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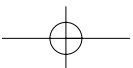
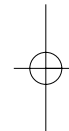
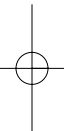
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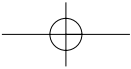


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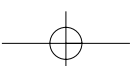


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## Message from ICC Regional Development Manager - Europe



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It gives me great pleasure to welcome all teams, players and officials to Bologna, Italy for the ICC European U/15 Division 2 Championship.

The event will see eight European countries compete over five days in a series of 35-over round robin matches. Guernsey are the current title-holders from 2007 (now promoted to Division 1), yet with a different winner every two years since the Championship began (Isle of Man in 2005, Israel in 2003, Germany in 2001 and Greece in 1999), this tournament has always proven to be an exciting fixture in the ICC Europe calendar where predicting the top placing teams can often prove to be a difficult task. For many of the players taking part in the tournament this will be their first experience of international competition and will provide a great opportunity for them to grow and develop as cricketers. The U/15 age-group is also an important stage as it allows players the chance to impress upon their country's selectors and push for a place in their future U/17 and U/19 teams, and ultimately a place in their national senior team.

There are many people who have contributed to this event not least the Tournament Organiser Simone Gambino, to whom the ICC and I are truly grateful. I would also like to thank the match officials – referee, umpires, scorers and web managers; groundsman; match managers; and many other volunteers at host clubs who have made all this possible. Good luck to all those involved and enjoy the tournament.

Yours sincerely

Richard Holdsworth  
 ICC Regional Development Manager - Europe



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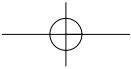
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## Message from the Provincial Council of Bologna



With most sports in Summer recess in preparation for the new season, the Provincia di Bologna is delighted to stage an important international tournament such as this. Against a sporting backdrop full of important happenings – as has been the case in the past few years – another event is putting our territory at the centre of domestic and international attention.

Due in Bologna, but above all in the councils of Medicina, Pianoro and San Lazzaro di Savena, are the athletes and delegations representing the national teams of Belgium, France, Germany, Gibraltar, Isle of Man, Israel and Switzerland, besides, of course, Italy: these eight teams will be contending, from August 16 to 21, the European Under 15 cricket Division 2 championship.

It is the second time that the province of Bologna is hosting an international cricket championship following the Under 17 championship in 2004. It is a choice that, indeed, honours us, also considering that in the past 15 years, thanks to Pianoro, 12 Italian championship titles have come our way. Ours is a truly sporting province, a claim we can safely make considering the attention national sporting federations continue to give us.

The 2009 European Under 15 Championship has been received with enthusiasm by the Provincial Council of Bologna: we are firmly behind the initiative and will provide our convinced backing. Sport tourism enhances and distinguishes our territory, making our province a well regarded reference point for the practice, at the highest levels, of many sporting disciplines. For the Provincial Council of Bologna, hosting and promoting this European Under 15 Cricket Championship is, therefore, not only a pleasure but is also the outcome of a specific tourism policy that considers domestic and international sporting events an opportunity for growth and exchange for the entire territory and its community.

We believe that the decision to stage this championship here is the result of a number of factors that can be best expressed in the outstanding cooperation between the local governments, the Italian Olympic Committee (CONI), the sporting federations and the single sporting disciplines – entities all that, in sharing a common outlook, have shown how a warm and inviting land can respond with enthusiasm to the many requests it receives by ensuring the highest standards. We would like to thank Federazione Cricket Italiana, in the person of the President, Simone Gambino, for having chosen us as the venue for the event.

We hope all guests who come in our territory may be able to pass pleasant and unforgettable days and that, regardless of the result achieved on the field of play, the real winner will be the true values of sport, where the pleasure of meeting others will prevail in the full respect of the rules.



Marco Pondrelli  
Head of the Sports Department



Graziano Prantoni  
Head of the Tourism Department

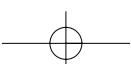


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For the 3<sup>rd</sup> time in the 29 year old history of Italian cricket, Bologna plays host to a European tournament. In 1996 the 4<sup>th</sup> European Champion's Club Cup took place at one of the grounds that will host this year's tournament, the Parco della Resistenza at San Lazzaro di Savena. Those were the years in which the Italian rivalry between Cesena and Pianoro featured strongly in the ECF (European Cricket Federation) events with the two clubs sharing 3 Cups out of 4 between 1993 and 1996. That edition went to Cesena, the only team to win the trophy twice. The club from Romagna, skippered by Alessandro Braschi, easily disposed of Berlin in the final after a fierce semi final with Pianoro.

