

## FIVB World Congress details confirmed

### Decision making time



Mr. Jizhong Wei, FIVB President

The engine room of the FIVB was on full display in January with members of a number of FIVB Commissions being welcomed to the Lausanne headquarters.

This is a crucial moment of the year for the FIVB and Volleyball, when plans are formalized, initiatives approved and above all, the expertise of external collaborators is sort.

The FIVB can only grow stronger when many voices can be heard. Different opinions are not a reason to divide, more precisely; opinions that vary in nature are encouraged to ensure that the FIVB has explored all possible options.

From Commission meeting to Executive Committee and on to the Board of Administration, all members have an extremely crucial role to play.

This year, for the first time in FIVB history, three Commissions met together for the first time. The Coaching, Refereeing and Rules Commissions provided a wonderful insight on how we can best utilize this time of year with all three Commissions profiting from the opportunity to discuss similar issues close to their own particular domain.

I look forward to seeing other Commissions doing more of the same in the future.

Of course, no one needs reminding that the ultimate governing body, the FIVB World Congress, will have its say when it meets in September.

The voice of the federations will definitely be heard and I look forward to sharing with you a process where all FIVB members will be encouraged to contribute, ensuring that there is only one winner - the sport of Volleyball. Keep the ball flying!

Mr. Jizhong Wei, FIVB President

■ The International Volleyball Federation (FIVB) Executive Committee confirmed, at its meeting in Tokyo, Japan in December, that the 32nd FIVB World Congress will be held later this year in Rome, Italy from September 9-10.

The FIVB World Congress, which is the Federation's supreme governing body, is held every two years. The 2010 edition, which is not an elective Congress, will be preceded by a one day workshop on September 8 for all category I and II national federations, providing the opportunity for federations to discuss issues with FIVB and Confederation officials while also providing a platform for the FIVB to update the federations on key developments within the organization. The FIVB Executive Committee also confirmed that the FIVB will cover the travel expenses for the first delegate of each category I and category II national federation, as well as, the accommodation of all participating national federations' first delegates.

"The FIVB World Congress is the most efficient platform where the entire Volleyball family can congregate and exchange ideas and be fully updated on the happenings in the world of Volleyball," FIVB President

Mr Jizhong Wei said. "The money coming from the sport will be put back into the sport, this is an Olympic rule which FIVB follows for the benefit of our players and Volleyball participants."

The venue for the 2010 FIVB World Congress will be the Rome Marriott Park Hotel. Invitations to register for the Congress have been sent.



The 32nd FIVB World Congress will be an opportunity for national federations to discuss issues with confederations and the FIVB

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### FIVB Commission meetings take place in Lausanne

The annual FIVB commission meetings took place at the headquarters of the FIVB from January 5-21.

Representatives from the Legal, Finance, Press, Rules, Refereeing, Coaching, Technical, Medical and Development Commissions all met in Lausanne, Switzerland to review the past year and look ahead to the upcoming 12 months.

Additionally, they discussed ways in which Volleyball could be improved further, and set up a list of proposals to be delivered to the Executive Committee and Board of Administration at their meetings in April. To read more turn to page two.

## Historical FIVB Commission meeting takes place in Lausanne

**For the first time in the history of the FIVB three commissions – Coaching, Refereeing and Rules – held a joint meeting at the FIVB headquarters on January 19.**

FIVB President Mr. Jizhong Wei addressed the meeting by encouraging all members to take advantage of this historic occasion to work on the better development of the sport of Volleyball, keeping the best interests and health of the athletes in mind.

Items discussed included team composition (12 or 14 players), review of the trial of Libero rule modifications, review of the latest rule changes (net touch, centre line penetration) and the trial of the Golden Formula during the FIVB Men's World Club World Championships in Qatar.

The joint commission meeting findings will be proposed to the Executive Committee in April.

Each of the commissions held individual meetings before and after the joint half-day meeting.



