

## FIVB Men's Volleyball World Championships 2010

### A month to look forward to



Mr. Jizhong Wei, FIVB President

This spot is normally reserved for my thoughts on events that have already taken place, but with four very special tournaments taking place in November, I thought it only fitting to look ahead this month.

The first competition, the Men's Club World Championship in Doha, Qatar, is making a return to the international Volleyball calendar after 17 years, so it goes without saying that everyone involved in its production from November 3-8 is extremely eager to get the ball flying!

The first FIVB trial of the Golden Formula, which requires that the first attack for each team begins from the back row in an attempt to produce longer rallies, will also add an interesting twist to the competition, making it that much more entertaining for fans of the eight participating clubs and lovers of the sport in general.

The World Grand Champions Cup, held every four years, will take place from November 10-23 in Japan, and be the last major competition this year for the participating national teams.

Brazil are the defending champions in both the men's and women's competitions, although some interesting surprises in the qualification tournaments mean that this could be one of the most unpredictable and exciting World Grand Champions Cups since its inception in 1993.

And finally, on the Beach Volleyball side, the SWATCH FIVB World Tour will wrap up next month with a double-gender event in Sanya, China that finishes on November 1 and a women's event in Phuket, Thailand from November 3-9. November promises to bring a climactic end to what has already been an outstanding year for Volleyball and Beach Volleyball.

Mr. Jizhong Wei, FIVB President

### ■ Drawing of Lots for the 2010 event completed in style in Rome.

A true sports festival is in store for Volleyball fans around the globe next year. No fewer than 24 national teams will come together to take part in the 2010 FIVB Men's Volleyball World Championship in Rome, to be held from September 24 to October 10, 2010.

The drawing of lots for the 17th edition of the event took place in the Petrassi Hall of the Auditorium Parco della Musica in Rome on October 28. The opening round matches will see current world champions Brazil lined up to take on Spain, Cuba and Tunisia, while three-time champions and hosts Italy will play Japan, Egypt and Iran. The complete line-up of the six pools is:

- Pool A – Italy, Japan, Egypt, Iran.
- Pool B – Brazil, Spain, Cuba, Tunisia.
- Pool C – Russia, Puerto Rico, Australia, Cameroon.
- Pool D – United States, Argentina, Venezuela, Mexico.
- Pool E – Bulgaria, China, France, Czech Republic.
- Pool F – Serbia, Poland, Germany, Canada.

"Tonight is a memorable night, and an evening which has launched the countdown to the opening of the FIVB Men's Volleyball World Championship 2010," commented Theofanis Tsiokris, President of the FIVB Sports Events Council and FIVB 2nd Executive Vice-President, present for the occasion. Indeed, many major figures from the world of Volleyball were in attendance, including FIVB 1st Executive Vice-President Cristobal Marte Hoffiz (NORCECA Confederation President), FIVB Executive Vice-President and Treasurer André Meyer (Europe Confederation President) and FIVB Executive Vice-President Dr Amr M. Elwani (Africa Confederation President).

Also present at the ceremony, which was broadcast live on RaiSport Più, were many previous stars of Italian men's Volleyball: FIVB Player of the Century Lorenzo Bernardi, Ferdinando De Giorgi, Pasquale Gravina, Paolo Tofoli and Andrea Zorzi. Bernardi said that it was "a great night and wonderful to be part of." He added: "The FIVB World Championships are a unique experience which brings out the best in everyone who participates, so I'm looking forward to a great spectacle next year."

A record-breaking number of nations – 112 in all – participated in the year-long qualifying process to reach the final round. Italy, as hosts, and the top 11 teams in the world ranking were automatically placed according to the serpentine system, with the remaining 12 teams being drawn into pools.



The draw for the FIVB Men's Volleyball World Championships took place in the spectacular Auditorium Parco della Musica in Rome

The matches will be held across the country in 10 different cities: Milan, Ancona, Catania, Florence, Modena, Reggio Calabria, Turin, Trieste, Verona and Rome.

