

## FIVB Board of Administration convenes in Lausanne

### A successful Board



Mr. Jizhong Wei, FIVB President

The interaction among members in my first Board of Administration as FIVB President reflected the democratic principles I am keen to uphold within the organization during my four-year term at the helm.

In a productive three-day session, Executive Committee and Board Members shared their ideas and opinions in a lively manner, together shaping a number of decisions and proposals for the World Congress to rubberstamp.

One such decision is to follow European Union law and not compulsorily place any limits on the number of foreign players. We have also changed the qualifying for Olympic Beach Volleyball – a decision that will be sent to the IOC for approval. The Olympics celebrate the elite and universality. Our former system did not have complete universality but the new system will, via the World Tour and a new FIVB Beach Volleyball World Cup that includes continental qualifying stages.

The FIVB's new "top-down" organizational structure that flows from the FIVB through the Continental Confederations to the National Federations permeated many of the Board decisions. Of course, ideas such as the above will require additional financial backing. This will be in place for the Continental Confederations – but not only for tournaments but also to trigger more development and anti-doping projects.

The FIVB is a non-profit organization. The assets of FIVB are public funds belonging to its affiliated National Federations. Within the FIVB, the Board has decided to delete the article in the FIVB Financial Regulations allowing FIVB elected members to receive commissions. We don't deny the past. But we look to the future.

Mr. Jizhong Wei, FIVB President

■ The FIVB Board of Administration, chaired for the first time by FIVB President Jizhong Wei, was held in Lausanne early April. A number of decisions were made and proposals discussed that will be forwarded to the FIVB World Congress for final decision in accordance with the FIVB Constitution.

### Legal Commission

The FIVB Board of Administration decided to revise the decision regarding limitations of ITC players (athletes with an international transfer certificate) on the court. This comes after the recommendation of the Legal Commission and the analysis of the legal conflict with European and other countries' labour laws. The FIVB recommends National Federations do their utmost to have local players in club teams. Every National Federation has the right to decide the composition of teams in their respective leagues and championships.

It was also agreed that the transfer of players inside a continent will be handled by the Continental Confederation. The two conditions for this are that all transfers are registered at the FIVB and that the transfer fee is shared between the FIVB and Continental Confederation. Transfers between two different Continental Confederations are to be handled by the FIVB.

### Beach Volleyball

The new Beach Volleyball Olympic qualification system will designate Olympic berths to National Federations instead of individual teams, giving them the right to change players. There will be a FIVB Beach Volleyball World Cup consisting of three stages of continental qualifying organised by the five Confederations from which five Olympic berths will be available and a "World Cup finals" where a further two Olympic places are decided. The FIVB will provide financial assistance to ensure the new system is in perfect working order from the very beginning. The 24 qualifiers for each of the men's and women's Olympic Beach Volleyball tournaments will be made up of the 16 best teams from the SWATCH FIVB World

Tour rankings, the five winners (one from each continent) of the continental phase of the FIVB Beach Volleyball World Cup, the two winners of the FIVB Beach Volleyball World Cup finals and the one host country (if not yet qualified). The two best teams not yet qualified from each of the five continental qualifying stages



Changes in Olympic Beach Volleyball were on the agenda at the FIVB Board

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*FIVB Executive Committee and Board Members in Lausanne*

will compete in the FIVB World Cup finals (total of 10 teams). The FIVB Beach Volleyball World Cup final stage will be played June 25 to July 1, 2012.

#### **'14-player rule'**

The FIVB Board of Administration has de-

ecided to refer the "14-player rule" to the Rules of the Game, Coaching and Refereeing Commissions for further analysis. The special meeting is to be called where they will study the issue and report back. In principle, the original rule was only for specific competitions and not in general

and the rule would be included only in the specific regulations of each of these events.

#### **FIVB World League**

The FIVB World League Council created a working group to deliver a proposal for



*The FIVB Boardroom hosted the meeting*

the 2010 FIVB World League that would concern regulations on participation in World League, to find a new and fair system to select teams for the World League. It was reported that the idea for the future of the FIVB World League is to balance the commercial line (closed system) with the sporting line (open system).

It was proposed that from the 16 teams, those ranked 1 to 14 in the 2009 FIVB World League have the right to participate in the 2010 edition, the final classification will be based on pool results, points (3 for 3-1/3-0 win, 0 for 3-0/3-1 loss, 2 for 3-2 win, 1 for 3-2 loss), point ratio and set ratio and that in the case of a tie of two or more teams in each of the last four pool positions there will be an evaluation of crowd attendance to decide ranking.

