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## SCOTLAND & GERMANY BIG WINNERS FOR EUROPE IN ICC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM REGIONAL AWARDS 2007

The ICC Development Program has announced the regional winners of the 2007 Annual Awards and Scotland and Germany were the biggest winners in the Europe region, picking up two awards each.

Scotland received the awards for the Best Overall Cricket Development Program and Best Cricket Promotion and Marketing. Cricket Scotland had a particularly successful 2007 as its grassroots programme grew significantly with the help of its official sponsor, Taggarts Jaguar.

Germany was awarded the Best Women's Initiative Award for an U/17 Women's Tournament held in Oldenburg in February and the Best Junior Initiative Award for its "Cricket to German Schools" project which has helped double the number of school children participating in cricket across Germany.

Elsewhere, the Spanish club, Madrid CC, won the Best Spirit of Cricket in Partnership with UNAIDs and UNICEF Award after it held a successful charity Twenty20 tournament.

Jos Heggelman of The Netherlands, was named as the European Volunteer of the Year for his magnificent contributions to the Netherlands Cricket Board (KNCB).

The Photo of the Year was taken by Switzerland's Morten Hannesbo who captured the essence of the Spirit of Cricket with his shot of a young Swiss team celebrating after their youngest team member took a great catch.

John Wright of Ireland was awarded the Lifetime Service Award. John has just retired from his duties as Honorary Secretary of the Irish Cricket Union after years of service to cricket in both Ireland and Europe.

Elsewhere across the globe, two countries, Bermuda and Namibia, received three awards each, and, aside from Germany and Scotland, five other member countries col-

lected two awards each: Botswana, Nepal, Indonesia, Japan and Vanuatu.

ICC Global Development Manager Matthew Kennedy congratulated all of the award winners on their achievements.

"These Development Program Annual Awards have become more competitive each year and the Regional judges have recently had a very tough task," said Mr Kennedy. "As well as congratulating the winners, I'd like to say that all the submissions leave us feeling immensely positive about the health of the game around the world. This year's awards again illustrate the way many established development programs are flourishing as well as how new initiatives and programs are coming to the fore. The global awards are sure to be heavily contested," added Mr Kennedy.

The Development Program Annual Awards, which began in 2002, promote excellence in cricket development and recognise exceptional performance and service to the game in the ICC's 91 Associate and Affiliate Members. Nominees in 2007 came

from a range of levels - country, club, association, team, school and individual - highlighting the positive impact cricket is making on the lives of people from culturally diverse communities.

The Regional Award Winners listed below will each receive an ICC plaque and be put forward for the ICC Global Awards. The global winners will receive a \$2,000 cricket equipment grant.

These winners were selected by the relevant regional head office from the many entries received and will now be nominated for the global award in the relevant category. The judges for the global awards are Ray Mali (ICC President), Ehsan Mani (Past ICC President), Malcolm Gray (Past ICC President), and Keith Bradshaw (MCC Chief Executive and Secretary). The global awards will be announced on 14 March 2008.

*Below: Winning Photo of the Year taken by Switzerland's Morten Hannesbo*



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## 16 NEW COACHES FOR SWITZERLAND!

Swiss cricket received a huge boost in January as sixteen new coaches qualified as ECB Coaching Assistant (Level 1) coaches. The new additions from six cities across Switzerland will raise standards at grass roots level and offer a brighter future for the sport. The new numbers also mean that after 3 short years Switzerland now boasts 38 qualified coaches involved in junior cricket.

It was the two experienced ICC Europe coaches, Richard Cox & Dave Gelling, who travelled to Zurich to tutor/assess a ECB Coaching Assistant (Level 1) course for the Swiss Cricket Association. A full compliment of 16 Swiss coaches arrived on Friday evening where after a comprehensive Safeguarding & Protecting Children workshop, headed by Richard Cox, there was a chance to introduce Module 1 to the group. A full Saturday programme, mainly active in the newly refurbished Hottingen School sports halls, saw the candidates working together in small groups and after the Multiple Choice paper was completed the day finished in more relaxed surroundings with a chance for Cox and Gelling to chat to all the participants. After the practice group coaching session early on Sunday morning, the candidates were fully assessed with the SCA providing 32 keen youngsters in four groups for the candidates to coach. A busy, but

successful weekend with ALL 16 candidates achieving a Pass at this level & several coaches capable of progressing quickly to the ECB Coach Award (Level 2).

