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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

ICC PRESIDENT **EHSAN MANI** REPORTS ON THE YEAR IN INTERNATIONAL CRICKET.



International cricket has never been healthier with Test cricket, in particular, being played at an outstanding level. In the past 12 months we have seen the most exhilarating Test series of recent times between Australia and England; an astonishing ODI match between Australia and South Africa; and high profile encounters between India and Pakistan that only three years ago were unimaginable.

We have also seen Scotland lift the ICC Trophy and Ireland beat Kenya to claim the ICC Intercontinental Cup while Pakistan won the ICC U/19 Cricket World Cup for the second time in succession.

The merger of the International Women's Cricket Council with the ICC was completed in the past year and I am pleased that women's cricket is now fully integrated in the ICC Global Development Program. We are attracting an increasing number of women to the game, with cricket now being played actively by women in 45 countries. I am particularly impressed by some excellent initiatives being undertaken in Africa.

In April, the ICC took a significant step forward by awarding the hosting of 18 events between 2007 and 2019 to 22 of our Members across five continents. This includes the next three ICC Cricket World Cup events in Asia in 2011 (Bangladesh, India, Pakistan and Sri Lanka); Australia and New

Zealand in 2015; and England and Wales in 2019. I would like to acknowledge the enthusiasm of our Members for hosting ICC events. A total of 44 outstanding and fully compliant submissions were received for our major events from our Full and Associate Members; there can be no better indicator of the importance and prestige to our members of these great competitions.

It is encouraging to see that Bangladesh continues to make good progress. Its defeat of Australia in a One Day International match in England and a good performance in the first Test match against Australia in Bangladesh reflect the progress made over recent years. At junior level, Bangladesh's U/19s won all their matches in a home series against England and beat the U/19 World Champions, Pakistan, in their group match at the ICC U/19 Cricket World Cup in Sri Lanka.

In March and April 2007 the ICC Cricket World Cup will be held in the West Indies. While the preparations for holding the event across nine countries have provided challenges, I have no doubt the West Indies will host a truly memorable World Cup. Before this, we will see India hosting the ICC Champions Trophy in October and November 2006, an event I am certain will be embraced with great enthusiasm by the cricket-loving public of the country.



- 1 Another successful series between Pakistan and India took place in Pakistan at the start of 2006.
- 2 Australia won the Women's World Cup in South Africa in 2005.
- 3 Nepal upset New Zealand to win the Plate Championship at the ICC U/19 Cricket World Cup in Sri Lanka.



STRIKING THE BALANCE

It is disappointing to see press reports and comments from former players blaming the ICC for excessive player workload.

All of our Full Members are under pressure to raise revenue to sustain and grow the game in their territories. International cricket is the key driver of this revenue. It does not follow, however, that an increase in international cricket leads to a proportionate increase in revenue.

Our Members have a responsibility to strike a balance between revenue raising and protecting the sport and its players. International cricket series must have context and meaning and, importantly, players must be looked after. When we worked through the process of formulating the Future Tours Program we took into account the views of current players. It is important that when our Members consider hosting additional international series they take into consideration the workload and opinion of their players.

FINANCING WORLD CRICKET

The coming year will include the final two events of the ICC's current successful commercial partnership with the Global Cricket Corporation - the ICC Champions Trophy 2006 and the ICC Cricket World Cup 2007. Since this partnership began with the ICC Knockout in Kenya in 2000 it has brought unprecedented revenues into the game. The ICC distributes all the income generated from its events to its Members. This income is the main source of revenue for almost all of our 86 Associate and Affiliate Members and a significant source for many of our 10 Full Members. It is with these resources that we have been able to develop and grow the sport around the world at such a rapid pace.

Later this year the ICC will be marketing the commercial rights for the events it will be holding between 2007-2015, beginning with the inaugural ICC Twenty20 World Championship in South Africa in 2007. We are confident this package will bring even greater levels of financial benefit to our Members. These resources are fundamental to our commitment to develop the game on a sustainable basis and consolidate the progress made over the past seven years. Over the next eight years we will see greater investment in the developing countries and women's cricket.

GOOD GOVERNANCE, INTEGRITY AND SPIRIT

No Member can survive on its own. The cricket family is interdependent and our Members draw strength from each other. The resumption of bilateral ties between India and Pakistan and the compelling nature of recent encounters between, amongst others, Australia and England have helped public and commercial interest attain new peaks and enabled cricket to attract unprecedented levels of commercial interest from broadcasters and sponsors around the world.

However, with greater financial rewards comes greater responsibility. The ICC is committed to leading the sport by operating in a transparent and accountable manner. It is important that our Members follow this example. All our Members are trustees of the money distributed by the ICC and generated through the exploitation of their own commercial rights. They have an obligation to ensure both transparency and proper accountability to their stakeholders. Where the ICC does have concerns, it does not hesitate to raise these with our Members.

With the encouragement of the ICC, Zimbabwe once again withdrew from playing Test cricket this year. Zimbabwe's on-field performance will be reviewed by the ICC Board at its October meeting. While it is important that cricket in Zimbabwe receives the support

of the international cricket community, it is equally important that the ICC and its Members protect the integrity of Test cricket by helping Zimbabwe resume its Test match programme only when it is ready to do so.

As well as our responsibility to promote and protect the game, we also share a wider social responsibility to the communities in which our game is played. Through our partnership with UNAIDS we will continue to use events, such as the forthcoming ICC Champions Trophy 2006 and the ICC Cricket World Cup 2007, as a platform to raise awareness of HIV and AIDS. The ICC contributed \$US500,000 to the victims of the terrible earthquake which devastated northern Pakistan and India last October and arranged for fund-raising appeals to be broadcast around the world during the Johnnie Walker Super Series Test match to raise further funds for this tragedy.

NO MEMBER CAN SURVIVE ON ITS OWN. THE CRICKET FAMILY IS INTERDEPENDENT AND OUR MEMBERS DRAW STRENGTH FROM EACH OTHER.





1 Percy Sonn (right) will take over as ICC President in July 2007.
2 Ehsan Mani presents the ICC Trophy to Scotland captain Craig Wright after their victory over hosts Ireland at Clontarf.

A SHIFT IN FOCUS

The ICC is an organisation that exists for its Members. Stronger Members will lead to a stronger sport. At the Annual Conference this year Members will be asked to approve the new ICC Strategic Plan which will map the strategic direction of the ICC through to 2010. As part of this Plan we will introduce a Member Services department to provide resources for our Members to share knowledge, support and expertise. I believe that this will provide a vital asset for all our Members.

This year saw the ICC relocate from offices in London and Monaco to single premises in Dubai. The convenient location of the new office has enabled us to host many of our major meetings in Dubai. I am pleased that our internal operations are running more smoothly and efficiently now that we have one central base. Already we are passing on significant savings to our members while our independence is enhanced by our neutral home.

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THANK YOU

In the past year we have seen a number of changes on our Executive Board and I have had the pleasure to welcome Creagh O'Connor (Australia), Sharad Pawar (India), Ken Gordon (West Indies) and Mazhar Khan (Associate Member) to our Board. I am sincerely grateful to them, my other fellow directors and members of the various ICC Committees for their valuable support and guidance.

Once again I am indebted to Oliver Stocken (ICC Audit Committee and ICC Ethics Officer), Lord Condon (Chairman, ICC Anti Corruption and Security Unit) and the Honourable Michael Beloff (Chairman, ICC Code of Conduct Commission) for their outstanding contributions to the ICC. International cricket is indeed fortunate to benefit from their expertise.

The ICC office in Dubai has a truly international workforce. The ICC staff reflect the diversity of our membership and we have been fortunate that all the senior management team agreed to relocate to Dubai. Those who relocated in August 2005 did a magnificent job of managing a virtually seamless transition. While files and furniture were being shipped across oceans, the staff continued to run ICC events, oversee international cricket and keep their focus on the many urgent tasks in hand. The sport is fortunate to be served by such a highly motivated and dedicated team under

the outstanding leadership of the ICC Chief Executive, Malcolm Speed. I thank Malcolm and all the ICC staff for their excellent work over the past year.

International cricket can only be strong if there is mutual respect and trust between the ICC and its Members; this includes respect for the cultural diversity that exists in international cricket. Throughout my term as President, I have focused on the importance of the union that binds the ICC, the diversity that is our strength and the importance of respecting and addressing the opinions and aspirations of all the game's stakeholders. I believe that the ICC today is a stronger body than ever before.

In July 2006 Percy Sonn will succeed me as President of the ICC. Percy has served as ICC Vice President for the past two years, and is a former President of the United Cricket Board of South Africa. He brings a wealth of experience and a deep understanding of the issues in the game. He will have the support of a well-structured and properly resourced organisation complemented by an excellent management team. I extend my best wishes to Percy during his term as ICC President.

It has been an enormous privilege to have served as President. I express my appreciation and gratitude for the welcome, friendship and warmth extended to me as ICC President by colleagues from around the cricket world during my visits to their countries over the past three years.

ICC CHIEF EXECUTIVE **MALCOLM SPEED** EXPLAINS HOW THE ICC HAS FULFILLED ITS MISSION STATEMENT OVER THE PAST 12 MONTHS.



This year brings the ICC to the end of its first ever strategic plan. When I joined the ICC in 2001 one of the initial tasks was to chart a course for the strategic direction of the organisation. While the high seas of international cricket have presented us with navigational challenges and diversions along the way I am pleased to report that the core objectives of this first plan have been achieved.

The ICC in 2006 is more effective, transparent, accountable and approachable. It has overseen rapid growth of the sport around the world while developing a framework that is keeping international cricket attractive to players, supporters, sponsors and media.

This first plan focussed on putting the systems and processes in place to enable the ICC to lead and grow the sport. Having done this, our focus now moves to making our strong sport even stronger. The ICC cannot achieve this in isolation and so our new strategic plan - which will be adopted by our Annual Conference in July 2006 - has been produced in conjunction with our Members.

