



THE INTERNATIONAL LAWN TENNIS CLUB
OF
RUSSIA

10th Anniversary
July 22-25, 2009



Moscow, Russia



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Invitation

The IC of Russia would like to invite teams from all IC's around the world to join us in celebrating our 10th Anniversary from 22-25 July, 2009, in Moscow, Russia. We are planning an event that will be exciting and memorable for all who attend, combining competitive tennis with social & entertaining events and excursions & tours over the Moscow City.

The IC Russia was founded in Moscow in 1997 when Russia joined already a big family of International Lawn-tennis Clubs initially founded in 1924. The Founding Conference uniting Russian tennis veterans and professional players was held on the 9th of November, 1997 in Moscow. During the Conference Memorandum of Association of IC Russia has been approved and first Board of Directors has been elected. At the Wimbledon 1998 Championships IC Council approved the documents of the newly established Club of Russia.

10 years later, 2008, the IC of Russia is a dynamic and friendly club, members of which have already managed, up to a sufficient level to realize and value how nice and well-knit this family of ICs is. Today IC Russia has 42 national members among which there are famous players representing Russian tennis, such as Vadim Borisov, Larisa Preobragenskaya, Viktor Yanchuk, Rauza Islanova, Evgenya Manukova, Anatoliy Lepeshin, Valeriya Titova, and many more. There are also 12 international members and a number of juniors who have recently participated in tournaments and events of the IC family.

10th Anniversary is the first important date in the lifeline of our Club; therefore, to memorize it well, we have decided to celebrate it in a way that is traditional to all IC family members.

For our celebration in July, 2009, we have decided to stage an 8-team event with one doubles competition for men over 60, one singles competition for men over 55, and 1 mixed doubles – for men over 55 and ladies over 45. We have found 3 different venues in and around Moscow City that have outdoor clay courts and other facilities that will make tennis even more pleasant for our guests that it naturally is, yet to be decided upon. We will play main and consolation draw for each event, matches are scheduled for 3 days.

We will have a welcoming cocktail to meet up and greet each other on the 22nd of July, 2009 in the evening. At daytime we are offering a city tour for all the guests, so that you can have a brief look at all Moscow sights and tourist spots.

Throughout your stay, visitors will have time to enjoy various activities and excursions, theatre visits and gastronomic retreats. We will prepare recommendations on different aspects and tips for the stay in Moscow and will give guidance to those who want to explore the area on their own.



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On Saturday, 25th of July, 2009, after the morning finals, players and guests will have a couple of hours of free time for shopping or museums, and in the evening we will have an Official Gala Dinner with speeches of gratitude and an awarding ceremony which will take place in one of the best Moscow restaurants where our guests will be treated with some traditional Russian gastronomy.

We offer Clubs willing to participate to stay at the Sheraton Palace Hotel in Tverskaya-Yamskaya Street with a walking distance to the Kremlin and the Red Square. Unfortunately, we have to offer visitors to cover accommodation at their own expense, but we have obtained the best available rates in Moscow (details below).

Event details and participant expenses are included in this brochure. As the accommodation is on participants' expense there will be, surely, no entry fee for this event. In case there are more than 8 reservations received by the deadline, we will give priorities to those who have not yet visited Russia for a friendly match in the past 5 years or/and to those who have reserved the place earlier.

On behalf of the entire IC of Russia, we are eager to see you in July 2009!

Sincerely,

Tatiana Lapteva

Honorary Secretary
IC of Russia



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Tennis Events



Men 60 and over - Doubles

A draw of 8 teams, each composed of 2 male players who have reached the age of 60 with a tiebreak to decide.



Men 55 and over - Singles

A draw of 8 teams, each composed of a male player who has reached the age of 55 but has not reached the age of 60 prior to January 1, 2010.



Men 55 and over & Ladies 45 and over - MIXED DOUBLES

A draw of 8 teams, each composed of 1 male player who has reached the age of 55 but has not reached the age of 60 prior to January 1, 2010 and 1 female player who has or will have reached the age of 45 prior to January 1, 2010.