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### Asia Men's Championship

#### Japan seizes seventh gold

In a showdown of Asian Volleyball supremacy, Japan battled back from a set down to defeat Iran 3-1 (19-25, 25-18, 25-23, 25-22) at the Ninoy Aquino Stadium in Manila, Philippines to win the 15th Asian Senior Men's Championship on October 5.

It was Japan's seventh gold in 15 appearances at the tournament, following titles in 1975, 1983, 1987, 1991, 1995 and 2005.

Iran's silver medal was its best result in 13 championship appearances, bettering the bronze it won in 2003.

By reaching the finals, Iran had booked a spot at the FIVB World Grand Champions Cup in November, as Japan had already qualified for the tournament as hosts.

#### Final Standings

Rank	Teams	Rank	Teams
1	<b>Japan</b>	10	<b>Myanmar</b>
2	<b>Iran</b>	11	<b>Lebanon</b>
3	<b>Korea</b>	12	<b>Vietnam</b>
4	<b>China</b>	13	<b>Thailand</b>
5	<b>Kazakhstan</b>	14	<b>Qatar</b>
6	<b>Indonesia</b>	15	<b>Philippines</b>
7	<b>Australia</b>	16	<b>Sri Lanka</b>
8	<b>Chinese Taipei</b>	17	<b>Hong Kong</b>
9	<b>India</b>	18	<b>Maldives</b>

### South America Men's Championship

#### Brazil dumps Argentina for 16th South American title

World champions Brazil defeated Argentina 3-0 (25-16, 25-16, 25-22) on October 4 to be crowned 2009 South American champion for the 16th time in Porto Alegre, Brazil and qualify for November's FIVB World Grand Champions Cup in Japan.

Brazil has now won the last nine tournaments it has competed in, including all six events so far this year. Argentina settled for silver for the fourth time, losing in each final to Brazil.

#### Final Standings

Rank	Teams	Rank	Teams
1	<b>Brazil</b>	5	<b>Uruguay</b>
2	<b>Argentina</b>	6	<b>Venezuela</b>
3	<b>Peru</b>	7	<b>Chile</b>
4	<b>Colombia</b>	8	<b>Paraguay</b>

### Europe Women's Championship

#### Italy defends European crown

FIVB World Cup 2007 champions Italy successfully defended the gold medal it won two years ago in Luxembourg with a dominant 3-0 (25-16, 25-19, 25-20) victory over the Netherlands at the CEV Orlen European Championships in Poland.

October's victory, which saw the Italians control the match from the beginning to confirm they are the real queens of European Volleyball, also qualified the "Azzurre" for the FIVB World Grand Champions Cup in Japan in November. A sold-out crowd at the Atlas Arena was on hand to watch Italy attempt to win back-to-back titles and the Netherlands contend for gold for the first time in 14 years.

#### Final Standings

Rank	Teams	Rank	Teams
1	<b>Italy</b>	9	<b>Spain</b>
2	<b>The Netherlands</b>	10	<b>Czech Republic</b>
3	<b>Poland</b>	11	<b>Belgium</b>
4	<b>Germany</b>	12	<b>Azerbaijan</b>
5	<b>Turkey</b>	13	<b>Slovakia</b>
6	<b>Russia</b>	14	<b>France</b>
7	<b>Serbia</b>		<b>Belarus</b>
8	<b>Bulgaria</b>	16	<b>Croatia</b>

### NORCECA Men's Championship

#### Cuba wins NORCECA gold and ticket to Japan

Cuba defeated the United States 3-1 (25-21, 22-25, 25-21, 25-22) claiming the gold medal of the NORCECA Men's Continental Championship in Bayamon, Puerto Rico and the last remaining ticket to the FIVB World Grand Champions Cup in Japan.

The victory on October 17 was Cuba's 14th NORCECA title in the 21-year history of the regional competition while tournament host Puerto Rico won the bronze medal in a five-set marathon with Canada that finished 3-2 (25-16, 24-26, 25-20, 22-25, 15-9) in their favour.

"The key for the victory was the consistency," said Cuba coach Orlando Samuels. "It is very pleasing for us to claim a victory against a team like the United States which has a great tradition in Volleyball."