The Board agreed in principle to the qualification system proposed for the 2010 FIVB World League of the teams ranking 15th and 16th in 2009 to face the finalists of a new World League qualification system in two "promotion-relegation" play-off matches, with a drawing of lots to determine which team plays against the 15th- and 16th-ranked teams. In all cases, new teams have to fill all television and commercial requirements to participate in the FIVB World League.

In other World League news, it was reported that the 2008 FIVB World League attracted a record 665,000 spectators, topping the 649,000 spectators in 2001.

#### Commissions

The Board agreed to delete article 1.6.5 from the FIVB Financial Regulations concerning commissions paid out to FIVB members for contracts.

#### Confederations

The Board approved an increased financial contribution to the five Continental Confederations per year from now on, taking into account their improved role in the decision-making process in the coordination of the National Federations. This decision of the FIVB Board particularly stressed the investment which the Confederations will face for development and anti-doping projects.

#### FIVB World Grand Prix

For the 2009 edition, the same qualification system is being kept as for previous editions. There is a consensus that for an increase from 12 to 16 teams there needs to be an improvement in the level of the teams wanting to take part.

It was reported that a strong message is to be sent that a country's best players need to be used in the competition and not "second-team" players.

#### Appointments

FIVB Board member Marta Centeno De Sajche of Guatemala was elected to the FIVB Executive Committee to fill the Norceca quota available following the retirement of former President Dr. Rubén Acosta. With the departure from the FIVB Board of Carlos Beltran of Puerto Rico and in respect of continental quotas, Norceca will make a decision on its two available seats on the Board at its upcoming regional Board meeting.

#### Development Centres

The general plan is for each Development Centre focuses its strategy on Mass Volley and Beach Volleyball in 2009. It was proposed that, if Development Centres fulfil all requirements, the FIVB will, step-by-step, begin to pay for coaches for Development Centres.

#### World Vision 2012

It was proposed to give an award to the most improved National Federation in each of the Continental Confederations.

#### TV and New Media Commission

New distribution formats for television include – for the first time – a weekly Volleyball highlights programme during events and a revised Beach Volleyball highlight programme.

It was agreed to test a coloured Volleyball court in national-level events, to test line-sensor systems including Hawk Eye, to test microphones on referees and to change the color of the referees' uniform.

#### Athletes Commission

It was agreed that a study be carried out on the creation of an Athletes Commission as suggested by the International Olympic Committee, to be presented at the next Executive Committee meeting in Fukuoka in November.

#### New ball

It was decided to continue with tests on ball pressure and ball size for Volleyball.



FIVB President Jizhong Wei (centre) chaired the meeting



Winiarski (Poland), Riad (Brazil), Vissotto (Brazil), Kaziyski (Bulgaria), Grbic (Serbia) and Bari (Italy) from Itas Diatec Trentino, one of the top clubs of the Italian Serie A1 League. Like many other Volleyball clubs, the winner of the 2009 CEV Indesit Champions League has plenty of ITC players in its team

MEN'S

# FIVB World League schedule updated

The 2009 FIVB World League competition calendar presented in the March edition of World Volley News has been updated with changes to the local start times for the Argentina vs. Serbia matches on Weekend 5 and the GMT start times for these matches and others (see table).

The 20th anniversary edition of Volleyball's premier annual event involving the world's best men's players will see 16 national teams playing 106 matches over seven consecutive weekends in 42 cities across the globe.



The 2009 FIVB World League schedule is now updated

The six Intercontinental Rounds begin the weekend of June 12-14 and end on the extended weekend of July 15-19. The 16 participating teams are divided into four pools, with each team playing their pool opponents twice over a weekend both home and away.

The Final Round will be contested by six teams playing a total of 10 matches through July 22-26 at Belgrade Arena in Serbia's capital city.