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A TREMENDOUS YEAR OF CRICKET

The last 12 months have included the following highlights:

- A tickertape parade in central London for England's men's and women's Test teams
- A Test match victory for Pakistan against India in Karachi
- An ODI victory for Bangladesh over world champions Australia
- A new Test run-scoring record by Brian Lara and a new mark for Test centuries by Sachin Tendulkar
- A 438-run winning ODI total for South Africa
- A record crowd for a domestic cricket match in Australia
- ICC Cricket World Cup qualification for the tiny Atlantic island of Bermuda
- Victory for Ireland over Kenya in the final of a first-class event - the ICC Intercontinental Cup - in Namibia
- Victories for Nepal over New Zealand and South Africa in the ICC U/19 Cricket World Cup
- Australia collecting a cheque for \$US500,000 for topping the LG ICC Test and ODI tables for the second consecutive year



¹ Thousands of supporters took to the streets of central London to celebrate England's Ashes victories.

- 1 Bermuda and Ireland are two of the six countries that will benefit from \$US 500,000 High Performance funding through to 2009.
- 2 The ICC Intercontinental Cup completed a successful second season in 2005 with Ireland claiming the title.
- 3 Australia were presented with a cheque for \$US 500,000 for holding top spot in the LG ICC Test and ODI Championships for the second year in a row.
- 4 Bangladesh stunned the cricket world with victory over Australia in an ODI at Cardiff.

Few of these events would have been envisaged five years ago, some could not have been foreseen at the start of the year, but all underscore the tremendous strength of the sport.

Of course not everything that has taken place over this time has ended in success. The Johnnie Walker Super Series was an innovative concept and a well-managed event but the matches did not live up to the anticipation. The introduction of 'super-subs' to ODI cricket did not work out either. We have learned lessons from these experiences and we are stronger for this.

But if the game stands still, it will stagnate. It is the ICC's responsibility to lead the sport and it is for this reason I am delighted the Twenty20 World Championship will become a reality in 2007.

FUTURE TOURS PROGRAM

The new six-year Future Tours Program that came into force in May 2006 has many positive facets.

It ensures regular cricket for all of our Members by enshrining minimum commitments. It provides flexibility for Members to arrange matches responsibly above and beyond these commitments. It was formulated after extensive consultation with Members and player groups and conforms to the guidelines recommended by players' representatives.

It limits the volume of Twenty20 cricket and provides pre-determined windows for ICC events throughout its six-year duration. It incorporates ODI matches between Full Members and Associate Members.

Having collectively negotiated this agreement, it is the responsibility of our 10 Full Members to ensure they do not overload their schedule during this six-year period.

It took two years to develop this six-year FTP. We are already looking at the cycle beyond 2012 and this could take a different shape altogether.



SPREADING THE GAME

In July 2005 we held the ICC Trophy at 25 venues across northern and southern Ireland. It was a wonderful event peppered with tense and enthralling contests. At stake were the final qualifying places at the ICC Cricket World Cup and, equally important, a place in the ICC High Performance Program (HPP) through to 2009.

This HPP, which was set up by Bob Woolmer has gone from strength to strength under the guidance of Richard Done. This year we held the first ever ICC Winter Training Camp for young players from across these countries; we have reshaped the ICC Intercontinental Cup to make it a four-day competition and truly global; and we have developed sufficient confidence in the progress of these nations to award ODI status to all of the matches they play against each other and Full Members.

The six HPP members are Bermuda, Canada, Ireland, Kenya, The Netherlands and Scotland but they are not the only countries making positive strides. In this year's ICC U/19 Cricket World Cup in Sri Lanka, Nepal claimed two Full Member scalps on their way to winning the Plate Championship and USA earned its first victory at this level.

The most rapid area of expansion for the ICC this year has been women's cricket. We started the year with no responsibility for female cricketers and we ended it with research figures that show active women's cricket programmes in 45 of our members. To put this into perspective the International Women's Cricket Council had 15 affiliated members before it passed over the administration of women's international cricket to the ICC.

The next two ICC Women's World Cups will take place in Australia and India and these will provide us with a tremendous opportunity to raise the profile of women's cricket.

IT IS THE ICC'S RESPONSIBILITY TO LEAD THE SPORT AND IT IS FOR THIS REASON I AM DELIGHTED THE TWENTY20 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP WILL BECOME A REALITY IN 2007.



THE YEAR AHEAD

We have ahead of us a challenging but extremely exciting 12 months. In October we will stage the ICC Champions Trophy 2006 in conjunction with the BCCI in India. It will be the biggest international cricket event in the Asian subcontinent for a decade. We will then move on to the ICC Cricket World Cup which will take place in nine Caribbean countries in March and April 2007. The region has never hosted an event even remotely on this scale.

As it prepares for these challenges, the ICC is fortunate to be armed with a strategically strong board, highly motivated and talented staff and a revised mission statement:

As the international governing body for cricket, the International Cricket Council will lead by:

- Promoting and protecting the game and its unique spirit
- Delivering outstanding, memorable events
- Providing excellent service to Members and stakeholders
- Optimising its commercial rights and properties for the benefit of its Members

It promises to be another fascinating voyage.

Finally, on behalf of the ICC, its staff and the wider cricket community I would like to express sincere gratitude to the outgoing President Ehsan Mani. Ehsan has proved to be a man of high principles and an astute decision-maker during his Presidential term. He has been a unifying influence on the game during volatile times and I hope he will remain closely involved in the sport for many years to come.

Ehsan will be replaced by Percy Sonn in July 2006 and I look forward to continuing to serve the sport with Percy.



ICC DIRECTORS

THE ICC DIRECTORS MEET THREE TIMES A YEAR AS THE ICC BOARD AND THE IDI BOARD OF DIRECTORS. THEY ARE THE ULTIMATE POLICY-MAKING GROUP WITHIN THE ORGANISATION.



Ehsan Mani
ICC President



Percy Sonn
ICC Vice President



Malcolm Speed
ICC Chief Executive Officer



Creagh O'Connor
Chairman, Cricket Australia

Changes to the Board over the past 12 months:

- **Edward Griffith**
President, West Indies Cricket Board
resigned in October 2005
- **Jimmy Rayani**
Chairman, Kenya Cricket Association
resigned in June 2005
- **Bob Merriman**
Chairman, Cricket Australia
resigned in March 2006
- **Jagmohan Dalmiya**
President, Board of Control for Cricket in India
resigned in March 2006



Mohammad Ali Asghar MP
Chairman, Bangladesh Cricket Board



David Morgan
Chairman, England and Wales Cricket Board



Sharad Pawar
President, Board of Control for Cricket in India



Sir John Anderson KBE
Chairman, New Zealand Cricket



Shaharyar Khan
Chairman, Pakistan Cricket Board



Jayantha Dharmadasa
Chairman, Interim Committee - Sri Lanka Cricket



Ray Mali
President, United Cricket Board of South Africa



Kenneth Gordon
President, West Indies Cricket Board



Peter Chingoka
President, Zimbabwe Cricket



Stanley Perlman
Chairman, Israel Cricket Association
Associate Member Director



Mazhar Khan
Administrator, Emirates Cricket Board - Associate Member Director

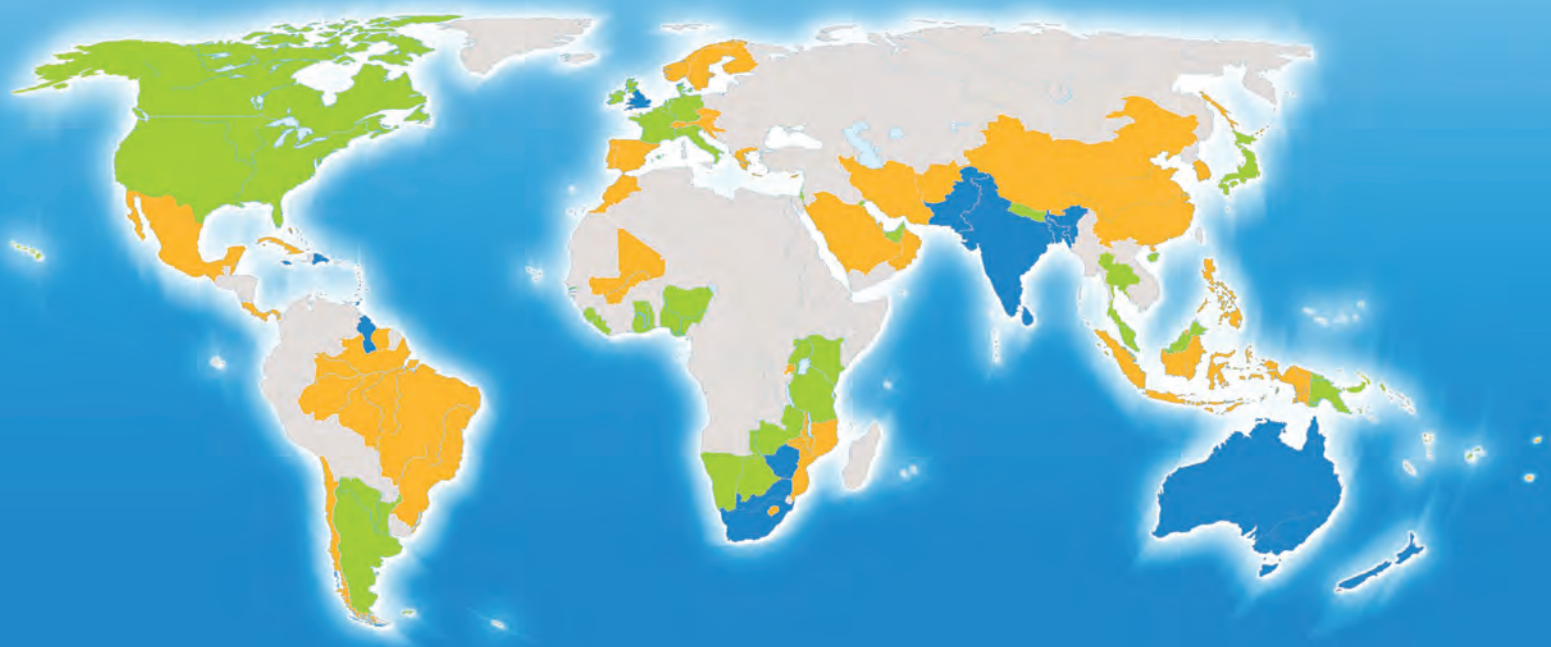


HRH Tunku Imran
President, Malaysian Cricket Association - Associate Member Director

ICC MEMBER COUNTRIES

THE ICC HAS 96 MEMBER COUNTRIES
COMPRISING OF 10 FULL MEMBERS,
32 ASSOCIATE MEMBERS AND
54 AFFILIATE MEMBERS.