As one candidate put it: "Compressed into an intensive weekend the guys were put through their paces by David Gelling and Richard Cox of ICC Europe. Despite the amount of information which needed to be absorbed, all were keen to glean as many tips as possible, and had fantastic fun at the same time. A big thank you to David and Richard for their guidance and enthusiasm all weekend."

A further thank you must go to the Swiss Cricket Association for funding the weekend. No doubt it will prove to be money well spent.

Summing up Dave Gelling stated that, "Altogether it was a highly rewarding visit with excellent organisation by Junior Development Officer Patrick Henderson and well supported by the committed coaches who took part in this course, producing 16 more qualified coaches able to develop cricket within Switzerland."

Switzerland is now ready to send a full complement of 15-20 Level 1 coaches to the ECB Coach Award (Level 2) course in March/May, which will take place in Zurich. They will be joined by 4 coaches from Germany.

▶ Roger Knight



### Roger Knight to Chair ECB ACO

ECC Chairman and former MCC Secretary & Chief Executive, Roger Knight OBE, will Chair the newly created ECB's ACO with immediate effect.

The ECB Association of Cricket Officials was formed on January 01 when the Association of Cricket Umpires and Scorers voted for the establishment of the ACO. Roger Knight has agreed to act as interim Chairman to oversee the new organisation and arrange for the appointment of a management board as soon as possible.

Speaking on the appointment, ECB Director of Cricket Partnerships, Mike Gatting said "The ACU&S did a fantastic job in developing umpire and scorer training courses for over 50 years, but by joining forces with the ECB can now take this work to new levels.

We are delighted and honoured to have Roger Knight on board to take this role at a crucial time for officials in the sport and look forward to working with umpires, scorers, ECB and County personnel to ensure that England and Wales continue to produce quality officials at all levels of the game".

In 2007, Roger Knight was awarded Honorary Life Membership of Marylebone Cricket Club having served MCC from 1994 to 2006 as its Secretary & Chief Executive.

◀ Dave Gelling (far left) and Richard Cox (far right) at the L1 Course in Switzerland



## ICC WOMEN'S WORLD CUP QUALIFIER SCHEDULE ANNOUNCED



The ICC have announced the schedule for the ICC Women's World Cup Qualifier event which will take place in Stellenbosch, South Africa from 18 to 24 February 2008.

Besides the host nation, Zimbabwe, Papua New Guinea, Bermuda, Ireland, Pakistan, Scotland and the Netherlands will all vie for the two remaining available slots in the ICC Women's World Cup in Australia in 2009. Meanwhile, defending champion Australia, India, England, New Zealand, Sri Lanka and the West Indies have all earned automatic qualification for the 2009 event following their top-six finish in 2005 when it was held in Pretoria, South Africa.

Zimbabwe, in its debut appearance, qualified for the ICC WWCQ from the Africa Region, Papua New Guinea managed it from the East Asia-Pacific Region, Bermuda came from the Americas Region, Scotland and the Netherlands emerged from the Europe Region and Pakistan got through from the Asia Region. South Africa and Ireland were not required to qualify for the Stellenbosch tournament after finishing seventh and eighth respectively in the 2005 Women's World Cup.

The eight teams have been divided into two pools with South Africa, Netherlands, Bermuda and Papua New Guinea forming Pool A while Pool B will comprise of Ireland, Pakistan, Zimbabwe and Scotland. The top two teams from each pool will qualify for the semi-finals and the winners of those matches will lock horns in the final on 24 February at Stellenbosch University full in the knowledge that they have already qualified for the big one in Australia next year.

