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**We promote, encourage and
safeguard the integrity of
professional tennis worldwide.**



WHAT WE DO

The International Tennis Integrity Agency (ITIA) is an independent body established by the international governing bodies of tennis to promote, encourage and safeguard the integrity of their professional tennis events worldwide. The agency is responsible for:

The Tennis Anti-Corruption Program (TACP), which covers the rules in tennis concerning match fixing and betting issues. This includes establishing and maintaining the rules, as well as ensuring that players, coaches and officials are fully up to date and informed through a values based and proactive education programme.

The Tennis Anti-Doping Programme (TADP), which covers a comprehensive testing programme for players at all levels of the game, both in and out of competition in compliance with the World Anti-Doping Code. In addition, one of the ITIA's education programme's key objectives is to ensure everyone in the sport is fully aware of the risks and consequences of both deliberate and inadvertent doping. The ITIA took on responsibility for the TADP on 1 January 2022.

This Annual Review looks at the agency's operations in 2022.



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Jennie Price CBE | Chair of the Tennis Integrity Supervisory Board

2022 was a highly significant year for us. When we took over responsibility for managing the Tennis Anti-Doping Programme on 1 January 2022, the ITIA became the first legally independent integrity body in elite sport for both anti-corruption and anti-doping.

The co-operation between all of the professional tennis bodies to make this happen was both unprecedented and impressive. In particular, we would like to thank the ITF with whom our teams spent significant time ensuring the anti-doping programme was effectively handed over from them. Whilst the ITF remains the WADA signatory body, the ITIA, as the delegated third-party authority is now responsible for delivering all aspects of the anti-doping programme for tennis.


And the team hit the ground running, with several high-profile cases emerging throughout the year. On the anti-corruption side, our outstanding intelligence and investigations teams continue to seek out and deal with individuals who manipulate matches in return for money. Supported by an in-house legal team, we are working hard across both programmes to ensure tennis is a trusted sport, where professional tennis players compete to the best of their natural ability, free from the influence of crime, corruption or doping.

Alongside this, our education team continues to travel the world both virtually and in person to deliver sessions for players, coaches and officials at all levels of the sport to ensure they are fully informed about the

risks of match fixing and doping so they have the right information and can make the right decisions. This year saw a new focus on reaching juniors, ensuring we are getting to more players at the formative stage of their careers.

2022 also saw change within the organisation, with Jonny Gray departing as CEO having built strong foundations for the ITIA as an independent body. His successor, Karen Moorhouse joins us in early 2023 and will be another outstanding leader. Nicole Sapstead and Ben Rutherford did a brilliant job when holding the fort in the interim and alongside other new recruits, Jenni Kennedy who joined as Senior Director of Investigations and Nick Iliffe who heads up our intelligence team, will support Karen to help deliver on the ITIA's integrity aims.

Our relationships with the ATP, Grand Slams, ITF and WTA are fundamental to the work we do, and we are hugely grateful for their continued support. They have literally put their money where their mouth is on matters of integrity by setting up and funding the agency and by remaining fully involved in our work on anti-doping and anti-corruption matters. I would also like to thank all members of the ITIA Board and every single employee of the ITIA for their hard work and their absolute commitment to safeguarding the integrity of professional elite tennis worldwide.



TOGETHER WE ARE ALL DEDICATED TO SAFEGUARDING THE INTEGRITY OF PROFESSIONAL ELITE TENNIS WORLDWIDE.



Nicole Sapstead
Senior Director Anti-Doping

Running a strong anti-doping programme in a sport like tennis is not without its challenges. It is a global sport, events run concurrently with players travelling between them constantly and its season runs all year long. Our aim upon taking on the tennis anti-doping programme last year was to build on the great work done by the ITF and utilise our intelligence and investigation teams to create more of an intelligence and risk-based approach. That means we will target-test regions, specific events or even individuals if we feel there is a need to do so.

That said, we also recognise the vital importance of a strong education and prevention programme, so we can communicate openly with players, coaches, medical staff and the sport in general about the rules and the risks. In 2022 we spoke to players about specific issues like meat contamination. We will continue to have these conversations.

2022 saw several high-profile cases and some unusual ones too. Whilst it is too soon to attribute this to the new regime, it does exemplify the complexity and scale of running an anti-doping programme in a sport like tennis. We work closely with the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) and our tennis partners, to run the programme with the aim to ensure that there is a level playing field for all in the sport.

