

A vibrant yellow and orange poster for the FIVB Rio 2013 event. It features two stylized athletes in dynamic poses, a beach volleyball in flight, and a background of a beach and stadium. The text 'FIVB in Rio' is prominently displayed in the center, and the FIVB logo is at the bottom.

FIVB in Rio

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A stylized, metallic-looking graphic of a volleyball net and ball. The net is composed of several curved, overlapping bands that form a dynamic, flowing shape. A volleyball is positioned near the bottom of the net, appearing to be in motion. The background is a light gray with a subtle, abstract pattern.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear friends,

This book tells the story of an exciting chapter in the FIVB's history, a chapter which will come to define the future of our sport and a chapter which will live long in the memory.

At the Rio 2016 Olympic Games, we entertained and enthralled the watching world with spectacular beach volleyball and volleyball competitions that became the signature events of the Games.

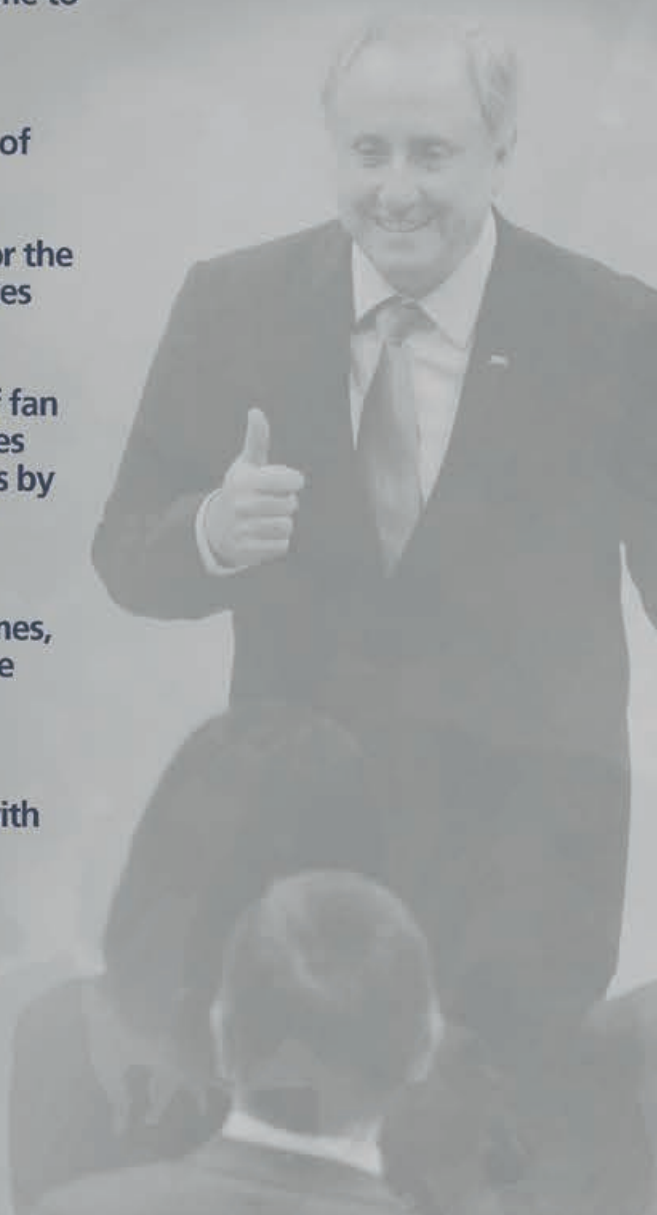
In many ways, Rio 2016 was a Games of firsts for the FIVB. We had countries competing for the very first time in Olympic competitions, record-breaking performances and new technologies and innovations which lit up Copacabana beach and Maracanãzinho.

We set the benchmark for dynamic sporting entertainment and created unrivalled levels of fan engagement. Our innovative sports presentation including impressive lighting and features such as "monster block" helped facilitate a greater appreciation of the sport and its athletes by improving fans' understanding of the game and ensured there was a party atmosphere at every game.

Rio also marked the very first time we had a dedicated Volleyball House at an Olympic Games, which was located in a school on the iconic Copacabana Beach. It epitomised our innovative and pioneering vision for the future of the sport and has left a sustainable legacy for generations of school kids.

The FIVB took a huge big step forward in Rio, and I am now looking forward to working with you to write the next chapter in our history.

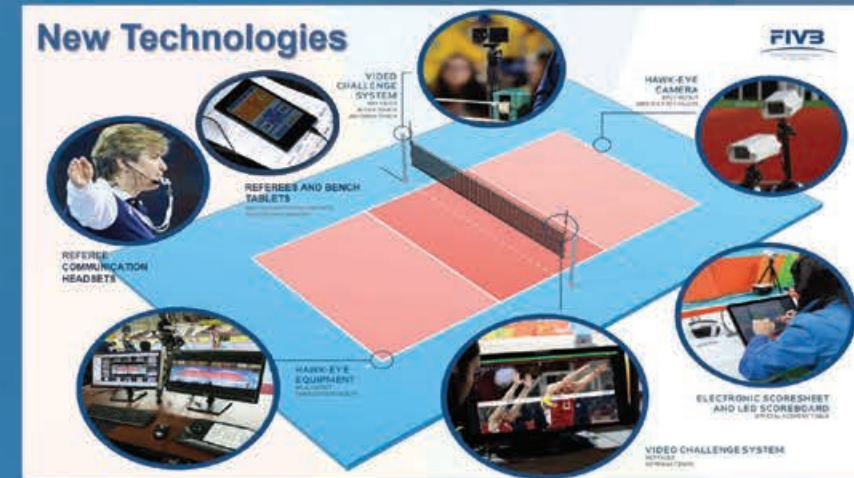
Dr. Ary S. Graça Fº
FIVB President



The sport received global acclamation for creating the ultimate party atmosphere at the Olympic Games. Fans of all ages and nationalities were invited to become a part of the spectacle and the FIVB set the standard for fan engagement at an Olympic Games with its new innovations and narrative of the game, creating a connection that goes beyond the event.