#### Final Standings

Rank	Teams	Rank	Teams
1	<b>Cuba</b>	5	<b>Mexico</b>
2	<b>USA</b>	6	<b>Dominican Rep.</b>
3	<b>Puerto Rico</b>	7	<b>Barbados</b>
4	<b>Canada</b>	8	<b>Panama</b>



The Egyptian men's team celebrate their fifth African title and third in a row

### Africa Men's and Women's Championships

#### Algeria claim Women's Africa crown for first time while Egypt men win third in a row

Algeria won the 14th Women's African Nations Championship following a 3-0 (25-19, 25-8, 25-11) victory over Botswana on the final day of competition in Blida, Algeria on October 8.

Algeria won the prestigious African title for the first time since the start of the competition in 1976.

Algeria finished the round-robin competition with an unbeaten 5-0 record. It was the third successive year of achievement for Algeria's golden generation after the team won gold at the 2007 All Africa Games and qualified for the Beijing Olympics last year.

Meanwhile, defending champions Egypt claimed its fifth African title and third in a row by easing past Algeria 3-0 (25-21, 25-16, 25-11) on October 4 in the final of the 2009 Men's African Nations Championship in Tetouan, Morocco.

With the win, Egypt secured its fifth continental championship after wins in 1976, 1983, 2005 and 2007 as well as the African berth at the 2009 FIVB World Grand Champions Cup in Japan for the second time.

Cameroon cruised past Morocco to win the bronze medal, making it the first time in history that Morocco finished off the podium.

#### Women's Final Standings

Rank	Teams	Rank	Teams
1	<b>Algeria</b>	4	<b>Senegal</b>
2	<b>Tunisia</b>	5	<b>Botswana</b>
3	<b>Cameroon</b>	6	<b>Morocco</b>

#### Men's Final Standings

Rank	Teams	Rank	Teams
1	<b>Egypt</b>	5	<b>Tunisia</b>
2	<b>Algeria</b>	6	<b>Libya</b>
3	<b>Cameroon</b>	7	<b>South Africa</b>
4	<b>Morocco</b>	8	<b>Botswana</b>

## SPORTS EVENTS COUNCIL MEETING

**Working together will help Volleyball grow stronger**

**The annual meeting of the FIVB Sports Events Council was successfully completed in Lausanne in October, led by its President, FIVB 2nd Executive Vice-President, Mr. Theofanis Tsiokris.**

In his address to members of the Council, FIVB President Mr. Jizhong Wei underlined the fact that working hand in hand with all the Confederations was the new FIVB foundation for development and events, the aim of this being to help Volleyball around the world to grow stronger and stronger. "The new FIVB philosophy of working more closely with the Confederations and Federations will give the FIVB increased transparency and democracy," he said. One of the main topics discussed at the meeting was

the preparation of the annual events calendar with top priority being given to the safety of athletes so as not to overload them. Another key decision taken was that after 2014, Confederations will take on the responsibility of organizing

the FIVB World Championships Olympic Qualifying tournaments.

*The FIVB President Mr. Jizhong Wei with the Sports Events Council following their meeting in Lausanne on October 12-13*



## 21ST EDITION OF FIVB WORLD LEAGUE 2010

**Argentina selected as Final Round hosts**

**The headline news to emerge from the annual meeting of the World League Council, which took place in Lausanne on October 30, was the selection of Argentina as host nation to the Final Round of the 2010 FIVB World League.**

The event will take place from July 21-25, 2010, in Córdoba, the second largest city in Argentina, which has previously been a host city to the FIVB Men's World Championships in 2002. The venue for the competition will be Córdoba's Orfeo Superdomo, which was officially opened in that same year. The Mar del Plata venue of Poldeportivo having already organised this prestigious event in 1999, this will be Argentina's second time as host nation of the World League finals.

The World League formula will remain unchanged. The Final Round will thus be contested by the automatically qualified host team, the four top-ranked teams from the Intercontinental Round pools, and the best second-placed teams from across the four pools.

"The FIVB is extremely pleased to be able to confirm Argentina as the host country for next year's World League finals," announced FIVB Sports Event Council President and FIVB 2nd Executive Vice President Mr. Theofanis Tsiokris. "After the reformation of the Argentina Volleyball Federation, this is just reward for its hard work and excellent proposal."