Over the course of the seven-day tournament, 20 matches will be played, of which six will be full ODIs. Besides the two semi-finals, final and the 3rd/4th place play-off matches, Pakistan v Ireland game on the opening day at the Stellenbosch University 1 ground and South Africa v the Netherlands on 21 February at the same venue will be official ODIs.

Any matches involving the top 10 teams in women's cricket have ODI status. According to the current rankings, South Africa is in seventh position followed by Ireland in eighth place, the Netherlands in ninth and Pakistan in 10th. The rankings will be

revised on the basis of how teams finish in this competition.

### POOLS

Pool A: South Africa, Netherlands, Bermuda, Papua New Guinea (PNG)

Pool B: Ireland, Pakistan, Zimbabwe, Scotland

### SCHEDULE

16 February – Teams arrive/opening ceremony

17 February – Training/practice

18 February – Netherlands v PNG, Paul Roos Gymnasium; Bermuda v South Africa, Stellenbosch University 2; Ireland v Pakistan, Stellenbosch University 1; Zimbabwe v Scotland, Van Der Stel Cricket Club.

19 February – South Africa v PNG, Van Der Stel Cricket Club; Netherlands v Bermuda, Paul Roos Gymnasium; Ireland v Scotland, Stellenbosch University 2; Pakistan v Zimbabwe, Stellenbosch University 1

21 February – South Africa v Netherlands, Stellenbosch University 1; Bermuda v PNG, Stellenbosch University 2; Pakistan v Scotland, Van Der Stel Cricket Club; Zimbabwe v Ireland, Paul Roos Gymnasium

23 February (Semi-finals) – A1 v B2, Stellenbosch University 1; A2 v B1, Stellenbosch University 2. (play-offs) – A3 v B4, Paul Roos Gymnasium; A4 v B3, Van Der Stel Cricket Club

24 February – Final, Stellenbosch University 1; 3/4 place play-off, Stellenbosch University 2; 5/6 place play-off, Van Der Stel Cricket Club, 7/8 place play-off, Paul Roos Gymnasium



◀ Clare Connor, receiving her OBE in 2006

(Getty Images)

### Ex-England Captain to represent Europe on ICC Women's Committee

Clare Connor, the ex-England cricketer who captained her side to the 2005 Ashes victory, has been appointed as the European representative to the ICC Women's Committee.

The committee, which was formed in 2005 following the integration of women's cricket with the ICC, has three main objectives: to govern and manage women's cricket in conjunction with the ICC; provide leadership to the Regional Development Managers (RDMs) to assist them in developing women's cricket in their region; and to make recommendations to the ICC Development Committee for future women's cricket initiatives.

Connor will join representatives from four other regions on the committee, which meets twice a year, including Carol Whilby-Maxwell (Americas), Catherine Campbell (East-Asia-Pacific), Kerri Laing (Africa) and Shubhangi Kulkarni (Asia). The Netherlands' Betty Timmer is the committee's Chairwoman.

Connor takes over the role from Gill McConway, ECB's previous Director of Women's Cricket - a position which Connor also now holds.

Clare Connor made her England ODI and Test debut in 1995, as an all rounder who bats left handed and bowls slow left-arm spin. She captained England from 2000 until her retirement from international cricket in 2006. Connor was awarded the MBE in 2004 and the OBE in 2006 along with the men's winning Ashes Team.

Commenting on her appointment Connor said "It is an honour to have been appointed as the European representative to the ICC Women's Committee. With so much international cricket on the horizon, and participation levels at an all-time high, it is an exciting time to be in a position to make an impact on the women's game through association with ICC. In particular, the women's World Cup and the T20 World Championships, both in 2009, will be impressive showcase events to show how dynamic the women's game has become in recent years."

## IRELAND PREPARE FOR U19 WORLD CUP



The U19 Cricket World Cup gets underway on 17 February and Europe qualifier Ireland will be trying to emulate the senior team, who turned more than a few heads at the ICC Cricket World Cup 2007 in the West Indies. Taking part in his third U19 CWC, captain Greg Thompson has played eight first-class matches taking 13 wickets with his probing leg-spin and is a useful lower middle-order batsman.

