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THE number of international tennis events in South Africa continues to grow, with the launch of the new Tennis SA Tuks International set to take place at the University of Pretoria Tuks Tennis facility.

The event is a combined \$15 000 prize money tournament (\$15 000 in prize money for men and \$15 000 for women) and has been made possible thanks to a tripartite partnership between Tennis South Africa, the International Tennis Federation Grand Slam Development Fund and TuksSport at the University of Pretoria.

The new Tshwane event will form part of the International Tennis Federation World Tour, and serve as a pathway from the junior game into the elite levels of professional tennis.

It becomes the third new International Tennis Federation tour event to be added to the local international tournament schedule in 2019 – following on from the Junior Grade A event in Cape Town in September, as well as the Spring Open – with another \$15 000 combined prize money international tournament taking place in Joburg a week later.

The event will attract a mix of the best South African juniors, local fledgling professionals and international players from Africa and abroad.

Qualifying will start on September 29, with the main draw commencing on October 1 and concluding on October 6.