FIVB INNOVATIONS LIGHT UP RIO

Pushing the frontiers of technology and innovation, the FIVB introduced tablets for referees and coaches, intercom between officials, and video challenge to be called by coaches for both beach volleyball and volleyball, representing a marked change in technology from London 2012.



YAHOO!
SPORTS

LA Lakers DJ gets the beach volleyball party started in Rio

In Rio, volleyball and beach volleyball were more than just sporting events; they were an entertainment spectacle, which turned watching spectators into passionate fans.





BEACH VOLLEYBALL

IN RIO

The Beach Volleyball Arena was the life of Copacabana during the Olympic Games. The sensational sporting action, spectacular sea front setting and electric sport presentation created the perfect beach party and established beach volleyball as one of the most in demand sports at Rio 2016.





The temporary beach volleyball venue was built with more than 785 tons of steel and stood 22m high above the sands of Copacabana. It was only the second beach volleyball venue at the Olympic Games to be constructed on a natural beach after Bondi at Sydney 2000.





Fans of all ages and nationalities were invited to become a part of the spectacle and enjoy the festive ambience with music and "monster block" and "super spike" blasting out to the enthusiastic crowd. A total of 108 men's and women's matches were played over 13 days.



Hessische Allgemeine



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Il Messaggero



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O ESTADO DE S. PAULO



Em Copacabana, Alison e Bruno conquistam ouro. Na Baía de Guanabara, título de Kahena Kunze e Martine Graef mantém viva dinastia Graef. País faz sua melhor campanha olímpica. **Brasil, 100, 100-0-0**



Thüringer Allgemeine
Olympia

Pool-Schwur in der Party-Nacht



Nach Gold sofort ins Training

Beerbaum
tritt zurück

La Gazzetta dello Sport



FOLHA DE S. PAULO



Dilma decide ir ao Senado fazer defesa pessoalmente

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“I feel a responsibility to get the most out of my job and to make my company the best place to work,” says the author of *How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying*. “I feel that I have a duty to my company and to my fellow employees to do the best I can.”

Indústria mantém demissões apesar de sinais de retomada



Brazil took back collected gold only on Friday in front of a raucous home crowd that refused to be quiescent by the returning rate, as Alvaro Coratti and Bruno Schmidt defeated Italy 2-0 to win the nation's first gold in the sport in 12 years.

In both sets, the Brazilian couple back after Raul's Paulo Nicolini and Doriane Lago took early leads. But for the power of Coratti at the net and shut plays by Schmidt ultimately took the match 21-19, 21-17.

22-23 Unlike the first
the arena was only


Volleyball

Beach 

Thurs Aug 18

BRAZIL
Alison Cerutti, Bruno Schmidt

ITALY
D. Lupo, P. Nicolai

 **NETHERLANDS**
A. Brouwer, G. ...

...dwer, R. Meeuwse

In the women's tournament, Germany's Laura Ludwig and Kira Walkenhorst won their first Olympic gold medal beating Brazil's Ágatha and Bárbara 2-0 (21-18, 21-14) in 43 minutes.

Germany now has back-to-back Olympic beach volleyball champions as Ludwig and Walkenhorst join London 2012 men's gold medal winners Julius Brink and Jonas Reckermann.



**Reigning world champions
Agatha and Barbara said
they felt joy and gratitude
at winning their silver
medal.**

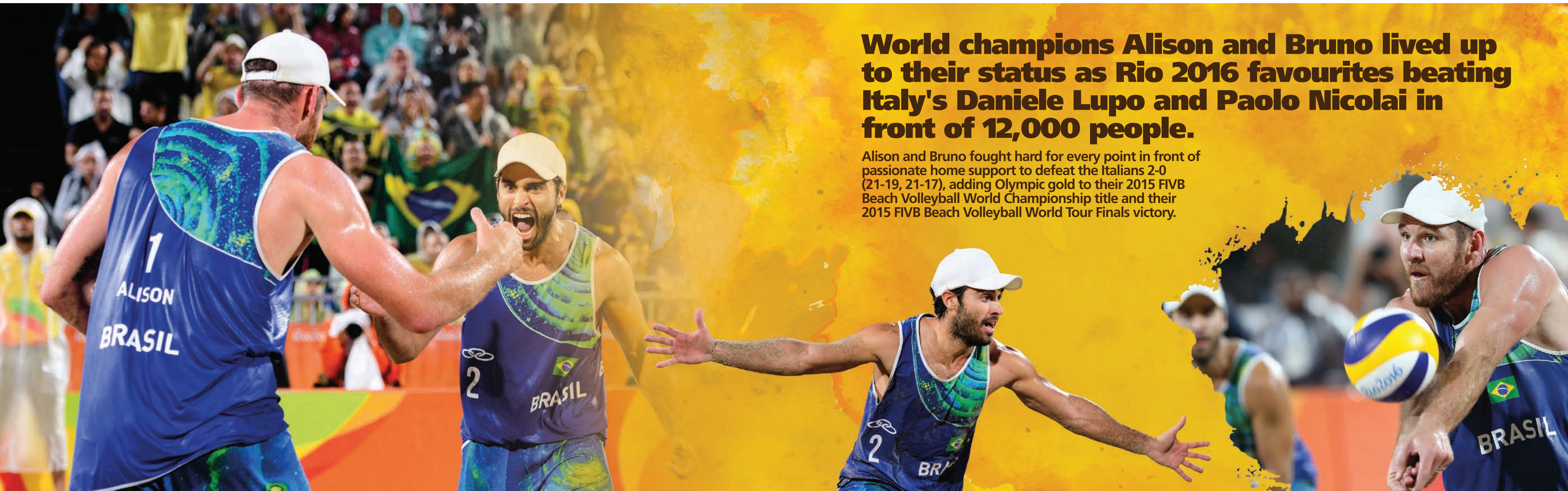


USA's Kerri Walsh Jennings and April Ross beat Brazil's Larissa França and Talita Antunes 2-1 (17-21, 21-17, 15-9) to the bronze medal.