Mr. Francesco Franchi, FIVB World League Council President, underlined the excellent proposal of Argentina during the bidding process. "It is of enormous credit to the Argentina Volleyball Federation that they were the ones chosen," he added.

Speaking on behalf of the Argentina Volleyball Federation, its President, Mr. Alejandro Bolgeri was naturally very proud to be granted this honour: "Volleyball in Argentina is on a new high after being welcomed back into the World League this year, and now to be awarded the Final Round in 2010 is another great boost for the sport. It shows the great

respect the FIVB has for us now, after the great transformation that has been undertaken by the Federation in recent years."

Other news to come out of the 2009 World League Council meeting included the confirmation of the pools for the 2010 edition of the event. In Pool A are Brazil, Bulgaria, the Netherlands and Korea; Pool B will see matches between Serbia, Italy, France and China; Pool C consists of Russia, the USA, Finland and Egypt; while future hosts Argentina will battle against Cuba, Poland and Germany in Pool D.



**Argentina Volleyball Federation President Mr. Alejandro Bolgeri (centre) with FIVB Sports Event Council President Mr. Theofanis Tsiokris (on his left), FIVB World League Council President Mr. Francesco Franchi (on his right) and members of the Local Organising Committee**

MEN &amp; WOMEN

## Rome to host 2011 SWATCH FIVB Beach Volleyball World Championships

The Fédération Internationale de Volleyball (FIVB), the National Olympic Committee of Italy (CONI) and the Italian Volleyball Federation were pleased to announce on October 17 that the 2011 SWATCH-FIVB Beach Volleyball World Championships will be held in the Italian capital of Rome from June 17-26.

The eighth edition of the SWATCH FIVB Beach Volleyball World Championships, which features total prize money of US\$1 million, will be held in the famed sports complex - the Foro Italico - next to the 1960 Olympic Stadium and will mark the third time that it has hosted a FIVB World Tour event, with an inaugural Open event held in 2009 and a Grand Slam proposed for May, 2010.

"Italy has been synonymous with Volleyball for a long time so it is with great pleasure that one of the strongest nations in Volleyball will host such an important FIVB event," FIVB Executive Vice President and President of the FIVB Beach Volleyball Commission Mr. Ary Graça said. "With the world's best athletes performing at one of the most inspirational venues on the World Tour, we can expect another high quality edition of the SWATCH FIVB World Championships, which continues to go from strength to strength."

"I am extremely grateful for this prestigious commitment," CONI Servizi CEO Mr. Raffaele Pagnozzi said. "We are particu-



FIVB Executive Vice President & FIVB Beach Volleyball Commission President Mr. Ary Graça (centre) with FIPAV General Manager Mr. Libenzio Conti and 2011 Beach Volleyball World Championships Tournament Director Mr. Diego Nepi Molineris (right)

larly proud that the FIVB has given Italy the honour to host such a prestigious event such as the SWATCH FIVB World Championships that will take place in Foro Italico, fully respecting architectural aspects and monuments of the historical area of Rome."

"Rome has a strong history when it comes to hosting key sporting events, such as the Olympic Games and the

recently completed swimming world championships," Italian Volleyball Federation President Carlo Magri said. "And the Italian Volleyball Federation is honoured to have this new event, which is the most celebrated tournament of a discipline that in a few years will become one of the most followed and practiced in the world. For Italy to host both the FIVB Volleyball and Beach Volleyball World Championships in successive years is testament to the high esteem our Federation is held internationally."

### Beach Volleyball looking forward to a bright future

Many of the major representatives of the Beach Volleyball world gathered in Lausanne in October to participate in the annual meetings of the FIVB Beach Volleyball Commission and the FIVB Volleyball World Tour Council. The former brought together Confederation Presidents, Confederation Beach Volleyball representatives and player and promoter representatives; while the latter saw more than 25 promoters and Federation Presidents in attendance, together with key stakeholders Swatch, Descente, IMG, IFM (Sports Marketing Surveys) and Hutchison Sand and Mixes.

