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ICC European Officials appointed for 2008

No sooner had the 2007 season ended when the ICC Europe Office were making arrangements for the 2008 season.

First came the all-important end of season Cricket Committee meeting where a myriad of topics were discussed—most of which were borne out of comments made by participating countries and officials following the 2007 Championships. The two day meeting in La Manga also gave the Committee members the chance to view the site of the proposed new cricket facilities which will benefit our members.

Next on the agenda for the Europe Office was the review of the various Officials' Panels with Country Boards being asked to nominate any new umpires for consideration. Whilst no one was removed from the Panel by the ICC European Officials Selection Committee (EOSC) one or two decided to vacate their position on the panel due to personal reasons. We are sorry to lose Tiina Hetemaa and Giulio Casanova from the Panel and thank them for all their support in the past.

After long discussions regarding the new nominations the EOSC were pleased to accept 3 new members to the Panel:

Andrew Scott (Belgium)
David Kenworthy (Isle of Man)
Mike Rawle (Malta)

There were no changes to the Referees Panels.

A full list of the Panels can be found on our website.

Umpire Advisors

As well as discussing the various Panels the EOSC also discussed the role of the Umpire Advisor and decided to extend this area with the appointment of Paddy O'Hara (Ireland) (top) to join the existing Advisor Mac Wylie (Scotland) - (lower)

The role of the Advisor is to assess and mentor the umpires in their charge. They will not be involved in appointing umpires but will be able to spend their time helping the umpires with their on-field performance.

You will see from the appointments listing on page 2 that, with the help of these two Advisors, we will be able to have an Assessor at every event this year and the hope is that, everything being equal, every umpire will get at least one assessment during the summer.



Two of our new Panel members



Andrew Scott



David Kenworthy

Dennis Stones retires



It is with great regret that we have to announce that Dennis Stones has decided to call it a day and retire from ICC European work. Dennis has been a stalwart supporter of the ICC Development Program since 2001 and has acted as Tutor at Courses in France, Croatia, Sweden, Hellas and Finland. He has also undertaken the role of Umpire Manager at several Championships including Division 3, Division 4, and U15 2nd Division.

We are sure that all his friends in Europe will miss his cheery smile and keen sense of humour and we wish him every enjoyment in his retirement. We hope that he will be able to attend this year's Presidents' Day where we will be able to offer personal thanks to him.

Thank you Dennis



Dennis with his team at Div 3 in 2007

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ICC European Championship Appointments 2008

Dates	Championship	ICC Tournament Referee	ICC Umpire Manager	ICC Europe Umpire Advisor	ICC Panel Umpires
8 - 10 Feb	ICC European Indoors	David Jukes	Graham Cooper	Graham Cooper	Peter De Boeck, Richard Eames, Niels Bagh, Tim K Jensen, Torsten Orhoj, Sanjeev Kad, Lee Goldsmith, Jari Schabel
23 - 31 May	ICC World League Div 5	ICC Appt-David Jukes	ICC Appt-Graham Cooper	Graham Cooper	Paul Baldwin, Mark Hawthorne, Sanjeev Kad, Trevor Magee, Charlie McElwee, Brian Papworth, Ian Ramage, Steve Tovey, Louis Fourie, Lee Goldsmith, Bart Hartong, Connie McAllister
14 - 17 July	ICC European U/17 Div 1	John Boomer	John Boomer	Paddy O'Hara	Martin Gray, Jim McClymont, Bill McPate, Rodney Molins, John Mountford, Sandy Scotland
25 - 31 July	ICC European Div 1	David Jukes	Ray Holyer	Ray Holyer	Niels Bagh, Paul Baldwin, Sanjeev Kad, Trevor Magee, Charlie McElwee, Brian Papworth, Ian Ramage, Richard Smith, Steve Tovey
4 - 7 Aug	ICC European U/15 Div 1	Ken Amos	Ken Amos	Paddy O'Hara	Jane Carpenter, Martin Gray, Stephen Harrison, Alan Neill, Claus Tranholm Olesen, Robin Stockton
5 - 7 Aug	ICC European U/19 Div 1	Ray Holyer	Ray Holyer	Mac Wylie	Niels Bagh, Mark Hawthorne, Louis Fourie, Bart Hartong
9 - 15 Aug	ICC European U/17 Div 2	Sandy Scotland	Graham Cooper	Graham Cooper	Tony Best, Ingeborg Bevers, Andy Bisson, Sunil Chandiramani, Naor Gudker, Graham Kelsey, David Kenworthy, Bob Lomax, Ben Loughheed, Mike Rawle, Jari Schabel, Andrew Scott
18 - 23 Aug	ICC European Div 2	Richard O'Sullivan	Ken Amos	Ken Amos	Trevor Magee, Dave Bray, Mike Carpenter, Ron Graham, Lindsay Horne, Tim Krarup Jensen, Bent Nielsen, Erno Ruchtie, Keith Smith
26 - 28 Aug	ICC European 'A' Team Div 1	Richard Cox	Richard Cox	Mac Wylie	Mark Hawthorne, Richard Smith, Gordon Black, Connie McAllister