In 2004, Bologna was the venue of the Under 17 Division 2 European Championships. Most of the teams present today took part in that event, Greece being the only absentee this year where we register the welcome additions of Isle of Man and Switzerland. The tournament was handsomely won by Israel who performed a magic hat-trick of adding that title to the Under 13 and Under 15 ones it had won in the previous two years. The ground at San Lazzaro was used yet again in addition to the superb Rastignano Oval, home of mighty Pianoro, the club that has won 12 pennants out of the last 15 played in Italy.

And so to 2009 and this Under 15 Division 2 Championship which sees the introduction of a 3<sup>rd</sup> ground at Medicina. Eight teams will contest this prestigious title but hopefully will enjoy the unchallenged hospitality that Bologna traditionally offers. In this respect, the only prediction that can be made is, that rain being highly unlikely, the rain day will be used for players, officials and parents to visit the surrounding beauties this unique city and its province offer

**Simone Gambino**

**Chairman of Federazione Cricket Italiana**



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## Tournament Details

### Venues

Ovale di **RASTIGNANO**  
Parco della Resistenza di **SAN LAZZARO DI SAVENA**  
Centro Sportivo Ca' Nova di **MEDICINA**

### Tournament personnel

ICC Tournament Director  
*John Stock*

Tournament Referee  
*Dick Auchinleck*

Tournament Organiser  
*Simone Gambino*

Responsible for logistics  
*Noemi La Fata*

Website manager  
*Barry Chambers*  
*Rod Lyall*

Umpires manager  
*Doug Ferguson*

ICC European Panel Umpires:  
*Bob Lomax* – Gibraltar  
*Ben Loughheed* – Luxembourg  
*Bill McPate* – Scotland  
*Alan Neill* – Ireland  
*Bent Nielsen* – Denmark  
*Mike Rawle* – Malta  
*Jari Schabel* – Finland  
*Andrew Scott* – Belgium  
*Robin Stockton* – Jersey

### Accommodation

All countries and tournament officials will be staying at:  
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**Group A** *Isle of Man; Italy; France; Gibraltar*    **Group B** *Belgium; Germany; Israel; Switzerland*

#### Rastignano

Sun 16<sup>th</sup> AM - *Isle of Man v Italy*  
PM - *France v Gibraltar*

Mon 17<sup>th</sup> AM - *Isle of Man v France*  
PM - *Switzerland v Germany*

Tues 18<sup>th</sup> AM - *Belgium v Switzerland*  
PM - *Germany v Israel*

Wed 19<sup>th</sup> *Reserve Day*

Thur 20<sup>th</sup> AM - *A1 v B2(1)*  
PM - *B3 v A4(4)*

Fri 21<sup>st</sup> AM - *7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> playoff -*  
*Loser (4) v Loser (3)*  
PM - *FINAL -*  
*Winner (1) v Winner (2)*

#### Medicina

AM - *Isle of Man v Gibraltar*  
PM - *Italy v France*

*Reserve Day*

AM - *A3 v B4(3)*  
PM - *A2 v B1(2)*

AM - *5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> playoff -*  
*Winner (3) v Winner (4)*

#### San Lazzaro

AM - *Belgium v Germany*  
PM - *Israel v Switzerland*

AM - *Belgium v Israel*  
PM - *Gibraltar v Italy*

*Reserve Day*

PM - *3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> playoff -*  
*Loser (1) v Loser (2)*



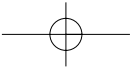
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## Teams

### France



#### Provisional Squad:

*J Harding*

*A Zahir*

*C Harding*

*S Evely*

*S Saddiq*

*H Niaz*

*S Field*

*O Mawdsley*

*F Latif*

*A Liyanaarachchi*

*J Dawkins*

*N Tariq*

Delegates: *G Kelsey – T Williams*

This year, France is sending to Italy a complement of young players from all parts of the country. This balanced team has in its ranks John Harding and Ammar Zahir, who already participated in the 2007 tournament in La Manga. We hope that these talented young men will lead their friends in this much-expected Championship, with a view towards the 2010 U17 tournament.



