

## IOC applauds FIVB's Development strategy

### A new voice



Mr. Jizhong Wei, FIVB President

**W**hen it comes to working together, developing and growing as a team, either on the Volleyball court or in the boardroom, communication is vital. And not only one directional. A two-way stream is essential and this is the reason behind the latest change in the World Volley News where you can find each FIVB Confederation now has a dedicated half page in which it can communicate its activities and news.

In this new era of the FIVB, the emphasis is on the athletes, federations and confederations and to assist in the communication process between these parties and the FIVB, we have given the Confederations the platform via World Volley News to inform the world. This being not only beneficial to the communicator but equally so for the recipient.

It is by providing a voice that many people can be heard and we can also learn. As we go forth together, we must be secure within ourselves and our new direction. Allowing as much communication as possible will aid this process.

Therefore, you will notice in this edition that a dedicated half page per Confederation will allow each of the five continental offices to publish news on their goings on and keep others in the Volleyball family fully informed of their activities in what will be an excellent tool for the exchange of knowledge and ideas. I hope you enjoy reading what is happening on each of the Continents as much as I do.

Mr. Jizhong Wei, FIVB President

■ **The International Olympic Committee (IOC) President Dr. Jacques Rogge has personally congratulated the FIVB President Mr. Jizhong Wei for the FIVB's comprehensive 2010 development plan.**

In a letter sent to Mr. Wei in February, Dr. Rogge said he was grateful to learn that the FIVB is doing its utmost to apply the spirit of the Olympic Charter by investing the majority of the IOC funds the FIVB receives into Volleyball and Beach Volleyball development, "particularly if it increases universality".

"You should be commended for the efforts and the extraordinary result achieved in this respect," Dr. Rogge said before going onto thank the FIVB for the "substantial work and dedication" it has shown in all its activities towards the forthcoming Youth Olympic Games, which take place in Singapore from August 14-26.

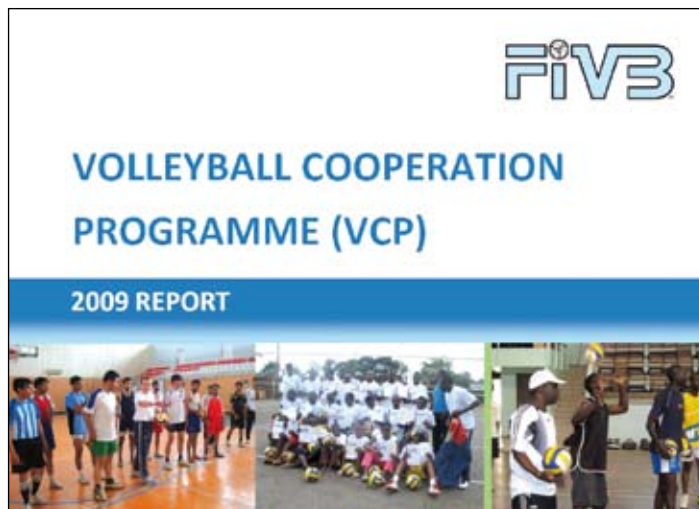
### Countries vie to host Youth and Junior World Championships

The FIVB Sports Events Council held its first meeting of 2010 on March 2 with the evaluation of the host candidate files for the FIVB Men's Junior, Women's Junior, Boys' Youth and Girls' Youth World Championships in 2011 as the main point on the agenda.

The Council, who also received reports on recent inspection visits to Japan for the FIVB 2010 Women's World Championship and Youth Olympic Games in Singapore, will make a recommendation to the Board of Administration, which meets in April, as to which candidate is best suited for each competition.

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The FIVB invested more in development during 2009 than any other year in its history by allocating more financial resources to the FIVB Confederations to help national federations. In 2010, the FIVB has pledged to invest more in development both financially and in terms of resources.



The FIVB Development Department also presented the 2009 Volleyball Cooperation Programme Report, the first VCP report of its kind

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## Women return as Doha confirmed as FIVB Club World Championships hosts for 2010

The FIVB and the Qatar Volleyball Federation (QVA) joined together in a signing ceremony at the FIVB headquarters on February 27 to officially confirm Doha, Qatar as the host city for the 2010 FIVB Club World Championships, which will mark the return of the women's edition for the first time since 1994.

The QVA proved to be outstanding hosts of the 2009 FIVB Men's Club World Volleyball Championships, which made a return after four editions from 1989-1992. However, the 2010 edition of the FIVB Club World Championships, with the dates due to be confirmed, signals the return of the double gender event after 18 years and for the first time will feature alternate men's and women's matches in the same venue on the same day.



