

World's best player

Barcelona's Argentine striker Lionel Messi has been voted FIFA World Player of the Year by his peers, to add to the European *Ballon d'Or*



Born: Rosario, Santa Fe, Argentina,
June 24, 1987

Clubs: Barcelona, Newell's Old Boys

Honours: FIFA Club World Cup,
UEFA Super Cup,
Copa del Rey 2009
UEFA Champions League 2006, 09
Primera Liga 2005, 06, 09
Spanish Super Cup 2005, 06, 09
Olympics Gold medal 2008

PREVIOUS WINNERS

2008 Cristiano Ronaldo *POR*

2007 Kaka *BRA*

2006 Fabio Cannavaro *ITA*

2005 Ronaldinho *BRA*

2004 Ronaldo *BRA*