese host television broadcaster TBS did a fantastic job to ensure fans at home could enjoy the action, with ratings once again extremely high.

After the Women's turn came the Men's. From start to finish the 19th edition of the FIVB World League was a fascinating battle. We saw the best Men's Volleyball players compete worldwide for six straight weekends for a place in the Final Round in Rio de Janeiro. There was lots of terrific action, celebrations, commiserations and surprises along the way. The high spectators' attendance in the Intercontinental Round was not a surprise, proving the event is more popular than ever. There were crowds of 18,000 in Brazil, 13,000 in Cuba, 12,000 in Venezuela, 10,000 in Poland, 9,000 in Serbia...

As for the Final Round, USA sprung the major surprise by beating Brazil in the semi-finals to set up the gold-medal match against Serbia, which they won in a great match. Team USA became the sixth winner of the World League and broke Brazil's run of five-straight triumphs.

We must remark on the extraordinarily excellent TV coverage by TV Globo, with timely game replays for balls in, balls out and for doubtful calls from the referees. The golden close of the season, the Beijing Olympic Games, is now approaching and the FIVB has completed the final touches for the preparations of the scenario of what it is expected to be the greatest Olympic showdown of the best Volleyball and Beach Volleyball athletes.

Some Beach Volleyball players could only secure their Olympic entry recently, when the final Olympic Qualification Ranking was confirmed in late July. The Drawing of Lots followed in the beautiful Swiss Alps resort of Gstaad, where the Preliminary Round pool composition was determined. First Executive Vice President Vicente Araujo and BOCOG officials attended to sanction the draw and had the chance to enjoy the exciting mixture of entertainment for the 2,000 watching fans.

Gstaad's SWATCH FIVB World Tour 1 to 1 Energy Grand Slam did a great job hosting the Drawing of Lots and we congratulate them.

As you know, at the end of the Olympic Games, on Sunday, August 24, I will formally hand over the FIVB Presidency to FIVB First Executive Vice President Mr. Jizhong Wei. Twenty-four years after receiving the relay baton from founding President Paul Libaud. It has been for us and for our sport an amazing journey full of exciting moments.

I look forward to another Volleyball and Beach Volleyball success at the Olympic Games in Beijing and to a bright future for our wonderful sport.

*Dr. Rubén Acosta H., FIVB President*

**The players are raring to go, the venues ready, the match schedules set, the Media Guides complete, the fans are beginning to dream and the FIVB is looking forward to another Volleyball and Beach Volleyball spectacular at the Beijing Olympic Games.**

■ The 12 men's and 12 women's teams for Volleyball and 24 men's and 24 women's teams for Beach Volleyball will begin battle soon for Olympic glory and they will do so under the best conditions thanks to the efforts of the FIVB and BOCOG officials.

The Olympic Volleyball Tournaments will be played primarily at the 18,000 Capital Indoor Stadium, with other matches at the "batfish"-shaped Beijing Institute of Technology Gymnasium. All but two matches for the Beach Volleyball Tournaments will be played on Centre Court at the state-of-the-art 12,000-seater Chaoyang Park.

Indeed, the players will be working under the best conditions, but so too will the media covering the events, while the fans will enjoy the fantastic facilities as well. Helping the media further will be the Volleyball and Beach Volleyball Media Guides available, packed full of useful information. All the action as it happens can be followed at [www.fivb.org](http://www.fivb.org).

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2008 WORLD LEAGUE

Final Round  
USA rule in Rio with first-ever gold medal

For the first time ever in FIVB World League history, USA climbed onto the highest step of the podium. The Americans are the sixth team in 19 years of World League to win the competition, after the domination of Italy and Brazil. Serbia claimed the silver medal after losing the final 3-1.

Russia gained bronze, thanks to their 3-1 victory against Brazil. The host country of the Final Round didn't manage a place on the podium, after seven gold medals, two silvers and four bronze. The FIVB's flagship annual Men's competition closed this year after assigning more than USD 20 million in Prize Money.

Awarded by FIVB First Executive Vice-President Mr. Jizhong Wei and Mr. Carlos Nuzman, Brazilian NOC President, USA captain Thomas Hoff raised the World League cup on Sunday in the Maracanazinho in Rio de Janeiro. More joy came for the USA team with the MVP prize awarded to Lloy Ball (also best setter of the Final Round), while Lambourne was confirmed as best libero.