MEMBERSHIP	AFRICA	AMERICAS	ASIA	EAST ASIA-PACIFIC	EUROPE
FULL MEMBERS (10)	South Africa (1909)	West Indies (1926)	Bangladesh (2000)	Australia (1909)	England (1909)
	Zimbabwe (1992)		India (1926)	New Zealand (1926)	
			Pakistan (1953)		
			Sri Lanka (1982)		
ASSOCIATE MEMBERS (32)	Botswana (2001/2005)	Argentina (1974)	Hong Kong (1969)	Fiji (1965)	Belgium (1991/2005)
	Kenya (1981)	Bermuda (1966)	Kuwait (1998/2005)	Japan (1989/2005)	Denmark (1966)
	Namibia (1992)	Canada (1968)	Malaysia (1967)	Papua New Guinea (1973)	France (1998)
	Nigeria (2002)	USA (1965)	Nepal (1996)		Germany (1999)
	Tanzania (2001)	Cayman Islands (1997/2002)	Singapore (1974)		Gibraltar (1969)
	Uganda (1998)		Thailand (1995/2005)		The Netherlands (1966)
	Zambia (2003)		UAE (1990)		Ireland (1993)
					Israel (1974)
				Italy (1995)	
				Scotland (1994)	
AFFILIATE MEMBERS (54)	Gambia (2002)	Bahamas (1986)	Afghanistan (2001)	Cook Islands (2000)	Austria (1992)
	Ghana (2002)	Belize (1997)	Bahrain (2001)	Indonesia (2001)	Croatia (2001)
	Lesotho (2001)	Brazil (2002)	Bhutan (2001)	Philippines (2000)	Cyprus (1999)
	Malawi (2003)	Chile (2002)	Brunei (1992)	Samoa (2000)	Czech Republic (2000)
	Mali (2005)	Costa Rica (2002)	China (2004)	South Korea (2001)	Finland (2000)
	Morocco (1999)	Cuba (2002)	Iran (2003)	Tonga (2000)	Greece (1995)
	Mozambique (2003)	Mexico (2004)	Maldives (2001)	Vanuatu (1995)	Guernsey (2005)
	Rwanda (2003)	Panama (2002)	Oman (2000)		Isle of Man (2004)
	Sierra Leone (2002)	Suriname (2002)	Qatar (1999)		Jersey (2005)
	St Helena (2001)	Turks & Caicos Islands (2002)	Saudi Arabia (2003)		Luxembourg (1998)
					Malta (1998)
					Norway (2000)
					Portugal (1996)
					Slovenia (2005)
				Spain (1992)	
				Sweden (1997)	
				Switzerland (1985)	



ICC STRATEGIC PLAN 2006–2010

THE ICC BOARD IN MARCH 2006 APPROVED A NEW STRATEGIC PLAN THAT WILL GUIDE THE ORGANISATION'S DEVELOPMENT THROUGH TO 2010. THIS IS THE SECOND STRATEGIC PLAN FOR THE ICC AND BUILDS ON THE EXCELLENT PROGRESS THAT HAS BEEN MADE SINCE THE FIRST PLAN WAS LAUNCHED IN 2001.

THE ICC MISSION

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OUR VALUES

Openness, honesty and integrity

We work to the highest ethical standards. We do what we say we are going to do, in the way we say we are going to do it.

Excellence

Cricket's players and supporters deserve the best. It is our duty to set the highest standards.

Accountability and responsibility

We take responsibility for leading and protecting the game. We provide outstanding service to our stakeholders. If others are harming the game we take necessary action.

Commitment to the game

We care for cricket. Everything we do and every decision we make is motivated by a desire to serve the game better.

Respect for our diversity

We are an international organisation with a global focus and act at all times without prejudice, fear or favour.

Fairness and equity

We are fair, just and utterly impartial.

Working as a team

Like a cricket team we all have different skills and strengths. By working together with unity of purpose, we maximise the effectiveness of our assets.

OUR VISION OF SUCCESS

As a leading global sport, cricket will captivate and inspire people of every age, gender, background and ability while building bridges between continents, countries and communities.

THE STRATEGIC PLAN FRAMEWORK

OUR GOALS AND INITIATIVES

Vision for Cricket

- Leading global sport
- Captivate and inspire
- Build bridges

ICC Values

- Openness, honesty and integrity
- Excellence in everything we do
- Accountability and responsibility
- Commitment to the game
- Respect for our diversity
- Fairness and equity
- Working as a team

Cricket: a strong sport getting stronger

- Elite performances in an elite environment
- Prestigious events
- A traditional game which adapts
- Integration of women's cricket
- Increased competitiveness
- Heroes and role models



Quality member and stakeholder services

- Meeting and responding to Member needs
- Helping Members to help themselves
- Members' charter
- Membership structures
- Effective stakeholder relations



Performance with integrity

- Ethical behaviour
- Unity and shared purpose
- No corruption
- Operational excellence
- The unique Spirit of Cricket



Sustainable growth

- Financial strength and security
- Strengthening of ICC's regional operations
- Quantity and quality of participation
- Meaningful competition
- Cricket in commercial demand



Full details of the new ICC Strategic Plan are available on the ICC website www.icc-cricket.com





INTERNATIONAL CRICKET

LG ICC TEST CHAMPIONSHIP
LG ICC ODI CHAMPIONSHIP
LG ICC PLAYER RANKINGS
ICC AWARDS 2005
JOHNNIE WALKER SUPER SERIES 2005
ICC TROPHY 2005
ICC U/19 CRICKET WORLD CUP
ICC INTERCONTINENTAL CUP 2005
INTERNATIONAL CRICKET MILESTONES 2005-06

LG ICC TEST CHAMPIONSHIP



DESPITE LOSING AN EPIC ASHES SERIES IN ENGLAND, AUSTRALIA COMFORTABLY RETAINED TOP SPOT IN THE LG ICC TEST CHAMPIONSHIP TABLE WHILE A TENSE DRAWN SERIES IN INDIA WAS ENOUGH FOR ENGLAND TO CLING ON TO SECOND PLACE.

Australia kept their place at the top of the LG ICC Test Championship while the battle to join them in the top three proved to be competitive.

Despite losing to England in one of the most fiercely contested Test series in history, Australia ensured they stayed firmly ensconced at the head of the LG ICC Test Championship with some convincing performances over the rest of the period up until 1 April 2006.

Although they dropped one point from their rating of 12 months earlier, the Australians still finished 18 points ahead of their nearest rivals England.

Ricky Ponting's men won nine, drew three and lost two of their 14 Test matches played over the year - overwhelming West Indies 3-0 and South Africa 2-0 at home and 3-0 away in the process.

In fact, their two defeats - both at the hands of England - came by just two runs and three wickets respectively to highlight the never-say-die attitude of a formidable outfit.



- 1 A wicket for Pakistan in Karachi as they clinched their series against India. That success helped them rise to fourth in the table.
- 2 New Zealand's series win against the West Indies secured fifth place for the Black Caps.
- 3 Andrew Flintoff celebrates dismissing opposite number Rahul Dravid in Mumbai. England won the Test to share the series and remain ahead of their opponents in second place in the LG ICC Test Championship.

For England's part, their 2-1 series victory over Australia went a long way to maintaining their status in second place after they failed to build on that platform by losing 2-0 to Pakistan away from home. A subsequent drawn series in India meant they kept their nearest rival at bay in second spot. India's position would have improved had they performed better at the climax of their series against Pakistan (away) and England (home). A crushing 341-run loss to Pakistan in the third Test, resulting in the loss of the series, was followed by an equally ignominious setback against England in Mumbai to finish that three-Test series 1-1.

Pakistan made significant strides over the year, rising from fifth to fourth place, by increasing their tally from 102 to 108 points. Their series wins over India and England gave evidence of their improvement under coach Bob Woolmer.

New Zealand also made a positive movement up the table from seventh to fifth, although their limited Test match programme over the year made it difficult to judge progress.

South Africa continued to flatter to deceive in sixth spot, comfortably beating West Indies away from home but proving to be little match for the rampant Australians.

Sri Lanka would have been dissatisfied with their work over the 12 months as they dropped from fourth to seventh due to series defeats against New Zealand and India.

West Indies' drawn two-Test series with Pakistan was their highlight in another under-achieving year (8th) while Zimbabwe (9th) and Bangladesh (10th) maintained the status quo at the bottom.