FIVB President Mr. Jizhong Wei with QVA President H.E. Dr. Abulla Yousif Al-Mal, FIVB 2nd Executive Vice-President Mr. Theofanis Tsiokris and the Qatar Ambassador to Switzerland H.E. Abdulla Falah Al-Doseri stand far right & left respectively



## FIVB World League schedule finalised

The FIVB officially launched the schedule for this year's World League, due to take place from June 4 to July 25, on February 24.

Brazil begin their defence of the title against Bulgaria whilst world No.2 Russia take on Olympic champions USA in a mouth-watering opening match.

The schedule for the opening weekend of matches is adjacent. For the full schedule visit [www.fivb.org](http://www.fivb.org).

Pool	Home	Away	Date	Local time	City
A	BRA	BUL	04.06.2010	10:00	Uberlândia
C	RUS	USA	04.06.2010	18:00	Ekaterineburg
B	SRB	CHN	04.06.2010	20:15	Nis
B	ITA	FRA	04.06.2010	20:30	Parma
D	CUB	ARG	04.06.2010	20:40	Havana
A	BRA	BUL	05.06.2010	10:00	Uberlândia
A	KOR	NED	05.06.2010	14:00	Suwon
C	RUS	USA	05.06.2010	18:00	Ekaterineburg
B	ITA	FRA	05.06.2010	18:00	Modena
C	FIN	EGY	05.06.2010	18:30	Tampere
D	GER	POL	05.06.2010	19:30	Stuttgart
D	CUB	ARG	05.06.2010	20:40	Havana
A	KOR	NED	06.06.2010	14:00	Suwon
D	GER	POL	06.06.2010	15:00	Stuttgart
C	FIN	EGY	06.06.2010	16:00	Tampere
B	SRB	CHN	06.06.2010	20:15	Belgrade

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Brazil and Iran are in contention to host the FIVB Men's Junior World Championships, whilst Peru is the sole candidate for the women's version. Meanwhile, Turkey, Vietnam and Mexico, who also hosted the 2009 FIVB Women's Junior World Championship, are contending to host the FIVB Girls' Youth World Championship, whilst Egypt is the only candidate for the Boys' event.

"We want to make sure we are making the best decision for each tournament," President of the Sports Events Council Mr. Theofanis Tsiokris said. "It is important that every FIVB competition is conducted with the right balance between professionalism and passion for the sport, and this obviously takes into account our recent inspections of the venues."

"It is up to us to make sure that all the necessary requirements for a successful tournament are there in any candidature file," Mr. Tsiokris added. "We want to create the best experience for everybody, and that begins with the right venue."

### FIVB's Athlete Role Model named for Youth Olympic Games

The FIVB revealed in February that FIVB Women's World Championship and Olympic Games silver medallist Sun Yue of China will be the Athlete Role Model (ARM) for Volleyball at the 2010 Youth Olympic Games in Singapore from August 14-26.

Each sport at the 2010 Youth Olympic Games will feature an ARM, who will be on site giving the participants tips, encouragement, lessons and above all an example to follow.

Meanwhile, the FIVB was pleased to announce the launch of the Young Writers 4 Young Players competition which is aimed at 18 to 21-year-olds to find two budding young journalists to experience the joy of reporting first hand at the Youth Olympic Games.

The writers, one male and one female, will travel to the Youth Olympic Games and work as bonafide journalists, collaborating alongside FIVB media staff.

The competition closes on April 1 and all entries should be sent to [press@fivb.org](mailto:press@fivb.org)



MEN &amp; WOMEN

## First SWATCH FIVB World Tour Grand Slam now within 200 days

The 200-day mark leading up to the first 2010 SWATCH FIVB World Tour Grand Slam event in Rome passed on February 9 and the preparations for the week-long tournament are in full swing.

Rome, which will also be the venue for the 2011 SWATCH FIVB World Championships, hosted its first ever SWATCH FIVB World Tour event last year, with men's teams from around the world battling in the historic capital. On that occasion, eventual World Tour winners and world champions Julius Brink and Jonas Reckermann of Germany came out on top. However, this year the city will be the backdrop for one of the six Grand Slams on the 2010 SWATCH FIVB World Tour, with other hosts including Moscow in Russia, Stavanger in Norway, Gstaad in Switzerland, Klagenfurt in Austria and Stare Jablonki in Poland.