*All three commissions in the FIVB Board Room*



*The Refereeing Commission the morning before the landmark meeting*



*The Rules Commission met separately before the combined meeting*

## Volleyball world reaches out for Haiti

**The FIVB along with a number of Confederations helped donate aid to the victims of the earthquake that hit Haiti in January.**

The Volleyball governing body, along with the NORCECA Confederation, agreed to combine efforts in a campaign to raise funds, food and medicine for victims of the disaster, which struck on January 12. Additionally, CEV also joined efforts to aid those in desperate need of aid.

FIVB President Mr. Jizhong Wei encouraged all sport institutions around the world to help the millions left homeless and in urgent need of assistance and compassion.

Mr. Cristobal Marte Hoffiz, FIVB 1st Executive Vice President and President of the NORCECA Confederation, circulated a letter requesting aid for those left in desperate circumstances just a day after the earthquake occurred.



*Volunteers and officials from the NORCECA Confederation help unload a truck with water for victims of the Haiti earthquake*

MEN & WOMEN

## Youth Olympic Games qualifiers begin

The qualification process for this year's Youth Olympic Games began in January, with Curacao moving one step closer to the competition, winning the CAZO-VA Youth Boys' Tournament.

Curacao defeated defending champions Barbados 3-1 (25-21, 25-21, 23-25, 25-17) in the final on January 17, meaning they now move to the main NORCECA Continental Championship qualification tournament from April 3-11 in Guadalajara, Mexico.

Elsewhere, the African qualification tournament begins on March 17 and runs until March 24. The boys' contest will take place in Durban, South Africa, whilst Cairo in Egypt will host the girls competition.

Additionally, the European qualifiers have also been announced, with France competing for the boys and Belgium competing for the girls following their



France have already qualified for this year's Youth Olympic Games in Singapore after winning the 2009 European Youth Championships

respective victories at last year's European Youth Championships.

The inaugural Youth Olympic Games are taking place in Singapore from August 14-26.

Additionally, the 2014 Youth Olympic Games venue has also been announced as Nanjing, China.

## FIVB World Grand Prix venues announced

Taiwan in Chinese Taipei has been confirmed as the 10th and final host city for the preliminary stages of the 2010 FIVB World Grand Prix, which runs from August 6-22.

The city will be hosting all Pool D matches in the 2nd Preliminary Round, which includes Thailand, Italy, USA and Puerto Rico.

The confirmation of Taiwan follows the announcement in January that Sao Paulo in Brazil was confirmed as the ninth host city.

The confirmed hosts are:

Pool	Round	Dates	Country	City
Pool A	1st Preliminary Round	6th-8th August	Brazil	Sao Paulo
Pool B	1st Preliminary Round	6th-8th August	Poland	Gdynia
Pool C	1st Preliminary Round	6th-8th August	China	Chengdu
Pool D	2nd Preliminary Round	13th-15th August	Chinese Taipei	Taiwan
Pool E	2nd Preliminary Round	13th-15th August	Macau	Macau
Pool F	2nd Preliminary Round	13th-15th August	Japan	Okayama
Pool G	3rd Preliminary Round	20th-22nd August	Hong Kong	Hong Kong
Pool H	3rd Preliminary Round	20th-22nd August	Korea	Mokpo
Pool I	3rd Preliminary Round	20th-22nd August	Japan	Tokyo
Finals	Final Round	25th-29th August	China	Ningbo



Last year's hosts of the final round, Japan and last year's winners Brazil will be hoping for success when the FIVB World Grand Prix climaxes in Ningbo, China in August



## Brazil still sitting pretty at the top of the World Rankings

Brazil continues to dominate the FIVB World Rankings following the online publication of the latest version of the Volleyball rankings on February 27.

There is no change at the top of the four ranking categories with the Brazil Senior men's team and women's teams topping their respective lists while Brazil is also ranked No. 1 in the women's Junior and Youth and Argentina leads the mens' Junior and Youth whilst Brazil sits third.