Having only ever lost one beach volleyball match since the Olympic Games in Athens in 2004, it was Walsh Jennings' fourth time in a row on the Olympic Games podium. Her bronze medal added to her impressive collection of successive gold medals at Athens 2004, Beijing 2008 and London 2012.







World champions Alison and Bruno lived up to their status as Rio 2016 favourites beating Italy's Daniele Lupo and Paolo Nicolai in front of 12,000 people.

Alison and Bruno fought hard for every point in front of passionate home support to defeat the Italians 2-0 (21-19, 21-17), adding Olympic gold to their 2015 FIVB Beach Volleyball World Championship title and their 2015 FIVB Beach Volleyball World Tour Finals victory.

For Italy, it was their first Olympic beach volleyball medal and capped a memorable year for Nicolai and Lupo after they also won a second European title.

The victory continued on from the momentum gained at London 2012 where they knocked out the then defending champions Phil Dalhausser and Todd Rogers of the United States.



Alexander Brouwer and Robert Meeuwssen became the first Dutch side to win an Olympic medal when they held off the challenge of Russia's Konstantin Semenov and Viacheslav Krasilnikov. The Dutch pair won 2-0 (23-21, 24-22) playing four match points before securing victory.

Brouwer and Meeuwssen became the first Dutch team to win the FIVB Beach Volleyball World Championships when they triumphed in 2013. At Rio 2016, they bettered Reinder Nummendor and Richard Schuil's fourth place finish at London 2012.





The Rio 2016 Olympic Games beach volleyball competition will be remembered for inspiring athletes, record breaking performances, passionate crowds, anniversary celebrations and generating worldwide interest.



Egypt takes centre stage

Egypt's Doaa Elghobashy and Nada Meawad became the first women from a Muslim country to compete at an Olympic Games beach volleyball competition.

Few could have predicted that the picture juxtaposing Elgobashy's and Walkenhorst's uniform would become an overnight sensation.

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Egypt's beach volleyball team stand out in defeat

Rio's women's beach volleyball tournament began with a bang as Egypt's Doaa Elghobashy and Nada Meawad made their debut in the women's tournament.

Rio 2016: How one photo of beach volleyball captured the beauty of diversity at the Olympics

By @BBC Sport

THE WITNESS

It is a rough road that leads to the heights of greatness.

Olympic beach volleyball highlights sports attire, or lack thereof

Cricket slow to come into the Olympic fold

Zim women's arduous journey to Brazil

Football team makes it to the Olympics despite grueling camp conditions, poor shelter, low pay and taxing road trip

THE TIMES

How to give birth like Jools Oliver

Summer's hot crush

Ex-spy takes on Trump in race for the White House

LA IMAGEN DE RIO 2016

En la arena Copacabana

LA FOTOGRAFIA DE ELGHOBASHY Y WALKENHORST ES LA VUELTA AL MUNDO AL CONFERIR CON VECES Y MANOS UNIDAS

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The cover-ups versus the cover-nots: Egyptian and German beach volleyball players highlight the massive cultural divide between Western and Islamic women's teams

Images show game between Egyptian and German volleyball teams

The Egyptian pair took to the arena wearing long sleeves and leggings

Stark contrast to Germans who wore sport's traditional two-piece uniform

StarTribune

2016 RIO GAMES

A new Olympic sport: judging athletes in hijabs

The Egyptian women's beach volleyball team changed the conversation about women's dress and modesty

By ANNE TROMPER

The increasing number of women who play volleyball has changed the conversation about women's dress and modesty. The Egyptian women's beach volleyball team changed the conversation about women's dress and modesty. The Egyptian women's beach volleyball team changed the conversation about women's dress and modesty.

Doaa Elghobashy, right, of Egypt, and Lene Rasmussen, left, of Denmark, compete in a preliminary match on Aug. 7.

When the official coverage of the Rio 2016 Olympics began, it was clear that the Egyptian women's beach volleyball team was making a statement. The team's uniform, which consisted of long sleeves and leggings, was a stark contrast to the traditional two-piece uniform worn by most other teams.

A triumph of passion over experience

#CUB Nivaldo Siaz and Sergio Gonzalez have shaken the expected order at Copacabana #Rio2016

@FIVBBeach

Cuban men's pair Nivaldo Diaz and Sergio Gonzalez caught the imagination of the crowd by topping their group, beating one of the Brazilian favourites and the Austrians to propel themselves to the quarterfinals in their first ever Olympic Games. They had only competed in one FIVB World Tour event together before Rio and only narrowly missed out on a semifinal place.



Qataris make history

@QatarVolleyball's make history as they make the elimination stage: #Rio2016

@FIVBinRio

Jefferson Pereira and Cherif Younousse became the first ever Qatari side to win an Olympic beach volleyball match. Jefferson and Cherif fought back from losing the opening set to experienced Spanish duo Pablo Herrera and Adrian Gavira to win 2-1 (13-21, 21-18, 15-12).



Beach volleyball: An international attraction

Team USA welcomed US Secretary of State, John Kerry to the courts of Copacabana in the first week of competition and encouraged him to try his hand at the sport.

Today our Royal family came visit and talk with the athletes! SO privileged to meet and talk with them...

@M_Meppelink

Also showing their support for their home teams were the King and Queen of the Netherlands.