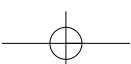
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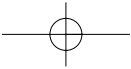
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## Teams

### Gibraltar



#### Touring party:

*Guy Dumas (Captain)*

*Julian Freyone*

*Kayron Stagno*

*Andrew Quinn*

*Jeremy Perez*

*Simon Dumas*

*Matthew Stott*

*Dylan Casciaro*

*Ivan Gomez*

*Noelle Laguea*

*Saifdine Jalarbi*

*Yash Chatwani*

*Aaron Roberts*

*Rich Askew – Manager*

*Mark Bacarese – Coach*

*Adam Orfila – Scorer*

Cricket in Gibraltar has a long history, having initially been played by British servicemen as early as the 18<sup>th</sup> century, when the first ground was built on what is now the airport.

With the decline of the services presence in the last few decades, the number of Gibraltarians taking part in clubs and games has increased enormously and the national side has been committed to ICC Cricket since 1982. Indeed, we have successfully taken part in all age group and Senior competitions we have been invited to, a

commitment level that we aspire to maintain. All the boys on this tour are products of the existing youth system and all participate in the Twenty20 League as a team and in adult cricket clubs as individuals.

The Gibraltar Cricket Association is halfway through a three-year partnership with NatWest Bank plc., which will concentrate on driving through our development projects for youth and community areas, including our new districts programme to bridge the gap between school and club

cricket. This will allow around 200 of our best youngsters (both boys and girls) access to advanced training and a structured competitive programme each year.

It is hoped that this system will produce a 'conveyor belt' of talented players into the adult game domestically, as well as to prepare them for international competitions such as this one, for years to come. These are very exciting times for Gibraltar cricket and we look forward to seeing progress through the next decade.

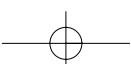


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## Teams

### Isle of Man Under 15's informations



#### Squad:

Gareth Dawson – Coach  
David Kenworthy – Manager  
Adam Mcauley  
Nick Moffitt  
Adam Killey  
Seb Aycock  
Shaun Kelly

Tom Whiteway  
Ryan Burns  
Andrew Vels  
Sam Kebble  
Matthew Ansell  
Richard Jackson  
David Haywood  
Rowan Bird

#### Cricket grounds

Castletown-King William College,  
Ronaldsway  
Douglas - Cronkbourne, Nobles Park  
Jurby-Jurby Airfield  
Ramsey-Ramsey Grammar School  
St Johns – Mullen-Y-Cloie  
Peel – Queen Elizabeth 2 High  
School  
Crosby - Memorial Grounds  
Union Mills – Ballaoates

Although cricket has been played by various clubs on the island since late in the 19th century, the Isle of Man Cricket Club was eventually formed in April 1930. The word “Club” was eventually swapped for “Association” and in July 2004 the Isle of Man Cricket Association took a giant step when they were elected as the 90th member of the International Cricket Council (ICC).

Cricket is now one of the country's main summer sports, having in 2008 been granted Key Community Sport status by Government body Manx Sport and Recreation. This helped enable the IOMCA to take a

great stride forward in the Development of the sport by appointing its first full time Development Officer in summer 2008.

Isle of Man compete in ECC competitions, having so far participated at senior, Under 19, and Under 15 levels. It will also compete at Under 17 level for the first time in 2008.

#### Statistics

Membership of The IOMCA comprises 13 clubs (Castletown, Cronkbourne, Crosby, Finch Hill, Grashoppers, Loaghtyn Rams, Peel, Ramsey, Ronaldsway, St Johns, Union Mills, Vagabonds and Valkyres). Players registered total approximately 700 (senior and junior).



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## Teams

### Italy



#### Squad:

*Muhammad Waqas Asghar*  
TRENTINO

*Giorgio Cossuto* CAPANNELLE

*James Fort* CAPANNELLE

*Sahidul Islam Swad* BOLOGNA

*Alamin Mia* KINGSGROVE

*Faysal Mia* BOLOGNA

*Adnan Mohammad* KINGSGROVE

*Atikur Rahman* VENEZIA

*Charith Rajamanthri* LAZIO

*Edoardo Scanu* CAPANNELLE

*Aamir Shaikh* PIANORO

*Jaipreet Singh* CAPANNELLE

*Harpreet Singh* EURATOM

*Harry Starost* EURATOM

*Salman Zaman* ANCONA

#### History of cricket in Italy

The game of cricket in Italy dates back to 1793 when Admiral Horatio Nelson organised the first ever recorded game in Naples. Exactly 100 years later Sir James Edward Spensley founded the Genoa Cricket & Football Club to be followed shortly by similar entities in Milan and Turin. The advent of Fascism, however, saw the disappearance of the game, which only resurfaced after World War II.