Russia moved from sixth to third in the new women's world rankings

In the senior rankings, the only changes from the last update in November 2009 have come with the removal of the 2007 World Cup from the calculations and a reduction from 50% to 25% in the 2006 FIVB World Championships results and from 100% to 75% in the 2008 Olympic Games results.

The big movers include the Russian women - the defending world champions - who rose from sixth to third as a consequence of USA, who have suffered from the reduction of weighting held by the World Cup and World Championships, dropping from second to fourth. China move from third to second.

### FIVB Senior World Ranking – Men's top five

Rank	Team	Points	+/- previous rank
1	<b>Brazil</b>	152.50	0
2	<b>USA</b>	120.00	1
3	<b>Russia</b>	112.50	-1
4	<b>Serbia</b>	91.25	2
5	<b>Poland</b>	89.25	0

### FIVB Senior World Ranking – Women's top five

Rank	Team	Points	+/- previous rank
1	<b>Brazil</b>	177.5	0
2	<b>China</b>	131.5	1
3	<b>Russia</b>	113.8	3
4	<b>USA</b>	102.5	-2
5	<b>Japan</b>	94.8	2

For complete FIVB world rankings visit [www.fivb.org](http://www.fivb.org)

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## Turkey to host 2010 SWATCH FIVB Junior World Championships

**Turkey has again secured a spot on the international Beach Volleyball calendar as the Mediterranean seaside resort city of Alanya will host the 2010 SWATCH FIVB Junior World Championships for players under 21 years old.**

It marks the second-straight year that Turkey is staging a world finale after hosting the 2009 SWATCH FIVB Youth World Championships for players under 19 years old. The 10th annual SWATCH FIVB Junior World Championships will be September 15-19 in Alanya.

The 2010 SWATCH FIVB Junior World Championships will mark the eighth time that countries within the European confederation have staged eight of the previous nine U-21 Beach Volleyball events. England hosted the 2008 (Brighton) and 2009 (Blackpool) SWATCH FIVB Junior World Championships as the country continues to develop the sport prior to the London 2012 Olympic Games.



*Poland's Kinga Kolosinska and Monika Brzostek won last year's SWATCH FIVB Junior World Championships after beating previously unbeaten Dutch tandem Danielle Remmers and Michelle Stiekema in Blackpool, England*

## Porto plays host to SWATCH FIVB Youth World Championships

**After staging 13 men's and nine women's SWATCH FIVB World Tour stops in Espinho, Portugal will again host another "major" international Beach Volleyball event by holding the 2010 SWATCH FIVB Youth World Championships for players under the age of 19 in Porto, July 28-August 1.**

part in the main draw of a SWATCH FIVB World Tour event in 2010 or 2011."

While the Brazilian men and women have dominated the FIVB U-21 competition with 14 medals combined, the U-18/19 championships have seen the medal and "final four" count distributed among 20 countries as compared to 17 nations for the junior event.

"These events have been critical to create a new generation of Beach Volleyball athletes," said Angelo Squeo, the FIVB Beach Volleyball Events Director. "In a few years, these players will challenge for SWATCH FIVB World Tour medals and vie for berths in future Olympic Games. The winners of these events will also be rewarded by the FIVB and the respective organizers with wild cards and free transportation to take



*Portugal has hosted many SWATCH FIVB events, but never the SWATCH FIVB Youth World Championships*

### Goller and Ludwig win final leg of NZ Beach Volleyball tour

SWATCH FIVB World Tour No. 4 Sara Goller and Laura Ludwig picked up the final victory of the New Zealand Beach Volleyball Tour in Auckland on January 24, beating home duo Anna Scarlett and Susan Blundell 2-0 (21-14, 21-19).

The German pair, who claimed bronze medals at the Moscow and Marseille Grand Slam tournaments on the 2009 SWATCH FIVB World Tour, dominated the women's tournament for the second event running, beating 2008 Beijing Olympic silver medalists Tian Jia and Wang Fei from China in the semi finals. Goller and Ludwig were also successful in the third Tour stop in Mount Maunganui in the week prior.