20th anniversary celebration

2016 marked the 20th anniversary of the inaugural Olympic Games beach volleyball competition at Atlanta 1996. The event was celebrated with a Legends Classics match. The match involved iconic players such as Sinjin Smith and Randy Stoklos, the legendary American pair who won the first ever FIVB-sanctioned beach volleyball event at Rio in 1987. Brazil's Guilherme Marques, who teamed with Rodrigo "Parra" Ferreira to win the 1997 FIVB Beach Volleyball World Championship in Los Angeles, also returned to the court.



Happy birthday Kerri Walsh Jennings!

Winning on your birthday must feel great! Happy birthday @kerrileewalsh! #Rio2016

@FIVBBeach



Winning an Olympic quarterfinal may have been enough of a birthday present for Kerri Walsh Jennings, but the crowd decided to make it all the more special with a raucous rendition of 'Happy birthday'. Kerri Walsh Jennings and April Ross were given a surprise boost when members of the USA's men's basketball team visited the Copacabana Beach Arena to lend their support. Kevin Durant, Draymond Green, DeAndre Jordan and Jimmy Butler enthusiastically lent their support to their compatriots from the stands.

The court painter

Peter Spens had one of the most enviable positions at the Beach Volleyball Arena for the Rio 2016 Olympic Games beach volleyball tournament. Sitting courtside, almost within touching distance of the players and only a few small steps to the court, the court painter immortalized the scene with one of his pieces of art.

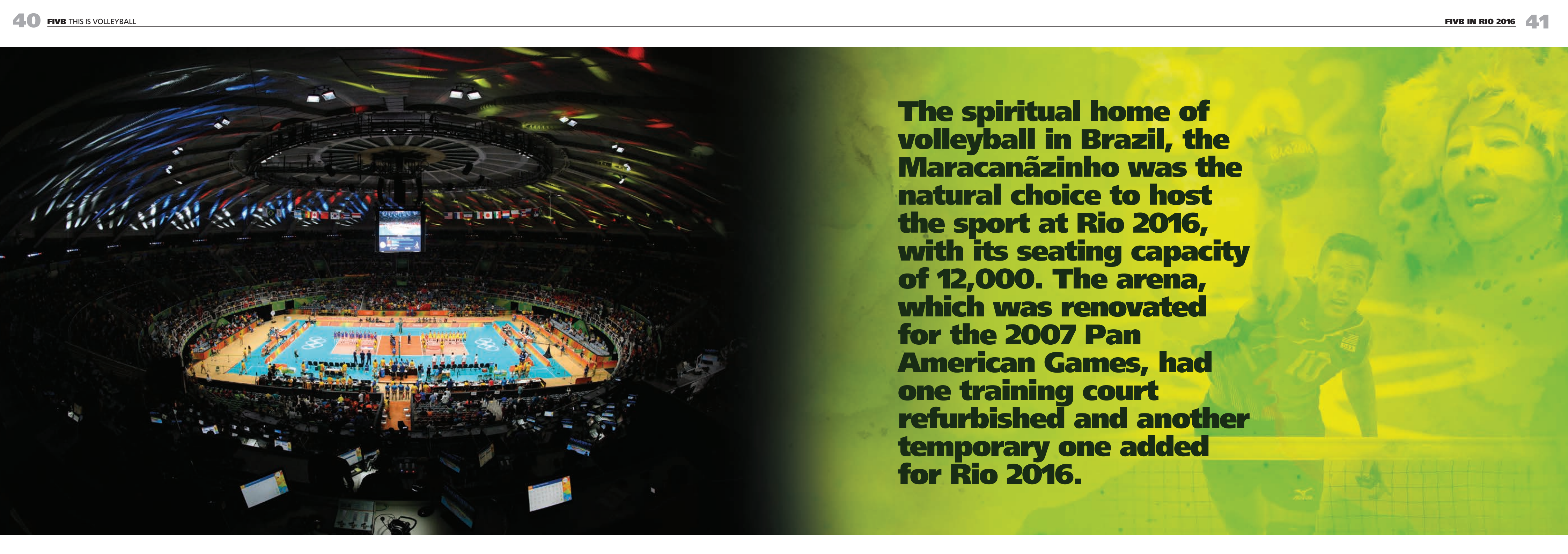


Volleyball lived up to high expectations at the Rio 2016 Olympic Games where it was the signature event. For the first time ever, spectators were treated to a sport entertainment programme, which ensured the high attendance, an unrivalled electric atmosphere and thrilling on court action.

VOLLEYBALL

IN RIO





The spiritual home of volleyball in Brazil, the Maracanãzinho was the natural choice to host the sport at Rio 2016, with its seating capacity of 12,000. The arena, which was renovated for the 2007 Pan American Games, had one training court refurbished and another temporary one added for Rio 2016.

With pulsating matches and an electric atmosphere, the volleyball competition at the Rio 2016 Olympic Games was one of the Games' great success stories.



The “monster block” and “super spike” segments became fan favourites uniting everyone together at the venues.



L'EQUIPE

LA FOLIE DOUCE DU MARACANAZINHO

GUILLAUME DEBOULET

« Vert et jaune. Fesil et joyeux. Passionné et entraînant. Pendant quinze jours, le Maracanazinho a vibré au rythme des deux tournois de volley masculin et féminin. Avec une ferveur rare qui a porté les Brésiliens à l'or olympique (photo) sans jamais

manifester une véritable hostilité aux adversaires, à l'image des Italiens, chaleureusement applaudis à l'issue de leur finale perdue (0-3). Servi par un show son et lumière réussi et de nombreuses animations, le temple carioca, très souvent comble, a fait honneur à sa réputation. Les JO à Rio, ils étaient là. »



THE REPORTER

Brazil, U.S. close out Olympics in style

Final beds all but the usual volleyball tak...
The Olympic Games in Rio de Janeiro have come to a close with a bang. Brazil's men's volleyball team won their third Olympic gold medal, defeating the United States in a thrilling final. The women's team also secured a silver medal, while the United States won the gold. The tournament was a success, with a record-breaking attendance and a vibrant atmosphere at the Maracanazinho stadium.