The transformation from expatriate to integrated activity started in 1980 with the foundation of the Associazione Italiana Cricket. Recognised by the ICC in 1984 as the first Affiliate member, the Associazione acquired Associate status in 1995 and, following government recognition, on 1<sup>st</sup> March 1997 became the Federazione Cricket Italiana.

#### International competition

The history of international cricket in Italy hinges around one precise date: 25<sup>th</sup> July 1998. On that date, to its own and the cricketing world's surprise, Italy beat the ECB XI at the European Championships in The Hague gaining promotion to Division 1 of that competition. Joe Scuderi, the star of that win,

subsequently became the first Italian player to play county cricket, being signed by Lancashire. Italy has now stabilised itself in the top 30 in the global rankings following its permanent entry in the World Cricket League and in Europe's Division 1.

#### Domestic competition

There are two main competitions in Italy. The Championship and the Italian Cup. The Championship has rapidly expanded to three divisions over the last few years. Only six sides feature in the 1<sup>st</sup> Division in which teams must field at least seven Italians per game. In order to play in the top flight, teams must also play youth cricket. From 2009, the 2<sup>nd</sup> Division has introduced the compulsory presence of an Italian player on the field. This will grow by one unit a year up to 4 in 2012. There are no such playing restrictions in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Division.

The Italian Cup is played in Twenty20 knockout format. It is open to teams from all 3 divisions and has no restriction on players on the field. Despite this, victory in 2006 and 2007 went to Pianoro, the dominant team of Italian cricket with its 12 pennants, who in the 2006 Cup triumphed with eight

Italians on the field. However, last year Azzurra Villafranca from the 3<sup>rd</sup> Division caused a major surprise by lifting the trophy

#### Development program

Around 4000 people are involved in cricket in Italy and of these approximately 3000 are juniors involved in the main feature of the Federazione's Development Program – the Progetto Promozione e Sviluppo (Promotion and Development Program). This is a 32-hour scheme that is delivered to schools in the Kwik Cricket format. The idea is not only to involve the kids but also the physical education teachers. In this respect, coach education has been a feature of the last years in Italy. The GITC, the organization of Italian coaches modelled on the ECB, now comprises more than 60 members ranging from ECB Level 3 to Istruttore Federale, the basic 8-hour course to teach cricket in schools..

Umpiring courses and seminars are held every year to ensure the growth both in quantity and quality of this fundamental aspect of the game. The Italian Umpires are organized in the GIACS, something similar to the old ACU&S.



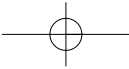
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## Teams

### Belgium/A profile



#### Squad:

*Lucien De Zoysa – Coach*  
*Anthony Brand – Manager*  
*Jonathan Aron – Captain*  
*Devendra Bhandari*  
*Sach Bhansali*  
*Nick Dunn*  
*Josh Emerson*

*Fraser McRae*  
*Naman Parikh*  
*James Rocca*  
*Paul Scarlett*  
*Rob Sehmi*  
*Shalin Shah*  
*Shamin Shah*  
*Viral Kothari*

Was Flanders, the northern region of what is now Belgium, the place where cricket began?

Recently published research has again indicated that Flemish weavers and shepherds who emigrated to the south of England from the 14<sup>th</sup> century onwards could have taken the game of cricket along with them.

The first recorded cricket match, however, comes several centuries later when British Guards officers played a match shortly before the Battle of Waterloo in 1815. Matches have been played to mark the 150<sup>th</sup> and 175<sup>th</sup> anniversaries of this occasion.

The first record of organised cricket can be found in a painting dated 1870 which shows the opening of the Brussels Cricket Club ground in 1866 by the Mayor of Brussels.

