



WVBF Protour 2009 Presented by Cornèrcard in Lugano (Switzerland)

" Beautiful weather and record attendance in Pregassona"

(Lausanne on 24 August 09) A week after the resounding success of Vevey's step, the Beach Volleyball World Championship Protour presented by Cornèrcard under the auspices of the World Volleyball and Beach Volleyball Federation (WVBF in the text), the only world volleyball institution to respect and totally apply the Olympic principles: democratic elections by secret ballots, financial transparency and Development, put her bags in Ticino for the third edition of the Lugano step. The tournament took place in Pregassona in a beautiful area, property of Lugano's sport department.

In the women's draw, the Brazilian Gonzales and Da Costa took a nice revenge on their American rivals Pagano and Frohman, winner a week earlier in Vevey. Once again, the Bolivian Pavisic and Balderama finished third with a victory in classification game against Slovenian pair composed of Sarah Habjan and Ingrid Maraspin.

The men's final was won in three sets by the Italians Lazaro and Buragina against the Vevey's winning pair : Lah and Strele from Slovenia. The third place game finally saw a Spanish victory with Alberti and Ten who defeated the Bolivians Garcia and Hazou in three sets.

The tournament ended with a beautiful prize giving ceremony attended by many children and important partners. The WVBF through his spokeswoman Kelly Sprunger thank the Organizing Committee for their work throughout this week: *"I congratulate and thank the team led by the President of the Swiss Volleyball and Beach Volleyball Federation Paulo Tarchini for the high quality of organization. I would also like to thank all partners and especially the presenting sponsor Cornèrcard ; the two CEOs Vittorio Cornaro and Alexander Seralvo both attend the ceremony. "*

Paolo Tarchini congratulates the four tournament referees Michele Rossi (ITA), Mattia Stolfa (ITA), Mohamed Chabi (MALI) and Aljiosa Miljevic (SLO) for the overall quality of their performance *"it can not be a High sport level without a high refereeing level. »*

The Lugano sports department director Sandro Roveli was very happy of the competition and has not hidden its intention to examine the possibility to hold in a near future the tournament at the Lido, a superb sports complex on Lugano Lake, *"an exceptional event requires an exceptional spot and I am sure that the Beach Volleyball World Championship Protour will be a great success there."*