Showing a mixture of strength and ability, the Olympic champions of 1984 and 1988 overcame the team from Serbia in a very tough match 26-24, 23-25, 25-23, 25-22. Serbian opposite Ivan Miljkovic was the top scorer of the final match with 28 points. The wing-spiker William Priddy, from the USA, scored 21 points. The Americans often led the game: beside their well known block and defense system, which they invented in the '80s, they performed great in spiking, especially with Priddy and Clayton Stanley.

The Serbians played a fantastic tourna-



MVP Lloy Ball sets for Ryan Miller

ment, displaying a team which mixed the experience of Miljkovic and Nikola Grbic with a new generation of players. They couldn't find the path for the gold, even if in every set they got really close to USA.

American Head Coach Hugh McCutcheon said, "The World League was a really tough competition and an excellent test for us. Winning it for the first time is a fantastic achievement to the USA. Serbia brought many problems to us during the match."

USA captain Thomas Hoff said, "I am quite proud of our team. We had overcome very strong players, with a great ball control. We played much better than we did against Serbia in the first match."

The Head Coach of Serbia Igor Kolakovic said, "I am sad because we lost the final

match, but, on the other hand, I am really happy because of our performance. Not many people thought we would be able to reach the Final Round and we did it. Unfortunately, we made many mistakes in the last match."

Russia defeated Brazil 3-1 (25-23, 25-19, 23-25, 25-19) in the bronze-medal match. The team coached by Vladimir Alekno, with Maxim Mikhaylov in great shape, killed the chances of Brazil despite the 11,000 home spectators for the match.

Brazilian Head Coach Bernardo Rezende said, "I am really sad because I was not able to recover the team emotionally. Some players were under their levels and did not make it. Let's work on these days to put them in a good shape again."

Gold Final on TV in 100 countries

The FIVB World League 2008 was available in total to more than 31 TV rightsholders worldwide. The Gold Final match was distributed live via satellite to 25 TV channels for fantastic live and semi-live coverage. In Serbia, Volleyball fans followed the action live on the public national RTS station, as well as in the United States, where the ESPN-U network provided valuable coverage of the finals.

2008 Final Round Best Players

- MVP:** Lloy Ball (USA)
- Best Scorer:** Ivan Miljkovic (Serbia)
- Best Spiker:** Dante (Brazil)
- Best Blocker:** Marko Podrascanin (Serbia)
- Best Server:** Giba (Brazil)
- Best Setter:** Lloy Ball (USA)
- Best Libero:** Richard Lambourne (USA)

2008 World League - Final Round Results

Pool E							
Date	Teams	Set Pts	Results per set (points)				
			1	2	3	4	5
23-Jul	RUS-BRA	0-3	23-25	18-25	15-25		
24-Jul	JPN-RUS	0-3	14-25	24-26	18-25		
25-Jul	BRA-JPN	3-0	25-16	25-23	25-15		
Pool F							
23-Jul	SRB-USA	3-0	25-23	25-19	25-17		
24-Jul	USA-POL	3-2	25-18	23-25	27-25	18-25	16-14
25-Jul	POL-SRB	0-3	16-25	18-25	21-25		

Semifinals			Finals		
Date	Teams	Sets	Date	Teams	Sets
26-Jul	SRB-RUS	3-0	27-Jul	RUS-BRA	3-1
26-Jul	BRA-USA	0-3	27-Jul	SRB-USA	1-3

2008 World League - Final Standings

Rank	Teams	Rank	Teams
1	USA	7	Bulgaria
2	Serbia		China
3	Russia		Italy
4	Brazil	10	Cuba
5	Poland		Finland
6	Japan *		France
* FIVB wild card		13	Egypt
			Korea
			Spain
			Venezuela



USA in cheer after their World League victory

2008 WORLD GRAND PRIX

Final Round

**Brazil claim seventh World Grand Prix title with perfect 5-0 record**

**Brazil earned a hard-fought 3-0 victory over hosts Japan on the final day to win their seventh World Grand Prix title with a perfect 5-0 record at Yokohama Arena. Cuba rallied past world No. 2 Italy 3-1 for the silver while the United States held off reigning Olympic champions China 3-2 to finish fourth as a close competition came down to the final day in early July.**

As the fans crammed into the venue as they had done all week, Brazil's 25-23, 25-23 and 25-19 victory over the fighting hosts made sure they finished first in the six-team round-robin competition in which they dropped only one set. Their earlier Grand Prix titles came in 1994, 1996, 1998, 2004, 2005 and 2006. Brazil's Marianne Steinbrecher won the award of the Most Valuable Player.