The next club was the Antwerp Football and Cricket Club, founded in 1880. More and more clubs were formed in the 1950s, 1970s, 1980s and 1990s and today 17 clubs and two schools belong to the Belgian Cricket Federation. In addition, there are a number of teams representing businesses and other organizations playing in a mid-week T20 competition and other non-League events. There are eight cricket grounds in Belgium.

#### Competition

The history of international competition in Belgium dates from the first fixture against Holland in 1905. Belgium has also played a full role in ECC and now ICC-Europe senior and junior tournaments and is an Associate Member of the ICC. The country has had some success over the years, notably at youth level.

This year, 2009, the national squad has played in a triangular tournament with France and Germany and in early July took part in the first European Continental Twenty20 Tournament organised by the Netherlands.

Domestically, the country has a senior league of four divisions and there are also youth leagues for under 15s, 13s and 11s. The national youth teams and some of the leading club sides at these levels also play in the Dutch competition.

The Belgian Under-15s are very happy to be travelling to Bologna for the championships and Cricket Belgium thanks Italy very much indeed for organising and hosting the tournament.

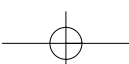


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## Teams

### Cricket in Germany



#### Squad:

*Dzifa Buati*  
*Krishna Cholleti*  
*Chase Edwards*  
*Oliver Filby*  
*Leonard Gerhards-Walmsley*  
*Christian Hein*  
*Nadar Keim*  
*Robin Lawder*

*Nabeel Malik*  
*Tushar Marwaha*  
*Anjuli Mathur*  
*Haris Mubarik*  
*Dennis Vardanian*

*Coach: Mike Kwan*  
*Manager: Antje Mathur*

Today, cricket in Germany can boast five cricket regions with their respective organisations (Bavarian Cricket Association, Hessen Cricket Association, Berlin Cricket Committee, North Rhine Westphalia Cricket Union and the North German Cricket Association) with 50 clubs between them, a substantial amount of youth cricket in those regions, together with a rapidly expanding women's cricket scene. Each region has a cricket league and the champions of those leagues play off for the German championship. There is an inter-regional competition and at least one Tw/20 tournament in each region.

The modern history of cricket in Germany is a product of people moving to Germany from Commonwealth countries, where cricket is a major sport, in the 1970s and 1980s. This influx, which brought with it a number of cricketers into the major industrial regions, when

added to a number of German cricketers at schools and universities in Germany, led to the formation of the Deutscher Cricket Bund (DCB) in 1988. This body brought German cricket into the ICC as an Affiliate in 1991 and then to ICC Associate status in 1999.

Cricket, however, has a much longer history than this. The first club appeared in 1850 in Berlin and the first DCB came into existence in the second decade of the twentieth century. There was a close link with football and cricket in those early days, when many Berlin football clubs had a cricket section. Cricket exchanges with other countries meant in the beginning games against French, Danish and Dutch club teams, but touring sides from the United Kingdom increased as the century wore on.

In its modern history the DCB's international cricket has meant games played under the European Cricket Federation

until it gave way to the European Cricket Council in 1997, since when it has played in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Division of the European League. Germany played in the ICC Trophy in Canada in 2001 and in the World Cricket League Division 5 in 2008.

Youth cricket has been key element of the DCB's strategy since its inception, but opportunities for international youth cricket have increased under the ECC and now ICC-Europe. Germany has had its successes at youth level, having, at some time, won the European 2<sup>nd</sup> division at U19, U17 and U15 level.

The DCB looks forward with pleasure to playing the U15 tournament in Bologna, where it has been a guest at youth internationals on a number of occasions. It thanks the organisers for all the time and effort put into hosting the tournament and wishes good cricket to all the participants.



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## Teams

### Israel



Israel is known as a land of miracles, and the survival of cricket in the Holy Land must surely rate as one of those miracles.

Cricket was introduced to the Middle East by the British. The first all-Israeli match took place in 1956 between teams representing Tel Aviv and the Negev desert town of Be'er Sheva. In 1966 the first national league was established, with ten clubs, including Galilee, Haifa, Be'er Sheva and Ashdod. This league eventually led to the foundation of the Israel Cricket Association (ICA) in 1968.

In 1974, Israel was accepted as an Associate Member of the International Cricket Conference, and was one of the 15 participants in the inaugural ICC Associate Members' trophy held in Birmingham in 1979. Israel was a founder member of the European Cricket Council in 1996.