We also trialled Dry Blood Spot testing in 2022, which is less intrusive than taking blood in the standard way and is far more time efficient. This trial will be extended to more events in 2023.

Our starting point is that the number of those who wish to cheat in tennis is low, but we work on the basis that if an individual does want to bend the rules, we will do everything we can to find them.



Ben Rutherford
Senior Director Legal

The Tennis Anti-Corruption Program (TACP) covers all aspects of the professional game – whether that is players, coaches, other members of an entourage or officials. The term ‘match fixing’ covers a multitude of areas – including deliberately losing points, games, sets and matches. And – as we have seen on a number of occasions this year – officials deliberately altering the score in their handheld scoring device.

The last two years have clearly been dominated by Covid and as the world slowly eases its way back into a new normal and a number of law enforcement investigations from several years ago involving tennis players have reached a conclusion. Several cases have finally been dealt with after a significant wait and 2023 will likely see more of these. Whilst it is frustrating at times to have such a long period between the instigation of a process and the final result, it is reassuring that law enforcement all over the world continues to seriously look into potential fraud and wrongdoing related to sport. We continue to work closely with those agencies to share intelligence and evidence where we can.

What has been pleasing this year is an increase in the number of cases that are coming to conclusion within a few months of an investigation. We are now dealing with more cases using our accelerated processes, which saves time and money for all concerned.

The first year of the ITIA having responsibility for the TADP has also seen the agency prosecute and sanction our first anti-doping cases, of which there were four sanctions issued during 2022 itself and a number of cases ongoing.



Matthew Perry | Senior Manager, Education

2022 saw the integration of anti-doping into our values-based education programme and a continuation of the hybrid – face to face and online – approach to our education efforts with the team travelling to **25 events** across the world and hosting numerous online webinars. The team delivered education to nearly **2000 players, coaches, officials and tournament staff** throughout the year.

As well as having a presence at the Grand Slams and other professional tournaments, our main focus in 2022 was engaging with junior players. Reaching players at the start of their careers is vital to ensure that they understand their fundamental responsibilities and get a sense of the risks presented by corruption and doping. Forming good habits at an early stage and developing their ethical decision making is a vital part of their transition to the professional game.

The guidance and influence of the people around players is also vital. With that in mind, we have worked closely with Sports Science and Medical teams across tennis to ensure medical practitioners are informed and empowered to support players in adhering to anti-doping rules while prioritising player health and wellbeing. Likewise, we continue to work closely with coaching certification and training bodies to promote the role coaches play in developing the next generation of players on and off the court.

We are grateful to our partners for their support in delivering our objectives. Working with the Grand Slams, ITF, ATP and WTA, as well as bodies such as Tennis Europe has given us crucial access to players, coaches, officials, medical practitioners and tournament staff across the globe. This will continue into 2023, as we work with colleagues to focus on specific regions to spread our 'Tennis you can trust' message as widely as possible.



1. Education session at the 2022 Davis Cup Juniors and Billie Jean King Cup Juniors by BNP Paribas Finals
2. South America Davis Cup Juniors and Billie Jean King Cup Juniors by BNP Paribas Pre-qualifying tournament
3. Players at the Pacific Oceania Junior Championships who all took part in ITIA education sessions

1892

Total individuals engaged (1217 of which were juniors)

Rank of junior
players educated
ranged from

2960-1

Average ITF
Juniors rank of

823

Rank of female
professional players
educated ranged from

1061-94

Average WTA
rank of

505

Rank of male
professional players
educated ranged from

623-146

Average ATP
rank of

240

25

Events attended

"I think it's great that there's an organisation that is passionate about fair play and protecting players and especially for us younger players who are transitioning into the pro game, helping us to be more aware of the responsibilities we have under the rules as a professional."

Alexandra Eala
US Open Junior Champion 2022

"I wanted to say that I really enjoyed the whole session. It was interesting and instructive. Thank you very much!"

Rositsa Dencheva
Junior player, Bulgaria

"I thought your presentation was eye opening and made me more aware of my surroundings not just on court but particularly off court."

Ivana Popovic
WTA player, Australia

"I learnt a lot of new information about the rules in the session, I really appreciate the work the ITIA does helping to educate players."

