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To whom it may concern:

The Registro Profesional de Tenis shares a strong working relationship with the United States Professional Tennis Association.

The USPTA, founded in 1927, is the world's oldest and largest association of tennis-teaching professionals. With 15,000 members worldwide, USPTA offers more than 65 benefits, including certification and extensive education.

The USPTA has much in common with RPT, an international teaching-pro organization based in Madrid, Spain. RPT also does business as an association in the United States in many of its dealings with the USPTA. Certified members of the RPT can receive an equivalency rating in the USPTA. CEO Tim Heckler says the groups "share ideas and work cooperatively to educate tennis-teaching professionals."

Luis Mediero, founder and president of the RPT, is a USPTA Master Professional and became the first member from outside the U.S. to be named the USPTA Professional of the Year in 1997. He also does international testing for USPTA.

"I must always find a way to give something back to the organization," he has said. Mediero is a regular speaker at the USPTA World Conference on Tennis and many other educational events. He also represents the RPT on the USPTA Player Development Advisory Council.

The two organizations work together to develop and promote each other's educational programs, such as USPTA's Little Tennis. RPT pros grow the game with Streetennis and Charlytennis.

Mediero works with Emilio Sanchez-Vicario, a fellow USPTA Master Professional and RPT member, to bring the "Spanish method" of developing competitive players to the United States. They use USPTA's extensive educational and multimedia resources to reach teaching professionals in this country.

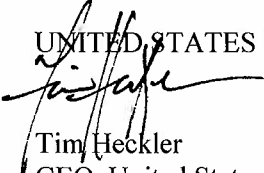
Mediero came to the United States in 1993 and visited the Bollettieri and Macci academies, then returned to Spain and established his own private academy. The RPT has strong ties to top tennis-teaching academies in the United States.

Mediero established the RPT for teaching professionals in 1989, using the popular teaching method he had developed through a tennis-management company he previously operated. Countries around the world, as in the United States, began calling RPT to conduct courses, and it continues to broaden its international promotion of the sport while conducting cooperative education programs with the USPTA.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if I may be of any further assistance.

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