The meetings proved to be extremely fruitful. The key announcement made during the meetings was the confirmation of Rome as host city for the 2011 SWATCH FIVB World Championships. Full endorsement was giv-



en to the 2010 Official Calendar and also to the Tentative Calendars for the 2011 and 2012 seasons, while the recently launched FIVB Beach Volleyball World Cup received unanimous support from both the Commission and the Council. In addition, a new initiative called Beach Volleyball Around the World was unveiled, and an update on preparations for 2012 Olympic Games, including precisions concerning the qualifying procedure, was provided.

The 2011 SWATCH FIVB World Championships will feature 96 athletes (48 per gender), double the number of pairings at an Olympic Games, with men and women competing for \$500,000 in prize money per gender in what is the largest stadium on the SWATCH FIVB World Tour where 10,000 fans will partake in the action, day and night. Previous SWATCH FIVB World Championships included the very successful 2009 edition in Stavanger, Norway. Other editions were following: 2007 - Gstaad, Switzerland, 2005 - Berlin, Germany, 2003 - Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, 2001 - Klagenfurt, Austria, 1999 - Marseille, France, 1997 - Los Angeles, USA.

Prior to 1997, the World Championships were played yearly in Brazil from 1986.

MEN &amp; WOMEN

## Record-breaking television year for FIVB Beach Volleyball

**2009 has been quite a year for fans of Beach Volleyball. Not only have the SWATCH FIVB Beach Volleyball World Championships and the SWATCH FIVB World Tour taken place, but more of the action has been broadcast on international television than ever before.**

Indeed, even by the end of September 2009 and with two further SWATCH FIVB World Tour events still to be played, the FIVB was already able to announce record-breaking television numbers for its inaugural year in partnership with leading sports, entertainment and media company IMG. Beach Volleyball worldwide total revenues were at that time already some 180% higher than in 2007, the last year in which the two events were played together, and 130% higher than in 2008 when just the World Tour was played.

During the World Championships alone (June 26 – July 5, Stavanger, Nor-

way) some 426 hours of matches were broadcast on television, compared to only 147 for the 2007 edition (held in Gstaad, Switzerland). A total of 25 international broadcasters took the finals live, compared to only four in 2007 - an increase of 525% - while no fewer than 40 international broadcasters devoted viewing time to the event, marking an increase of 185% over the 2007 total of 14.

Regarding the SWATCH FIVB World Tour, the number of international broadcasters increased from 24 in 2008 to 39 in 2009. Live footage was distributed to 130 countries, with highlights reaching 200 territories this year, while the combined total for 2007 was 120 territories worldwide.

“The appeal of Beach Volleyball for television has been strong for a number of years, however, these outstanding figures represent a new era for the sport in terms of exposure and accessibility for

**SWATCH FIVB**  
WORLD TOUR 2009

Beach Volleyball fans worldwide,” said FIVB President Mr. Jizhong Wei. “These achievements are particularly relevant in the context of the current economic downturn which has seen the collapse and default of many broadcasters worldwide.”

FIVB Beach Volleyball Commission President, Dr. Ary Graça is adamant: “Such achievements in the development of Beach Volleyball are the result of the FIVB’s new global approach, including a new television strategy which has revolutionized the way Beach Volleyball is presented on television. In addition, FIVB Beach Volleyball organizers have contributed a lot towards the growth of the overall system. This was especially evident with the 2009 SWATCH FIVB World Championships recently held in Stavanger, which is the most successful Beach Volley World Championships in FIVB history.”



The SWATCH FIVB World Championships 2009 in Norway were part of the outstanding year for Beach Volleyball on television

## Second International Coaches' Seminar

A total of 204 Volleyball coaches from all over Serbia gathered in Belgrade on October 14 to take part in the 2nd International Coaches' Seminar called "Coaches for Victories", organized by the Volleyball Federation of Serbia.

After an introduction by Slobodan Milosevic, Secretary General of the Volleyball Federation of Serbia, presentations were given by Dr. Goran Nestic, President of the Association of Serbian Volleyball Coaches and Mr. Zoran Terzic, coach of the Serbian senior women's Volleyball team.