Eliakim Coulibaly, Professional player, Ivory Coast



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1. Cesar Kist - ITF Development Officer for South America facilitating an ITIA education session for South American junior players
2. & 3. Tennis Europe Junior School session at the Kungens Kanna & Drottningens Pris, a prestigious 4U junior tournament in Stockholm, Sweden

Luis Patiño | Mexico

The integration of the Tennis Anti-Doping Programme into the ITIA's scope of work has provided additional resource to the programme in the shape of the organisations established investigations and intelligence teams.

The advantages of this were highlighted with the case of Luis Patiño, a Mexican tennis player who was banned from the sport for three years in 2022 after admitting possession and use/attempted use of substances included on the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) Prohibited List.

The player had originally come to the ITIA's attention after being investigated for anti-corruption allegations earlier in the year and it was whilst this was being reviewed by our intelligence analysts that evidence was identified relating to a banned substance.

Upon further analysis, it became clear that the player had in the past attempted to source substances which are banned and therefore the investigation quickly pivoted from potential anti-corruption to anti-doping.

The ITIA's Senior Director of Anti-Doping Nicole Sapstead said,

“Not all anti-doping sanctions involve a positive test, and this case demonstrates the benefits of the ITIA's integrated approach to integrity in tennis. It is testament to our intelligence and investigations teams that we were able to pursue a non-analytical finding in this way and sends a clear message to anyone in the sport who is tempted to make a wrong turn that there can be repercussions, even years later.”

Once the evidence had been presented to the ITIA's independent review board, it was confirmed that a potential offence had taken place and in July the player was provisionally suspended and charged. Within two months, the player admitted the offence and was banned for three years.

BANNED FOR 3 YEARS

POSSESSION OF BANNED SUBSTANCES

The ITIA has agreements in place with regulated betting companies and with the International Betting Integrity Association (IBIA). The industry will report any suspicious betting activity to the ITIA. As discussed elsewhere in this review, the ITIA is working closely with the IBIA and the wider industry to encourage all suspicions to be reported so they can be investigated.

Match alerts are not in themselves proof of match fixing, but can be an indicator that something inappropriate may have occurred. Where further analysis of a match alert does suggest corrupt activity, the ITIA conducts a full and confidential investigation.

It is important to note that unusual betting patterns can occur for many reasons other than match fixing – for example incorrect odds-setting; well-informed betting; player fitness, fatigue or form; playing conditions and personal circumstances.

In total, 109 match alerts were received in 2022 by the ITIA.

This is slightly down from 2021 which saw 113 alerts. In 2020, a season impacted by Covid, there were 77 alerts.

Every alert reported to the ITIA is recorded, assessed and followed up as an indicator that something inappropriate may have happened. It is important to note that an alert on its own is not evidence of match fixing.

The number and distribution of alerts are reported quarterly. Care should be taken in drawing any conclusions about prevailing corruption across the tennis 'pyramid' as there are many more matches at the bottom than at the top.