Rome hosted a men's Open tournament on last year's SWATCH FIVB World Tour

## FIVB Beach Volleyball broadens its horizons with new international amateur tournament

Beach Volleyball fans around the world will have the opportunity to play at the SWATCH FIVB World Tour's inspirational venues and learn from the stars following the signing of a partnership agreement between the FIVB and Beach Volley Around the World (BVAW) on February 1.

The new initiative will see BVAW feature at SWATCH FIVB World Tour events in the form of a three-day amateur Beach Volleyball tournament using the same facilities as the SWATCH FIVB World Tour, allowing Beach Volleyball fans of all ages, sizes and expertise to play in an amateur tournament at the venues of the world famous SWATCH FIVB World Tour events.

In addition to a fun-filled tournament, BVAW will also offer free clinics - led by SWATCH FIVB World Tour professionals - concerts and tourism opportunities.

"This is an exciting new initiative which will create a strong link on the SWATCH FIVB World Tour and further open the Beach Volleyball door to the public, not only to play but also to experience the Tour alongside some of their heroes in the sport," FIVB Executive Vice-President and Beach Volleyball Commission President Dr. Ary Graça said. "Not only will this be a great opportunity for Beach Volleyball aficionados to play in some of the most impressive Beach Volleyball



The new initiative will see Beach Volleyball fans and amateur Beach Volleyball players playing in some of the famous SWATCH FIVB World Tour venues

venues around the world but to also have the chance to rub shoulders with some of their role models is a once in a lifetime opportunity."

Left to right: BVAW President Otello Vizzino, FIVB Executive Vice-President & Beach Volleyball Commission President Dr. Ary Graça, FIVB Executive Vice-President & Beach Volleyball Commission Secretary Vicente Araujo & BVAW Vice-President Jose Salema





## FIVB 2010 Development calendar released online

The 2010 FIVB Development calendar, which lists all the key courses and seminars taking place around the world over the next year, is now available online after being published on February 2.

Courses for coaches, young players, referees, grass roots, Beach Volleyball and teachers are all included in the schedule with more development events yet to be added throughout the year.

The Volleyball Cooperation Programme, a big part of the development calendar, has now moved into its third decade, and is continuing to help support national federations.

Additionally, the FIVB development centres have their activities also included in the 2010 schedule.

Programmes will be taking place around the world, continuing the FIVB's aim to spread Volleyball to all corners of the globe.

For the full calendar visit [www.fivb.org](http://www.fivb.org).

*FIVB Development courses take place around the world, and aim to improve the sport internationally, such as in Iraq where one of the year's first VCP courses took place*



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

COUNTRY	TYPE	ORG.	DATES		DAYS
			From	To	
Ethiopia (DC Sudan)	IRCC	FIVB	03.04.10	10.04.10	7
New Zealand	T.S. Setting	OS	03.04.10	07.04.10	5
Vanuatu	Beach Volleyball	OS	05.04.10	16.04.10	12
Barbados	T.S. Teachers	FIVB	06.04.10	10.04.10	5
India	Coaching Level I	FIVB	19.04.10	30.04.10	12
Seychelles	Beach Grassroots	FIVB	26.04.10	30.04.10	5
Senegal	Coaching Level I	FIVB	30.04.10	11.05.10	12

### FIVB Volleyball Cooperation Programme Calendar - April 2010

COUNTRY	TYPE	ORG.	DATES		DAYS
			From	To	
Cape Verde	VCP Coaches	FIVB	01.04.10	08.04.10	8
Dominica	VCP Teachers	FIVB	05.04.10	09.04.10	5
Guinea	VCP Refereeing	FIVB	09.04.10	14.04.10	6
Mongolia	VCP Coaches	FIVB	10.04.10	17.04.10	8
Madagascar	VCP Young Players	FIVB	12.04.10	16.04.10	5
Mauritius	VCP Coaches	FIVB	12.04.10	19.04.10	8
Maldives	VCP Refereeing	FIVB	12.04.10	16.04.10	5
Zimbabwe	VCP Refereeing	FIVB	12.04.10	17.04.10	6
Laos	VCP Coaches	FIVB	24.04.10	01.05.10	8

### Major coaching development initiative launched by FIVB

Improving Volleyball worldwide is the goal behind the FIVB's latest decision to offer coaching support to four countries looking ahead to the FIVB World Championships and 2012 Olympic Games, according to FIVB Executive Vice President Mr. Vicente Araujo.