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GIOCHI STREGATI «OCCASIONE PERSA»

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The Italian men's volleyball team's defeat in the final against Brazil was a heartbreaker for many fans. Coach Bongiorni expressed his disappointment, stating that the team did not perform to their full potential. Juaorenna, a key player, reflected on the match as a defining moment in his career.

RIO 2016 GLOBAL TIMES



China take 3rd volleyball gold medal

Coach Lang feels 'lucky' about triumph
China's women's volleyball team secured their third Olympic gold medal by defeating the United States in a closely contested final. Coach Lang expressed his pride and happiness for the team's achievement, noting that they were fortunate to win.

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Maledizione d'argento

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The article discusses the Italian team's performance and the overall atmosphere of the tournament, highlighting the emotional impact of the silver medal for the Italian fans.



Olympians' spirit hailed by president

Xi says Chinese athletes' performance at the Rio Games helped to fuel patriotic emotions
President Xi Jinping praised the performance of Chinese athletes at the Rio 2016 Olympics, stating that their efforts reflected the spirit of the Chinese nation. He also mentioned that their success helped to boost national pride and patriotism.



Rio Olympics 2016: China's women beat Serbia to win volleyball gold



Size really doesn't matter: Simone Biles poses with 6'8" volleyball player

China defeated Serbia 3-1 (19-25, 25-17, 25-22, 25-23) in front of a packed out Maracanãzinho to claim their third Olympic women's volleyball gold. Lang Ping's team progressed through to the knock out stages in fourth place, after winning two of their five pool matches, beating home favourites Brazil in the quarterfinals.





Silver medalists Serbia had a fantastic campaign and recorded their best ever result at an Olympic Games in their third appearance, after finishing fifth at Beijing 2008 and 11th at London 2012.

The women's gold medal game was officiated by female referees for the first time in Olympic Games history. Spain's Susana Rodriguez had the honour of being the first ever female referee at a volleyball Olympic final and she was assisted by Patricia 'Pati' Rolf of USA.



USA took a well-earned bronze beating the Netherlands 3-1 (25-23, 25-27, 25-22, 25-19) in an entertaining encounter for their fifth medal in Olympic history.





The Brazil men's volleyball team did the home country proud, by winning the gold medal with a straight sets victory 3-0 (25-22, 28-26, 26-24) over Italy in front of a delirious full house.

Brazil's libero Serginho – who was named Most Valuable Player of the Rio 2016 men's volleyball tournament – laid down his number 10 jersey on the court, officially retiring it. The gold medal he received at the Maracanãzinho brought him full circle in his 20-year Olympic adventure.

"The feeling with the first gold medal and the second one is the same," he said. "I remember when Marcelo Negrao served for victory in [Barcelona] 1992. I was a boy and left home screaming, completely crazy. In [Athens] 2004 I was the champion, in the same team as talents like Mauricio and Giovane. After this I played two finals and won two silver medals. Now I'm here with the gold."



Italy settled for an impressive third silver medal, their sixth Olympic medal in total, following silver at Atlanta 1996 and Athens 2004 and bronze at Los Angeles 1984, Sydney 2000 and London 2012.



USA pulled off a sensational comeback to claim bronze with a 3-2 (23-25, 21-25, 25-19, 25-19, 15-13) victory over Russia. It was their fifth medal at the Olympic Games after gold in 1984, 1988 and 2008 and bronze in 1992.





The Rio 2016 Olympics will be remembered for China coach Lang Ping becoming the first person in volleyball history to win Olympic gold as a player and a coach.

China's main TV channel CCTV recorded its **highest ever TV ratings**



The victory was a source of national pride and dominated the news in China.

Volleyball-related firms bask in team's golden glory

By XIAO YU, Xinhua
Share prices of companies related to volleyball soared on Monday after China's women's volleyball team won gold at the Rio de Janeiro Olympics on Sunday and people across China celebrated the victory online and offline.
Analysts said companies producing, "volleyball-related" and companies that have advertisements featuring Chinese women's volleyball team members and coach Lang Ping will benefit from the victory.
"The victory will not only boost investor sentiment, but also push up the sales revenue of the products of related companies," it said.
The share price of Shuanghui Food (Shanghai: 600891) rose 2.88 percent to 44.06 yuan on Monday. The company makes hot dogs and sausages. It has been showing a TV commercial featuring Lang Ping since this year.
"Consumers are very likely to consider brands with Chinese women's volleyball team members and Lang Ping as healthy and athletic. Therefore, particularly for food, beverage and health-related products, the volleyball team's spirit will be a great asset for them," said the analyst.
The daily company's TV commercial for its yogurt, which featured volleyball team members and Lang Ping, was broadcast nationwide during the Rio Olympics.
National television audience data showed that more than 30 percent of viewers tuned to the women's volleyball final on Sunday, a rating higher than that of China Central Television's annual Spring Festival Gala.
Lang has become the first to win volleyball gold both as a coach and a player. She and her teammates helped China win their first Olympic gold in volleyball in 1984 at the Los Angeles Olympics.
The share price of Shanghai Xiang Culture and Communications, which produces and distributes sports-related products, rose 1.21 percent to 10.15 yuan on Monday.