"We were expected to win the Grand Prix after beating Cuba (the previous day), but still we had to pay attention not to lose this last match and continue to compete at a high-level," said Brazil Head Coach Jose

Roberto Guimaraes. "We have many things to do. I do not like the Brazil defence. I think we have to be better in Beijing. The block is good, but on the counter-attack we made many mistakes. In general we played well here and I expect we can maintain the same level at the Olympics as we played here."

In the second match of the final day, Cuba recovered from a slow start to beat Italy 28-30, 25-18, 25-23 and 25-19 for their fourth win, finishing just behind Brazil in the Grand Prix Final Round.

"I am glad to win this match, but in the Preliminary Round we lost against Italy so I think the result just depends on which team plays that bit better on the day," said head coach Antonio Perdomo. "Against Brazil, their serve worked very well and we could not play our own game, but today we served well and covered the Italian team. I think it is really good for us to fight in such a high-level game."



**MVP Marianne Steinbrecher receives her award from FIVB First Executive Vice President Jizhong Wei**

Earlier on the final day, the United States ended the Final Round on a high note, outlasting China 25-23, 25-19, 22-25, 21-25 and 17-15. Sharing a 2-3 win-loss record with Italy, the Americans ranked fourth behind the Azzurre due to a disadvantage in points win-loss ratio.



**Brazil celebrate their World Grand Prix victory**

**2008 Final Round Best Players**

- MVP:** Marianne Steinbrecher, Brazil
- Best Scorer:** Megumi Kurihara, Japan
- Best Spiker:** Daimi Ramirez, Cuba
- Best Blocker:** Walewska Oliveira, Brazil
- Best Server:** Megumi Kurihara, Japan
- Best Setter:** Yoshie Takeshita, Japan
- Best Libero:** Yuko Sano, Japan

Results - Final Round - Week 4			11-Jul	<b>BRA-CHN</b>	<b>3-1</b>
Yokohama - Round Robin			11-Jul	<b>CUB-USA</b>	<b>3-2</b>
Date	Teams	Sets	11-Jul	<b>JPN-ITA</b>	<b>3-0</b>
09-Jul	<b>BRA-USA</b>	<b>3-0</b>	12-Jul	<b>BRA-CUB</b>	<b>3-0</b>
09-Jul	<b>CHN-ITA</b>	<b>2-3</b>	12-Jul	<b>ITA-USA</b>	<b>3-1</b>
09-Jul	<b>JPN-CUB</b>	<b>1-3</b>	12-Jul	<b>JPN-CHN</b>	<b>1-3</b>
10-Jul	<b>CHN-CUB</b>	<b>1-3</b>	13-Jul	<b>USA-CHN</b>	<b>3-2</b>
10-Jul	<b>ITA-BRA</b>	<b>0-3</b>	13-Jul	<b>CUB-ITA</b>	<b>3-1</b>
10-Jul	<b>JPN-USA</b>	<b>2-3</b>	13-Jul	<b>JPN-BRA</b>	<b>0-3</b>

**Final Round - Standings Round Robin**

Rk	Country	Set Points	Matches		Points		Ratio
			Won	Lost	Won	Lost	
1	<b>Brazil</b>	<b>10</b>	5		396	312	1.269
2	<b>Cuba</b>	<b>9</b>	4	1	446	436	1.023
3	<b>Italy</b>	<b>7</b>	2	3	431	443	0.973
4	<b>USA</b>	<b>7</b>	2	3	467	491	0.951
5	<b>China</b>	<b>6</b>	1	4	479	496	0.966
6	<b>Japan</b>	<b>6</b>	1	4	413	454	0.910

**2008 World Grand Prix Final Standings**

Rank	Teams	Rank	Teams
1	<b>Brazil</b>	7	<b>Turkey</b>
2	<b>Cuba</b>	8	<b>Germany</b>
3	<b>Italy</b>	9	<b>Dominican Rep.</b>
4	<b>USA</b>	10	<b>Poland</b>
5	<b>China</b>	11	<b>Thailand</b>
6	<b>Japan</b>	12	<b>Kazakhstan</b>

MEN & WOMEN

2008 SWATCH FIVB World Tour

Mixed bag of winners at Moscow Grand Slam, Marseille's World Series 13 Open and Gstaad's 1 to 1 Energy Grand Slam

China, Germany, Brazil and USA all provided winners on the SWATCH FIVB World Tour in the three double-gender events in July.