The national federations of Kenya, Costa Rica, Cameroon and Great Britain will receive financial support to engage a skills coach for their respective preparations for the FIVB World Championships and the 2012 Olympic Games.

### New evaluation tool launched

The FIVB Technical and Development Department released its latest evaluation tool on February 4, featuring content from the 2009 FIVB youth and junior competitions in 2009.

New data from the 2009 FIVB Women's Junior World Championships, Men's Junior World Championships and the 2009 FIVB Boys' Youth World Championships is available at [www.fivb.org/en/programmes/index.asp](http://www.fivb.org/en/programmes/index.asp)

### Latest International Referee list published

The FIVB has unveiled its 58-strong International Referees List for 2010, which was approved by the FIVB Refereeing Commission and is expected to be ratified by the FIVB Board of Administration during its April 14-16

meeting in the Dominican Republic. The full list can be found on the FIVB website:

[www.fivb.org/en/Infomedia/PressReleaseDB.asp?No=23227&Language=0](http://www.fivb.org/en/Infomedia/PressReleaseDB.asp?No=23227&Language=0)



Successful development courses were completed in Dominican Republic (left), Djibouti (center) and Egypt (right) this month.



## JVA joins in Haiti help initiative



The Japanese Volleyball Association (JVA) has joined the FIVB, NORCECA and CEV in supporting the ongoing aid relief to those affected by the Haiti earthquake, which hit the Caribbean country on January 12.

The JVA made a donation of \$30,000 to the special fund created by the NORCECA Confederation to help the rebuilding process in Haiti and the announcement, which adds to the aid already sent by the FIVB, NORCECA and CEV, is a further indication of the solidarity within the Volleyball family following this tragic event.

“Obviously this disaster has affected a number of lives so we hope this aid can at least ease some of the suffering and help the Haiti community to get back on its feet again,” JVA President Mr. Masao Tachiki said.

“The earthquake which hit Haiti not only shocked the world but also sadly created a massive sorrow. Following the “Aid for Haiti” policy proposed by the FIVB, the JVA has made the donation to support the rehabilitation of the country. We sincerely wish for the early recovery of the country of Haiti.”



*JVA President Mr. Masao Tachiki said that the organisation made the donation to support the reconstruction of Haiti*

## Evergrande beat USA in friendly match

Chinese women’s club team Evergrande, coached by former legendary women’s Volleyball player Lang Ping, managed a 3-0 (25-23, 25-14, 25-19) victory over USA on February 2 in Guangzhou, China as the visitors prepared for the FIVB World Grand Prix. Despite winning in straight sets in

front of 8,000 fans, Evergrande still had to work for the match despite winning a practice game 3-1 (26-24, 25-23, 21-25, 26-24) a few days earlier.

Ping had previously coached USA to a silver medal at the 2008 Beijing Olympic Games.

## DR Congo book ticket to Youth Olympic Games



DR Congo booked a place at the 2010 Youth Olympic Games after winning the African Qualifying tournament at the Durban University of Technology’s Fred Crookes Sport Centre in South Africa on March 7 by edging out Liberia 3-0 (25-19, 25-22, 25-21).

The central African country, who also beat Morocco and South Africa in the tournament, will now represent the continent at the Games due to take place in Singapore from August 14-26. Meanwhile, hosts South Africa beat Morocco 3-2 (25-18, 19-25, 25-20, 27-29, 15-13) in the final match of the tournament.



*DR Congo were originally viewed as underdogs for the African Youth Olympic Games Qualifier*

### Individual Awards

Best Setter	<b>Amine Zayani (Morocco)</b>
Best Attacker	<b>Banza Mbuyi (DR Congo)</b>
Best Blocker	<b>Nzeza Mayaula (DR Congo)</b>
MVP	<b>Gerald Chetty (South Africa)</b>

## FIVB in mourning after CAVB Vice-President passes away

The FIVB and the CAVB were sad to announce the death of CAVB Vice-President Mr. Abdoulaye Baba Sy on February 8 after a long fight with illness over the past two years. Mr. Baba Sy, 64, was a member of the FIVB Coaching Commission and President of the Senegal Volleyball Federation.

“Mr. Baba Sy was a senior respectful member of the FIVB and had been working very hard, with extraordinary achievements, for the FIVB,” FIVB President Mr. Jizhong Wei said. “He has generously given his heart and mind during his many years of fruitful service at the FIVB and CAVB, and stayed to work for African Volleyball until the last day of his life,” FIVB Executive Vice-President and CAVB President Dr. Amr Elwani added.



