

## ICC EUROPEAN DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

Welcome to Issue 35 of the European Development Program newsletter. Please continue to send us press releases, reports on events or details of forthcoming events for the diary at any time - we look forward to receiving your information soon!

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### NEWS

#### New European Development Officer



The Europe Office is delighted to welcome Philip Hudson as the new European Development Officer, starting 13 October. Philip was first employed in cricket through a Sussex CCC

junior scholarship, based at Arundel Castle under the leadership of John Barclay. Having represented Sussex CCC 2<sup>nd</sup> XI throughout the season, he accepted a place on the MCC Young Professionals scheme in April 1995. Over the next 5 seasons with the MCC YPs, he gained a Distinction in Leisure and

Tourism GNVQ Advanced Level and obtained his ECB Basic, Senior and Advanced coaching awards. For two winters he was employed in Australia as captain/coach for Ashburton CC in Melbourne and has also represented Nottinghamshire 2<sup>nd</sup> XI. Before finishing with the MCC YPs, he worked in the MCC Indoor School, and then moved to Gibraltar to become their Cricket Development Officer in April 2000, a role which included the introduction of the schools coaching and coach education programmes. Over the last 3 ½ years he has gained his ECB Level 3 award and also become an ECB Staff Level 2 coach. In 2003 Philip accepted an offer to become an ECC RCPI coach and is also a current MCC playing member.

#### ECC Notts Sport® Trophy

Débutants Norway will be traveling to Belgium for next season's European Championships, having won the ECC Notts Sport® Trophy. The Norwegians saw the opposition in Austria off in convincing style, while the hosts finished second, equal with Hellas and Malta on points but ahead on run rate after a closely fought competition. 2001 winners Portugal



struggled in the early stages of the competition before finding their form to

finish fifth. [Click here](#) for Graham Cooper's report.

## U15-2<sup>nd</sup> Division Championships



Israel, runners-up at the 2001 U15B tournament in Berlin, went one better this time round,

taking the silverware home from the U15-2<sup>nd</sup> Division Championships in St Astier, France, to add to last year's U13-2<sup>nd</sup> Division trophy. Hosts France eventually claimed second place over Belgium after a tense final couple of days, which could have seen any of the top three teams lift the trophy. [Click here](#) for full results and placings.

## A-Team Championships

2001 winners Scotland regained the A-Team title in Belfast, winning all their matches comfortably. 2002 winners the Netherlands secured second place after

a dramatic victory over third-placed Denmark on the final day. [Click here](#) for full details.

## Ireland qualify for Intercontinental Cup

A seven wicket win at Clontarf followed by a 159 run victory at Malahide gave Ireland a winning 2-0 lead over Denmark and secured them a place alongside Holland and Scotland in the European zone of next season's Intercontinental Cup – a major

boost for the ICU and their new Chief Executive, Peter Thompson, who will be hosting the 2005 ICC Trophy and hoping to qualify for the 2007 Cricket World Cup. For further details, [click here](#).

## ICC Development Program Annual Awards 2003

It doesn't seem possible, but it's that time of year again already and we're looking for nominations for

the 2003 Development Program Annual Awards in the following categories:

- *Best Overall Cricket Development Program*
- *Best Junior Cricket Initiative*
- *Best Women's Cricket Initiative*
- *Best Cricket Promotional Program*
- *Best Spirit of Cricket Initiative*
- *Flicx Community Development Award*
- *Volunteer of the Year*
- *Lifetime Service Award*

The main objective behind the awards is to provide encouragement for cricketing countries, schools, clubs and individuals to improve their development initiatives by formally recognising high performance standards. Again, the award structure will be two-tiered, allowing winners to be selected at both regional and global levels from selected categories. Each member country will receive a number of application forms which can be distributed to clubs, schools etc. The forms must be posted or faxed back to your regional office by the 5 December 2003, when nominations close. The application form can also be completed and submitted online at [www.awards.icc.cricket.org](http://www.awards.icc.cricket.org). Regional winners will

be announced on 5 January 2004, while global winners will be announced on 2 February.

Remember, the awards scheme recognises quality and excellence, promoting goodwill while ensuring that the values of the spirit of cricket are upheld, so get hold of an application form and nominate organisations or individuals affiliated to your country's cricket association that deserve recognition for their time, effort and commitment to the great game of cricket.

### **ICC Development Manager Appointed CEO Of Auckland Cricket Association**

Development Manager Andrew Eade will be leaving the ICC on 3 October to take up



the role of Chief Executive Officer with the Auckland Cricket Association. ICC Chief Executive Malcolm Speed said that he was disappointed to be losing a person of Eade's calibre but recognised that it was a terrific opportunity for him to advance his career. Eade, who is a New Zealander, said that he

was looking forward to returning home to take up the new role following three enjoyable years at the ICC: "I have enjoyed the challenges and

opportunities that my three years with the ICC have given me. I've had the chance to help the game take root and grow in many new countries around the world and to become stronger in other places where it had already been played." In Eade's three years with the ICC, membership has grown from 64 to 89 countries. He has implemented a more strategic approach to the Development of the game in emerging countries and, in conjunction with the ICC's High Performance Coach, Bob Woolmer, has developed and delivered advanced coaching programmes in leading Associate countries that have helped improve the standard of the game outside the Test playing countries.