### Reader says FIVB tour "best in world"

Canadian Beach Volleyball player Martin Reader has announced that despite planning to play mostly on the NORCECA tour this year, the FIVB tour is the best competition in the world.

Reader, who feels competing on the NORCECA tour gives him a better chance to reach the Olympics in London 2012, said: "We have a different tour and we probably have a better chance of winning that tour than being top 16 in the world," he said. "NORCECA is definitely a weaker tour, with the countries less developed however, that being said, FIVB is the best competition in the world. The focus should be the FIVB, but it's realistic for us to think about hopping onto the NORCECA tour and winning a few tournaments there."

MEN &amp; WOMEN

## Another bumper Beach Volleyball season in store as FIVB 2010 calendar is confirmed

The FIVB is pleased to announce the confirmation of the Beach Volleyball calendar for 2010 including a ground breaking edition of the SWATCH FIVB World Tour, which will feature six Grand Slam events for the second time in its history.

With total prize money of \$6.83 million on offer, the 2010 SWATCH FIVB



Rome hosted a men's Open tournament on last year's SWATCH FIVB World Tour and will be the venue for the first Grand Slam in 2010 on May 17

World Tour will include 15 women's events and 14 men's tournaments including Grand Slams offering \$600,000 prize money and bonus pool in Russia, Norway, Switzerland, Austria, Poland and a new Grand Slam in Rome, Italy – the venue for the 2011

SWATCH FIVB World Championships. The only other time six Grand Slams featured in one season was in 2008.

The 2010 calendar will have its opening tournament being a double gender Open in Brasilia, Brazil from April 19-25 before the first Grand Slam takes place from May 17-23 in Rome, Italy. There is a possibility of an additional event in Cancun being added to the calendar in the forthcoming



Brasilia will host the first stage of the SWATCH FIVB World Tour 2010 on April 19

weeks. All other events are fully confirmed in 2010 as well as in the build up towards the Olympic Games in 2012.

"The FIVB has developed the latest calendar in order to ensure the best symmetry with continental and national tours throughout the world," President of the Beach Volleyball Commission Dr. Ary Graça said. "In fact, apart for the month of August, all remaining months in the calendar will have at least one free week to accommodate the continental and national activities. We hope that now, FIVB confederations and federations will seize this great opportunity, exploiting the potential that Beach Volleyball can offer to all of them, by involving more teams and the best partners which will help increase the overall Beach Volleyball audience. This will also help to further boost the SWATCH FIVB World Tour as well."

Dr Graça continued: "I believe that the calendar should have no more than 34 events in order to increase the tremendous value of this thriving property and create a positive competition among the organizers and interested promoters".

Mr. Vincente Araujo, the secretary of the SWATCH FIVB World Tour Council, stated: "Our goal will be to introduce special projects via the SWATCH FIVB World Tour in countries having a strategic meaning for the FIVB. This will also create better event distribution across all continents."

Other significant changes to the Beach Volleyball calendar see the return of the Men's Czech Republic Open, after missing last year due to the financial crisis and the introduction of a new development initiative called Beach Volleyball Around the World, which is directed towards amateur players participating at the venues of SWATCH FIVB World Tour events, offering a package to fans to follow an endless summer, enjoy the beautiful SWATCH FIVB World Tour venues and to experience Beach Volleyball.

### Women's calendar

Dates	Country	Event	Prize Money	Bonus Pool
April 19-24	Brazilia, Brazil	Open	US\$110,000	US\$80,000
May 4-9	Shanghai, China	Open	US\$110,000	US\$80,000
May 17-22	Rome, Italy	Grand Slam	US\$160,000	US\$140,000
May 25-30	Seoul, Korea	Open	US\$110,000	US\$80,000
June 7-13	Moscow, Russia	Grand Slam	US\$160,000	US\$140,000
June 28 – July 3	Stavanger, Norway	Grand Slam	US\$160,000	US\$140,000
July 5-10	Gstaad, Switzerland	Grand Slam	US\$160,000	US\$140,000
July 19-24	Marseille, France	Open	US\$110,000	US\$80,000
July 26-July 31	Klagenfurt, Austria	Grand Slam	US\$160,000	US\$140,000
August 2-7	Stare Jablonki, Poland	Grand Slam	US\$160,000	US\$140,000
August 9-14	Kristiansand, Norway	Open	US\$110,000	US\$80,000
August 16-21	Aland, Finland	Open	US\$110,000	US\$80,000
August 23-29	The Hague, Netherlands	Open	US\$110,000	US\$80,000
October 26-31	Sanya, China	Open	US\$110,000	US\$80,000
November 2-7	Phuket, Thailand	Open	US\$110,000	US\$80,000

