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## IC PHILANTHROPY FOUNDATION (ICP) – UPDATE JULY 2020

Many of the IC Philanthropy programmes are on hold for now, others are preparing to open. Some are communicating with their players online and post videos with challenges and activities for children to try at home to keep them active and engaged. We asked the ICP programme organisers to send in short updates that we would like to share with you below:

### ARGENTINA

The Development of Tennis initiation is for mentally handicapped children in schools in Buenos Aires. The programme is due to start this year and we have had positive conversations with schools and potential participants. We don't know when we will be out of lock down, as Argentina has not yet reached the peak of contagiousness. As soon as circumstances permit, we will start. In the meantime, our partner charity, Fundación Baccigalupo, supported by Gabriella Sabatini, is keeping their 700 children active. They are implementing a programme called [#LaFundaEnCasa](#) in which their entire professional team at all venues generate on a daily basis a variety of exercises and sportive/cognitive challenges with all the kids through videos. They have created WhatsApp groups at each of the venues where they receive the videos to do at home. This way they keep active and the Foundation monitors these activities and contains the whole group. Everything is uploaded daily and available on [Instagram](#) and [Facebook @fundacionbaccigalupo](#) for everybody to see. It's inspiring and the children's families are very grateful to have them. The enthusiasm to start the ICP programme stands high and strong. We will keep you posted on progress!

### AUSTRALIA

We provide tennis coaching for underprivileged kids in primary schools in regional and rural areas of Australia. More than 5,000 children have taken part in the KRRP since its inception in 2016. With the "lock down" mandates from State/Federal Governments, our Kids Tennis Foundation (KTF) programmes - as part of the Ken Rosewall Regional Project (KRRP) - have been put "on hold" for the time being. Luckily our programs were conducted for all of Term 1. There were no programmes conducted in Term 2, which has now finished. Students return mid July, when we are hoping to recommence all our KTF programmes if we are given the go ahead. We are in touch with our wonderful coaches to make sure they are OK and touching base with our schools as well, planning for the return of KTF programmes. Thank you again to ICP for the support given to KRRP.

### BIRMINGHAM (UK)

The Edgbaston Priory Club Community Tennis Programme in Birmingham runs predominantly at two main community tennis venues, Cannon Hill Park and Lordswood Community Tennis Club. It targets deprived areas of Birmingham, providing participants with the opportunity to be introduced to the game of tennis, to benefit from the values that the coaches transfer to the children and to enjoy facilities and equipment near their homes.

The programme is broader than just teaching the participants how to play tennis; it also promotes core values and disciplines during the sessions such as respect, punctuality, healthy eating, hygiene and sportsmanship amongst others. The programme also promotes a team spirit rather than individual success through different types of exercises and activities. To achieve this, the programme runs different activities to reach the targeted profile of



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participants, running junior coaching programmes, visiting different schools in the area to motivate kids to join the programme and running open day events.

The coaching programme stopped on 23 March in line with lockdown guidelines. However, during lockdown activities were set up for everyone in the local community via social media e.g. quizzes, challenges, zoom sessions – please visit our Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/EPCTennis/>

The coaching at Lordswood resumed on 22 June, running the programme 3 days a week. Cannon Hill is still waiting to restart the programme, as public court usage has been extremely high since tennis was allowed to resume.

### **CAMBODIA (IC France) – no change since last update in April**



Tennis activities have been suspended. AS Kep is providing soap, masks and hydroalcoholic gel for the kids and their families. The training team visits the children every week at home. According to the latest information, everybody is safe and doing well and so far there is no case of Covid-19 contamination in Kep. The AS Kep team has taken this confinement time as an opportunity to start work on rainwater run-off.

The latest photographs can be found on the AS Kep Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/askepofficiel/>

### **CHILE - no change since last update**

In these hard times of pandemic, we are not able to do much. All our IC members and team of tennis schoolteachers are protecting themselves and staying at home. Nobody is sick. Tennis clubs, companies, shops and schools are all closed, except essential businesses. We are supporting our tennis teachers with at least 50% of what they earned to help them in this period. We hope you are all staying at home and safe! We hope that sooner rather than later we are going to be playing tennis again. All the best to you and ICP members!

### **ETHIOPIA (IC Germany) - no change since last update**

The programme is running with 48 kids. Benefactor, Peter Lautenschläger, has made a generous donation of Eur 21,000 that will cover the school fees of 30 children. Thank you!