The full match schedule for the 2009 FIVB World League is online under "Match Schedule" at:

<http://www.fivb.org/EN/volleyball/competitions/WorldLeague/2009/?Tourn=WL2009>



## 2009 FIVB World League – Competition Calendar

| N° | Pool | Home Team A | Visiting Team B | Match Date & Time | GMT Time | City |
|----|------|-------------|-----------------|-------------------|----------|------|
|----|------|-------------|-----------------|-------------------|----------|------|

### Weekend 1

|    |   |     |     |                |       |           |
|----|---|-----|-----|----------------|-------|-----------|
| 3  | D | VEN | FIN | 12.06.09 19:00 | 23:30 | Caracas   |
| 8  | A | NED | USA | 13.06.09 17:00 | 15:00 | Rotterdam |
| 14 | A | NED | USA | 14.06.09 15:00 | 13:00 | Rotterdam |
| 15 | D | VEN | FIN | 14.06.09 14:00 | 18:30 | Caracas   |

### Weekend 2

|    |   |     |     |                |       |           |
|----|---|-----|-----|----------------|-------|-----------|
| 19 | B | FRA | ARG | 19.06.09 20:30 | 18:30 | Lyon      |
| 20 | D | VEN | POL | 19.06.09 19:00 | 23:30 | Caracas   |
| 24 | C | BUL | JPN | 20.06.09 17:30 | 14:30 | Varna     |
| 25 | A | NED | CHN | 20.06.09 17:00 | 15:00 | Apeldoorn |
| 28 | A | NED | CHN | 21.06.09 15:00 | 13:00 | Apeldoorn |
| 29 | C | BUL | JPN | 21.06.09 17:30 | 14:30 | Varna     |
| 31 | B | FRA | ARG | 21.06.09 19:00 | 17:00 | Nice      |
| 32 | D | VEN | POL | 21.06.09 14:00 | 18:30 | Caracas   |

### Weekend 3

|    |   |     |     |                |       |             |
|----|---|-----|-----|----------------|-------|-------------|
| 36 | B | FRA | KOR | 26.06.09 20:30 | 18:30 | Montpellier |
| 41 | A | NED | ITA | 27.06.09 17:00 | 15:00 | Eindhoven   |
| 46 | A | NED | ITA | 28.06.09 15:00 | 13:00 | Eindhoven   |

### Weekend 4

|    |   |     |     |                |       |        |
|----|---|-----|-----|----------------|-------|--------|
| 52 | B | FRA | SRB | 03.07.09 20:30 | 18:30 | Paris  |
| 63 | B | FRA | SRB | 05.07.09 19:00 | 17:00 | Liévin |

### Weekend 5

|    |   |     |     |                |       |         |
|----|---|-----|-----|----------------|-------|---------|
| 67 | D | VEN | BRA | 10.07.09 19:00 | 23:30 | Caracas |
| 69 | B | ARG | SRB | 10.07.09 21:00 | 00:00 | Formosa |
| 73 | C | BUL | CUB | 11.07.09 17:30 | 14:30 | Varna   |
| 76 | B | ARG | SRB | 11.07.09 21:00 | 00:00 | Formosa |
| 79 | C | BUL | CUB | 12.07.09 17:30 | 14:30 | Varna   |
| 80 | D | VEN | BRA | 12.07.09 14:00 | 18:30 | Caracas |

### Weekend 6

|    |   |     |     |                |       |          |
|----|---|-----|-----|----------------|-------|----------|
| 83 | B | ARG | FRA | 16.07.09 21:00 | 00:00 | San Juan |
| 85 | C | BUL | RUS | 17.07.09 17:30 | 14:30 | Varna    |
| 89 | B | ARG | FRA | 17.07.09 21:00 | 00:00 | San Juan |
| 92 | C | BUL | RUS | 18.07.09 17:30 | 14:30 | Varna    |

## FIVB President Wei visits Serbia

FIVB President Jizhong Wei was welcomed by President of the Republic of Serbia Boris Tadic and other dignitaries in Belgrade during a two-day working visit in early March to the

Volleyball Federation of Serbia, which included a tour of the facilities for the 2009 FIVB World League Final Round.

President Wei, accompanied by his wife Li Lingpei, visited "Belgrade Arena" sports hall, the venue through July 22-26 for the Final Round of the 20th anniversary of the FIVB World League.

Vlade Divac hosted special receptions for President Wei during his time in Belgrade.

The FIVB President visited the headquarters of the Volleyball Federation of Serbia, where he met the employees and gave an exclusive interview to the Serbian Public TV Service (RTS), the official media partner of the Volleyball Federation of Serbia.

During President Wei's stay at the Hotel Hyatt Regency in Belgrade, the Volleyball Federation of Serbia organized a press conference with Mr. Wei and Volleyball Federation of Serbia President and FIVB Executive Vice President Mr. Aleksandar Boricic, both addressing Serbian media representatives. At the press conference, Boricic presented Wei with the Golden Plate of the Volleyball Federation of Serbia.