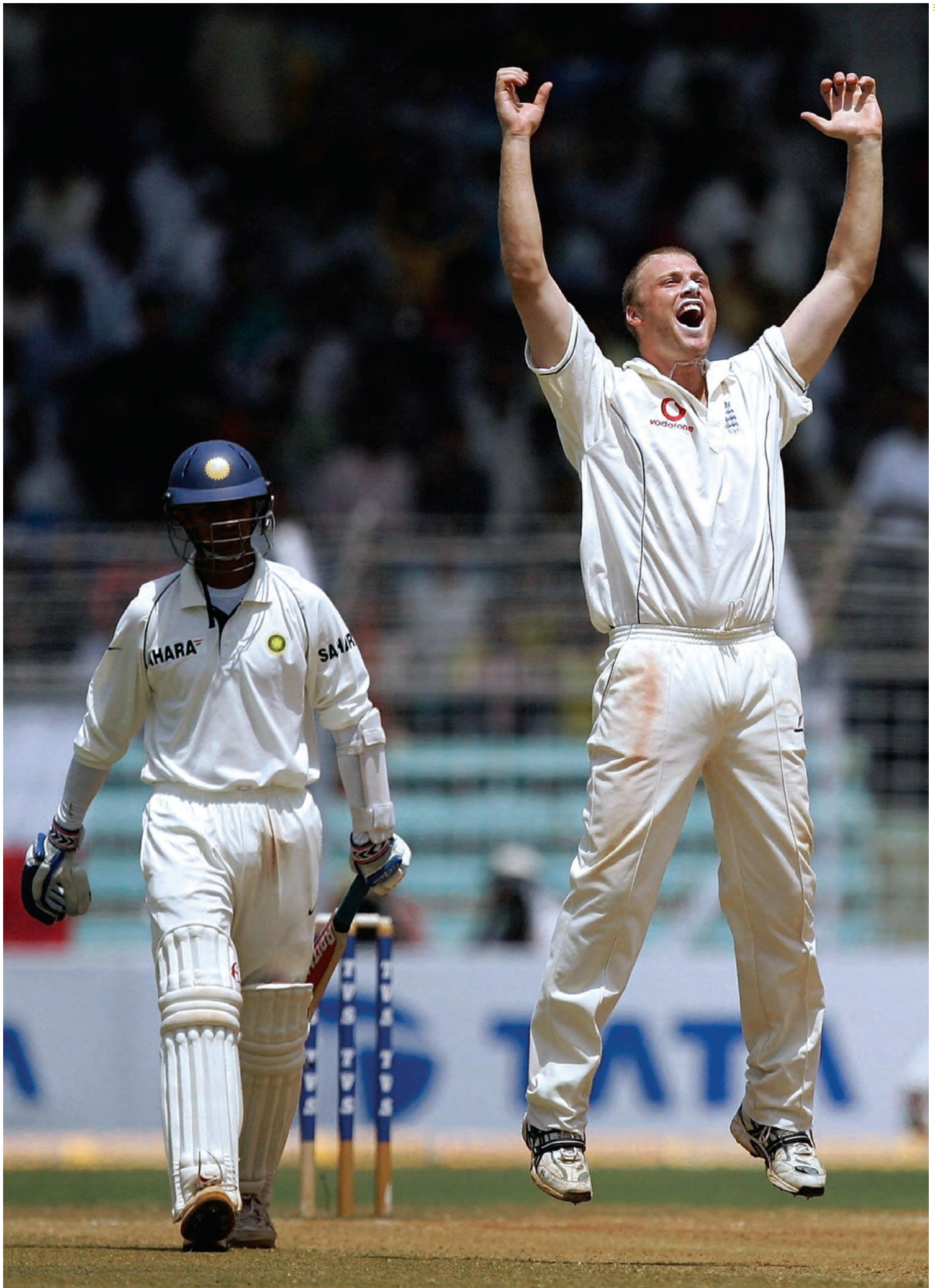
ALTHOUGH THEY DROPPED ONE POINT FROM 12 MONTHS PREVIOUS, THE AUSTRALIANS STILL FINISHED 18 POINTS AHEAD OF THEIR NEAREST RIVALS ENGLAND.

LG ICC TEST CHAMPIONSHIP TABLE AS AT END MARCH 06

POS	TEAM	RANKING
1	Australia	129
2	England	113
3	India	111
4	Pakistan	108
5	New Zealand	101
6	South Africa	99
7	Sri Lanka	97
8	West Indies	72
9	Zimbabwe	27
10	Bangladesh	4

TEST SERIES RESULTS

BANGLADESH IN ENGLAND England 2-0 (2 matches)	MAY-JUN 05
PAKISTAN IN WEST INDIES 1-1 (2)	MAY-JUN 05
AUSTRALIA IN ENGLAND England 2-1 (5)	JUN-SEP 05
WEST INDIES IN SRI LANKA Sri Lanka 2-0 (2)	JUL-AUG 05
NEW ZEALAND IN ZIMBABWE New Zealand 2-0 (2)	AUG-SEP 05
INDIA IN ZIMBABWE India 2-0 (2)	AUG-SEP 05
BANGLADESH IN SRI LANKA Sri Lanka 2-0 (2)	SEP 05
NEW ZEALAND IN SOUTH AFRICA South Africa 2-0 (3)	OCT 05
SUPER SERIES, AUSTRALIA V ICC WORLD XI Australia won by 210 runs	OCT 05
ENGLAND IN PAKISTAN Pakistan 2-0 (3)	OCT-DEC 05
WEST INDIES IN AUSTRALIA Australia 2-0 (3)	OCT-NOV 05
SRI LANKA IN INDIA India 2-0 (3)	OCT-NOV 05
SOUTH AFRICA IN AUSTRALIA Australia 2-0 (3)	DEC 05
INDIA IN PAKISTAN Pakistan 1-0 (3)	JAN-FEB 06
AUSTRALIA IN SOUTH AFRICA Australia 3-0 (3)	FEB-MAR 06
SRI LANKA IN BANGLADESH Sri Lanka 2-0 (2)	MAR 06
ENGLAND IN INDIA 1-1 (3)	FEB-APR 06
PAKISTAN IN SRI LANKA Pakistan 1-0 (2)	MAR-APR 06
WEST INDIES IN NEW ZEALAND New Zealand 2-0 (3)	FEB-MAR 06
AUSTRALIA IN BANGLADESH Australia 2-0 (2)	APR 06



LG ICC ODI CHAMPIONSHIP



AUSTRALIA MAINTAINED THEIR POSITION AT THE TOP OF THE LG ICC ODI CHAMPIONSHIP IN 2005-06 BUT THEIR RIVALS BEGAN TO CLOSE THE GAP IN A MEMORABLE YEAR FOR THE LIMITED-OVERS GAME.

Australia went into the 12-month period up to 1 April 2006 with a lead of 23 points over nearest challengers Sri Lanka, but that advantage had been reduced to 13 points by South Africa at the close.

Indeed, the climax to the ODI year produced an incredible decider between the two leading sides that saw South Africa hit a record-breaking 438-9 to clinch their home series with Australia by three matches to two.

Australia's ODI record over the year was 20 wins, one tie and 10 defeats.

However, a number of unexpected setbacks resulted in the loss of eight points from their initial standing of 140. Their most unlikely defeat came in the NatWest Series in England when they lost a group game to Bangladesh - a result that helped their opponents improve by 13 points year-on-year.

South Africa (fifth to second) and

LG ICC ODI CHAMPIONSHIP TABLE AS AT END MARCH 06

POS	TEAM	RANKING
1	Australia	132
2	South Africa	119
3	India	115
4	Pakistan	114
5	New Zealand	113
6	England	105
7	Sri Lanka	105
8	West Indies	89
9	Zimbabwe	42
10	Bangladesh	24
11	Kenya	7

India (eighth to third) were the year's biggest climbers while Sri Lanka (second to seventh) and New Zealand (third to fifth) lost most ground.

Pakistan (fourth) were the only team in the top eight other than Australia to end in the same position they started, with their home and away series against India providing contrasting fortunes. Their 4-2 win in India got them off to a fast start but they subsequently lost 4-1 at home to their neighbour as the period came to a close.

South Africa's 5-0 series win in the West Indies began their march up the table and they followed that up with a 4-0 win over New Zealand, a commendable 2-2 draw in India and the momentous 3-2 win over Australia. Only a disappointing VB Series in Australia tarnished a year that saw them rise from 107 to 119 points.

Sri Lanka went in the opposite direction as a succession of ODI disappointments saw them drop from 117 to 105 points. A 6-1 defeat by India was followed by a 3-1 loss in New Zealand and further reverses against Pakistan, as the cut-off point came to a close, resulted in them slipping below England into seventh. Their fall from grace means they will now have to play in the first round of the ICC Champions Trophy in 2006.

India, by contrast, ended their year in style as the first two of five wins against England saw them make a late move from fifth to third.

In the lower reaches, West Indies failed to capitalise on their 2004 ICC Champions Trophy success, falling two places and 16 points, while Zimbabwe and Kenya also made significant downward movements.

ODI RESULTS

PAKISTAN IN WEST INDIES Pakistan 3-0 (3)	MAY-JUN 05
NATWEST SERIES (AUS, BD, ENG) Aus-Eng Joint Winners	JUN-JUL 05
AUSTRALIA IN ENGLAND Australia 2-1 (3)	JUL 05
INDIAN OIL CUP (IND, SL, WI) Winner Sri Lanka	JUL-AUG 05
AFRO-ASIAN CUP, AFRICA XI V ASIA XI 1-1 (2)	AUG 05
VIDEOCON SERIES (IND, NZ AND ZIM) Winner New Zealand	AUG-SEP 05
NEW ZEALAND IN SOUTH AFRICA New Zealand 1-4 (5 matches)	OCT 05
BANGLADESH IN SRI LANKA Sri Lanka 3-0 (3)	SEP 05
JOHNNIE WALKER SUPER SERIES, AUS V ICC WORLD XI Australia 3-0 (3)	OCT 05
ENGLAND IN PAKISTAN Pakistan 3-2 (5)	OCT-DEC 05
AUSTRALIA IN NEW ZEALAND Australia 2-1 (3)	DEC 05
SRI LANKA IN INDIA India 6-1 (7)	NOV 05
SOUTH AFRICA IN INDIA 2-2 (5)	NOV 05
SRI LANKA IN NEW ZEALAND New Zealand 3-1 (4)	DEC 05 -JAN 06
INDIA IN PAKISTAN India 4-1 (5)	JAN-FEB 06
AUSTRALIA IN NEW ZEALAND Australia 2-1 (3)	DEC 05
VB SERIES (AUS, SA AND SL IN AUS) Winner Australia	JAN-FEB 06
KENYA V ZIMBABWE 2-2 (5)	FEB-MAR 06
SRI LANKA IN BANGLADESH Bangladesh 2-1 (3)	FEB-MAR 06
AUSTRALIA IN SOUTH AFRICA South Africa 2-3 (5)	FEB-MAR 06
ENGLAND IN INDIA India 5-1 (7)	MAR-APR 06
KENYA IN BANGLADESH Kenya 4-0 (4)	MAR 06
PAKISTAN IN SRI LANKA Pakistan 2-0 (3)	APR 2006
AUSTRALIA IN BANGLADESH Australia 3-0 (3)	APR 06
WEST INDIES IN NEW ZEALAND New Zealand 4-1 (5)	FEB-MAR 06



- 1 South Africa captain Graeme Smith celebrates at The Wanderers after his side's series-winning record run-chase against Australia.
- 2 India surged up the table thanks to crushing series wins over Sri Lanka, Pakistan and England. Here Irfan Pathan is congratulated after dismissing England's Liam Plunkett.
- 3 Virender Sehwag (left) and Rahul Dravid - two members of India's feared top-order.



