

Every one a champion . . . Brian Dunn (Boys' singles), Laurence Courtois, Nancy Feber (Girls' doubles), Enrique Abaroa (Boys' doubles) and Rossana De Los Rios (Girls' singles) line up with ITF President Brian Tobin at the dinner in Paris to honour the 1992 World Champions. Front row: Wheelchair champions Monique van den Bosch and Laurence Giammartini.

It is the most glittering social occasion in the tennis calendar – the International Tennis Federation's World Champions' Dinner in Paris. The World Champions of the previous year

The World Champions of the previous year are honoured by the biggest gathering of champions of the past seen anywhere in the world.

Grand Slam title-holders whose careers span sixty years rub shoulders with the stars of the modern game and the leaders who shape it.

The annual event, held at the sumptuous Pavillon Gabriel during the second week of the

French Open Championships at Roland Garros, has honoured eight men – Bjorn Borg, John McEnroe, Jimmy Connors, Ivan Lendl, Mats Wilander, Boris Becker, Stefan Edberg and Jim Courier – and four women champions – Chris Evert, Martina Navratilova, Steffi Graf and Monica Seles – since it was launched in 1978.

Two of these, Ivan Lendl (1985, '86, '87 and 1990) and Stefan Edberg (1991), had earlier been honoured as junior champions. Wheelchair Tennis World Champions have been honoured since 1991.