

## **JUNIOR TALENT COACHES' SEMINAR COMES TO ENGLISH DEVELOPMENT CENTRE**

Two top Volleyball youth development experts are set to deliver the FIVB/CEV Development Centre in Kettering's (ENG) next educational activity which is taking place alongside the 2015 NEVZA U17 Zonal Championships for Men & Women.

Joel Banks, Head Coach of the Belgian Junior Men's National Team and Finland's Antti Paananen who have been running national teams and training centres since 2002, will be delivering the seminar 'How coaches can best develop young players under the age of 18' which is aimed at coaches who are running junior teams for players aged 13-18.

CEV President Mr. André MEYER said: "We are delighted that England is hosting a seminar on how coaches can develop young talent. This is one of the most important aspects of not only coaching but long term survival of our sport. Delegates on the course will receive invaluable insight into how both Finland and Belgium have been running very successful youth programmes and will go away with ideas that they can implement within their own Federations and clubs."

Audrey COOPER, Volleyball England's Technical and Talent Director said: "Development of young people in the age groups 13 – 18, is one of the biggest challenges in coaching and this seminar aims to focus on some of the most important aspects:

- how the coach accommodates differences in physical development;
- how they develop the thinking athlete;
- how they keep players engaged."

The former Great Britain women's coach continues "the seminar will also include some of the technical and tactical aspects of youth coaching. I am looking forward to Joel and Antti sharing their expertise with those attending both from England and our friends from Europe and providing coaches with a stimulating seminar that will have an impact on their future performances."

The seminar runs from the evening of Friday 30 October to the afternoon of Sunday 1 November 2015.

**To register please contact Roman Neveykin at [coaching@volleyballengland.org](mailto:coaching@volleyballengland.org) or get more info [here](#)**

### **Joel Banks**

For the past two years, Joel has been the Head Coach of the Belgian Junior Men's National Team which has recently competed in the U19 World Championships in Argentina. He also served as the Assistant Coach of the Belgian senior men's team at the recent European Games in Baku. Joel was also the Assistant Coach of Great Britain's men's team from 2007 – 2012, including the Olympic Games. Before coaching, Joel was a former GB international player and also played professionally in the Belgian premier league.



**Antti Paananen**

Antti spent 12 years in charge of the Finnish Federation where he was the Sport Director of all the national teams, including time as the women's head coach (2004-2007) and the junior national team coach (1996 – 2001). He has also coached professionally guiding women's league team Hämeenlinna to three Finnish Championships (1999-2002), taking part in European Cups every year, and also winning four junior Finnish championships.