Volleyball: Lang inspires a return to the top

By XIAO YU, Xinhua
The team's fighting spirit is inspirational. I urge other teams, to learn from them and work harder to make progress."
On Monday, China's women's volleyball team won gold at the Rio de Janeiro Olympics on Sunday. Coach Lang Ping, who led the team to victory, said the team's fighting spirit was inspirational and urged other teams to learn from them and work harder to make progress.
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MVP Zhu still 'just an ordinary farm girl'

By XIAO YU, Xinhua
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China volleyball wins gold, rewrites history

By XIAO YU, Xinhua
China's women's volleyball team won gold at the Rio de Janeiro Olympics on Sunday, rewriting the team's history.
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It was a memorable Olympic Games for Egypt who recorded their first ever victory.

Egypt beat Cuba 3-0 (25-22, 25-15, 25-22) on the second day of the men's volleyball pool matches. It was the 16th time Egypt had taken to an Olympic Games court and their first victory after 15 previous defeats.

First time participants Iran, put in a stellar performance.

World No. 7 Iran played consistently well to reach the quarterfinals of the tournament where they lost to Italy in three sets.



Matteo Renzi

Italian Prime Minister Matteo Renzi took the opportunity to meet with the Italian women's volleyball team and offer his support before their match against Serbia.

Antonella del Corre

After 283 international matches with the Italian national team, captain Antonella Del Corre retired her number 15 shirt and said an emotional farewell to the sport, her teammates and fans as Italy's Rio 2016 adventure came to an end with a straight set win over Puerto Rico at the end of pool play.



Italy's Ivan Zaytsev got himself in the record books in the quarterfinal match against Iran.

With a service clocking in at 127 kmph, he tied the Olympic serving record with Christian Savani (ITA) and Gyorgy Grozer (GER) who had both registered 127 kmph at London 2012.





Brazilian footballer
Neymar.

Beach volleyball bronze
medallists Alexander Brouwer
and Robert Meeuwsen from
the Netherlands.



**With exhilarating action, the Maracanãzinho
attracted many sporting personalities who
were in the crowd to cheer on their teams
to victory.**

Beach volleyball players
take in the #Rio2016
action indoors at the
Maracanazinho...

@FIVBinRio

Lending his support to his volleyball
counterparts was beach volleyball player
Casey Patterson.



Winner
Rio 2016
Hospitality
House
in Legacy
category*



Before



After

THE VOLLEYBALL HOUSE

In a pioneering move for an international sporting federation, the FIVB introduced the Volleyball House, its first ever dedicated base at an Olympic Games located on Copacabana Beach.

*Award given by Rio de Janeiro Chamber of Commerce

The Rio Times

News in English for Rio de Janeiro and Brazil

Rio Announces 2016 Olympic Hospitality House Winners

By Luis Johnson on September 14, 2016

Hungary, Qatar and Switzerland were among the winners which also included the International Volleyball Federation (FIVB) and the U.S.'s NBA house.

By Luis Johnson, Senior Contributing Reporter

RIO DE JANEIRO, BRAZIL – Rio's Chamber of Commerce (LACRJ) announced on Tuesday the winners of the Rio 2016 Olympic Hospitality House awards. Hungary won in the innovation category, Qatar in the culture category and Switzerland in the socializing category. Other winners included the International Volleyball Federation (FIVB) and the U.S.'s NBA house, which won the popular vote for best theme house.

Key events at the Volleyball House attracted hundreds of sporting celebrities, media, broadcasters, partners and members of the volleyball family.

16
days of
operation

Over 100
meetings
conducted



THE VOLLEYBALL HOUSE OPENING

“It is clear that the intention of the FIVB is to leave a legacy. It is not enough to show off our idols, our heroes. We have to leave something for the city. We are doing just that.”

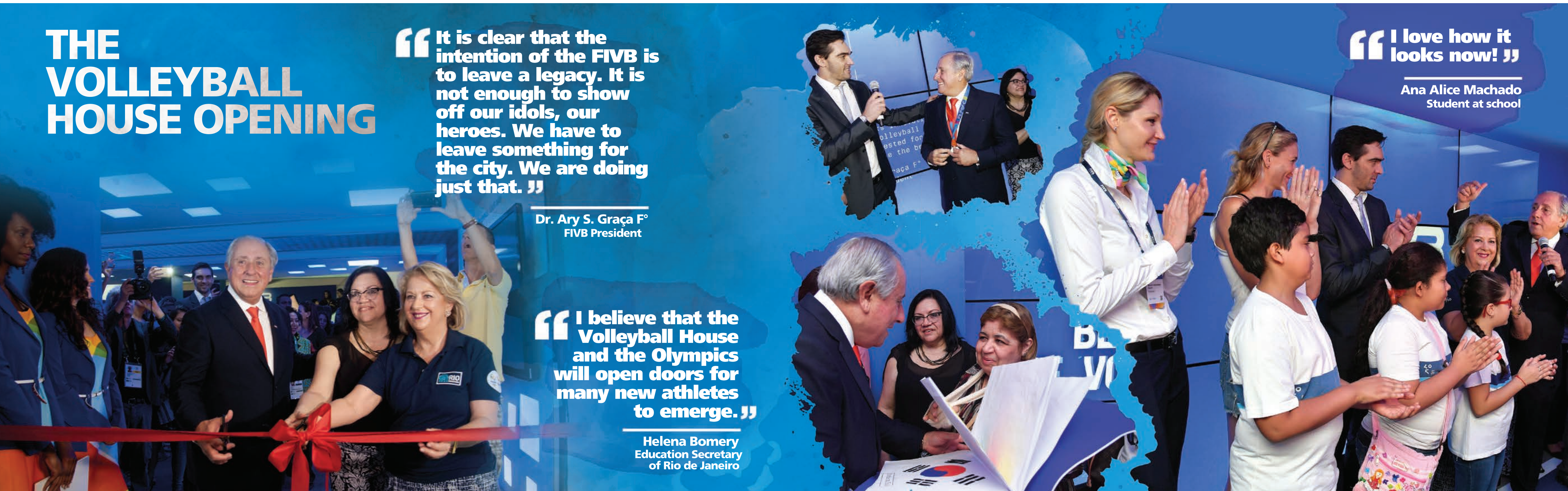
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“I believe that the Volleyball House and the Olympics will open doors for many new athletes to emerge.”