In his greeting to participants, Mr. Aledsandar Boricic, FIVB Executive Vice-President and President of the Volleyball Federation of Serbia, announced, "The Volleyball Federation of Serbia started



**Serbia Volleyball Federation Secretary General Slobodan Milosevic addresses the audience**

with the new system of education for our coaches last year. We wanted to bring the best coaches and experts to help us improve our skills and tactical and technical level of play. I think this exchange of information will be very useful for our coaches, to our Volleyball clubs, and eventually to our national teams."

## Successful coaching course held in Benin

The Beninese Volleyball Federation in collaboration with the FIVB organized a highly successful Level I coaching course

from October 16-25, under the expert guidance of FIVB instructor Mbaye Deme of Senegal.



**The future of coaching in Africa**

Of the 24 trainees from around the country, 17 were awarded their FIVB Level I coaching certificates. Mr. Deme ensured that the quality and conditions for receiving the qualification were very strict, and that those who passed the course were not only professionally trained but also well-deserving of the honour.

## Successful International Referee Candidate Course completed in Romania

As part of its extensive development program to spread the sport of Volleyball around the world, the International Volleyball Federation (FIVB) completed its fourth and final International Referee Candidate Course for the year 2009 in Botisani, Romania on October 20.

A total of 18 delegates from 14 different countries attended the course, which was hosted by the Romania Volleyball Federation with Dr. Endre Holvay as the director and Mr. Klaus Fezer as the instructor, which aims to further develop the level of officiating around the world



**Romania hosted the fourth FIVB International Referee Candidate Course of 2009**

by training national and international referees and improving and updating referees' knowledge and competence of Volleyball and Beach Volleyball rules, according to the most recent trends of Volleyball and Beach Volleyball.

The International Referee Candidate Courses consists of theory and practical of officiating amongst other items and concludes with examinations.

The three previous International Referee Candidate Courses in 2009 were held in Thailand, the Dominican Republic and Tunisia in May.

### FIVB Technical Courses and Seminars Calendar - November - December 09

COUNTRY	TYPE	DATES		DAYS
		From	To	
Barbados	Beach Get Involved Seminar	November 2	November 6	5
Sudan	Outside Hitter Seminar	November 6	November 10	5
India	Coaches Level II	November 16	November 28	13
Mozambique	Coaches Level I	November 19	December 2	14
Colombia	Coaches Level I	December 1	December 12	12
Paraguay	Coaches Level I	December 1	December 12	12

### FIVB Volleyball Cooperation Programme Calendar - November - December 09

COUNTRY	TYPE	DATES		DAYS
		From	To	
Eritrea	VCP Young Players	November 2	November 6	5
Rwanda	VCP BVB Grassroots	November 13	November 17	5
Guatemala	VCP Coaches	November 17	November 24	8
Central African Republic	VCP Young Players	December 1	December 5	5
Palestine	VCP Coaches	December 5	December 12	8
Mauritius	VCP Teachers	December 7	December 11	5
Bhutan	VCP Teachers	December 25	December 29	5

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# QuickSets

## FIVB President declares Volleyball a sport of peace



The FIVB President Jizhong Wei was declared "Ambassador of Peace" by the Ministry of Culture and Sport of Guatemala on his arrival for the 20th NORCECA Congress on October 21. "I receive this honour with great humility, and I make the commitment of carrying a message of peace throughout the world through sport, specifically Volleyball and Beach Volleyball." Mr Wei added, "Volleyball is a sport where physical contact doesn't exist, so it is not a sport of violence, it is a sport of peace."

## FIVB Executive Vice-President Gumel elected new IOC Member



Habu Ahmed Gumel, President of the Nigerian Olympic Committee and the Nigerian Volleyball Committee was elected as one of six new members of the International Olympic Committee. The election took place during the IOC Congress in Copenhagen on October 5. During its Congress, the IOC also decided to once again include Volleyball and Beach Volleyball as Olympic disciplines for another Olympic cycle, to be included as part of the 26 sports represented at the 2012 Games in London. Volleyball made its debut at the Tokyo Olympics in 1964, while the first appearance of Beach Volleyball was at Atlanta in 1996.