China's Chen Xue and Xi Zhang claimed women's gold and USA's Phil Dalhausser and Todd Rogers earned men's gold at the USD 600,000 Moscow Grand Slam. At the Marseille World Series 13 Open in



Chen Xue receives as team-mate Xi Zhang watches on their way to gold at the Moscow Grand Slam

France, Stephanie Pohl and Okka Rau won the women's event with Marcio Araujo and Fabio Luiz of Brazil taking the men's event. This event was followed by the USD 600,000 1 to 1 Energy Grand Slam in Gstaad, Switzerland. The women's event was claimed by Ana Paula Connelly and Shelda Bede of Brazil, while the colourful Harley Marques and Pedro Salgado won the men's event.

At the Moscow Grand Slam, Xue and Zhang captured their fourth SWATCH FIVB World Tour title with a 21-8 and 21-18 win in 42 minutes over Nicole Branagh and Elaine Youngs of the United States. The gold-medal win also netted the sixth-seeded Xue and Zhang the USD 43,500 first-place prize while the top-seeded Branagh and Youngs left Moscow with USD 29,500 along with securing their country's second Olympic Beach Volleyball berth behind Misty May-Treanor and Kerri Walsh. A day after the Chinese women gained gold over an American tandem, Dalhausser and Rogers evened the score with the Asian country for the United States by capturing their third-straight SWATCH FIVB World Tour men's title. The top-seeded Dalhausser and Rog-

ers won 16-21, 21-19 and 15-11 win in 60 minutes over fourth-seeded Penggen Wu and Linyin Xu of China.

At the USD 350,000 World Series 13, the top three seeded women's teams all earned spots on the podium. Highlighting the final day of action was the German team of Pohl and Rau, who won Germany's first women's gold medal in the history of the SWATCH FIVB World Tour. Brazil claimed two medals, winning multiple medals in Marseille for the sixth time. Pohl and Rau became just the third women's team to lose a second-round match and then come back to win the gold medal. First done in Marseille in 1999, this marked the second time this season that this route to a gold medal was taken. Pohl and Rau, whose 80 events together rank sixth all-time, were playing in their first title match and

won 21-17, 20-22, 15-9 against Maria Antonelli and Vanilda Leao. Pohl was select-

ed as the SWATCH Most Outstanding Player of the event. "To win an FIVB tournament is really special," an ecstatic Pohl said. In the men's event, for the 12th time, the fans in Marseille heard the Brazilian National Anthem following the medal ceremony, with Marcio Araujo and Fabio Luiz winning the title. The Brazilians defeated top-seeded Chinese team Wu and Xu 21-16, 21-16.

At the 1 to 1 Energy Grand Slam, Shelda, the all-time money leader



Harley Marques and Pedro Salgado celebrate their 1 to 1 Energy Grand Slam victory

on the SWATCH FIVB World Tour, just put more distance between herself and the rest of the competition by winning with partner Ana Paula. The two Brazilians, who first teamed up in the final tournament of the 2007 season, won all seven matches in Gstaad to capture the gold medal and USD 43,500, defeating Jia Tian and Jie Wang of China 21-15, 21-15. Shelda has now won 33 titles, the third most in history, and has collected over USD 1.2 million in her career. Brazil's Harley and Pedro, who during a stretch from the end of last year to the start of this year had won five of seven events, regained their winning form by beating Reinder Nummerdor and Richard Schuil of The Netherlands 21-16, 22-24, 15-13 in the men's gold-medal match. Claiming his 10th title on the SWATCH FIVB World Tour, Harley moved into a tie for ninth place on the all-time wins list. Seven of the wins have come with Pedro, tying them for 10th place for team victories.