FIVB President Jizhong Wei and Serbia Volleyball Federation President Aleksandar Boricic

President Tadic, Serbian Minister of Sports and Youth Mrs. Snezana Samardzic-Markovic, Belgrade Lord Mayor Mr. Dragan Djilas and Serbian Olympic Committee President Mr.

MEN'S &amp; WOMEN'S

## Brasilia & Shanghai start 2009 SWATCH FIVB World Tour season



*The stunning city of Brasilia by night*

**The Brazilian capital city of Brasilia and China's Shanghai will be the first two stops on the 2009 SWATCH FIVB World Tour when the season begins in late April.**

The Banco do Brasil presented by KIA Open runs through April 20-26 before the China Shanghai Open begins April 28 and finishes May 3.

Both stops are double-gender events, with US\$380,000 prize money and bonus pool up for grabs at each.

Brasilia is hosting its first-ever SWATCH stop, but the FIVB has been sanctioning events continuously in the South American country since 1987 when Beach Volleyball competition was "officially" recognized internationally.

Brazil has been the site of the most

SWATCH FIVB World Tour events, including 30 men's and 25 women's tournaments. The 2009 Brasilia stop marks the 23rd year that Brazil has hosted a men's SWATCH stop and 17th-straight season staging a women's event.

Except for the 2004 men's event in Rio de Janeiro, teams from the South American country have always medalled for host Brazil. In 2008, Harley Marques and Pedro Salgado claimed men's gold while Vivian Cunha and Larissa Franca took the women's gold at the Brazil Open in Guarujá.

Brazil also staged the 2007 PanAm Games in Rio de Janeiro, where Brazilians Emanuel and Ricardo and Juliana Felisberta Silva and Larissa Franca captured the titles.

The 2009 Shanghai stop will feature

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*Home fans will hope Franco Neto (left) and Fabio Luiz appear in Brasilia*

double-gender competition for the fifth straight year (it was a solely a men's event in 2004) following a Brazil sweep of the gold medals in 2008. Talita Antunes and Renata Ribeiro claimed the women's gold and Harley and Pedro earned the men's gold for the second straight year.

Along with the Shanghai event in 2008, China hosted the 2008 Olympic Games in Beijing and the season-ending double-gender open event in Sanya.

The 2009 SWATCH FIVB World Tour is set to have total prize money of US\$7.7 million. To date, there are expected to be a total of 17 women's tournaments and 16 men's tournaments.



*The 2008 China Shanghai Jinshan Open men's final*



*China's Yuan Yue (left) competes at the China Shanghai Jinshan Open*

## FIVB & Development Centre Directors conclude positive meeting

**At the inaugural world meeting of FIVB Regional Development Centre Directors in Santo Domingo in early March, positive discussions were held concerning the goals and difficulties of the centres and the need for more unity between the centres and Continental Confederations.**

The FIVB authorities in attendance at the meeting through March 5-7 requested the Directors implement more long-term programs, join forces with local authorities to induce National Federations to support Mass Volleyball programmes and improve the managerial aptitude of personnel under their influence.

Mass Volley programmes are part of a strategy to develop the interest of youngsters and to promote the sport at a national level through events where thousands of children can join together to enjoy fun Volleyball-related activities.

The FIVB also put forward the need for Regional Development Centres to work more closely with emerging National Federation programmes in countries where the centre is located and to campaign to receive more support from National Olympic Committees and government institutions.

This first world meeting was the scene for a series of fruitful exchanges between the Regional Development Centre Directors

and FIVB authorities in charge of this important area of Volleyball and the possibility was raised of having the meeting organized on a biennial basis and for Continental Confederations' Presidents also to attend.

FIVB First Executive Vice President and NORCECA President Cristóbal Marte Hoffiz, African Confederation President Dr. Amr Elwani and FIVB Development Commission President Mr. Vicente Araujo attended the meeting. FIVB Technical and Development Director Helgi Thorsteinsson, who managed the meeting, praised the efficiency and organization of the hosting centre in Dominican Republic.

The Regional Development Centre Directors in attendance were Gabriel Salvia (Argentina), Dan Ilie Girleanu (Barbados), Laura Calello (Brazil), Nelson Ramirez (Dominican Republic), Arateide Caceres (Dominican Republic), Howyda Mondy (Egypt), Ramana Rao (India), Seong Keehak (Korea), Abdoulaye Baba Sy (Senegal), Chai Nimakorn (Thailand), Insan Ben Hassine (Tunisia) and Luis Carvallo (Venezuela).