Big things are also expected of Dublin batsmen Andrew Balbirnie and Graham McDonnell while Richard Keaveney, in his second U19 CWC, is a hard-working medium-pacer with a big future.

The Irish squad will be stopping off in India on the way to the main event in Malaysia. They will spend 10 days in Mumbai at the Global Cricket School based at the Cricket Club of India. ICC Europe has funded the trip and this should allow the players to acclimatise, prepare well and play some important warm-up matches.

### Full Squad:

Greg Thompson, (captain), Ben Ackland, Andrew Balbirnie, Andrew Britton, Christopher Dougherty, Shane Getkate, James Hall, Richard Keaveney, Theo Lawson, Graham McDonnell, Gavin McKenna, Lee Nelson, Stuart Poynter, James Shannon, Paul Stirling.

### Ireland's group stage matches:

- 17 Feb — England v Ireland
- 20 Feb — Bangladesh v Ireland
- 21 Feb — Bermuda v Ireland



### Match officials announced for ICC U19 CWC 2008

The International Cricket Council have announced the match officials for the upcoming ICC U19 Cricket World Cup 2008 in Malaysia, which will run from 17 February to 2 March.

Among the officials named is Paul Baldwin from Germany who will be the only official on the list stemming from a European Associate or Affiliate country.

The on-field umpires will be split between appointments from the Emirates International Panel of ICC Umpires and those from the ranks of the Associates and Affiliates.

"In the same way that the U19 CWC is a great opportunity for players to make their mark, it is also a chance for up-and-coming umpires to experience an international cricket event," said ICC Umpires Manager Doug Cowie. "We have a good mix of experienced International Panel umpires who are pushing their way towards the very top and talented officials from outside the Full Members. All the umpires present will use this tournament to hone their skills and techniques while also having to cope with the rigours of tournament cricket," said Cowie. "It's a chance for us to identify emerging talent and provide them with intensive individual mentoring and coaching over the course of the event and also give them direction for the future," he said.

▲ Winning Ireland U19 team at the European U19 Championship 2007

### Ireland reach agreement with ECB on ODI's

The England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) and the Irish Cricket Union have announced that it has reached agreement for the staging of a One-Day International in 2009, a second ODI in 2011 and a third ODI in 2013 between the two sides.

As part of an agreement between the two governing bodies, Ireland will also continue to participate in the England and Wales domestic structure for the foreseeable future.

The two Boards have also agreed to ensure the compatibility of television contracts for the two countries moving forward in order to provide income to support the development of the game and to avoid fixture scheduling clashes.

Commenting on the agreement, Warren Deutrom, the Irish Cricket Union Chief Executive said: "We are absolutely delighted that we have reached an agreement with the ECB moving forward. The ECB have been strong supporters of ours for a number of years and it was a logical step to enter into a more formal agreement moving forward. Having England play Ireland in 2009, 2011 and 2013 will give the game a huge boost and I am sure our cricketing public will be looking forward to welcoming the England team."

◀ Paul Baldwin



## NEWS IN BRIEF

### Ireland's Leinster CU continues links with SA schools

The recent trend of Leinster underage cricketers attending part of their Transition Year in South African schools continues this year.

The Leinster Cricket Union's link with Muir College in South Africa's Eastern Cape will see three more Leinster cricketers attend the school for a 10-week period. Niall Delany (Belvedere College & Clontarf CC), George Dockrell (Gonzaga College & Leinster CC) & Robin Russell (St Columba's & Pembroke CC) arrive in South Africa on January 15<sup>th</sup>.

Other Leinster youth cricketers attending South African schools include CUS students Stephen Noone & Eoin Conway (St Alban's College – Pretoria) and Conor Murray & Eoin Sheehan (Kearsney College – Durban).