## CSV Congress takes place in Brazil



The South American Volleyball Confederation (CSV) announced the creation of two new continental competitions as well as a training program for coaches, managers and referees at its 63rd Annual Congress in Saquarema, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

During the meeting, held at the Volleyball Development Center of the Brazilian Volleyball Confederation, known as "Aryzão", a number of issues concerning the structure and strength of South American Volleyball, including initiatives to prove that the continent continues to remain competitive on the world stage, were raised. As a result, CSV decided they will work with a number of national federations to help provide them with training projects in both Volleyball and Beach Volleyball, with coaches financed by the confederation aiming to find new talents as well as run courses for local coaches.



*The CSV launched two new competitions at its annual Congress as well as a number of new training projects*

### Antonelli and Harley crowned King and Queen of the Beach

SWATCH FIVB World Tour MVP Harley and co-patriot Antonelli were named Brazil's King and Queen of the Beach on February 14 and 22 respectively in Rio de Janeiro. Antonelli beat Larissa 2-1 (26-28, 27-25, 15-10) in the wom-

en's final on the first weekend with Harley beating Marcio Araujo 2-1 (16-25, 21-17, 15-11) in the men's final on the second weekend. The tournament was part of the annual Rio de Janeiro carnival celebrations.

## Spectacular opening ceremony for Volleyball complex in Ankara



The "Baskent" Volleyball Hall was officially opened on February 7 in Ankara, Turkey in front of over 6,000 spectators with the brand-new first-class facility hosting a friendly game featuring some legendary players

from Europe and Turkey. FIVB Executive Vice-President and CEV President André Meyer acted as first referee in the match, which lasted only one set, whilst CEV Vice President Mr. Aleksandar Boricic served as the coach for both sides. The match eventually ended in victory for the European stars (25-13).



### A new home for Montenegro's Volleyball Federation

The Volleyball Federation of Montenegro officially opened its new premises on February 2, boosting further development for Volleyball in the region. The new building, located in the capital Podgorica, includes six offices.

### Bulgaria and Austria join efforts for a bright future

A special partnership was agreed on January 19 in Sofia between the Austrian and Bulgarian Volleyball Federations. It will see the countries combine their efforts for the development of both Volleyball and Beach Volleyball for the next few years.

*The official opening of the new Volleyball Hall in Ankara, Turkey was attended by over 6,000 fans*

## Castillo elected Dominican Republic's athlete of the year



Libero Brenda Castillo has been named the 2009 Athlete of the Year by the Dominican Republic National Olympic Committee.

The announcement was made by President Luis Mejia during the annual Gala Dinner on February 2.

Castillo was selected as Most Valuable Player of the 2009 FIVB Junior Women's World Championships in Mexico where her team won the silver medal.

### Corozal repeat as Puerto Rican men's champions

Corozal claimed their second consecutive title and ninth overall in the Puerto Rican Men's Superior League by defeating Guaynabo in a five-set match 3-2 (21-25, 26-24, 20-25, 25-23, 15-9) played in front of more than 5,000 spectators.

The eventual champions recovered from 0-2 to win the final four matches in the best-of-seven final series.



*Brenda Castillo with Mr. Cristóbal Marte Hoffiz (right) FIVB 1st Executive Vice-President and NORCECA President and Ramón García, President of the Dominican Republic Volleyball Federation*

### This time a year ago...

Italy dropped from second to fourth in the women's World Rankings as USA rose to No. 2 following their 2008 Beijing Olympic Games silver medal with Cuba moving up one place to No. 3. Brazil topped both the men's and women's rankings continuing their dominance of the sport.

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

DATES	EVENT	COUNTRY	ORG.	M/W
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 20-30	Men's African Club Championship	Tunisia	CAVB	M
Apr 25-May 2	Girls' Youth Continental Championship	Guatemala	NORCECA	W
May 13-21	Boys' Youth Asian Championship	Iran	AVC	M
May 20-31	V Pan-American Cup	Puerto Rico	NORCECA	M/W
May 20-28	Girls' Youth Continental Championship	Malaysia	AVC	W
May 24-31	31st World Military Volleyball Championship - Women	USA	Various	W
May 26-30	ECVA Men's Junior Championship	Antigua and Barbuda	NORCECA	M
May 26-30	ECVA Women's Junior Championship	Antigua and Barbuda	NORCECA	W



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