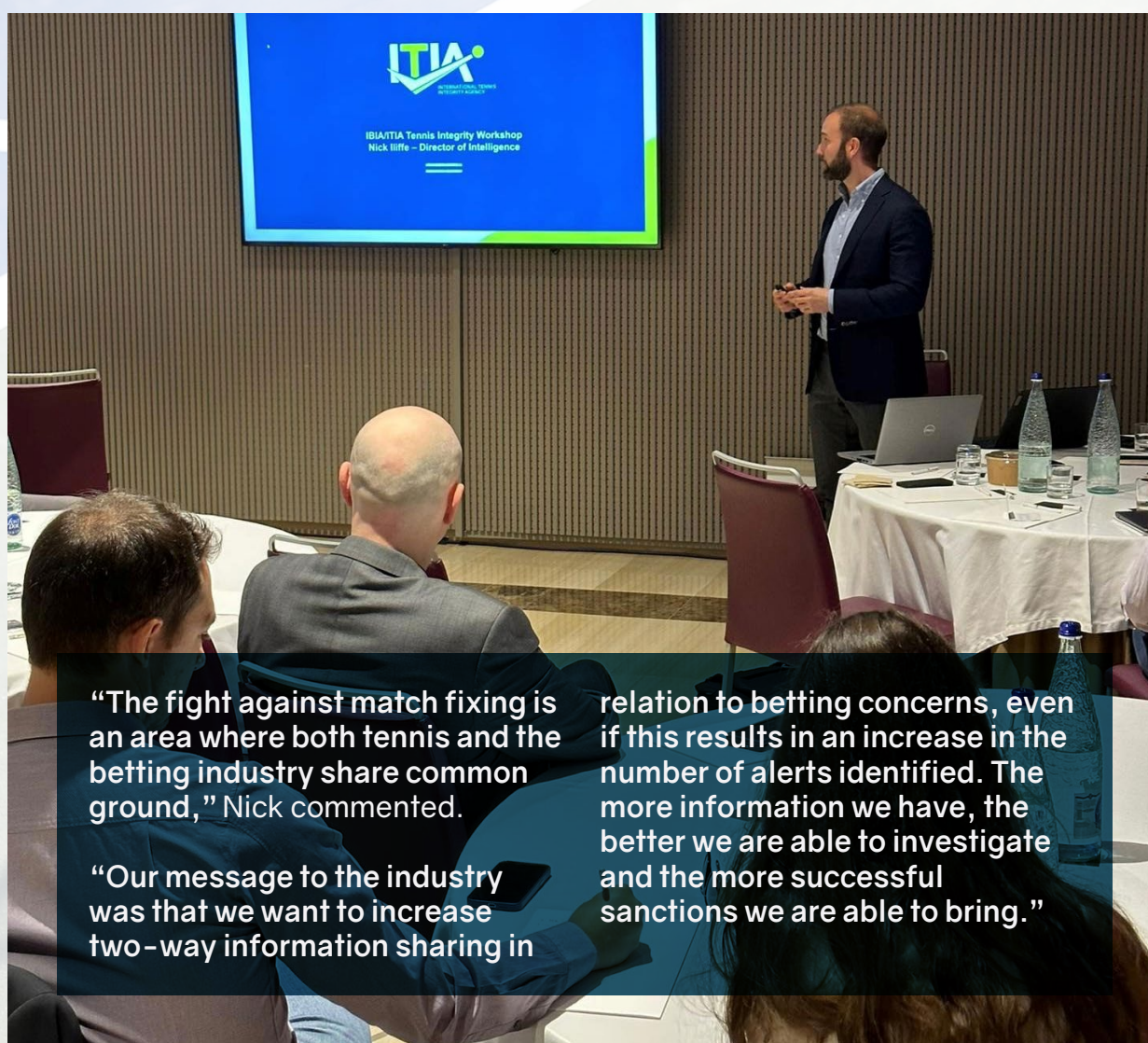
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TOURNAMENT TYPE	2022 COUNT
Grand Slam - Australian Open	1
Grand Slam - Roland Garros	1
Grand Slam - Wimbledon	1
ATP Tour 250	2
ATP Challenger 125	4
ATP Challenger 100	7
ATP Challenger 90	3
ATP Challenger 80	23
M25 Men's - World Tennis Tour	14
M15 Men's - World Tennis Tour	33
WTA 250	1
W60 Women's - World Tennis Tour	1
W25 Women's - World Tennis Tour	4
W15 Women's World Tennis Tour	14
GRAND TOTAL	109

THE ITIA IS WORKING CLOSELY WITH THE IBIA AND THE WIDER INDUSTRY TO ENCOURAGE ALL SUSPICIONS TO BE REPORTED SO THEY CAN BE INVESTIGATED.

2022 saw further co-operation with the betting industry, with the ITIA and the International Betting Integrity Association organising a joint Tennis Betting Integrity Workshop in Barcelona. The ITIA's Director of Intelligence, Nick Iliffe joined a group of IBIA members, including betting operator trading and integrity representatives, to discuss the ITIA's

approach and talk about future engagement with the industry at the event in September. The workshop is intended to be the first in a series of events aimed at further developing information sharing, highlighting tennis betting integrity trends and identifying upcoming areas of risk.