[Click here](#) for the full story.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

- German cricket development comes to Brighton: sixty German teenagers were introduced to the game by Göttingen CC while they were in the UK participating in the Brunswick Village Cricket Week. Munich CC also took part in the event, which included a zwanzig/zwanzig tournament in honour of the German visitors.

## COACHING & UMPIRING

### Ken Amos reports from the ECC Notts Sport® Trophy



Eleven umpires from all over Europe participated in the ECC Notts Sport® Trophy. Thirty-one matches on three pitches over seven days. Some stood in the morning and then acted as third umpire in the

afternoon and vice versa. Later in the week, for the top four nations, 50 over games gave the umpires even more of a test of their stamina and concentration. Nothing unusual you might think, but the temperature in the sun was exceeding 40c. Which does go to prove that it is not just the Englishman who goes out in the midday sun.

[Click here](#) for the full story.

## YOUNG CRICKETERS

### ICC European U19 World Cup Qualifier

*Chris Phillips reports on his experiences as a member of Gibraltar's squad*

When me and my under 19 team mates first learned that we would be competing in the same group as Scotland and Holland (amongst others) in an under 19 world cup qualifier, on REAL grass wickets in the Netherlands, we knew this would be the tour of a life time! As we arrived the first morning at the main ground being used for the tournament, UD, we all ran like children to see the grass wickets, which

we had previously never seen up close. This was followed by an enjoyable practise session on a grass wicket, the main difference being the slowness of these grass wickets. We were all hyped up and ready for our first encounter against the Dutch, who, being one of the top 4 European powers, would certainly be very tough. We were put in and I opened the batting.

[Click here](#) to find out how Chris and his teammates got on.

## EVENTS FROM THE REGION

### Power Cricket comes to Amsterdam

New rules, fast action, excitement and entertainment guaranteed. Power Cricket comes to Amsterdam on 4th and 5th October with two Asia v Rest of the World games. It's cricket, but like you've never seen before... Just imagine the world's best cricketers playing under the roof and lights of the great Amsterdam ArenA, home to Ajax FC. The player line up is the hottest around, including for Asia Wasim Akram, Mushtaq Ahmed, Azhar Mahmood (Pakistan), Yuvraj Singh and Javagal Srinath (India),

and for the Rest of the World Mark Waugh (Australia), Lance Klusener (South Africa), Ally Brown (England), Tim de Leede (The Netherlands) and Courtney Walsh (West Indies). Both matches (Saturday 4 and Sunday 5 October) will start at 14.00. For further information and booking details, [click here](#).

### Pairs in Prague

*Nick Watkins reports on how Prague CC is converting the Czechs to cricket*

With a gap in fixtures and fantastic weather forecast,



last weekend was perfect for the Prague Cricket Club to try and promote cricket

to the locals. The weather did not disappoint and neither did the attendance, with 26 participants in our Double Wicket Competition, 16 of which (all Czech or Slovak) had never swung a cricket bat in anger. And the pairings seemed to work well too. The 10 Prague regulars were teamed up with the 10 enthusiastic female beginners and the remaining 6 male beginners paired off with each other. To make

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it easier for the beginners we used a wind ball for all games and each pair had 5 overs to score as many runs as possible. Runs were deducted for wickets lost (more for the experienced players



- beware) and wides/no balls were punished with a 2 run penalty and no extra ball. For those not fielding, there was a practice game set up near to the pitch where players could take it in turns to bat on a smaller pitch.

## Iceland maintains Momentum



Invigorated by the recent visit of a team from EFG Private Bank in London, sixteen of Iceland's cricketers held a training session on 12 August to coincide with the airing of a report about the EFG tour on TransWorld Sport. Five days later, players

from Reykjavik's Kylfan team headed north to Stykkishólmur for a match against local team Glaumur. Kylfan, with five foreigners in their side, won the match, and another game is now planned, in which Iceland's Indian population will take on the locals. Such has been the interest generated in Iceland by EFG's visit, a new club could soon be on the cards.

## ADMINISTRATION

### Laws of Cricket (2000 Code 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition - 2003)

All ECC national governing bodies should have received a complimentary copy of the Laws of Cricket (2000 Code 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition - 2003) from MCC. The amended Laws will come into effect worldwide at the start of September, but will not affect competitions or cricket seasons which are in progress at the time. Back in 2000, we worked with MCC to

distribute the new booklets to our member countries, however MCC will be distributing the booklets direct on this occasion. If, therefore, you require further copies of the booklet (available to ECC national governing bodies at the reduced rate of £1.25), please contact [Rachel.Lee@MCC.ORG.UK](mailto:Rachel.Lee@MCC.ORG.UK) or call Rachel on ++ 44 (0)20 7616 8512.

## DIARY

- 12-13 Sept:** ECC Tournament Rules Subcommittee meeting, Rome
- 19 Sept:** Annual EDP Coaches Meeting, University of Warwick
- 21-25 Sept:** ICC Development Program Staff Conference, Kenya
- 28 Oct:** ECC Executive Committee meeting, Lord's Cricket Ground, London

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*For information about the ICC Development Program as a whole, see [www.icc.cricket.org](http://www.icc.cricket.org).*