Former Hills professional Bryn Thomas has arranged for Emmet Branigan and William Archer (Skerries Community College) to attend Hudson Park School in East London for an 8-week period.

Trips like these offer a great experience to young Leinster cricketers and exposes them to a high standard of schools cricket. It is hoped that these established links with South African schools will continue for many years to come.



▲ Practice at Muir College

### Governance Forum Plans for the Future

Following a hugely successful Governance, Administration & Management Forum held at Lord's in March 2006, ICC Europe will be repeating the event in 2008 with invitations extended to all Europe's 27 member countries.

The 2008 Forum will be held at Lord's on 27-28 March and will have the theme 'Planning for the Future' as its main emphasis. The event will concentrate very much on key governance areas for each member country board's business and help prepare countries for their continued development.

Sessions and workshops will include the areas of future funding scenarios, budgeting, development and operational plans, developing women's and grassroots cricket, sponsorship and non-ICC income, government funding, the IOC, and the tournament and player development structure.

A number of key external speakers will be joining the Forum to share their experience with the country representatives and there will be opportunity for open discussion and the sharing of good practice in-country. A number of ICC Europe's key partners and suppliers will also be in attendance to meet the country representatives.

The Forum will also see the launch of Europe's Coaches and Officials Associations and the roll out of the ICC's Cricket Administration Programme, a full report of these initiatives will be detailed in a future Newsletter.

ICC Regional Development Manager, Richard Holdsworth, commented, "The Forum will provide an invaluable opportunity to enhance communication and understanding between the ICC Europe Office and European member countries, and indeed between those member countries themselves, providing a platform for the sharing of successful ideas and good practices. We believe that attendance will benefit individuals, their associations, and the development programmes within their countries and will also enhance the European Development Program's ability to respond to the needs of the membership".



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▲ Denmark, previous winners of the European Indoor Championship in 2006 at Lord's

### European Indoor Championship

The European Indoor Championship takes place in Kuortane, Finland shortly. Seven European countries, Belgium, Denmark, Finland, France, Hellas, Luxembourg and Portugal will battle it out between 8-10 February.

See [www.icceuropecricket.com](http://www.icceuropecricket.com) for the full schedule, squad details, photos and live results as it happens.



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## JERSEY CRICKET WINS AT CHANNEL ISLAND SPORTS AWARDS

Jersey Cricket Board's successful 2007 was recognised last week when cricket in Jersey took home several awards at the Sportingbet Channel Islands Sports Personality of the Year Awards 2008.

The glittering, televised, awards ceremony at Beau Séjour, Guernsey, awarded cricket's amazing season the Aurigny Team of the Year trophy and the Cenkos Coach of 2007 award.

Not given to any one team this time, but to the many Island sides under the banner of the Jersey Cricket Board, including the U15, U19 and U23 teams that all reached European Division 2 finals, with the latter two winning the titles.

The senior Island side also beat Italy 2-0 away to meet playing standards required for associate membership of the ICC, as well as ending Guernsey's long run of success in the senior inter-insular.

Cricket edged out Jersey RFC's U18 Hampshire Cup winners, Jersey's highly successful Atlantic Rim bowlers, and Guernsey's record-breaking 4 x 400 metre relay team.

Chris Minty, Jersey's director of cricket, won the Coach of the Year award, despite being under considerable pressure from John Grady, Jersey's British Gymnastics Disabilities squad coach; Mavis Richards, Guernsey's junior indoor bowling team coach and Guernsey cricket's Jason Shambrook.



### DATES FOR THE DIARY

#### European Indoor Championship

8 - 10 February - Finland

#### U19 Cricket World Cup

17 Feb - 3 March - Malaysia

#### European Academy

24 Feb - 5 March - India

#### Cricket Committee

17 March - Lord's

#### Governance & Admin Forum

27 - 29 March - Lord's

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Jersey U19 squad, winners of the European U19 Division 2 Championship 2007. Coach Chris Minty is second from right

### Coming Up

Report on Indoor Championship

Report on European Academy in India

Ireland at the U19 World Cup - Progress report

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