LG ICC PLAYER RANKINGS



LAUNCHED IN JANUARY 2005, THE LG ICC PLAYER RANKINGS PROVIDE A GUIDE TO THE TOP-PERFORMING PLAYERS IN TEST MATCH AND ONE-DAY INTERNATIONAL CRICKET.

The LG ICC Player Rankings complement the LG ICC Test and ODI Championships which were launched in May 2001 and October 2002 respectively, providing international cricket with a full set of individual and team rankings.

There are six different tables for batsmen, bowlers and all-rounders in Test match and One-Day International cricket.

LG ICC TEST PLAYER RANKINGS

Another fantastic year for Test batsmen found eight of the top ten with a Test average of over 50. While Jacques Kallis and Brian Lara jostled for position at the head of the Test batting rankings for much of the year, it was an Australian who ended on top. Ricky Ponting overtook both to lead in December and be at the helm by the end of March, while his team-mate Matthew Hayden was rarely out of the top ten. Indeed a strong run of 1138 runs in 11 Tests at 65.90 left Hayden in second.

Inzamam ul-Haq's twin centuries against England at Faisalabad propelled him up the rankings from eighth to third at one stage, although he ended in fourth. India's best batsman in the year was Rahul Dravid, who made it to fifth.

Despite losing the Ashes, Australia's bowlers remained in the upper reaches of the Test rankings after rediscovering their touch in subsequent series. Glenn McGrath hogged top spot for most of the year, although Shane Warne and Muttiah Muralidaran took turns to lead too, with Muralidaran ultimately ending on top.

In Warne's case, it was the first time in ten years he had been at the top, capping his best year in Test cricket for a decade.

The Ashes series helped Andrew Flintoff climb to seventh in the bowling after his best-ever series for England, and he nudged one more to sixth. England also claimed five of the top 20 bowlers after the series win against Australia, although that was reduced to three after the tours of India and Pakistan.

Kallis had the edge over Flintoff for much of the year in the all-rounder category, although they shared the ICC award for Player of the Year. Shaun Pollock nestled comfortably in third.



LG ICC ODI PLAYER RANKINGS

There was no stopping Australian batsmen in the one-day rankings, reflecting the team's success in winning 13 of their 16 matches in the year. Ricky Ponting and Adam Gilchrist dominated for much of the year, nowhere more so than in the Johnnie Walker Super Series against the ICC World XI in October, while Andrew Symonds ended the year in fourth.

The emergence of the explosive Mahendra Singh Dhoni saw him jump into third slot and he was joined by Indian team-mate Yuvraj Singh (eighth) in the top ten.

In October, Sri Lanka's Kumar Sangakkara broke into the top ten batsmen for the first time after being the leading run-scorer for the ICC World XI in the Johnnie Walker Super Series against Australia. He finished seventh.

Like their batsmen, Australia's bowlers also had a good year. Glenn McGrath and Brett Lee were the top two for much of the time, although Lee slipped to sixth and

McGrath to third. Top honours went to Shaun Pollock, with Irfan Pathan in second.

New Zealand's Shane Bond re-entered the rankings in September 2005 in 14th after topping the averages in the Videocon tri-series in Zimbabwe. He had climbed to third by the end of March.

Although Kevin Pietersen (tenth in the batting chart) was England's only top ten representative for either batting or bowling, Flintoff ended the year just 10 rating points away from Pollock at the top of the LG ICC Player Rankings for ODI all-rounders.

THERE WAS NO STOPPING AUSTRALIAN BATSMEN IN THE ONE-DAY RANKINGS - REFLECTING THE TEAM'S SUCCESS IN WINNING 13 OF THEIR 19 MATCHES IN THE YEAR.

- 1 Australia captain Ricky Ponting (watched by England's Geraint Jones) cuts during last year's Ashes series.
- 2 Muttiah Muralidaran, the top-ranked Test bowler, passed 1,000 international wickets in 2006.
- 3 South Africa's Shaun Pollock topped both the One-Day International bowling and all-rounder lists.



2 LG ICC PLAYER RANKINGS TABLES AS AT 31 MARCH 2006

TEST BATSMEN				
RANK	PLAYER	TEAM	BATTING	AVERAGES
1	R. Ponting	Aus	937	58.14
2=	M. Hayden	Aus	877	54.25
	J. Kallis	SA	877	56.75
4	Inzamam-ul-Haq	Pak	846	51.56
5	R. Dravid	Ind	842	57.79
6	B. Lara	WI	800	53.02
7	M. Yousuf	Pak	786	50.75
8	Y. Khan	Pak	765	47.21
9	M. Trescothick	Eng	745	45.47
10	V. Sehwag	Ind	702	52.23
11	K.C. Sangakkara	SL	698	47.47
12	A. Strauss	Eng	697	45.38
13	M. Jayawardene	SL	694	47.77
14	D. Martyn	Aus	690	48.04
15	M. Hussey	Aus	681	73.50
16	J. Langer	Aus	674	45.35
17	S.R. Tendulkar	Ind	670	55.39
18=	S. Chanderpaul	WI	651	44.82
	A. Gilchrist	Aus	651	49.06
20	S. Fleming	NZ	640	39.20

ODI BATSMEN				
RANK	PLAYER	TEAM	BATTING	AVERAGES
1	R. Ponting	Aus	805	42.74
2	A. Gilchrist	Aus	793	36.27
3	A. Symonds	Aus	761	38.64
4	G. Smith	SA	759	39.87
5	M. Dhoni	Ind	758	51.78
6	M. Hussey	Aus	748	78.71
7	K.C. Sangakkara	SL	736	35.41
8	K. Pietersen	Eng	718	67.00
9	M. Clarke	Aus	716	44.67
10	M. Yousuf	Pak	709	41.00
11	H.H. Gibbs	SA	705	35.77
12	R.R. Sarwan	WI	702	44.51
13	Y. Singh	Ind	701	34.23
14	R. Dravid	Ind	698	40.02
15	A. Flintoff	Eng	691	34.82
16	B. Dippenaar	SA	689	43.70
17	S.R. Tendulkar	Ind	682	44.20
18	C. Gayle	WI	679	37.53
19	M.E. Trescothick	Eng	677	36.66
20	M. Atapattu	SL	672	37.76

TEST BOWLERS				
RANK	PLAYER	TEAM	BOWLING	AVERAGES
1	M. Muralidaran	SL	861	22.35
2	S. Warne	Aus	838	25.16
3	G. McGrath	Aus	836	21.55
4	M. Ntini	SA	792	29.15
5	M. Hoggard	Eng	780	29.26
6	A. Flintoff	Eng	777	31.45
7	S. Akhtar	Pak	758	25.69
8	C. Vaas	SL	752	28.81
9	S. Bond	NZ	742	21.53
10	A. Nel	SA	732	27.20
11	A. Kumble	Ind	731	28.77
12	S. Pollock	SA	718	22.97
13	I. Pathan	Ind	674	30.43
14	S. Harmison	Eng	660	29.03
15	D. Kaneria	Pak	642	31.98
16	B. Lee	Aus	625	31.20
17	S. Ahmed	Pak	609	23.03
18	D. Vettori	NZ	604	34.48
19	J. Gillespie	Aus	592	26.61
20	H. Singh	Ind	590	30.14

ODI BOWLERS				
RANK	PLAYER	TEAM	BOWLING	AVERAGES
1	S. Pollock	SA	858	24.29
2	G. McGrath	Aus	768	22.43
3	S. Bond	NZ	762	18.63
4	I. Pathan	Ind	756	24.66
5	D. Vettori	NZ	750	33.58
6	B. Lee	Aus	729	22.96
7	M. Muralidaran	SL	701	23.16
8=	N. Bracken	Aus	693*	21.81
	C. Vaas	SL	693	26.96
10	H. Singh	Ind	691	30.52
11	M. Ntini	SA	686	23.16
12	Naved-ul-Hasan	Pak	674	25.21
13	S. Harmison	Eng	669	30.83
14=	A. Flintoff	Eng	653	26.20
	K. Mills	NZ	653	29.74
16	I. Bradshaw	WI	647*	27.91
17	J. Oram	NZ	618	29.91
18	A. Nel	SA	612	29.58
19	J. Gillespie	Aus	610	25.42
20	D. Gough	Eng	605	26.11

TEST ALL-ROUNDERS		
	TEAM	RANKING
1	Jacques Kallis	SA
2	Andrew Flintoff	ENG
3	Shaun Pollock	SA
4	Irfan Pathan	IND
5	Daniel Vettori	NZ

ODI ALL-ROUNDERS		
	TEAM	RANKING
1	Shaun Pollock	SA
2	Andrew Flintoff	ENG
3	Irfan Pathan	IND
4	Andrew Symonds	AUS
5	Shoaib Malik	PAK



ICC AWARDS 2005

HYUNDAI



A STAR-STUDED ICC AWARDS 2005, PRESENTED BY HYUNDAI IN ASSOCIATION WITH FICA, TOOK PLACE IN SYDNEY ON 11 OCTOBER.

With the world's top players having already gathered for the Johnnie Walker Super Series, a prestigious Sydney hotel offered the perfect backdrop to acknowledge the feats of the previous year.

Sunil Gavaskar chaired a five-man panel that also included David Gower, Sir Richard Hadlee, Rod Marsh and Courtney Walsh who drew up the long-lists for the four main individual awards handed out on the night along with the Test and ODI international teams of the year. A 50-member voting Academy was then polled to generate the winners.