In September 2000, ICA launched a youth development

programme that has had tremendous success with youth teams recording excellent results in European tournaments. Israel was the Global Award Winner in the inaugural ICC/Flicx Community Development Award in 2003.

The first ever full international match was played in Israel in November 2007 when Croatia visited for a European play-off. Israel lost by six runs, being relegated to European Division 3.

As part of the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations of the State, a star-studded India A team visited for a three-match tour against an Israel Invitational XI which included the likes of Jonty Rhodes and Adam Bacher.

2009 is a particularly busy season for Israel cricket, with both senior and youth teams participating in the 18<sup>th</sup> Maccabiah, and Senior, U19 and U15 teams travelling to European tournaments.

The 2009 ECC U15 tournament will be the third time an Israel youth team has visited Italy, with the squad looking to make it three championships out of three. In 2002 Israel won the U13 tournament in Grosseto, while the U17s took the cup in Bologna in 2004.

The Israel Squad will be accompanied by coach Herschel Gutman and manager George Sheader, who were in charge of the first Israel youth squad that went abroad in 2001. Based in Tel Aviv, Herschel works as ICA's National Cricket Development Officer; his responsibilities include coaching all national squads and overseeing the development programme. George lives in Be'er Sheva, which, thanks to his unwavering enthusiasm, has become the capital of youth cricket. He is closely involved with a joint project between ICA and London-based charity Cricket4Change aimed at involving Bedouin children in the game.



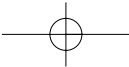
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## Teams

### Switzerland



#### Number of officially

**Recognised grounds:** 12

**Number of clubs:** 18 Associate senior clubs and 6 Affiliate and Junior clubs

**Number of players:** 500 registered senior players and 650 junior players

#### Squad

*Jake Andrews*

*Joe Boucher*

*Ross Cameron*

*Tarusha Fernando*

*Barrett Fransen*

*George Gaillet*

*Jamie Hadden (capt)*

*Simon Henderson*

*Luca Illien*

*Wadan Khan*

*Matthew Langford*

*Leo Massey*

*Nick Mayo*

#### Officials

##### Team coach Ray Boucher:

Ray Boucher is an ECB L2 coach who has been involved with Swiss Youth Cricket since 2006. He is originally from Northern Ireland and has lived in Switzerland since 2001. He would like to see Swiss Cricket teams

competing at Division 1 level within Europe within the next 5 years.

##### Team manager Patrick Henderson:

Patrick Henderson has been the Youth Development Officer since 2005 and is president of Zurich Crickets Cricket Club. He is an ECB Level 2 Coach and coaches the Swiss Under 13 team. A teacher by profession, he has been living and working in Switzerland for the past 25 years.

Cricket has been played in Geneva since the beginning of the 19th century. An engraving depicting a cricket match being played on Plainpalais is dated 1817. Geneva Cricket club was founded in 1872 followed by Lausanne Cricket club in 1888. Cricket has also been on the curriculum of the international boarding school, the Lyceum Alpinum in Zuoz since the 1920's, having been introduced by an English sports master from Eton.

Cricket in Switzerland has come a long way since seven regional teams joined forces to set up the country's first national association in 1980 to coordinate the development of the game and organise competitions. Five years later

the Swiss Cricket Association (SCA) was granted Affiliate status by the International Cricket Council to open the doors for international competition. Now in 2009 the SCA comprises 18 associate members from around the country playing in league and cup competitions. In addition selected teams from the SCA take part in a cricket festival organised by the Lyceum Alpinum School in Zuoz and in the annual "Cricket on Ice" festival on the frozen lake of St. Moritz.

The SCA was also involved in the inaugural meeting of the European Cricket Federation held in Geneva in 1988 at which seven European cricket representatives attended. In the

early 90s a Swiss national side took part in the Cricketer International tournaments in Guernsey and in Worksop, England, followed by participations in ECC tournaments in 2001 and 2003. However, due to financial limitations the SCA decided in 2004 to devote available resources to youth development. In addition, a major programme to increase the number of qualified umpires and coaches was started. With these programmes now well under way, attention has again been turned to establishing a national side which will be taking part in the Division 4 Championships later in 2009.

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