Also in attendance as special guests were Marta Centeno de Sajche, Mush-taque Mohammed and Glen Quinlan, Presidents of Afecavol, Cazova and Ecva, respectively, sub-zones within the NORCECA Confederation.



*FIVB First Executive Vice President Cristóbal Marte Hoffiz (front row centre), Executive Vice President Vicente Araujo (second left) and Technical and Development Director Helgi Thorsteinsson (left) attended the Development Centre Directors' meeting in Santo Domingo*

### FIVB Technical Courses & Seminars Calendar - April - May 09

| COUNTRY            | TYPE                  | DATES  |        | DAYS |
|--------------------|-----------------------|--------|--------|------|
|                    |                       | From   | To     |      |
| Barbados           | Middle Player Seminar | Mar 30 | Apr 3  | 5    |
| Dominican Republic | IRCC Beach Refereeing | Mar 31 | Apr 6  | 7    |
| Senegal            | Coaches Level 1       | Apr 25 | May 6  | 12   |
| Bahrain            | Defense Seminar       | May 3  | May 8  | 6    |
| Dominican Republic | IRCC Refereeing       | May 5  | May 13 | 9    |
| Venezuela          | Coaches Level II      | May 12 | May 23 | 12   |
| Senegal            | Coaches Level II      | May 14 | May 25 | 12   |
| Thailand           | IRCC Refereeing       | May 23 | May 29 | 6    |
| Kuwait             | Mini Volley Seminar   | May 24 | May 29 | 5    |

### FIVB Volleyball Cooperation Programme Calendar - April 09

| COUNTRY           | TYPE              | DATES  |        | DAYS |
|-------------------|-------------------|--------|--------|------|
|                   |                   | From   | To     |      |
| Congo             | VCP Teachers      | Mar 30 | Apr 3  | 5    |
| Haiti             | VCP Young Players | Mar 30 | Apr 3  | 5    |
| Djibouti          | VCP Refereeing    | Apr 2  | Apr 7  | 6    |
| Trinidad & Tobago | VCP Refereeing    | Apr 8  | Apr 17 | 10   |
| Burundi           | VCP Young Players | Apr 10 | Apr 14 | 5    |
| Zimbabwe          | VCP Coaches       | Apr 10 | Apr 17 | 8    |
| Ghana             | VCP Coaches       | Apr 16 | Apr 23 | 8    |

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# QuickSets

## Sandra set to retire



After competing on the domestic and international Beach Volleyball circuits for the past two decades, legendary Brazilian Sandra Pires has announced she will retire from the sport after competing in the 2009 SWATCH FIVB

World Tour season opener in Brasilia in late April.

## Juliana returns



After eight months on the sidelines, Brazilian Beach Volleyball player Juliana Felisberta Silva returned to the court. The player, who damaged cruciate ligaments in her right knee during the

2008 SWATCH FIVB World Tour Grand Slam in Paris last June, has completely recovered and teamed up with Larissa Franca again during the third stop of the Brazilian Banco do Brasil Tour the weekend of March 21-22 in Curitiba.

## New Peru President picks Park



Man Bok Park (left) and Juan Castro

The Peruvian Volleyball Federation (FPV), which recently announced plans for its women's team to reclaim its place among the world's elite and to redevelop the sport at a grassroots level, has elected Juan Castro as its new President, who has selected Man Bok Park as Technical Director. New FPV President Castro, elected for the next four years, picked a popular man in Park, the Korean who presided over a golden age for the women's team in the 1980s. Park will be helped by compatriot and new head coach of the Peruvian Women Cheol Yong Kim and Technical Assistant Natalia Málaga Dibós.

## British coaching changes



The British Volleyball Federation announced that Audrey Cooper has taken over from Dr. Lorne Sawula as Great