England's Andrew Flintoff and South Africa's Jacques Kallis were unable to be split for the Sir Garfield Sobers Trophy as Players of the Year as both gained 86 votes.

During the voting period from 1 August 2004 to 31 July 2005, both players made a huge impact with bat and ball in both disciplines of the game. Flintoff capped a memorable personal evening by being named in the ODI and Test Teams of the Year while Kallis made the Test team and was 12th man for the ODI selection.

A trio of Australians came next in the poll, with Glenn McGrath, Adam Gilchrist and Ricky Ponting all being recognised for their efforts over the period.

Ponting was also named captain of the World XI Test Team of the Year while Sri Lanka's Marvin Atapattu was handed the position in the World

ODI Team of the Year.

Kevin Pietersen's place in the ODI team was assured on the back of his 786 runs at an average of 87.33 and his batting dominance also earned him the ODI Player of the Year award. Pietersen beat his England team-mate Andrew Flintoff and Andrew Symonds into second and third spots respectively.

Pietersen's eye-catching introduction to the international arena was further rewarded when he was named as the Emerging Player of the Year, with his Ashes heroics augmenting his fine ODI form to secure the award.

England's good sportsmanship to go along with their outstanding performances during the Ashes was duly acknowledged when they were named as the recipients of the Spirit of Cricket Award.

Meanwhile, Simon Taufel was named Umpire of the Year for the second successive year.

PLAYER OF THE YEAR

WINNER (Sir Garfield Sobers Trophy)

Andrew Flintoff	(ENG)
Jacques Kallis	(SA)



NOMINEES

Rahul Dravid	(IND)
Andrew Flintoff	(ENG)
Adam Gilchrist	(AUS)
Inzamam-ul-Haq	(PAK)
Jacques Kallis	(SA)
Glenn McGrath	(AUS)
Ricky Ponting	(AUS)

TEST PLAYER OF THE YEAR

WINNER

Jacques Kallis	(SA)
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NOMINEES

S Chanderpaul	(WI)
Adam Gilchrist	(AUS)
Inzamam-ul-Haq	(PAK)
Jacques Kallis	(SA)
Younis Khan	(PAK)
Brian Lara	(WI)
Damien Martyn	(AUS)
Anil Kumble	(IND)
Glenn McGrath	(AUS)
Ricky Ponting	(AUS)
Danish Kaneria	(PAK)
Kumar Sangakkara	(SL)
Virender Sehwag	(IND)

- Jacques Kallis (left) and Andrew Flintoff share a joke after sharing the Player of the Year Award.
- Flintoff accepts the Spirit of Cricket Award on behalf of England from ICC Awards host Mark Nicholas.



ODI PLAYER OF THE YEAR

WINNER	
Kevin Pietersen	(ENG)
NOMINEES	
Rahul Dravid	(IND)
Andrew Flintoff	(ENG)
Herschelle Gibbs	(SA)
Adam Gilchrist	(AUS)
Inzamam-ul-Haq	(PAK)
Brett Lee	(AUS)
Glenn McGrath	(AUS)
Justin Kemp	(SA)
Shoaib Malik	(PAK)
Kevin Pietersen	(ENG)
Daniel Vettori	(NZ)
Ricky Ponting	(AUS)
Kumar Sangakkara	(SL)
Graeme Smith	(SA)
Andrew Symonds	(AUS)
Marcus Trescothick	(ENG)
Chaminda Vaas	(SL)
Mohammed Yousuf	(PAK)



SPIRIT OF CRICKET

WINNER
England

UMPIRE OF THE YEAR

WINNER
Simon Taufel



EMERGING PLAYER OF THE YEAR

WINNER
Kevin Pietersen

NOMINEES	
Aftab Ahmed	(BD)
Ian Bell	(ENG)
Gautam Gambhir	(IND)
Dinesh Karthik	(IND)
Kevin Pietersen	(ENG)
Manjural Islam Rana	(BD)
AB de Villiers	(SA)

- 3 The 2005 ICC Awards were a star-studded event. South Africa's Graeme Smith arrived with girlfriend Minki van der Westhuizen.
- 4 Simon Taufel, receiving his award from ICC Chief Executive Officer Malcolm Speed, was named Umpire of the Year for the second successive year.
- 5 Kevin Pietersen picked up two awards, ODI Player of the Year and Emerging Player of the Year, as well as gaining a place in the World ODI XI.
- 6 Members of the World Test XI take the applause during the ceremony.

WORLD TEST XI	
Virender Sehwag	(IND)
Graeme Smith	(SA)
Ricky Ponting (Captain)	(AUS)
Jacques Kallis	(SA)
Brian Lara	(WI)
Inzamam-ul-Haq	(PAK)
Andrew Flintoff	(ENG)
Adam Gilchrist	(AUS)
Shane Warne	(AUS)
Chaminda Vaas	(SL)
Glenn McGrath	(AUS)

WORLD ODI XI	
Marvan Atapattu (Captain)	(SL)
Adam Gilchrist	(AUS)
Rahul Dravid	(IND)
Kevin Pietersen	(ENG)
Inzamam-ul-Haq	(PAK)
Andrew Flintoff	(ENG)
Andrew Symonds	(AUS)
Daniel Vettori	(NZ)
Brett Lee	(AUS)
Naved-ul-Hasan	(PAK)
Glenn McGrath	(AUS)



JOHNNIE WALKER SUPER SERIES 2005



THE WORLD'S GREATEST CRICKETERS GATHERED IN AUSTRALIA IN OCTOBER 2005 TO TAKE PART IN THE JOHNNIE WALKER SUPER SERIES.

Australia earned the right to take on the pick of the rest of the world in both formats of the game by topping the LG ICC Test and ODI Championships at the cut-off point of 1 April 2005.

A selection committee comprising Sunil Gavaskar (chairman), Mike Atherton, Sir Richard Hadlee, Clive Lloyd, Jonty Rhodes and Aravinda de Silva was established to pick the ICC World XI teams to contest a three-match ODI series in Melbourne and a Super Test in Sydney.

South Africans Graeme Smith and Shaun Pollock were asked to lead the ICC World XI Test and ODI line-ups respectively in a series of hugely anticipated contests.

Having just lost a thrilling Ashes series to England, the Australians were doubly determined to get back to winning ways on home territory.

JOHNNIE WALKER SUPER SERIES ODIS

Australia opened up the three-match series at the Telstra Dome in Melbourne with an emphatic victory and never loosened their grip over the course of the following two matches.

Adam Gilchrist (45) and Simon Katich (58) got the home side off to a good start in the opener with a stand of 80 and consistent scoring down the card ensured a challenging total of 255 off their 50 overs was reached. Only Kumar Sangakkara (64) and Andrew Flintoff (38) passed 15 in the ICC World XI reply as all the Australian attack made useful contributions to bowl their opponents out for 162 for a 93-run victory.

The same stadium witnessed a more pulsating encounter two days' later with over 600 runs scored as the batsmen dominated on this occasion. Gilchrist hammered 103 before Ricky Ponting (66) and Damien Martyn (54) lifted their side to 328. Sangakkara (61) and Flintoff (42) were again in good form but only Chris Gayle (54) offered much support as the ICC World XI were bowled out for 273 with 4.3 overs remaining.

The curtain came down on the limited-overs matches with another victory for Australia – this one the most emphatic of the three. Australia recovered from 148-5 to 293-5 thanks to an unbroken sixth-wicket stand of 145 between Mike Hussey (75 not out) and Shane Watson (66 not out). Brett Lee (4-30) then broke the back of the ICC World XI reply and Watson ran through the lower order to see the hosts through to a 156-run win.

Crowds totalling 80,000 attended over

the three-match series with the vast majority having cheered their favourites to victory and restored pride.

JOHNNIE WALKER SUPER SERIES TEST MATCH

Both sides tinkered with their line-ups for the subsequent one-off Test at the Sydney Cricket Ground in Melbourne.

Legendary spinner Shane Warne returned for the host nation for a fascinating head-to-head against fellow slow bowler Muttiah Muralidaran.

Meanwhile, Graeme Smith and Inzamam-ul-Haq formed part of a new-look ICC World XI.

Fellow newcomer Steve Harmison gave the select team a fine start when he bowled Justin Langer in the opening over but that proved to be the high point for the visitors.

Matthew Hayden (111) and Adam Gilchrist (94) were the main contributors on day one as Australia closed on 331-6. Andrew Flintoff (4-59) instigated a collapse to 345 all out on the second morning but the ICC World XI were soon in trouble in their reply. Brett Lee and Glenn McGrath made the early inroads before Warne (3-23) and Stuart MacGill (4-39) finished the innings off at 190.

Only Hayden (77) and skipper Ricky Ponting (54) got to grips with the ICC World XI bowling during the Australia second innings of 199. Harmison, Flintoff and Muralidaran all took wickets to give their side some hope.

A target of 355 never seemed likely to be reached, however, once captain Smith was bowled by McGrath in the seamer's first over. Half the side were out for 70 and no team-mate could lend Jacques Kallis (39 not out) much support in an all-out total of 144.

Australia eased to a 210-run win on the fourth of a scheduled six days with more than 80,000 spectators witnessing a masterful display from the leading Test nation.

HAVING JUST LOST A THRILLING ASHES SERIES TO ENGLAND, THE AUSTRALIANS WERE DOUBLY DETERMINED TO GET BACK TO WINNING WAYS ON HOME TERRITORY.