### Men's calendar

Dates	Country	Event	Prize Money	Bonus Pool
April 20-25	Brazilia, Brazil	Open	US\$110,000	US\$80,000
May 3-8	Shanghai, China	Open	US\$110,000	US\$80,000
May 18-23	Rome, Italy	Grand Slam	US\$160,000	US\$140,000
May 25-30	Myslowice, Poland	Open	US\$110,000	US\$80,000
June 8-14	Moscow, Russia	Grand Slam	US\$160,000	US\$140,000
June 15-20	Prague, Czech Republic	Open	US\$110,000	US\$80,000
June 29 – July 4	Stavanger, Norway	Grand Slam	US\$160,000	US\$140,000
July 6-11	Gstaad, Switzerland	Grand Slam	US\$160,000	US\$140,000
July 20-25	Marseille, France	Open	US\$110,000	US\$80,000
July 27-August 1	Klagenfurt, Austria	Grand Slam	US\$160,000	US\$140,000
August 3-8	Stare Jablonki, Poland	Grand Slam	US\$160,000	US\$140,000
August 10-15	Kristiansand, Norway	Open	US\$110,000	US\$80,000
August 17-22	Aland, Finland	Open	US\$110,000	US\$80,000
August 25-30	The Hague, Netherlands	Open	US\$110,000	US\$80,000

15 Women's events / 14 Men's events including six Grand Slams

## FIVB Development Commission celebrates popular Volley All Festival

The FIVB Volley All Festival was an overwhelming success in 2009 attracting a record 500,000 participants across 54 countries as reported during the FIVB Development Commission meeting held at the FIVB headquarters in Lausanne, Switzerland on January 7.

The Volley All Festival, which has been promoted by the FIVB Technical and De-

velopment Department since its launch in 2006, is an annual international Volleyball and Beach Volleyball weekend held during the last weekend of June or the first week of July aimed at promoting the fundamental aspects of Volleyball and Beach Volleyball by giving children and youth, and their parents the opportunity to participate in an open environment.

“With the possibility of hosting the Volley All Festival in city parks and streets, the event focuses on the fact Volleyball and Beach Volleyball is a 360° sport, not just for sports halls or the beach,” Development Commission President and FIVB Executive Vice President Mr Vicente Araujo said. “We endorse this event as an annual event in order to grow mass Volleyball and we encourage all national federations to organise their respective edition.”



The Volley All Festival attracted over 500,000 people from 54 countries

## Palestine helps bring close to successful year for FIVB VCP



Twenty-one men and six women attended the course in Palestine

The Palestine Volleyball Federation helped draw the curtain on a successful year of FIVB Development programmes after completing a Level I Volleyball Cooperation Programme in Bethlehem in December.

The course, which ran from December 18-25, was attended by 21 men and six women. It was the 44th FIVB Volleyball Cooperation Programme course in 2009, with a teacher course in Bhutan being the last, running from December 25-29. FIVB Instructor Mr. Theyab Al Shatrat conducted the course, and had to have the equipment delivered to Jordan before driving across the border into Palestine to make sure it all arrived safely.

## Volleyball Cooperation Programme launched for Iraq coaches

The FIVB, in collaboration with the Iraq Volleyball Federation (IVF), launched a Volleyball Cooperation Programme coaches course for Iraq Volleyball coaches in Erbil, Kurdistan on January 18.