June 30 - July 5 - Women's Grand Slam Moscow - Russia - Podium Finish	
1	GOLD Xue - Zhang Xi CHN
2	SILVER Branagh - Youngs USA
3	BRONZE Tian Jia - Wang CHN

July 1-6 - Men's Grand Slam Moscow - Russia - Podium Finish	
1	GOLD Rogers - Dalhausser USA
2	SILVER Xu - Wu CHN
3	BRONZE Klemperer - Koreng GER

July 14-20 - Women's Open Marseille - France - Podium Finish	
1	GOLD Pohl - Rau GER
2	SILVER Antonelli - Leão BRA
3	BRONZE Maria Clara - Carol - BRA

July 15-20 - Men's Open Marseille - France - Podium Finish	
1	GOLD Marcio Araujo - Fabio Luiz BRA
2	SILVER Xu - Wu CHN
3	BRONZE Matysik - Uhmann GER

July 21-26 - Women's Grand Slam Gstaad - Switzerland - Podium Finish	
1	GOLD Ana Paula - Shelda BRA
2	SILVER Tian Jia - Wang CHN
3	BRONZE Xue - Zhang Xi CHN

July 22-27 - Men's Grand Slam Gstaad - Switzerland - Podium Finish	
1	GOLD Harley - Pedro BRA
2	SILVER Nummerdor - Schuil NED
3	BRONZE Alison - Emanuel BRA

MEN & WOMEN

# FIVB confirms Preliminary Round pools for Olympic Tournaments after Drawing of Lots in Gstaad

The FIVB confirmed the Preliminary Round (pool round robin) for the men's and women's Olympic Games Beach Volleyball Tournaments after the Drawing of Lots took place on July 26 in Gstaad, Switzerland.



Beijing 2008 mascot joins in the fun

Two thousand Beach Volleyball fans, professional players, VIPs and local dignitaries packed into the Menuhin Festival tent in the beautiful Swiss Alps resort to see the 24 men's teams and 24 women's teams divided into the six groups of four that will make up each Preliminary Round of the Olympic tournaments in Beijing that run through August 9-14. The knockout stages run August 15 to 22.

Reigning Olympic women's gold medalists Kerri Walsh and Misty May-Treanor of USA face Norway's Nila Ann Hakedal

and Ingrid Torlen, Cuba's Dalixia Fernandez Grasset and Tamara Larrea Peraza and Japan's Mika Teru Saiki and Chiaki Kusahara in the women's Pool B. Athens 2004 champions Ricardo and Emanuel of Brazil are up against Australia's Josh Slack and Andrew Schacht, Georgia's Renato "Geor" Gomes and Jorge "Gia" Terceiro and Angola's Emanuel Fernandes and Morais Abreu in the men's Pool C.

Under the supervision of FIVB Executive Vice President Vicente Araujo and FIVB Beach Volleyball Director Angelo Squeo and observed by BOCOG officials, the pool composition was completed by Swiss Beach Volleyball star Stefan Kobel and Swiss Paralympian Heinz Frei.

A "serpentine system" was followed to determine the exact final seeding in the pools, using the Olympic Qualification Ranking confirmed by the FIVB on Thursday, July 24. Chinese men's pair Linyin Xu and Penggen Wu and women's pair Jia Tian and Jie Wang were the No. 1 seeds and were placed automatically in Pool A in each tournament as per FIVB regulations after both pairs ranked among the first six teams. Seed Nos. 2 to 6 were placed in Pools B to F, respectively. Seed Nos. 7-9 were drawn randomly in Pools F, E, D and Nos. 10-12 drawn randomly in Pools C, B, A before Nos. 13 to 18 and then Nos. 19-24 were drawn randomly in Pools A to F.

The SWATCH FIVB World Tour 1 to 1 Energy Grand Slam, the super-successful USD 600,000 event that ran through July 21-27 in Gstaad this year, hosted the Drawing of Lots. Amid a carnival-type atmosphere in the Menuhin

Festival tent, attendees were entertained during the event with dazzling performances from famous Swiss pop stars, classical musicians, dance troupes, comedians and video action showing some of the best Beach Volleyball athletes in the world.

