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## TO THE MEMBERS OF FIFA

Circular no. 1208

Zurich, 30 October 2009

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### 2009 FIFA Women's World Player and FIFA World Player

Dear Sir or Madam,

We are pleased to inform you that FIFA will be honouring the world's best men and women players for the nineteenth successive year at the 2009 FIFA World Player Gala in Zurich on 21 December 2009.

The enhanced voting procedure that FIFA introduced in 2004 will again enable coaches and captains of men's and women's national teams to nominate the three top male and female players of the year. To simplify this process, the Football Committee and the Committee for Women's Football and the FIFA Women's World Cup™ drew up one list of nominees each for the men's and women's award. The coaches and captains may vote for three of their personal favourites from these lists only.

Please arrange for the coaches and captains of your men's and women's national teams to fill in the enclosed voting forms and return them to us no later than **19 November 2009**. In making their decision, the coaches and captains should take into account not only the players' on-field performance but also their overall behaviour on and off the pitch. Please note that coaches and captains may NOT vote for players from the national team they coach or play for.


To date, the following players have won the FIFA World Player title: Lothar Matthäus (1991), Marco van Basten (1992), Roberto Baggio (1993), Romario (1994), George Weah (1995), Rivaldo (1999), Luis Figo (2001), Ronaldo (1996, 1997 and 2002), Zinedine Zidane (1998, 2000 and 2003), Ronaldinho (2004 and 2005), Fabio Cannavaro (2006), Kaká (2007) and Cristiano Ronaldo (2008).

Marta has won the FIFA Women's World Player Award for the last three years in a row after Birgit Prinz won three in succession in 2003, 2004 and 2005 and Mia Hamm the first two titles in 2001 and 2002.

Thank you for your valuable cooperation in making the 2009 FIFA World Player Gala another resounding success.

Yours faithfully,

FÉDÉRATION INTERNATIONALE  
DE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION



Jerome Valcke  
Secretary General

cc: Confederations  
FIFA Executive Committee

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### Men's short list (in alphabetical order)

Surname	Name	Country
Ballack	Michael	Germany
Buffon	Gianluigi	Italy
Casillas	Iker	Spain
Cristiano Ronaldo		Portugal
Diego		Brazil
Drogba	Didier	Côte d'Ivoire
Essien	Michael	Ghana
Eto'o	Samuel	Cameroon
Gerrard	Steven	England
Henry	Thierry	France
Ibrahimovic	Zlatan	Sweden
Iniesta	Andres	Spain
Kaká		Brazil
Lampard	Frank	England
Luís Fabiano		Brazil
Messi	Lionel	Argentina
Puyol	Carles	Spain
Ribéry	Franck	France
Rooney	Wayne	England
Terry	John	England
Torres	Fernando	Spain
Villa	David	Spain
Xavi		Spain

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### Women's short list (in alphabetical order)

Surname	Name	Country
Angerer	Nadine	Germany
Bompastor	Sonia	France
Cristiane		Brazil
Grings	Inka	Germany
Iwabuchi	Mana	Japan
Laudehr	Simone	Germany
Marta		Brazil
Prinz	Birgit	Germany
Smith	Kelly	England
Wambach	Abby	USA

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## Voting Form (MEN)

Member Association: \_\_\_\_\_

### 1. VOTE OF THE MEN'S NATIONAL TEAM'S COACH

**The three best male footballers of 2009 are:**

(Please fill in last name, first name and nationality IN CAPITAL LETTERS)

(Note: You may not vote for players from the national team you coach)

**1st (5 Points):** \_\_\_\_\_

**2nd (3 Points):** \_\_\_\_\_

**3rd (1 Point):** \_\_\_\_\_

Name of the Coach: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of the Coach: \_\_\_\_\_

### 2. VOTE OF THE MEN'S NATIONAL TEAM'S CAPTAIN

**The three best male footballers of 2009 are:**

(Please fill in last name, first name and nationality IN CAPITAL LETTERS)

(Note: You may not vote for players from the national team you play for)

**1st (5 Points):** \_\_\_\_\_

**2nd (3 Points):** \_\_\_\_\_

**3rd (1 Point):** \_\_\_\_\_

Name of the Captain: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of the Captain: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of President or Secretary General: \_\_\_\_\_

Place and Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Please submit this voting form **by 19 November 2009 at the latest.**

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## Voting Form (WOMEN)

Member Association: \_\_\_\_\_

### 1. VOTE OF THE WOMEN'S NATIONAL TEAM'S COACH

**The three best female footballers of 2009 are:**

(Please fill in last name, first name and nationality IN CAPITAL LETTERS)

(Note: You may not vote for players from the national team you coach)

**1st (5 Points):** \_\_\_\_\_

**2nd (3 Points):** \_\_\_\_\_

**3rd (1 Point):** \_\_\_\_\_

Name of the Coach: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of the Coach: \_\_\_\_\_

### 2. VOTE OF THE WOMEN'S NATIONAL TEAM'S CAPTAIN

**The three best female footballers of 2009 are:**

(Please fill in last name, first name and nationality IN CAPITAL LETTERS)

(Note: You may not vote for players from the national team you play for)

**1st (5 Points):** \_\_\_\_\_

**2nd (3 Points):** \_\_\_\_\_

**3rd (1 Point):** \_\_\_\_\_

Name of the Captain: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of the Captain: \_\_\_\_\_

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