### **LUXEMBOURG - no change since last update**

The programme model which we set up last year had to be altered because some of the immigrant families involved were able to return home and others have been housed in social housing away from a viable tennis centre. In the programme, which we have planned for this year, everything is postponed until September for the moment, when we are planning to start a new programme. This programme will bring in poor kids from families known by the Social Office into a functioning tennis school. The Social Office is a state entity, which looks after families which are in social and economic need. These families are allowed to buy their food in

what we call "Cent Boutiques". These are grocers who sell food and first necessity items at discounted prices to people who have to show a special document which proves their need for assistance. The Cent Boutiques, as well as the social workers in one of the less well-off regions in the south of Luxembourg, have committed to help us recruit the children. Children will be invited by them to participate at a recruitment day on 20th September, where kids may play tennis. Those who are keen to pursue the sport will then join an existing tennis school infrastructure. We will organise separate lessons for them and/or mix them with other kids, depending on the number of children we reach. We have also teamed up with Club "Tennis Frënn Bettembourg" where two IC members are on the Committee and are supporting the programme.

## MEXICO - no change since last update

In conjunction with The Municipal Sports Commission, the IC of Mexico sponsored programme supports underprivileged children from the local schools between the ages of 6 and 16. Approximately 450 children have taken part to date. This is a vulnerable community with a high exposure to drugs; the programme aims to foster a positive attitude and a strong work ethic and approach to life that may help the children to overcome some of the challenges they are likely to experience in such an environment. All activity has stopped because of Government orders. We don't know when this will change, but we hope it won't be long.

## NETHERLANDS

The year 2020 started with our regular indoor training program, three days a week for about 60 children aged 6-16 years. The highlight of the indoor season was the finals of the Krajicek Tennis Tour, a competition between teams from all the Krajicek Playgrounds in the Netherlands. The finals were conducted at the Ahoy/Rotterdam stadium at the same time as the ATP World Tour Tournament. Besides playing in their finals the children were also given the opportunity to watch the pro's play. Our teams in the age groups 10-12 and 13-16 were both very successful by winning their championship! Photo below.



Shortly after this we were struck by the coronavirus which resulted in the cancellation of all our training activities on March 9th. The lock down lasted till May 2nd; since then we have been allowed – under strict protocols – to start the (outdoor) training again. We had to ensure social distancing (1.5 meters!) and hygiene measures, disinfecting not only hands but also rackets and balls on a regular basis. From July 1<sup>st</sup> social distancing between the tennis kids is not necessary anymore, only between the coach and his/her pupils. For more information, pictures and video's, see our website: [www.jeugdtenniszuidoost.nl](http://www.jeugdtenniszuidoost.nl)

## NEW ZEALAND

The programme works with disadvantaged children and introduces a primary life skill at each lesson, e.g. communication, responsibility, honesty, problem solving and the fact that everything has a value. As the lessons are delivered free of charge, IC NZ decided with the school that the children should choose some act of service beneficial to the school as a payment in kind. We have been fortunate to eradicate COVID-19 from community transmission, despite the odd case (14 active in total) coming across the border. With strong border controls into the future, we should be able to identify, test, quarantine and trace cases, without the prospect of



community transmission. That will allow society to exist in a relatively normal environment, without the risk of COVID-19 infection. Schools have started again cautiously, with an expectation of school programmes being back to normal in Q3. Over this period we have established the ACE Charitable Trust (ACT) which has full charitable and tax status as a registered charity. Trustees are all senior members of ICNZ. The ACT will carry out all activities for the ACE Programme, including raising the funding, developing the lesson programme, employing the coaches, liaising with Schools and Clubs, compliance work in relation to Child Protection and administration of the ACT. As a reminder, ACE is an acronym for Aspirational Childhood Education, and the ACE Programme is a series of lessons offered to disadvantaged children, that teach life skills through tennis tuition.

We are now looking to recommence our 2020 ACE Programme. We are in the process of finalising dates in Q3, to complete the remaining 2 lessons from Q1 and to commence with a new school. We have also been looking at ways to diversify our local funding. During the latter period of the lockdown, our National Association, Tennis New Zealand (TNZ), held the NZ Premier League teams event. Televised live, it attracted our top men's players who were back in NZ with the absence of international tennis. Rather than charge ticketing prices, TNZ requested spectators to donate to the ACE Programme. The funds raised, together with some donations from ICNZ members, have allowed us to recommence our 2020 Programme. Best wishes to you all for the remainder of 2020.

## **SOUTH AFRICA - Vosloorus and Kenton-on-Sea**

Over 250 children from the local schools have been taught tennis skills through these two programmes. The children are given tennis coaching, tournament experience and taught life skills in a safe environment in areas which are rife with unemployment, drugs and alcohol.