TENNIS ANTI-CORRUPTION PROGRAMME

Nicolás Arreche	Argentina
4 years ban for match fixing	
Mauricio Echazu	Peru
2 years and 3 months ban for match fixing	
Ksenia Palkina	Kyrgyzstan
16 years ban for match fixing (with 6 years suspended)	
Fernando Bogajo Fernández	Spain
1 year and 10 months ban for match fixing	
Marc Fornell Mestres	Spain
22 years and 6 months ban for match fixing	
Jorge Marse Vidri	Spain
15 years ban for match fixing	
Carlos Ortega	Spain
15 years ban for match fixing	
Jaime Ortega	Spain
7 years and six months ban for match fixing	
Marcos Tarralbo	Spain
15 years ban for match fixing	
Pedro Bernabe Franco	Spain
15 years ban for match fixing	
Daniel Zeferino	Portugal (umpire)
Lifetime ban for match fixing	
Alberto Alvarado Larín	El Salvador
5 months ban for non-cooperation	
Majd Affi	Tunisia (umpire)
20 years ban for match fixing	
Mohamed Ghassen Snene	Tunisia (umpire)
7 years ban for match fixing	
Abderahim Gharsallah	Tunisia (umpire)
7 years ban for match fixing	
Michel Vernier Quinteros	Chile
7 years and 5 months ban for match fixing	
Max Wenders	Netherlands (coach)
12 years ban for match fixing	
Lorenzo Chiurazzi	Italy (umpire)
7 years and 6 months for match fixing	
Adam El Mihdawy	USA
3 years 6 months for match fixing	
Sebastián Rivera	Chile
Lifetime ban for match fixing	

Bob Bryan & Mardy Fish	USA (coaches)
Fine for promoting gaming company	
Stefán Milanov	Bulgaria (umpire)
6 months ban for betting on tennis	
Jules Okala	France
Lifetime ban for match fixing	
Mick Lescure	France
Lifetime ban for match fixing	
Bárbara Gatica Avilés	Chile
3 years ban for match fixing	
Baoluo Zheng	China
9 months ban for match fixing	

TENNIS ANTI-DOPING PROGRAMME

Bastián Malla	Chile
1 month ban for presence of cannabis	
Tara Moore	UK
Provisional suspension	
Barbara Gatica Aviles	Chile
Provisional suspension	
Gilbert Soares Klier	Brazil
Provisional suspension	
Andrej Martin	Slovakia
Provisional suspension	
Juan-Carlos Osorio Hernández	Ecuador
Provisional suspension	
Unnamed player	Russia
9 months ban (player not named due to age)	
Luis Patiño	Mexico
3 years ban for possession of banned substances	
Simona Halep	Romania
Provisional suspension	
Fernando Verdasco	Spain
2 months ban for inadvertent offence	
Kamil Majchrzak	Poland
Provisional suspension	
Felipe Hernandez	Chile
Provisional suspension	

Sebastián Rivera | Chile

In order to successfully remove an individual from the sport for match fixing requires our investigations team to produce clear evidence that the Tennis Anti-Corruption Programme (TACP) rules have been broken. This can come from a number of sources, but often it comes from other cases where our investigators and intelligence staff are able to link an individual to others.

This is how the ITIA managed to permanently remove Sebastián Rivera, a Chilean tennis coach and former player, from the sport in 2022. In evidence gathered in three other cases from 2021 and 2022, a number of players interviewed by investigators all admitted being approached by Rivera. It soon became apparent that he would be facing an extremely high number of match fixing charges. Further research and analysis by the ITIA's team of intelligence analysts mapped out the network of Rivera's associates and corrupt approaches.

Rivera's charge sheet saw 64 charges – the highest number ever seen by the ITIA or its predecessor, the Tennis Integrity Unit with tens of thousands of dollars changing hands.

“This case showcased our investigators’ skills and experience in chasing down leads from a range of other investigations. In this instance, all roads led to Rivera and even at this number of charges and with the amount of money involved, this may just be a snapshot of what was going on. Whilst the individual was no longer an active player, he was coaching and – most worryingly – involved with younger players in the game. We felt we had more than enough evidence to remove him from the sport permanently and that was reflected in the decision taken by the Anti-Corruption Hearing Officer.” said Ben Rutherford, Senior Director of Legal at the ITIA.

LIFETIME BAN MATCH FIXING

TENNIS ANTI-DOPING PROGRAMME TESTING NUMBERS

TOURNAMENT TYPE	TOTAL	MEN	WOMEN
In-competition (urine)	4,136	2,539	1,597
In-competition (blood)	66	31	35
In-competition (ABP)	32	13	19
In-competition (DBS)	72	36	36
Total in-competition	4,306	2,619	1,687
Out-of-competition (urine)	1,091	563	528
Out-of-competition (blood)	1,005	508	497
Out-of-competition (ABP)	1,198	616	582
Total out-of-competition	3,294	1,687	1,607
Total (in and out-of-competition)	7,600	4,306	3,294

ABP = Athlete Biological Passport
DBS = Dry Blood Spot

These figures outline the number of samples taken from players, not the number of tests (multiple samples e.g., urine and blood, can be taken from players when they are tested).