Helena Bomery
Education Secretary
of Rio de Janeiro

“I love how it looks now!”

Ana Alice Machado
Student at school





VOLLEYBALL HOUSE ACTIVITIES

2017 BEACH VOLLEYBALL WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

“They know how to stage an event and I expect it to be similar to the 2001 Beach Volleyball World Championships in Klagenfurt, maybe even more spectacular. It is a good choice for the World Championships and we’re going to see a fantastic event.”

Jonas Reckermann
2012 beach volleyball Olympic
gold medalist on the announcement
that Vienna will host the 2017
Beach Volleyball World Championships

LAUNCH OF THE ATHLETES’ COMMISSION

“Today we mark an important milestone for the global volleyball family and it is a privilege for me to formally introduce this outstanding group of athletes who make up our Commission. We are 100 per cent committed to creating a platform for their voices to be heard and encourage them to take an active role in the decision making process.”

Dr. Ary S. Graça Fº
FIVB President



LAUNCH OF MIREYA LUIS' BIOGRAPHY



“For me as I was always quite small I was inspired to watch such a talented athlete like her play and give lessons in volleyball. She was an idol, an icon. She was an inspiration. It was amazing to follow the career of this great.”

Shelda Bede
Former Brazilian beach volleyball
Olympic silver medalist
speaking of Cuban volleyball
legend Mireya Luis

ONE-ON-ONE WITH EGYPT'S BEACH VOLLEYBALL PLAYERS

“I am really proud of my hijab and I've been wearing my hijab for the last 10 years. The FIVB gave us the right to play with a hijab. Wearing a hijab doesn't keep me away from anything I love to do and I think beach volleyball was one of the best things to happen to me.”

Doaa Elgobashy
Egyptian beach volleyball
player during an interview
with CNN at the Volleyball House



THE LEGENDS OF THE VOLLEYBALL HOUSE

There were three legends of the sport who were the pillars of the development activities taking place in and around the volleyball House.



◀ Vladimir Grbic

Serbia's Vladimir Grbic, with his multilingual abilities and magnetic personality, proved a hit with the public at the Copa Courts. With the national volleyball team of the Former Republic of Yugoslavia, he won a gold medal in the 2000 Summer Olympics and a bronze medal in 1996 at Atlanta. His impressive international resume also includes a silver medal at the 1998 World Championship and a gold medal in the 2001 European Championship.

Mauricio Lima ▶

Two-time Olympic gold medallist Mauricio Lima, former setter for the Brazil national team, was a regular at the Volleyball House. With a career spanning nearly two decades, 575 caps, and over 100 event titles, Mauricio first helped the Brazil team to gold at the 1992 Olympics Games in Barcelona followed by another at the 2004 Olympics in Athens.



◀ Randy Stoklos

Five-time beach volleyball world champion, Randy Stoklos of the United States, was an invaluable asset to the Volleyball House with his experience as a player and mentor, not forgetting his larger-than-life personality that lent itself well to the Carioca ambience.

AROUND AND ABOUT THE VOLLEYBALL HOUSE

Constructed to give visitors a unique experience of volleyball during the Olympic Games, the Volleyball House celebrated the past, present and future of the sport.

The visual displays which adorned the walls of the Volleyball House, provided information on the background of the Volleyball House, the FIVB as an organisation and the history of the sport.



The Volleyball House's viewing rooms provided a comfortable setting to keep up with the live sporting action at the venues during the Olympic Games in Rio.



The virtual reality room proved popular with visitors of all ages who were keen to receive a glimpse of the future direction of volleyball.





But it was the outdoor balcony that was the heart and soul of the Volleyball House, with its Carioca ambience and its view of the Copacabana beach. It provided the perfect setting for members of the extended volleyball community and the Olympic family to come together on a daily basis.





A visit to the green screen corner ensured that each person left with an unforgettable memento of their visit to the Volleyball House.

The Volleyball House made it easy for visitors to mail wishes all over the world and their share their experiences of volleyball and beach volleyball.



DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES IN RIO



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ACTIVITIES FOR
THE GENERAL
PUBLIC OVER
19 DAYS
IMPACTING
60,000
PEOPLE

GIVING BACK TO THE LOCAL COMMUNITY

The opening of the two volleyball centres in the Formiga and Leme favelas, which featured Viva Vôlei activities, planted an important seed for long term social development.



“ I am very proud about this Viva Vôlei programme which is 13 states in Brazil and which has more than 200,000 children in poor communities participating. When we come to a community, the most important thing is to motivate, to stimulate the children to go to school and to study. It is wonderful to see the passion for volleyball among the children of the favela and I hope we can play a part in creating a future for them which harnesses the social and health benefits of sport. ”

Dr. Ary S. Graça Fº
FIVB President



“When you have these programmes, especially in the poorer areas, where kids don't have many good opportunities, sport gives them a tool to leave bad influences behind and build a better future.”

Pedro Yang
Badminton player from Guatemala
IOC Athletes' Commission Member
Peace and Sport Ambassador



SHOWCASING VOLLEYBALL'S FAMILY SPORT ENTERTAINMENT VALUE

The FIVB's vision is to make volleyball the 'number one family sport entertainment in the world'. Rio 2016 showed the world that the sport is well on its way to making this vision a reality.

Volleyball Your Way Festival

The *Volleyball Your Way* festival held in Rio's Madureira park showed that a ball, a net and a lot of enthusiasm is all that is needed to bring together families and communities to enjoy what the sport has to offer.