Women's Preliminary Round pools	
<b>Pool A</b>	<b>Tian Jia - Wang, China</b> (No. 1 seed) Maaseide-Glesnes, Norway Van Breedam-Mouha, Belgium Montagnolli-Swoboda, Austria
<b>Pool B</b>	<b>Walsh - May-Treanor, USA</b> (No. 2 seed) Hakedal-Torlen, Norway Fernandez Grasset-Larrea Peraza, Cuba Teru Saiki-Kusahara, Japan
<b>Pool C</b>	<b>Juliana - Larissa, Brazil</b> (No. 3 seed) Barnett-Cook, Australia Uryadova-Shiryayeva, Russia Saka-Rtvelo, Georgia
<b>Pool D</b>	<b>Xue - Zhang Xi, China</b> (No. 4 seed) Goller-Ludwig, Germany Koutroumanidou-Tsiartsiani, Greece Augoustides-Nel, South Africa
<b>Pool E</b>	<b>Branagh - Youngs, USA</b> (No. 5 seed) Pohl-Rau, Germany Esteves Ribalta-M. Crespo, Cuba Kadijk-Mooren, Netherlands
<b>Pool F</b>	<b>Talita - Renata, Brazil</b> (No. 6 seed) Karantasiou-Arvaniti, Greece Schwaiger-Schwaiger, Austria Candelas-Garcia, Mexico
Men's Preliminary Round pools	
<b>Pool A</b>	<b>Xu - Wu, China</b> (No. 1 seed) Herrera-Mesa, Spain Kais Kr.-Vesik, Estonia Gosch-Horst, Austria
<b>Pool B</b>	<b>Rogers - Dalhausser, USA</b> (No. 2 seed) Heyer-Heuscher, Switzerland Conde-Baracetti, Argentina Samoilovs-Plavins, Latvia
<b>Pool C</b>	<b>Ricardo - Emanuel, Brazil</b> (No. 3 seed) Schacht-Slack, Australia Geor-Gia, Georgia Fernandes-Morais, Angola
<b>Pool D</b>	<b>Marcio Araujo - Fabio Luiz, Brazil</b> (No. 4 seed) Barsouk-Kolodinsky, Russia Doppler-Gartmayer, Austria Lione-Amore, Italy
<b>Pool E</b>	<b>Nummerdor - Schuil, Netherlands</b> (No. 5 seed) Klempere-Koreng, Germany Kjemperud-Skarlund, Norway Laciga M.-Schnider, Switzerland
<b>Pool F</b>	<b>Brink - Dieckmann Ch., Germany</b> (No. 6 seed) Gibb-Rosenthal, USA Boersma E.-Rennes, Netherlands Asahi-Shiratori, Japan



The Beach Volleyball Olympic Drawing of Lots takes place in Gstaad. Players and fans at the event in the beautiful resort in the Swiss Alps were entertained with classical music, comedy routines, dance performances and video action of the best Beach Volleyball athletes in the world

MEDICAL AWARD

# Dr. Reeser awarded inaugural USAV Sport Science Award for medical services to Volleyball



*Dr. Reeser (right) receives the inaugural USA Volleyball Sport Science award from Dr. William W. Briner Jr., a current FIVB Medical Commission Member*

**Jonathan Reeser, MD, PhD, a former FIVB Medical Commission Member and the principal researcher in the first FIVB Beach Volleyball injury study in 2001, has been awarded with the first-ever USA Volleyball Sport Science Award.**

Dr. Reeser received the award from Dr. William W. Briner Jr., a current FIVB Medical Commission Member during a Men's FIVB World League match against Spain in Bloomington, Ill., which Dr. Reeser was covering as the USA team physician. USA won both matches of the weekend (making it a great weekend for Dr. Reeser!).

"Dr. Reeser was an obvious choice for the award," said Dr. Briner, a current FIVB Medical Commission Member. "Dr. Reeser has 15 years of dedicated service to USA Volleyball. It's a well-deserved honour."

USA Volleyball has also decided that the award will be known as the "Jonathan Reeser Sport Science Award" when it is given in the future.

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Dr. Reeser was active as a Medical Delegate at numerous FIVB Volleyball and Beach Volleyball events over many years.

In related news, FIVB Medical Commission President Dr. Roald Bahr and Dr. Briner conducted a comprehensive Injury Surveillance Study at the recent SWATCH FIVB World Tour 1 to 1 Energy Grand Slam in Gstaad, Switzerland.