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

DATES	EVENT	COUNTRY	ORG.	M/W
Oct 26/Nov 1	SWATCH FIVB World Tour Open	Sanya, China	FIVB	M/W
Nov 1-9	U-21 Central American Championship	El Salvador	NORCECA	M
Nov 3-9	SWATCH FIVB World Tour Open	Phuket, Thailand	FIVB	W
Nov 3-8	FIVB Men's Club World Championship	Doha, Qatar	FIVB	M
Nov 6-14	U-20 Central American Championship	Guatemala	NORCECA	W
Nov 10-15	FIVB Women's World Grand Champions Cup	Tokyo, Fukuoka, Japan	FIVB	W
Nov 14-22	U-18 Central American Championship	Costa Rica	NORCECA	W
Nov 18-23	FIVB Men's World Grand Champions Cup	Osaka, Nagoya, Japan	FIVB	M
Nov 22-30	U-19 Central American Championship	Panama	NORCECA	M
Dec 9-18	25th SEA Games Volleyball Tournament	Laos	Asia	M/W
Dec 16-27	Central American Sports Games	Honduras	NORCECA	M/W

## TV Globo signs extension with FIVB

Brazilian broadcaster TV Globo has extended its contract with the FIVB to encompass both Volleyball and Beach Volleyball rights up until 2018. An official rights holder for the period 2006-2010,

the Brazilian organization has now more than doubled its commitment to broadcasting Volleyball in one of the most successful countries for the sport. The FIVB is delighted with the new nine-



year contract. "Volleyball is growing increasingly popular and becoming a much sort after product for new-age television. We are proud to be able to extend our relationship which has been already very close for many years," commented President Jizhong Wei.

## FIVB holds Mass Volleyball Seminar in Bangkok

The FIVB, in close cooperation with the AVC, held a special Mass Volleyball Seminar in Bangkok, Thailand on October 24-25 that was attended by AVC officials and representatives from the five Asian Zones.

The meeting, chaired by FIVB Executive Vice President and Development Commission President Vicente Araujo and

supported by FIVB Technical & Development Director Helgi Thorsteinsson, was aimed at providing direct discussions on the importance of Mass Volleyball development activities in Asia and the promotion of the sport among younger generations.

In addition to discussions on ways to promote Volleyball and implement



Mass Volleyball events, talks also centred around the latest FIVB property: the Beach Volleyball World Cup, which all National Federations have been asked to participate in from 2010.

## FIVB Homologated sports material &amp; equipment 2009

FIVB EXCLUSIVE  
APPROVED VOLLEYBALL BALLS**MIKASA**

MVA 200 / MVP 200 (colour, synthetic leather)

Exclusive game ball  
for all FIVB Competitions incl. OG 2012

## FIVB APPROVED VOLLEYBALL BALLS

**MIKASA**

MVA 300 / MVP 200NC (colour, synthetic leather)

**MOLTEN**

IV5XC (MTV5SLIT) (colour, synthetic leather)

**GALA**

BV 5091S (colour, synthetic leather)

**QUINGDAO-SYNSHEEN**

"Star" VB 215-34 (colour, synthetic leather)

## FIVB INSPECTED VOLLEYBALL BALLS

**MIKASA SV-2 School****MIKASA VP500 Park Volley****MIKASA SKV5 Kids Volleyball**

## BEACH VOLLEYBALL BALLS

**MIKASA**

VLS 200 (colour) Beach

Exclusive game ball for all FIVB Competitions  
incl. OG 2008**MOLTEN**

BV5000 (colour) Beach

**CAMBUCCI "Penalty"**

Beach Volley Pro

HOMOLOGATED POSTS, PADS,  
ANTENNAE, NETS, REFEREES' CHAIRS**SENOH**Posts, pads, nets with antennae & referees' chairs are  
exclusive for all FIVB Competitions incl. OG 2012

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

## SHOES AND UNIFORMS

**ADIDAS**

Shoes &amp; uniforms

**ASICS**

Shoes &amp; uniforms

**CHAMPION**

Uniforms

**DACAPO**

Uniforms

**DESCENTE**

Shoes &amp; uniforms

**ERREA**

Uniforms

**GRANDSPORT**

Uniforms

**MIKASA**

Uniforms

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