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*European Squash Federation Board*

*I confirm my willingness to stand for the position of a Vice  
President of the European Squash Federation.*

*I also confirm that I have no financial interests in the game.*

*Jackie Robinson*

## **Jackie Robinson**

My first involvement with National Squash was in 1970 when I was invited to represent the University sector on the Board of the Women's Squash Rackets Association (WSRA), the body responsible for British Women's Squash until 1988.

Chairing the Organising Committee for the very first Women's World Championships in Sheffield led to me becoming Chairman of the WSRA in 1979.

Having retired from my involvement in squash in the mid-1980s to raise a family, I returned in 1993 as Vice-Chairman of the joint (men's and women's) body, England Squash, and subsequently became Chairman (2001-06) and then President (2006-12). Having completed my maximum term of 6 years as President in 2012 I was appointed to the honorary position of Vice-President.

So I have many years' experience of squash, across various roles within a national federation.

From an international squash perspective, I have been a member of the WSF Championships Committee for many years, and served as Director of Championships 2010-13. During my time on WSF Champs Committee I acted as Technical Director for a number of World Junior Championships, and in Dec 2014 for the Women's World Team Championships in Canada.

Just over a year ago I was asked to Chair the new ESF Masters Committee, and very quickly we've seen the successful launch in 2014 of the Masters Circuit, comprising 6 tournaments in its first year. We are delighted the WSF is taking our lead and establishing a WSF Masters Committee, which I have been asked to join.

As a member of the ESF Board I would hope to contribute my range of knowledge and experience in squash, my leadership skills, my squash network, and my enthusiasm. As I am largely retired, I also have a degree of flexibility, and coincidentally happen to live within 30 minutes of the ESF office, so easy to visit the office when required.

We are at an exciting period in the development of the game of squash, particularly in Europe, and particularly if squash becomes an Olympic Sport; and it would be exciting to be able to contribute to its further development.

On a personal note, though my squash playing days are over (I did manage one cap for England) I am still playing tennis at Seniors National Level.