SCORECARDS

FIRST ODI

5 October 2005

Australia v ICC World XI

Telstra Dome, Melbourne (day/night)

Result: Australia won by 93 runs

Man of the Match: SR Watson

Australia 255/8 (50 overs)

(S Katich 58, AC Gilchrist 45, A Symonds 36, M Hussey 32, D Vettori 4-33, M Muralidaran 2-41)

ICC World XI 162 all out (41.3 overs)

(K Sangakkara 64, A Flintoff 38, D Vettori 15, G McGrath 2-13, SR Watson 3-43)

SECOND ODI

7 October 2005

Australia v ICC World XI

Telstra Dome, Melbourne (day/night)

Result: Australia won by 55 runs

Man of the Match: AC Gilchrist

Australia 328/4 (50 overs)

(AC Gilchrist 103, RT Ponting 66, S Katich 47, D Martyn 54, A Symonds 31, A Flintoff 1-64, M Muralidaran 1-43)

ICC World XI 273 all out (45.3 overs)

(K Sangakkara 61, C Gayle 54, A Flintoff 42, NW Bracken 3-43, MJ Clarke 2-55, B Lee 1-47)

THIRD ODI

9 October 2005

Australia v ICC World XI

Telstra Dome, Melbourne (day/night)

Result: Australia won by 156 runs

Man of the Match: SR Watson

Man of the Series: AC Gilchrist

Australia 293/5 (50 overs)

(M Hussey 75, SR Watson 66, RT Ponting 68, AC Gilchrist 32, D Vettori 1-34, S Pollock 1-67, Ntini 1-58)

ICC World XI 137 all out (27.5 overs)

(V Sehwag 37, A Flintoff 21, R Dravid 16, B Lee 4-30, SR Watson 4-39)

TEST MATCH

14, 15, 16, 17 October 2005

Australia v ICC World XI, Sydney Cricket Ground

Result: Australia beat ICC World XI by 210 runs

Man of the Match: ML Hayden

Australia 1st innings 345

(ML Hayden 111, AC Gilchrist 94, RT Ponting 46, MJ Clarke 39, A Flintoff 4-59, M Muralidaran 2-102, D Vettori 1-73)

ICC World XI 1st innings 190

(V Sehwag 76, JH Kallis 44, A Flintoff 35, SCG MacGill 4-39, S Warne 3-23)

Australia 2nd innings 199 all out

(ML Hayden 77, RT Ponting 54, JL Langer 22, SJ Harmison 3-41, A Flintoff 3-48)

ICC World XI 2nd innings 144 all out

(JH Kallis 39, BC Lara 36, R Dravid 23, SCG MacGill 5-43, S Warne 3-48)

OFFICIAL PARTNERS



OFFICIAL SUPPLIERS



- 1 Thousands of fans turned out to see rival captains Shaun Pollock and Ricky Ponting pose with the Johnnie Walker Super Series ODI trophy in Federation Square, Melbourne.
- 2 Australia's players celebrate after completing a four-day victory over the ICC World XI in the Johnnie Walker Super Series Test in Sydney.



FIVE ICC CRICKET WORLD CUP PLACES WERE SECURED IN IRELAND AT THE ICC TROPHY 2005.

With five ICC Cricket World Cup places at stake, the heat was definitely on in Ireland in July 2005 for the eighth ICC Trophy. Scotland kept their cool to win their first title, beating Ireland in the final and prompting proud captain Craig Wright to say: 'For the future of sport in Scotland, this is massive.' The same can also be said for sport in Ireland, Netherlands, Bermuda and Canada who made up the top five of 12 teams and earned themselves the fabulous reward of an ICC Cricket World Cup 2007 berth and \$500,000 funding over four years, which will help prepare them for the tournament in the Caribbean and beyond. They also each gained full ODI status for the matches that they play against each other and ICC Full Members through to 2009.

Canada claimed third place with a comfortable five-wicket victory against Bermuda. That result meant Canada will join England, New Zealand and Kenya in a group at the ICC CWC 2007 while Bermuda must face India, Sri Lanka and Bangladesh. In the fifth place play-off, Holland beat UAE with a thumping 145-run win to book its place in a second consecutive ICC CWC, its third in total.

Seventh place went to Namibia who ended the tournament on a high, beating Denmark by 130 runs. With the final positions of teams affecting future qualification, the ninth spot was a crucial contest, and it was Oman who ended up celebrating spectacular success against USA. Papua New Guinea and Uganda contested 11th spot and their match was a thriller. PNG made 203 all out from 49.5 overs and just held off Uganda's threat to win by one run. Uganda made 202 for 9.

From start to finish, the tournament was a success, and all of the deciding matches proved a fitting finale to an event which received wide - and deserved - praise for its administration, as Ireland excelled in hosting the competition for the first time. It was also the first time that this tournament, for the top ICC Associate Members, had been held at two centres but there were no worries, thanks to some excellent organisation. ICC President Ehsan Mani attended many of the matches and commented: 'The commitment and professionalism of the players, match officials and organisers has been a joy to behold.'

ICC TROPHY FINAL

More than 2000 people headed to the picturesque seaside ground of Clontarf to see Scotland and Ireland contest the final. With both teams having already secured an ICC Cricket World Cup berth and \$500,000 funding, the game was about pride and silverware. Scotland's Ryan Watson proved the difference with a commanding batting display, economical bowling and then two crucial catches which sank the hosts after Ireland's stand-in captain Kyle McCallan won the toss and sent Scotland in. Scotland, the narrow favourites, rattled up 324 for 8, with Watson contributing 94 and there were fifties, too, from Dougie Brown and Gordon Cooke. Ed Joyce hit a beautiful 81 in reply, and Jeremy Bray made 70 but both were caught out by Watson and Ireland faltered. The home fans may have been disappointed to watch their side fall 47 runs short, but the game was played in a superb spirit and with their ICC CWC slots assured, both Scottish and Irish eyes were smiling.

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- 1 Ireland's Gordon Cooke bellows out an appeal during his side's semi-final victory over Canada.
- 2 Ryan Watson, whose 94 was a major factor in Scotland's victory over Ireland in the final.
- 3 Bas Zuiderent of the Netherlands was named man of the tournament after scoring 474 runs, the highest aggregate in the tournament.
- 4 The victorious Scotland players celebrate their success.



SCORECARDS

FINAL

13 July 2005

Ireland v Scotland

Castle Avenue, Dublin

Result: Scotland won by 47 runs**Man of the Match: RR Watson****Scotland 324/8** (50 overs)

(RR Watson 94, DR Brown 59, DF Watts 55, G Cooke 3-70, DT Johnston 2-66)

Ireland 277/9 (50 overs)

(JP Bray 70, EC Joyce 81, DT Johnston 23, PJK Mooney 22*, CM Wright 3-48, PJC Hoffman 2-47, GI Maiden 2-56)

SEMI-FINAL 1

9 July 2005

Bermuda v Scotland

The Hills Cricket Club Ground, Dublin

Result: Scotland won by 6 wickets**Man of the Match: CV English****Bermuda 219/9** (50 overs)

(AB Steede 31, DA Minors 53*, LO Cann 45, PJC Hoffmann 3-28, JAR Blain 2-26)

Scotland 222/4 (46.5 overs)

(CV English 75*, GM Hamilton 59, PJC Hoffman 27, DR Archer 3-40)

SEMI-FINAL 2

9 July 2005

Ireland v Canada

Castle Avenue, Dublin

Result: Ireland won by 4 wickets**Man of the Match: PG Gillespie****Canada innings 238/9** (50 overs)

(DR Chumney 35, Sunil Dhaniram 35, DES Maxwell 32, ZE Surkari 31, AC Botha 4-47, DT Johnston 2-54)

Ireland 241/6 (49.2 overs)

(JAM Molins 44, DT Johnston 44, PG Gillespie 64*, KT Sandher 3-46, S Thuringam 2-47)

5TH PLACE PLAY-OFF

11 July 2005

Netherlands v United Arab Emirates

Castle Avenue, Dublin

Result: Netherlands won by 145 runs**Man of the Match: B Zuiderent****Netherlands 287/4** (50 overs)

(B Zuiderent 116, TBM de Leede 65, RN ten Doeschate 65*, Ali Asad 2-34, Syed Maqsood 2-42)

UAE 142 all out (31.3 overs)

(Fahad Usman 30, Asim Saeed 17, Ahmed Nadeem 16*, Schiferli 2-36, Stelling 3-33, DJ Reekers 2-32, RN ten Doeschate 2-23)

POINTS TABLES

POOL A	P	W	L	NR	T	POINTS
Ireland	5	4	-	1	-	9
Bermuda	5	3	1	1	-	7
United Arab Emirates	5	2	2	1	-	5
Denmark	5	2	2	1	-	5
Uganda	5	1	3	1	-	3
USA	5	-	4	1	-	1

POOL B	P	W	L	NR	T	POINTS
Scotland	5	5	-	-	-	10
Canada	5	4	1	-	-	8
Netherlands	5	3	2	-	-	6
Namibia	5	2	3	-	-	4
Papua New Guinea	5	1	4	-	-	2
Oman	5	-	5	-	-	0

STATS

HIGHEST RUN-SCORERS

	M	R	AVE	HS
B Zuiderent (NL)	7	474	118.50	119
EC Joyce (Ire)	5	399	99.75	115*
IS Billcliff (Can)	7	315	78.75	102*
JM Davison (Can)	7	312	44.57	125
DLS van Bunge (NL)	7	291	48.50	137

HIGHEST WICKET-TAKERS

	M	W	AVE	BEST
E Schiferli (NL)	7	17	14.64	5-20
PJC Hoffmann (Sco)	5	17	10.17	6-12
RN ten Doeschate (NL)	7	15	9.73	4-18
TM Hansen (Den)	7	15	14.00	6-30
KT Sandher (Can)	6	13	14.07	5-56

ICC U/19 CRICKET WORLD CUP



PAKISTAN BECAME THE FIRST TEAM TO RETAIN THE TROPHY WHEN THE ICC U/19 CRICKET WORLD CUP RETURNED TO SRI LANKA IN 2006.

The sixth ICC U/19 Cricket World Cup was held, for the second time, in Sri Lanka and was based at five venues in Colombo. The 16 teams were divided into four pools, with the top two sides from each progressing to two Super League groups and then semi-finals before the final.

To ensure players from all teams received extensive competitive experience, those that failed to qualify for the Super League went into the Plate Championship.

The surprise team of the tournament were Nepal. Firstly, they held their nerve against South Africa, who needed 16 off two overs with six wickets in hand. But more was to come. Chasing 204 against New Zealand in the Plate Final, Nepal recovered from 75-6, thanks largely to Basanta Regmi's 66, to post a dramatic, not to say unlikely, one-wicket victory.