### **Vosloorus**

After the recent announcement by the President of South Africa, the all clear for tennis coaching has at long last been given. The coaches are now into their third month without pay so it is great news that tennis can at least restart, if only in certain areas. Social tennis at club level is still banned. However, there are a number of conditions attached to the restart. The coaches will only be able to coach a maximum of four children at a time and no parents will be allowed to attend any session. Also after the coaching has been completed the children must return

home immediately and are not allowed to stay at the courts. It will now be a case of getting our coaches to see which of our past pupils are able to attend and then a timetable will have to be worked out so as to accommodate all those who wish to return to coaching. Unfortunately we are in the middle of a very cold period with Johannesburg experiencing some of the lowest temperatures recorded so it will be interesting to see who is brave enough to return in this weather! Tournaments are still banned so there will be no extra tennis for the kids to participate in for the foreseeable future. These are not expected to return until September. It is a start and good that the Government has agreed that tennis is a non-contact sport and with certain conditions laid down, we can start to have the pupils back onto the court getting exercise and enjoying this wonderful game in the very near future.





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## Kenton-on-Sea

Our situation in the East Cape is pretty much the same as that of Vosloorus. Kenton has not functioned this year (2 or 3 sessions at the beginning of the year). Our region has not even reached its peak yet and is in dire straits. The health system has basically collapsed. We always did have a poor infrastructure here and it's no surprise. We did, however, manage to get a few food parcels to the most vulnerable of our kids and their families – this with the help of our coach who also resides in the Township. Secondly, we challenged them to participate in a Volley Challenge with family or, once again, Coach Khaya. Unfortunately the cell footage is not great but we nevertheless managed to put together a video which can be viewed on our philanthropy page. Finally, we were able to obtain some Life Skills booklets from the Kariega Foundation (a Game Reserve near us which has also started working with kids in the area), and these were dropped off for the kids to work through when they were bored (which was all the time!). Our programme started in 2014 and to date we have probably coached some 50 kids. The older kids have been with us for 5 years now. As they are almost ready to move on, we will be tackling the Next Generation with renewed energy at the beginning of 2021, maybe even in October 2020 if we can manage it.

## SPAIN

The IC Council first supported the children with learning disabilities programme in the year 2013. The Federación Acell started the program back in 1995 with five tennis players in Castelldefels under Raul Teroy as a coach. At the end of 2004 Sergi Bruguera, former Roland Garros Champion, joined the programme; volunteering as a coach and leading the program to an exponential growth. The groups of children with learning disabilities have been confined since March 11th and since they are considered an at risk group the activity is planned to restart in October 2020. The children have been encouraged to stay fit and to have an active confinement. From the beginning they joined the campaign “Stay active from home”, which was promoted by the local Sports Minister.

<http://www.specialolympics.cat/blog/2020/03/24/els-esportistes-de-specialolympics-i-la-federacio-ace entrenen-des-de-casa/>

<https://uesports.cat/uesports-a-casa/#rutines>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mw9YhBs-YBo&list=PLIHbm7j-AXsXPGqzIgQYUvGUKm6Duq3dK>

## URUGUAY



The programme has reached over 800 children at 6 schools. Tennis nets are set up in public squares, multisport areas and school courtyards, all situated in very poor and ‘difficult’ neighbourhoods. ‘Support groups’ in each school receive extra and more intensive tennis coaching. They are awarded ‘scholarships’ enabling them to be members of local Tennis Clubs. The programme also includes ‘Global Teaching’ and cultural activities. The Programme continues its collaboration with the Uruguayan Ministry of Sports and has adapted to the COVID-19 situation. There is



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regular contact with the children and teachers to keep the programme alive through videos; aimed at keeping the children positive and having fun. We have been reassured that our programme will have the blessing of the new authorities and we are already working with them - virtually! Our goal is to maintain regular contact with most of the children (and teachers) involved. We prepare videos on tennis and on the values tied to the practice of sports, which we always promote. Videos will be regularly included in the digital platforms, which each school is holding with the kids. Our coach is in permanent contact with the headmasters and teachers at the schools in order to adapt the new protocols required once the programmes restart, which we hope will be in July. New instagram of the IC URUGUAY official programme : [@ icuruguay](#)

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In these strange times, it is good to see that, despite the difficulties, those running their programmes are finding ingenious ways to engage with their participants. We hope to bring you more news on activities early in the New Year. In the meantime, stay healthy.  
All best wishes,

Barry Weatherill, ICP Chairman