Some ABP testing took place in Q1 of 2022 with notice given to players of testing. This was to maximise the number of players tested at one specific event. At all other times, testing took place with no notice.

The ITIA is responsible for the Tennis Anti-Doping Programme across all Grand Slam, ATP, WTA, ITF and major junior events. Tests in 2022 took place at 171 events ranging from ITF \$15k level to Grand Slams, with in and out of-competition testing undertaken in 59 different countries, from Andorra to Uruguay.

International Registered Testing Pool (IRTP)

A number of players are selected for inclusion in the IRTP and those on this list are obliged to provide details of their whereabouts for one hour every day of the year, for testing. Inclusion on the list is based on the year-end rankings. Those selected for the 2022 IRTP included (but is not limited to) the top 100 men and women by singles rankings, top 10 players by doubles rankings and top 10 men, women and quad wheelchair players. The list was updated twice throughout 2022.

The ITIA has taken the decision not to report on the number of tests each individual on the list has had, due to the intelligence-based approach it takes to testing.

Tennis Anti-Doping Committee

The Tennis Anti-Doping Committee is made up of representatives from all of the international governing bodies, the ITIA and a non-executive director Avril Martindale from the Tennis Integrity Supervisory Board.

The Committee met twice in 2022 to discuss the programme, the support of the governing bodies and potential changes to the way the programme is administered.

Tennis Anti-Doping Review Board

The Tennis Anti-Doping Review Board is made up of two medical experts, two scientists and two lawyers. This group discusses the wider issues related to the Tennis Anti-Doping Programme and met twice in 2022. This group also meets on an ad hoc basis to determine whether there is sufficient evidence to suggest that an Adverse Analytical Finding or other rule violation has occurred.

Issues under discussion included the amount of blood testing undertaken, re-analysis of samples, trends identified and methods to deal with issues (e.g. communication, education or a change of approach).

Therapeutic Use Exemption (TUE) Committee

The TUE Committee also met twice in 2022 to discuss issues with TUE applications and how the experience can be improved for the players and physicians without compromising the need for thorough examination of the medical evidence.



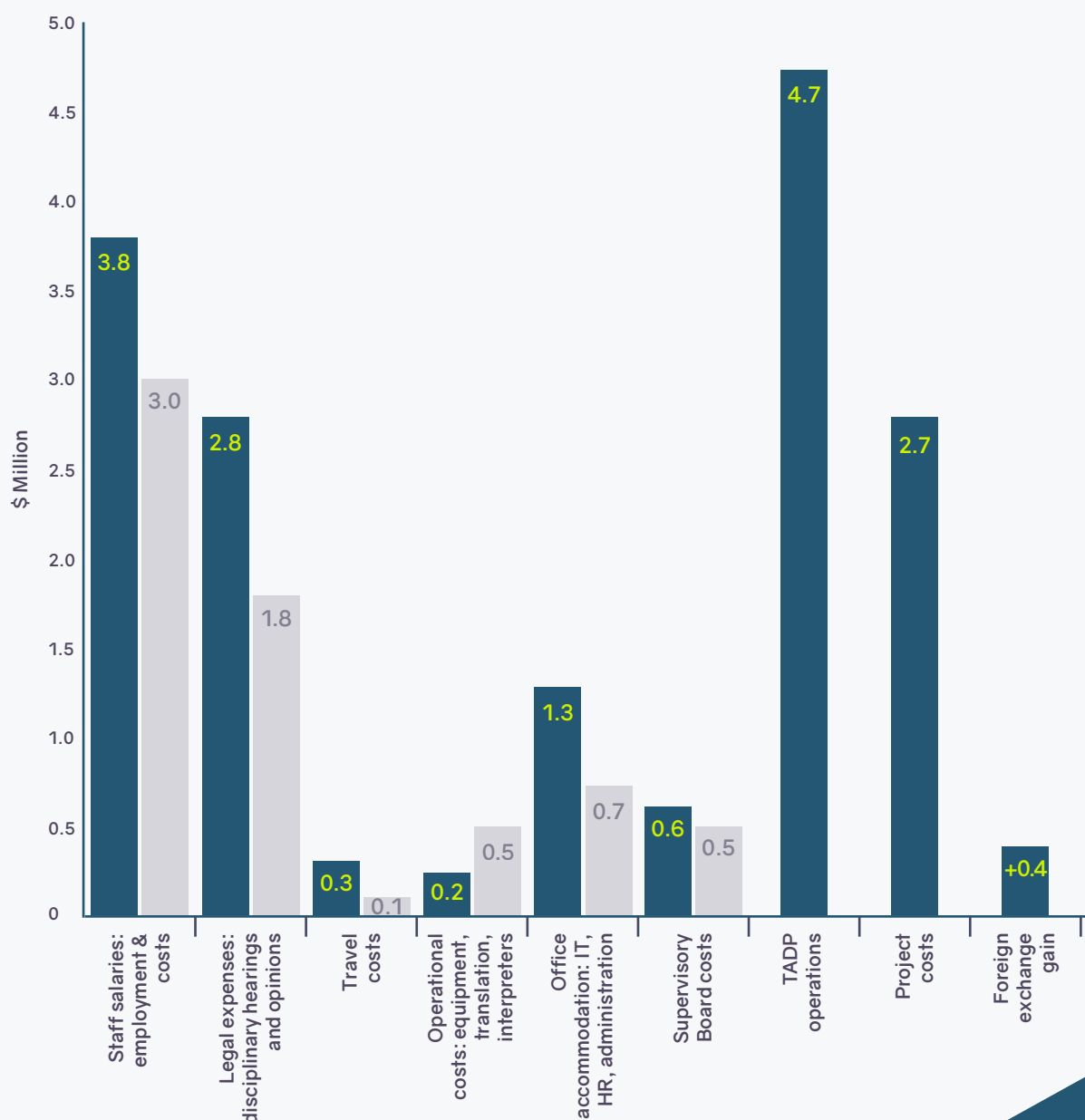
The ITIA budget is set by the Tennis Integrity Supervisory Board with each funding organisation contributing an equitable amount of one seventh.