The Volleyball Cooperation Programme is designed to help nations such as Iraq improve and develop its skills

The course was opened by Erbil governor Nawzad Hadi in Erbil City Public Library and was attended by 43 coaches from Iraq, including three female coaches.

IVF President Muayyad Maghdid said that the goal of the course was to enhance the level of Volleyball in Iraq, and added that the FIVB was very helpful in promoting the sport in Iraq.

“The FIVB Development policy is in place to help improve the general standard of Volleyball throughout the world,” added Helgi Thorsteinsson, FIVB Technical and Development Director. “More specifically, it is there to create the conditions where each country, given its resources, is able to express its potential in competition and derive the maximum benefit possible from sport. This we do in various parts of the world and our motto is that the sport will prosper where there is a will to develop it. That’s what is exactly happening in Iraq with the Volleyball Cooperation Programme.”

### FIVB Technical Courses and Seminars Calendar - March 2010

COUNTRY	TYPE	ORG.	DATES		DAYS
			From	To	
Dominican Republic	Beach Volleyball VIS Technical Support	FIVB	11.03.10	15.03.10	5
Samoa	BVB Grass Roots	FIVB	15.03.10	19.03.10	5
Tunisia	Refresher Refereeing	FIVB	18.03.10	22.03.10	5
Chinese Taipei	Refereeing	NF	08.03.10	14.03.10	7

### FIVB Volleyball Cooperation Programme Calendar - March 2010

COUNTRY	TYPE	ORG.	DATES		DAYS
			From	To	
Solomon Islands	Young Players	FIVB	07.03.10	11.03.10	5
Gabon	Refereeing	FIVB	08.03.10	12.03.10	5
Tonga	Young Players	FIVB	08.03.10	12.03.10	5
Sierra Leone	Beach	FIVB	15.03.10	19.03.10	5
Burundi	Beach	FIVB	20.03.10	24.03.10	5
Sri Lanka	Refereeing	FIVB	22.03.10	27.03.10	5

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# QuickSets

**“Review of the decade in photos” now on FIVB website**



A slide show depicting the major events of the decade is now available on the FIVB website.

Photos from every year from 2000-2009 are presented, as well as some of the most iconic images from the last 10 years.

Subjects include Brazil’s dominance of the senior Volleyball scene as well as all three Olympic Games from the period.

To view all images visit [www.fivb.org](http://www.fivb.org)

## Sheilla and Erika both reach milestones in Brazil’s Superliga



Two legends of the Brazilian game, Erika and Sheilla, both reached historic landmarks during February in the Brazilian Superliga.

Sheilla, captain of the Brazilian team and MVP at the 2009 and 2006 editions of the FIVB World Grand Prix, passed 1,000 points in the league on February 9, to total 1,017.

However Erika became the highest scoring female in the league’s history, surpassing Elisângela’s previous record of 3,379 by just one point on January 31.

“I’m happy because it is the result of a successful career,” Erika said.

## New coach of Venezuela Mens’ team

Legendary Cuban coach Gilberto Herrera has been named the new coach of the Venezuelan men’s senior side replacing former coach Jose Gutierrez. Herrera, 65, has had over 15 years experience as a coach, with spells in Spain, Turkey and Greece. However he was most successful coaching the