The survey was carried out in order to better understand injuries among athletes for the future and to chart and track the nature of these injuries. The findings will be compared to the 2001 study Dr. Reeser was involved in.

In the weeklong survey in Gstaad, Dr. Bahr and Dr. Briner set themselves the exhaustive task of interviewing face to face all the Beach Volleyball athletes present at the event to get a better overall picture of Beach Volleyball injuries.

The completed injury study will be made available on the FIVB website in the coming months.

### FIVB Technical Courses & Seminars Calendar - August-September 08

COUNTRY	TYPE	DATES		DAYS
		From	To	
Sudan	Coaches Level II	1-Aug	13-Aug	13
Liechtenstein	IRCC Beach Refereeing	3-Aug	10-Aug	8
Dominican Republic	Coaches Level II	3-Aug	15-Aug	13
Dominican Republic	Setter Seminar	16-Aug	20-Aug	5
India	Outside Hitter Seminar	19-Aug	23-Aug	5
Barbados	Outside Hitter Seminar	25-Aug	29-Aug	5
Ecuador	Continental Refereeing	25-Aug	30-Aug	6
Tunisia	Outside Seminar	8-Sep	12-Sep	5
Laos D.P.R.	Coaches Level II	17-Sep	29-Sep	13
Thailand	Defense Seminar	22-Sep	26-Sep	5

### FIVB Volleyball Cooperation Programme Calendar - August-September 08

COUNTRY	TYPE	DATES		DAYS
		From	To	
Togo	VCP Beach	4-Aug	9-Aug	6
Congo	VCP Young Players	4-Aug	9-Aug	6
Congo D. R. (Zaire)	VCP Young Players	11-Aug	16-Aug	6
Botswana	VCP Teachers	18-Aug	23-Aug	5
Kenya	VCP Teachers	18-Aug	23-Aug	5
Gabon	VCP Beach Get involved	19-Aug	24-Aug	5
Saipan (Mariana Isl.)	VCP Coaches	20-Aug	27-Aug	8
Côte d'Ivoire	VCP Young Players	20-Aug	25-Aug	6
Central African Rep.	VCP Young Players	1-Sep	6-Sep	6
Guyana	VCP Teachers	8-Sep	13-Sep	6
Eritrea	VCP Beach	15-Sep	20-Sep	6
Papua New Guinea	VCP Coaches	15-Sep	22-Sep	8
Honduras	VCP Coaches	21-Sep	28-Sep	8
Mongolia	VCP Teachers	22-Sep	27-Sep	6
Guinea	VCP Refereeing	22-Sep	27-Sep	6

## DEVELOPMENT

## 'Where there's a will there's a way' for the Volleyball Cooperation Programme

**Dominica, a beautiful island in the Caribbean, was the stunning setting for the Young Players Volleyball Cooperation Programme held in early July.**

Facilities for Volleyball on this island were not ideal for developing the sport as the only the only indoor court on the island was a long way from St. Mary's Academy in Roseau where the course was held.

However, "where there's a will there's a way" as the saying goes, so the FIVB instructor, Mr. Gustavo Meczyk, together with the President of the Dominica Amateur Volleyball Association, Mr. Rupert Sorhaindo, stepped in to make two courts.

The Young Players made the most of the course to improve their skills and the instructor was very satisfied with the result.

The spirit of the Volleyball Cooperation Programme is to overcome difficulties and the enthusiastic participation of all the young people together with the determination of the members of the Volleyball Association proves that Volleyball can be played with limited resources, even when basic equipment is not available.

Other recent Volleyball Cooperation Programmes have been staged in Malaysia in the capital Kuala Lumpur, from July 25 to 30. The course content was Beach Volleyball with a topic how to "get involved," carried out by the FIVB Instructor Mr. Avelino Azevedo from Portugal.