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Tennis Venue:

1) VALERY TENNIS CLUB AND ACADEMY

This Tennis Academy & Club is one of the most prestigious private country clubs in Moscow. Situated outside the city in beautiful nature and fresh air environment, featuring top quality courts, where Marat Safin, Anastasia Myskina, Mikhail Youzhniy and many other Russian tennis stars trained, the Club offers delights for everyone:

- 27 outdoor and indoor clay, grass, hard surface courts, practice wall and fully-stocked tennis shop;
- Spa & indoor / outdoor swimming pool area;
- Saunas, steam rooms & Jacuzzi area;
- 1 formal indoor restaurant in the main clubhouse, indoor and terrace dining at the outdoor area, as well as tennis and swimming snack bars;
- Fitness Center;
- And more.



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2) J. A. SAMARANCH NATIONAL TENNIS CENTER

This tennis center is one of the most recent and top quality modern developments in Moscow tennis infrastructure. Named after the Honorary President of The International Olympic Committee, Juan-Antonio Samaranch, and built for the purposes of hosting the Davis and Federation Cup, Kremlin Cup and other large national and international events, this enormous venue is situated within the Moscow Grand Circle Motorway, 30 minutes from the downtown.

The Center offers:

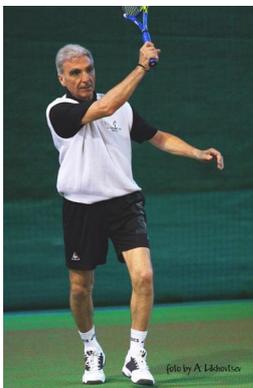
- 10 outdoor and indoor clay, grass, hard surface courts, practice wall and fully-stocked tennis shop;
- Wellness Center and recreation area;
- Multi-functional Fitness Center with 50 m. large swimming pool;
- And more.

OR

3) SPORTING LODGE “SPARTAK – SHIRYAEVO POLE”

“Shiryaevo Pole” in Sokolniki is a quiet and cozy place. And the most suitable one for those who decided to play tennis seriously. Today the lodge is by right considered one of the best tennis centers in Russia: not occasionally it was twice awarded the prize "Russian Cup" in nomination "Best sport lodge". Exactly at these tennis courts Safin, Kurnikova and Dementjeva got off to the millions: coaches of Spartak are considered the most telling in Russia.

On the terrace of a nice restaurant where excellent dinner is served it is possible to make acquaintance with a champion guru and continue the education on 22 courts.



“Shiryaevo Pole” offers to its visitors:

- 17 clay courts;
- 4 rubber courts;
- 1 covered (hard) court;
- a restaurant;
- equipped changing rooms.

Address: 107014, Moscow, Mayskiy prospekt, 1A. Nearest underground station - Sokolniki.



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Accommodation: the SHERATON PALACE HOTEL



Sheraton Palace Hotel, Tel: +7 (495) 9319700, Fax: +7 (495) 9319703, <http://eng.sheratonpalace.ru/>

The Sheraton Palace Hotel Moscow is a great venue for business or pleasure in Moscow. The hotel is located on Moscow's main avenue, Tverskaya Street, just a 30-minute walk from the Kremlin, the Red Square, and other historical places of interest. The hotel enjoys easy access to and from the international airports, as well as to the important business and leisure areas of Moscow. After a long day of working or sightseeing, you can relax in a health club, featuring a fitness room, aerobic classes, and a sauna. The Sheraton Palace Hotel offers a wide variety of choices for your dining and entertainment pleasure - from specialty restaurants, gourmet cuisine, seafood, and cafes to all-day dining buffets with international service and the highest quality food.