“Volleyball is a truly universal sport that can be played by everyone at every time everywhere and the Volleyball Your Way Festival was a fantastic celebration of this!”

Dr. Ary S. Graça F°
FIVB President

CopaCourts: the activity of choice on Father's Day



“I found about the Copa Courts when I was walking by and I saw the Volleyball House. My children are active in sports at school and I brought them here to see the champions.”

Miguel Ângelo
39, from São Paulo with his children Arthur, 7, and Catherine, 5



“I really like volleyball and I am glad that Raul is excited to play it. As soon as we come back home, I will look for a club for Raul Vitor to coach volleyball.”

Osvaldo Correia Neto
35 years, businessman from São Paulo and his son Raul Vitor, 8



“My daughter swims, but also enjoys volleyball. She has asked me to register her in a club since a friend started coaching volley.”

Fernando Cardoso
40, local businessman and former amateur volleyball player



“My son José Carlos is on duty this weekend, so I am with my grandchild. I like all sports and I support Brazil. In this Olympics, the top teams are the Brazilian women. Football and volleyball are going to give us medals.”

Fernando Santana de Souza
53 a veteran beach football player and his grandson Kaique, 3

Carnival fever on Copacabana

Visitors got a chance to soak up the unique atmosphere of the Rio 2016 Olympic Games, as the bloco party injected some carnival magic in Copacabana. Music, dancing and beach volleyball proved a perfect recipe for a good time for all.



“ We’re interacting here with people from around the world. It is great! ”

“ I joined in the bloco for a little while, it was really nice! ”

“ Volleyball, beach volleyball, wonderful sunshine. Everything is beautiful! ”

What passersby had to say

Lighting up Copacabana with the LED net

Regular exhibition matches at the Copa Courts drew impressive crowds, with onlookers getting a first hand view of the FIVB’s LED net, which is revolutionising the presentation of volleyball events.



VOLLEYBALL FOR ALL

Activities on the Copa Courts also highlighted the versatility and inclusivity of the sport of volleyball and its broad social reach.

“I think the Copa Courts are a great idea. They have opened up the sport to different disciplines and activities such as bossaball and sitting volleyball. The FIVB is opening up the sport to new ideas as the world changes and I think it's great.”

Filip Eyckmans
Creator of the
Bossaball concept

Sitting volleyball

Carlos Barbosa a Brazilian Paralympic sitting volleyball player, put the able bodied players through their paces on the Copa Courts. Sitting volleyball featured on the 2016 Paralympic programme.

Bossaball

The Bossaball concept was created using the Brazilian music scene, capoeira and footvolley as inspiration.

Special Olympics

“I was introduced to this project 11 years ago. One thing I can say is that they play with their hearts. In any sport, you can see the passion in their eyes, and it's all they need.”

Vladimir Grbic
Special Olympics'
Ambassador

“Intellectual disability is different, there is often more prejudice against people with them. They need a voice, and sports is a wonderful tool for these people.”

Jackie Silva
Brazil's Special
Olympics' Ambassador



INSPIRING THE MASSES

What better way to inspire a new generation of players than to have some of the sport's greatest and best on hand to offer instruction. The Copa Courts had no shortage of volleyball and beach volleyball stars keen to pass on their love of the sport to as many as possible.



“Volleyball is a fun universal sport, accessible to all and enjoyed by generations of fans worldwide and these courts will showcase this.”

Ary S. Graça F°
FIVB President

“ Since its inception in 1996 [at the Atlanta Olympics], beach volleyball has been the number one sold-out sport and going to a venue like this on a beach which is so iconic, to beaches around the world, I had to be back. I needed to be here, a part of it, the excitement, the enthusiasm. We play games all day long, the sessions go on until midnight, the temperatures are just absolutely perfect, and the excitement and the crowd are like no other. **”**

▲ Randy Stoklos

Randy Stoklos
Five time beach volleyball world champion

“ Giba

I try to put the energy I had on court to good use to make volleyball better all over the world. I think this energy gets stronger when you go around the different parts of the world and people approach you and tell you they look up to you. This is very inspiring. So, this is the kind of energy that I want to spread. **”**

Giba
Former outside hitter with the
Brazilian national volleyball team



Mauricio Lima ▼

Two-time Olympic gold medallist with the Brazil national volleyball team.



**Julius Brink
Vladimir Grbic** ▶

Julius Brink (left) - London 2012 Olympic beach volleyball gold medalist. Vladimir Grbic (right) - Volleyball Olympic gold medalist from Serbia and Secretary of the FIVB Athlete's Commission.



Chen Xue (CHN) ▼

2013 beach volleyball world champion and FIVB Athlete Commission member.



Angie Akers (USA) ▼

Coach for the Netherlands beach team and retired pro-beach volleyball player.

10-year-old Camila Leite refused to let coach Angie Akers change sides when some participants had to pull out of an impromptu match on the beach. In order to ensure that she stayed put, little Camila – who plays in the CBV's project VivaVôlei at Rio das Pedras in Rio – presented Akers with a shell.

"I really liked her, and that's why I told her not to go to the other side and gave her a shell," said the young Camila "It was so cute!" said Akers.



▼ Marleen Van Iersel

There's a really good energy here. It's important for kids to do sports, no matter what they do, as long as they just move and know their own body."

Marleen Van Iersel
Beach volleyball European champion from the Netherlands



▲ Bo Soderberg

It's great to give this opportunity to those kids. It's awesome to promote connection, interaction and put a smile on their faces. "

Bo Soderberg
Australian beach volleyball player and coach



▲ Bjorn Maaseide

When I was their age, I didn't even play beach volleyball. I was skiing and playing football. They have the whole world in front of them and they can become as good as they want to be. "

Bjorn Maaseide
Former beach volleyball World Tour Champion

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