ICC European Umpires officiate in ICC matches

ICC European Elite Umpires officiate at ICC events

In the latter part of 2007 **Niels Bagh** officiated in the ICC World Cricket League Division 2 which was held in Namibia and in January 2008 will set off for the UAE where he will stand with Darrell Hair in the Intercontinental Cup matches: UAE vs Kenya, and UAE vs Namibia; as well as an ODI between UAE and Kenya.

Meanwhile **Paul Baldwin** is off to Kenya where he will stand with Russell Tiffin in the Intercontinental Cup match between Kenya and Namibia.

For a full story see the January edition of *Beyond the Boundary*

Officials' Seminar

It was our hope that we would be able to offer a Seminar to all our Panel Umpires for 2008—a Seminar similar to the one held in Antwerp in 2006.



Unfortunately, we are unable to undertake such a venture this year. However, we are able to hold a much smaller, joint event for our Elite Panels of Referees and Umpires, and this will be held at Lord's in April.

Invitations have already been issued to those Panel members and it is expected that a full compliment of 23 Officials will attend.

The programme is currently being finalised and it will take into account the fact that these Officials are all very experienced in their respective fields. The content will therefore concentrate on areas that, hitherto, we have been unable to explore—such as diet: pre-match preparation: man management of senior International players: the game from a groundsman's point of view with an insight on how to 'grade' a pitch.

Umpire Courses

October to December 2007

ICC Europe ran two Courses during the pre-Christmas build up when **Graham Cooper** visited Malta and **Denis Burns** went to Helsinki.

Graham's visit to Malta was especially



poignant since this was the first time that Malta had requested an Umpiring Course, of any sort. The request came via the newly appointed Umpire Representative in Malta, Martin Llewelyn, whose enthusiasm led to 10 keen umpires attending the busy weekend. A full report from Martin can be found on our website.

Denis's visit was a return to Finland for him where he undertook the Introductory Course for 6 new umpires. Several already qualified umpires also attended ensuring a fine mix of 'new blood' and experience.

Again, a fuller report on this can be found on the website.

Both can be found under **2007 News Archives**

Future Courses

Several ICC Introductory Umpire Courses and Exams have been requested for the first part of 2008:

Denmark—February—Ray Holyer

Gibraltar—date to be finalised

Isle of Man—date to be finalised

Norway—possibly 2 Courses—date to be finalised

If you feel that your Country should be on this list please contact your Umpire Representative—a full list of these can be found on our updated website

A new beginning for Umpire Qualifications

In December the Association of Cricket Umpires & Scorers (ACU&S) voted to disband their Association and join forces with the England & Wales Cricket Board (ECB) and form a new Officials Association called the ECB Association of Cricket Officials (ECB ACO).

This has a significant affect on our development of umpires within Europe because we have always used the ACU&S Exams as part of our advanced qualification criteria. However, as from April this year they will no longer be able to offer these Exams and so a new policy will have to be adopted by ICC Europe.

We have already had extensive talks with the ECB and the new Association will allow us to have a seat on their decision making board and we hope that this will allow us to give an even better service to our members.

It is too early to give full details of what we will do in the future, because no firm decisions have been made, but please be assured that talks are on-going and once we have made a decision we will advise everyone of the new route we are advocating.

However, we would like to assure all our members that whatever ICC European/ACU&S qualification you may currently hold will remain acceptable in the future.

Whilst we appreciate that these are uncertain times in this most critical area of development, we would ask that you wait until the final decisions have been made before asking us what is going to happen. One of the reasons that we have yet to make these final decisions is that we wish to be in possession of as many facts as we can so that our policy is based on a solid foundation of knowledge, as opposed to spurious conjecture.

A New Year—a new website address

A New Year brings new beginnings and we are no different—for the New Year we have changed our website address to:

icc-europe.org

and we have also updated all the information on umpiring and refereeing. The umpiring section now includes the current information about our education program as well as details of our Panels.

Also included is a list of all member countries Umpire Representatives and we would ask that if you have any questions about the education program that you contact them. If they cannot answer your query then they will ask us.

Ian Ramage and Trevor Magee with Richard Holdsworth at the Div 2/3 play-off match between Israel and Croatia. Croatia won by 5 runs