HOTEL FACILITIES

- 24-Hour Front Desk
- 24-Hour Security
- Indoor Whirlpool
- 24-Hour Room Service
- Aerobic Classes
- Cash Machine (ATM)
- Wake-up Service Available
- Golf Courses Nearby
- Multilingual Staff
- Tour/Excursion Service
- Airport Transportation (Limited)
- Currency Exchange
- Computer Rental
- Doorman
- Fitness and Spa Facilities/Services
- Entry Visa Assistance
- Laundry/Valet Service
- Luggage Storage
- Safe Deposit Boxes
- Shoe Shine Service
- Secretarial Service
- Massage Treatments
- Dry Cleaning Service
- Air Conditioned Facilities
- Translation Services
- Travel Services
- Copy/Printing Service
- Business Center/Services
- Florist
- Gift Shop
- Sauna
- Jewelry Shop
- Car Rental Desk
- Fitness Facility
- Airline Desk
- Tower Lounge
- Gymnasium



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Participant expenses

I. Entry: No entry fees

II. Hotel Accommodations:

The Sheraton Palace Hotel Moscow is proposed to be an Official Hotel of the event. Due to extremely high hotel accommodation costs in Moscow, our Club is unable to meet such costs. We regret we cannot cover the accommodation costs for our guests, but we have managed to get the best fixed rate for the guests of the IC of Russia in the Sheraton Palace – the Hotel which in our opinion combines quality standards and ideal convenience for a minimum price available in central Moscow these days.

We have agreed with the hotel a special fixed rate for 28 double rooms for the players and their spouses. Each team member or visitor will have to book a room on its own expenses and complete a booking form **by the 30th of April 2009** which will be sent shortly on request. The hotel will hold the rooms reserved until May, the 21st, 2009, but for us as the event organizer it is vital to know the exact number of visitors by the 30th of April (as tennis courts need to be booked well in advance).

If any of the team members would need more than 1 room, e.g. additional spouses, or Club officials, please let us know upon filing an entry form.

We suggest arriving on the 21st of July for overatlantic teams and no later than 22nd daytime for teams from Europe and Asia. Departure day should be no earlier than Sunday, the 26th of July. If any of the guests would like to stay for some more time in Moscow, or arrive earlier they will have to double check the availability with the Hotel themselves.

The special fixed rates for our guests, which are, in our opinion, the best available for Moscow City, are the following:

- RUB 9 900 (appr. 270 Euro) per double room per night (for 2 persons);
- RUB 9 900 (appr. 270 Euro) per double room per night (for 1 person);
- The hotel does not have single rooms;
- Breakfast and VAT are included. Baggage delivery (RUR 112 or 3 Euro) is not included.

The hotel can provide you with visa support documents for tourist visa valid for the period of stay at the Sheraton Palace Hotel only.

Plus, taxis and airport transfers for reasonable rates can be booked through the front desk.



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III. Expenses:

The IC of Russia will cover the following costs for teams of 8 (4 players plus 1 spouse each):

- a. Welcome Cocktail at the Sheraton Palace Hotel at the Mozart Café, July 22, 2009;
- b. Bus Excursion over Moscow City: July 22, 2009;
- c. Transportation between the Hotel and the Club from July 23 through July 25, 2009;
- d. Transportation between the Hotel and the restaurant for the Dinner, July 25, 2009;
- e. Lunch packages during matches;
- f. Official Gala Dinner Night, July 25, 2009;
- g. Additional social events to be determined.

Additional guests are asked to discuss financial matter with the IC of Russia before booking.

IV. Typical expenses in Russia for tourists:

- 1) Cost of dining – €25 p/p;
- 2) Taxis – €10-15 across the centre;
- 3) Underground – circa €0,7 per one-way trip;
- 4) DMVO express – circa €10 one-way;
- 5) Airport transfer (taxi) – €50 one-way;
- 6) Visas – up to €50 (may vary in different countries);
- 7) Theatre & museums – €10-70 (apart from the Bolshoi – €150).



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Deadlines

****December 31, 2008** - Indication of interest by IC's**

In order to start event's preparation process, my I please ask teams interested in participation to let me know that they are coming in principle ASAP, so that we count them in and plan the event.

Participant information and the entry form must be received no later than **April 30, 2009**, by:

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I do hope that ICs can make it.

Team rosters, with information useful for seeding, and names of guests other than players and captains who plan to attend the 10th Anniversary should be submitted no later than April 30, 2009.