Audrey Cooper

## 2009 Global Calendar - Competitions and Events - Volleyball & Beach Volleyball

| DATES        | EVENT  | COUNTRY                    | ORG.    | M/W |
|--------------|--|----------------------------|---------|-----|
| Mar 28/Apr 6 | 2009 Women's African Clubs Championship                                    | Nairobi, Kenya             | CAVB    | W   |
| Apr 1-5      | Norceca World Championship Tournament                                      | Antigua & Barbuda          | NORCECA | M   |
| Apr 4-5      | CEV Indesit Champions League Men - Final Four                              | Prague, Czech Rep.         | CEV     | M   |
| Apr 4-9      | Youth European Championships Final Round (Boys U19/Girls U18)              | Rotterdam, The Netherlands | CEV     | M/W |
| Apr 15-19    | Norceca World Championship Tournament                                      | Saint Lucia                | NORCECA | M   |
| Apr 15-19    | Norceca World Championship Tournament                                      | Saint Martin               | NORCECA | W   |
| Apr 17-19    | 2009 Junior World Championships - European Qualification - Men's 1st Round | Kuusamo, Finland           | CEV     | M   |
| Apr 20-24    | AVC World Championship Tournament  | Wellington, New Zealand    | AVC     | M/W |
| Apr 20-26    | SWATCH FIVB World Tour Open  | Brasilia, Brazil           | FIVB    | M/W |
| Apr 23/May 2 | 2009 Men's African Club Championship                                       | Cairo, Egypt               | CAVB    | M   |
| Apr 28/May 3 | SWATCH FIVB World Tour Open  | Shanghai, China            | FIVB    | M/W |
| May 1-3      | CAVB World Championship Tournament   | Maputo, Mozambique         | CAVB    | M   |
| May 6-10     | European Championship Tour - Spanish Masters                               | Gran Canaria, Spain        | CEV     |     |
| May 8-10     | Junior World Championships Qualification Women's 2nd Round                 | Various                    | CEV     | W   |
| May 12-17    | SWATCH FIVB World Tour Open  | Rome, Italy                | FIVB    | M   |
| May 13-17    | CEV World Championship Tournament  | Gabrovo, Bulgaria          | CEV     | W   |
| May 13-17    | CEV World Championship Tournament  | Marseille, France          | CEV     | W   |
| May 15-17    | CEV World Championship Tournament  | Guba, Azerbaijan           | CEV     | W   |
| May 15-17    | CEV World Championship Tournament  | Split, Croatia             | CEV     | W   |
| May 15-17    | Junior World Championships Qualification Men's 2nd Round                   | Various                    | CEV     | M   |
| May 19-23    | Norceca World Championship Tournament                                      | Kingston, Jamaica          | NORCECA | M   |
| May 19-24    | Norceca World Championship Tournament                                      | Osaka, Japan               | FIVB    | W   |
| May 20-24    | CAVB World Championship Tournament   | Maputo, Mozambique         | CAVB    | W   |
| May 22-24    | AVC World Championship Tournament  | Chinese Taipei             | AVC     | M   |
| May 22-24    | European Championships - Small Countries Division Women's Final Round      | Schaan, Liechtenstein      | CEV     | W   |
| May 22-24    | European League - Women's Leg 1  | Various                    | CEV     | W   |
| May 26-28    | AVC World Championship Tournament  | Teheran, Iran              | AVC     | M   |
| May 26-28    | CAVB World Championship Tournament   | Echlef, Algeria            | CAVB    | M   |
| May 26-31    | SWATCH FIVB World Tour Open  | Seoul, Korea               | FIVB    | W   |
| May 26-31    | SWATCH FIVB World Tour Open  | Myslowice, Poland          | FIVB    | M   |
| May 27-31    | CEV World Championship Tournament  | Portugal                   | CEV     | M   |
| May 27-31    | CEV World Championship Tournament  | Liberec, Czech Rep.        | CEV     | M   |
| May 29-31    | CEV World Championship Tournament  | Poprad, Slovakia           | CEV     | M   |
| May 29-31    | European League - Women's Leg 2  | Various                    | CEV     | W   |
| May 30/Jun 1 | CEV World Championship Tournament  | Rotterdam, The Netherlands | CEV     | M   |
| May 30/Jun 7 | IV Pan-American Cup  | Colima, Mexico             | NORCECA | M   |
| May 31/Jun 4 | CSV World Championship Tournament  | Buenos Aires, Argentina    | CSV     | W   |

Britain Women's head coach. Cooper was promoted after Dr. Sawula left after two years in charge. Government funding cuts have hit British Volleyball hard

in the build up so far to the 2012 London Games, with Dr. Sawula, one of Volleyball's most recognized authorities in coaching, the first casualty.

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**MONDO**

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

FIVB RECOMMENDED  
SYNTHETIC SPORTS FLOORS

**TARAFLEX Sport M Plus**  
(7 mm thickness colour Teal 6431  
and Coral 6146)

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**MONDOSPORT HP-E PVC indoor floor**  
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**DESCOL**

**PULASTIC Combi, 2000 and ZS**