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2012 INTERNATIONAL TENNIS FEDERATION WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS SET TO TAKE OVER SAN DIEGO TENNIS SCENE

SAN DIEGO—Jan. 5, 2011—The International Tennis Federation (ITF) and the San Diego Sports Commission (SDSC) are bringing the ITF World Championships to San Diego Feb. 5-19, 2012. The tournament will bring the top tennis athletes in 10 age categories from around the world to compete at seven venues spread across San Diego.

More than 1,000 athletes, from around 35 different countries, are expected to participate in the event. The tournament will be split into two parts: the World Team Championships will be played Feb. 5-11 and the World Individual Championships will be here Feb. 12-19. Venues include Balboa Tennis Club, La Jolla Tennis Club, Barnes Tennis Center, La Costa Resort & Spa, Morgan Run Club & Resort, La Jolla Beach & Tennis Club, and San Diego Tennis & Racquet Club.

Media are invited to cover all events. The schedule is as follows:

Feb. 5 – Opening Ceremony, San Diego Hall of Champions, 6-9 pm

- 1,000 attendees from more than 30 countries
- MCRD color guard
- ITF representatives, keynote speakers

Feb. 5 - Feb. 11 – TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS

- Matches held at all seven venues; media welcome at each
- 174 teams representing 32 countries
- Top-ranked players in each age category representing their country in a Davis Cup/Fed Cup-style format
- Access to players, coaches, ITF representatives and venue representatives arranged through SDSC

Feb. 12 - Feb. 19 – INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

- Matches held at all seven venues; media welcome at each
- Highest-ranked event on the ITF Seniors circuit for male and female players age 35-55
- Winner of each age group named world champion for that division
- Access to players, coaches, ITF representatives and venue representatives arranged through SDSC

To schedule interviews or receive more information on all the elements of the ITF World Championships, please contact Jesse Lovejoy at jessel@sdhoc.com or 619-699-2334.

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