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

DATES	EVENT	COUNTRY	ORG.	M/W
Aug. 1-4	South American Beach Volleyball Championship	Esmeraldas, Ecuador	CSV	M/W
Aug. 1-9	U19 Continental Championship	Fort Lauderdale, USA	NORCECA	M
Aug. 4-7	U20 European Beach Volleyball Championships	San Salvo, Italy	CEV	M/W
Aug. 6-10	FIVB Satellite	Vaduz, Liechtenstein	FIVB	M/W
Aug. 8-10	South American Beach Volleyball Championship	Galapagos, Ecuador	CSV	M/W
Aug. 8-24	2008 Olympic Games	Beijing, China	FIVB	M/W
Aug. 13-17	BVA Junior Men Championships	Ankara, Turkey	CEV	M
Aug. 14-17	ECVA Tournament	St. Kitts	NORCECA	M
Aug. 15-17	South American Beach Volleyball Championship	Lima, Peru	CSV	M/W
Aug. 15-17	Beach Volleyball Central American Championship	Guatemala	NORCECA	M/W
Aug. 23-30	13th African Nations Championship - Junior	Tunisia, Uganda	CAVB	M
Aug. 23-31	Asian Jr. Men's Volleyball Champ	Teheran, Iran	AVC	M
Aug. 25-31	SWATCH FIVB World Tour Open	Kristiansand, Norway	FIVB	M/W
Aug. 26-30	BVA Junior Women Championships	Tuzla, Bosnia-Herzegovina	CEV	W
Aug. 28-31	U18 European Beach Volleyball Championships	Loutraki, Greece	CEV	M/W
Aug. 30/Sep.7	Junior Men U20 ECH	Brno, Czech Republic	CEV	M
Aug. 30/Sep.7	Youth South American Championship	El Callao, Pucallpa, Peru	CSV	W
Sep. 1-10	9th African Nations championship - Youth	Seychelles, Tunisia	CAVB	W
Sep. 2-7	SWATCH FIVB World Tour Open	Myslowice, Poland	FIVB	W
Sep. 2-7	SWATCH FIVB World Tour Open	Mallorca, Spain	FIVB	M
Sep. 3-7	SWATCH FIVB Junior World Championship	Brighton, England	FIVB	M/W
Sep. 6-7	2009 Women's Senior European Championships - 3rd Q. Round - Home matches	Azerbaijan, Belarus, Ukraine	CEV	W
Sep. 7-9	2009 Men's Senior European Championships - 3rd Q. Round - Home matches	Belgium, Czech Republic, Slovenia	CEV	M
Sep. 11-14	Nestea European Championship Tour - English Masters	Blackpool, England	CEV	M/W
Sep. 13-14	2009 Men's Senior European Championships - 3rd Q. Round - Away matches	F.Y.R. Macedonia, Poland, Portugal	CEV	M
Sep. 13-14	2009 Women's Senior European Championships - 3rd Q. Round - Away matches	Croatia, Greece, Slovenia	CEV	W
Sep. 14-21	Central American Championship	Nicaragua	NORCECA	M
Sep. 15-21	SWATCH FIVB World Tour Open	Guarujá, Brazil	FIVB	M/W
Sep. 16-21	2009 FIVB World Grand Prix - European Qualification Tournament	Omsk, Russia	CEV	W
Sep. 19-21	Nestea European Championship Tour - Masters Final	Sochi, Russia	CEV	M/W
Sep. 19-27	Junior South American Championship	Tarija, Bolivia	CSV	W
Sep. 20-26	1st AVC Men's Cup	Ratchasima, Thailand	AVC	M
Sep. 20-28	Asian Jr. Women's Volleyball Champ	Chinese Taipei	AVC	W
Sep. 20-30	12th African Nations championship - Junior	Uganda, Egypt	CAVB	W
Sep. 24-28	America's Cup	Cuiaba, Brazil	CSV	M



The Volleyball Cooperation Programme also was successfully carried out in land-locked Bhutan in the Himalayas where young players gathered in the capital Thimpu with FIVB course instructor Mr. Chuanlun Liu, who had 36 participants for this one week course at the beginning of July.

The Volleyball Cooperation Programme was well received in Tanzania in the first week of July, where FIVB instructor Mr. Zohair Ammar from Egypt instructed a motivated group of young athletes who were willing to learn as much as possible during this one-week course which took place in the capital Dar Es Salaam.

*The Volleyball Cooperation Programme in Dominica was a great success*

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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)

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IV5XC (MTV5SLIT) (colour, synthetic leather)

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BV 5091S (colour, synthetic leather)

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