The funders are ATP, WTA, ITF and Grand Slam Board (Wimbledon, Roland Garros, Australian Open and US Open).

Major areas of ITIA expenditure in 2022

GRAND TOTAL \$16M

■ 2022 ■ 2021



Throughout 2022, the ITIA continued with its policy of engaging with other relevant stakeholders in sport and beyond. This included close collaboration with the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) in relation to the Tennis Anti-Doping Programme and attendance at a number of WADA conferences and events, including

the WADA Symposium in Lausanne, Switzerland, Global Education Conference in Australia and Athlete Biological Passport Symposium in India.



The organisation also liaises with sporting and governmental bodies across the world to share relevant intelligence and / or best practice.

Examples of organisations that the ITIA has engaged with in 2021 include:





SUPERVISORY BOARD AND GOVERNANCE

The role of the ITIA Board is to oversee the work of the organisation, to ensure it has a clear strategy and sufficient resources to execute that strategy, and to bring together the senior leaders of the sport together with independent experts, with the latter constituting a majority on the Board.

The members of the Tennis Integrity Supervisory Board are:



Jennie Price CBE
Independent Chair



Mark Young
ATP



Steve Simon
WTA



David Haggerty
ITF



Ugo Valensi
Grand Slam Board



Sir Philip Craven
MBE
Independent
Board member



Avril Martindale
Independent
Board member



Sal Perna AM
Independent
Board member



Bob Harayda
Independent
Board member

In addition to the above, **Ian Hewitt** (Chair of All England Lawn Tennis Club) and **Brian Hainline** (President of the USTA) attended Board meetings as observers.

There are a number of Board sub-committees which report into the TISB:

Audit Committee

Chaired by Independent Director **Bob Harayda**, the Audit Committee reviews the annual budget and deals with matters of risk management and assurance. The Audit Committee met four times in 2022.

Remuneration & Nomination Committee

Chaired by Independent Director **Sir Philip Craven**, the Remuneration & Nomination Committee reviews the pay and performance of the ITIA CEO, and has reviewed the HR programme, policies and contractual requirements of the ITIA. This committee met four times in 2022.

Rules Committee

The Rules Committee met on a regular basis throughout 2022 to discuss the application, interpretation and development of the Tennis Anti-Corruption Program rules and to make recommendations to the Board. It also advises the IGBs on the optimal balance between commercial opportunities and integrity safeguards.

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