## 2010 Global Calendar - Competitions and Events - Volleyball & Beach Volleyball

DATES	EVENT	COUNTRY	ORG.	M/W
Feb 25-28	CAZOVA Girls’ Youth Championship	Trinidad and Tobago	NORCECA	W
Mar 3-Apr 30	Women’s African Clubs Champions Championship	TBD	CAVB	W
Mar 15-31	Boys’ Youth Olympic Games African qualifications	South Africa	CAVB	M
Mar 15-25	Girls’ Youth Olympic Games African qualifications	Egypt	CAVB	W
Mar 19-30	IX Odesur Games	Colombia	MULTI	M/W
Mar 20-21	European Cups Women: CEV Cup Final	Azerbaijan	CEV	W
Mar 20-21	European Cups Women: GM Capital Challenge Cup Final	Germany	CEV	W
Mar 25-29	ECVA Girls’ Youth Championship	St. Vincent & the Grenadines	NORCECA	W
Mar 27-28	European Cups Men: CEV Cup Final	Belgium	CEV	M
Mar 27-28	European Cups Men: GM Capital Challenge Cup Final	Italy	CEV	M
Apr 1-30	South Pacific Challenge	New Zealand	AVC	M/W
Apr 2-5	Memorial Ferruccio Cornacchia	Italy	MULTI	M/W
Apr 3-4	European Cups Men: CEV Indesit Champions League Final	France	CEV	W
Apr 3-11	Boys’ Youth Continental Championship	Mexico	NORCECA	M
Apr 5-18	V Olympiad of Cuban Sport	Cuba	MULTI	M/W
Apr 8-12	ECVA Boys’ Youth Championship	Anguilla	NORCECA	M
Apr 9-17	Boys’ Youth South American Championship	Venezuela	CSV	M
Apr 10-11	European Cups Men: CEV Indesit Champions League Final	Poland	CEV	M
Apr 25-May 2	Girls’ Youth Continental Championship	Guatemala City, Guatemala	NORCECA	W

Cuban national men’s side leading them to bronze at the 1976 Montreal Olympic Games, as well as bronze at the 1978 FIVB World Championships, bronze at the 1977 FIVB World Cup and going one step further four years later winning silver at the 1981 World Cup.

Additionally, he was named Best Coach in the World by the FIVB in 1977.

Not only will Herrera be looking forward to Venezuela’s campaign in the 2010 FIVB Men’s World Championships in Italy, but he will also be hoping to guide Venezuela back into the FIVB World League after they were relegated following a defeat at the hands of Germany in the 2010 playoff series.



**Herrera will be hoping to lead Venezuela to a good finish at this year’s FIVB World Championship in Italy**

## L’Equipe names best Volleyball players of 2009



**Radostin Stoychev (on the left), coach of Trentino BetClc, was named best coach on the list**

L’Equipe unveiled its Volleyball team of 2009 on January 11.

It includes Bulgaria’s Matey Kaziyski, who captains the FIVB World Club Champions Trentino BetClc, as well as Brazil’s Vissotto who plays for the same side. Serbia’s super setter Nikola Grbic, who led his side to the 2009 FIVB World League silver medal is also included.

The full list is:

Coach- Radostin Stoychev

Nikola Grbic, Leandro Vissotto, Matey Kaziysk, Bartosz Kurek, Novica Bjelica Daniel Plinski, Sérgio Dutra Santos Leo Marshall

## FIVB Homologated sports material &amp; equipment 2010

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**

## FIVB TESTED UPON DEMAND

## BEACH VOLLEYBALL BALLS

**MIKASA**  
VLS 300 (colour) Beach  
Exclusive game ball for all FIVB Competitions  
incl. OG 2012

VLS 200 (colour) Beach

**MOLTEN**  
BV5000 (colour) Beach

**CAMBUCCI "Penalty"**  
Beach Volley Pro

## FIVB TESTED UPON DEMAND

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 & uniforms

**ASICS** Shoes & uniforms

**CHAMPION** Uniforms

**DACAPO** Uniforms

**DESCENTE** Shoes & uniforms

**ERREA** Uniforms

**GRANDSPORT** Uniforms

**MIKASA** Uniforms  
International Referees supplier for Volleyball

**MIZUNO** Shoes & uniforms

**OLYMPIKUS** Shoes & uniforms

**VB RAGS** Shoes & uniforms

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SYNTHETIC SPORTS FLOORS

**GERFLOR**  
**TARAFLEX**  
Exclusive for all FIVB Competitions  
incl. OG 2012

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

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**MONDO**  
MONDOSPORT HP-E PVC indoor floor  
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**DESCOL**  
PULASTIC Elite, Pro and Classic"

**REPHOUSE**  
DECOFLEX™ Universal