



## **President's Message**

Dear Friends,

It is my great pleasure to welcome you to this event, part of the Tennis Europe Junior Tour. Each year, international tournaments such as this one offer valuable playing opportunities and a unified ranking system to over 20,000 young athletes from all over the world, competing in three age categories; 12, 14 and 16 & Under.

We recently celebrated the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Tennis Europe Junior Tour. During those years, the Tour gave almost all of today's top professionals a first taste of international tournament play. Legends of the game from Martina Hingis and Kim Clijsters to Novak Djokovic and Roger Federer all won Tennis Europe Junior Tour events on their paths to Grand Slam glory.

As the Tour continues to expand, so do the services that Tennis Europe strives to provide. We have invested heavily to enable players to be able to enter and withdraw from events online, a procedure which has given participants greater freedom and responsibility in planning their competitive schedules. More information than ever before is also available online. Players can now also personalise their profiles with photos and information about their game, while keeping in touch with the latest developments on the Tour through Facebook, Instagram and Twitter, or via our free mobile app.

It is important to recognise that many hundreds of tournament organisers, committees, clubs and officials work tirelessly each year to stage the events that make up the Tennis Europe Junior Tour. I would like to extend my warm gratitude to them, as well as to acknowledge the invaluable contributions of all the sponsors and volunteers, whose generous support and hospitality make these tournaments possible.

I'd also like to wish the best of luck to the players. I hope that this event will be a successful, educational and – most importantly – a fun experience for you!

Finally, I would like to thank all of those who have come to visit the event. Whether you are here to compete, to watch or as a volunteer, I thank you for supporting the Tennis Europe Junior Tour, and wish you all a memorable tournament.

Vladimir Dmitriev President, Tennis Europe