'U/19 cricket is all about learning to play under pressure,' said Tim Boon, the former England U/19 coach. As Nepal proved, he was not wrong. England themselves raised a few eyebrows by making the semi-finals after a run of 11 one-day defeats on the subcontinent before the tournament.

Bangladesh won all of their group matches but faltered when they faced England in the quarter-finals. Having persistently defeated England in the build-up, here was another unlikely story. England's run eventually came to an end in morale-breaking fashion, when India routed them by 234 runs in front of the TV cameras. The other semi saw Pakistan thump the hitherto unbeaten Australia by 163 runs. Pakistan had dumped fellow table-toppers Zimbabwe out of the quarter-finals to set up that tie.

The tournament was an undoubted success, enjoyed by all, and helped by Sri Lanka Cricket's generous offer of free tickets for all 44 games. And the finale of fireworks from Pakistan and India certainly provided a dramatic and unforgettable conclusion.

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THE FINAL

The holders Pakistan faced arch-rivals India in the final at the Premadasa Stadium as one-day cricket proved, for once, to be a bowler's game. Twenty wickets were scalped for just 180 runs in 60 overs, while the top score was 25.

After bowling out England for 58 in the semi-finals, it was India's turn to collapse in the final. They slipped to a perilous 9 for 6 after just 3.2 overs of their reply to Pakistan's 109. It was a position they could not recover from and ended up 71 all out, 39 runs adrift of their target and their lowest ICC U/19 Cricket World Cup total to boot.

Pakistan had seemed dead and buried after the legbreaks of Piyush Chawla destroyed them with 4-8, but then their pace bowlers put their hands up to take home not just the winners' medals but some impressive bowling analyses too. Anwar Ali took 5-35, Akhtar Ayub 3-9 and Jamshed Ahmed 2-24. It was the first time that a team had retained the title.



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GROUP TABLES

POOL A	PLAYED	POINTS
Bangladesh	3	6
Pakistan	3	4
New Zealand	3	2
Uganda	3	0

POOL B	PLAYED	POINTS
Australia	3	6
West Indies	3	4
South Africa	3	2
USA	3	0

POOL C	PLAYED	POINTS
India	3	6
Sri Lanka	3	4
Namibia	3	2
Scotland	3	0

POOL D	PLAYED	POINTS
Zimbabwe	3	6
England	3	4
Nepal	3	2
Ireland	3	0

STATS

HIGHEST RUN-SCORERS						
		M	R	AVE	HS	
Cheteshwar Pujara	(Ind)	6	349	116.33	129*	
Eoin Morgan	(Ire)	6	338	67.60	124	
Todd Astle	(NZ)	6	252	42.00	67	
Dean Elgar	(SA)	5	246	61.50	86	
Dilhan Cooray	(SL)	5	237	79.00	64*	

HIGHEST WICKET-TAKERS						
		M	W	AVE	BEST	
Moises Henriques	(Aus)	5	16	10.62	4-22	
Anwar Ali	(Pak)	6	15	12.66	5-34	
Hamish Bennett	(NZ)	6	14	10.71	4-16	
Jamshed Ahmed	(Pak)	6	14	11.78	3-14	
Mehrab Hossain Jr	(BD)	6	13	8.38	4-29	

- Another wicket for Anwer Ali Khan during his match-winning 5-35 against India in the final.
- India's Piyush Chawla took 4-8 in the final and made his Test debut against England less than a month later.
- Pakistan's players with the ICC U/19 Cricket World Cup, understandably jubilant after their amazing win.
- Ireland captain Eoin Morgan, whose run-tally included 124 against New Zealand.
- Ratan Rauniyar (left) & Raj Shrestha celebrate Nepal beating New Zealand in the Plate Championship final.

SCORECARDS

FINAL
19 February 2006
India U/19 v Pakistan U/19
R.Premadasa Stadium, Khetarama, Colombo (day/night)
Result: Pakistan U/19 won by 38 runs

Man of the Match: Anwar Ali
Pakistan U/19 109 all out (41.1 overs)
(Rameez Raja 25, Nasir Jamshed 18, Anwar Ali 17, Piyush Chawla 4-8, RS Jadeja 3-16)
India U/19 71 all out (18.5 overs)
(Piyush Chawla 25*, P Shah 16, Anwar Ali 5-35, Akhtar Ayub 3-9)

PLATE CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL
18 February 2006
Nepal U/19 v New Zealand U/19
P. Saravanamuttu Stadium, Colombo
Result: Nepal U/19 won by 1 wicket

Man of the Match: B Regmi
New Zealand U/19 204 all out (49.2 overs)
(TD Astle 66, RM Hira 26, K Noema-Barnett 26, B Regmi 3-41, S Vesawkar 2-32, A Bhattarai 2-25)
Nepal U/19 205 for 9 (49.4 overs)
(B Regmi 66, P Chaudhary 26, R Rauniyar 26*, HK Bennett 3-42, C Munro 2-46, MJ Guptill 2-26)

SUPER LEAGUE SEMI-FINAL 1
15 February 2006
England U/19 v India U/19
R. Premadasa Stadium, Khetarama, Colombo (day/night)
Result: India U/19 won by 234 runs

Man of the Match: CA Pujara
India U/19 292 for 4 (50 overs)
(CA Pujara 129*, G Dhiman 48, R Sharma 59, M Tehlan 26, NA James 2-60, GG White 1-33)
England U/19 58 all out (20.1 overs)
(GG White 17, MA Nelson 6, V Yomahesh 2-14, AN Ahmed 4-14, Bipinbhai 2-0)

SUPER LEAGUE SEMI-FINAL 2
17 February 2006
Australia U/19 v Pakistan U/19
R. Premadasa Stadium, Khetarama, Colombo (day/night)
Result: Pakistan U/19 won by 163 runs

Man of the Match: Riaz Kail
Pakistan U/19 287 for 9 (50 overs)
(Riaz Kail 84, Ali Asad 69, Imad Wasim 29, MC Henriques 3-58, S Keen 2-46, AM Ritchard 2-71)
Australia U/19 124 all out (32.3 overs)
(UT Khawaja 59, MS Wade 11, AJ Finch 11, J Ahmed 2-17, Usman Malik 3-17, Imad Wasim 3-16)



ICC INTERCONTINENTAL CUP 2005



THE SECOND ICC INTERCONTINENTAL CUP WAS A RESOUNDING SUCCESS AND EXCITING CHANGES LIE AHEAD FOR FUTURE TOURNAMENTS.

The ICC Intercontinental Cup 2005, whose finals were held in Namibia, was just the second tournament of its kind but already the competition can be classed as a resounding success. The Cup was set up in 2004 to provide Associate Members with more exposure to the first-class game.

The inaugural format was retained for the second tournament, with four continental groups made up of three countries contesting the qualifying rounds. All matches were three days in duration.

Scotland, the 2004 winners, didn't even reach the semi-finals this time after rain ruined one of their matches - against Holland - and left them playing catch-up in their decisive match against Ireland.

Bermuda took the honours in the Americas group, Kenya were the winners in the Africa group while UAE made it through to the last four on bonus points in Asia.

In the semi-finals, Ireland comprehensively outplayed UAE in a drawn match, with Kenya coming off better in their draw against Bermuda. Ireland went on to take the ultimate honours, fending off Kenya in a sensational final.

After the tournament, the ICC announced a new format for future seasons: the competition will become global and will be contested by just eight teams. In 2006, those teams will form two groups, with the winners contesting a final. In 2007 and 2008, a full round-robin format will be introduced, with all eight sides playing each other over those two years with a final likely between the top two sides. Eventually a second division will be added, with promotion and relegation.

Also, all matches will change from three to four days, meaning each side plays at least three four-day matches in the next tournament, and seven four-day matches over the 2007-08 period.

This compares to a minimum of just two three-day matches a year under the existing structure. Mathew Kennedy, ICC Global Development Manager, said: 'We can truly have the best playing the best for the right to be called the top Associate side at first-class level.'



The two groups for the ICC Intercontinental Cup 2006 are as follows:

GROUP A

Ireland, Scotland, UAE, Namibia.

GROUP B

Bermuda, Canada, Kenya, The Netherlands.

IRELAND BECAME THE SECOND EUROPEAN SIDE TO HAVE THEIR NAME ON THE TROPHY AFTER WRESTING THE INITIATIVE FROM KENYA WITH SOME CLEVER TACTICS.

THE FINAL

Ireland became the second European side to have their name on the trophy after wresting the initiative from Kenya with some clever tactics at Windhoek. Kenya held the upper hand for the first two of the three days thanks largely to the tireless efforts of Steve Tikolo. Having secured his side's appearance in the final with a resounding 220 in the semi-final against Bermuda, Tikolo was again on fire, this time helping himself to an unbeaten 177 as Kenya raced to 401 for 4 declared. Hitesh Modi also registered a century.

But then came a stunning piece of tactical mastery. After Niall O'Brien reached 106 not out, Ireland declared on 313 for 4 to catch Kenya unawares. Still scratching their heads, Kenya collapsed for 156, Kyle McCallan grabbing 4-34 and Andrew White 3-24, to leave Ireland needing 245 for victory. Jeremy Bray led the charge with 64 as they knocked off the runs with six wickets in hand, to make up for the disappointment of losing the ICC Trophy final to Scotland earlier in the year.



- 1 Trent Johnston and his team-mates celebrate Ireland's triumph over Kenya to secure the ICC Intercontinental Cup 2005.
- 2 More runs for Kenya's captain Steve Tikolo, comfortably the stand-out performer in the tournament.
- 3 Ireland's Eoin Morgan scored his maiden first-class hundred in the semi-final draw with the United Arab Emirates.
- 4 Ireland's spin-twins Kyle McCallan (left) and Andrew White receive man of the match honours from ICC Vice-President Percy Sonn after bowling their side to success against Kenya.

SCORECARDS

FINAL

27, 28, 29 October 2005

Ireland v Kenya

Wanderers Cricket Ground, Windhoek

Result: Ireland won by 6 wickets**Man of the Match: WK McCallan and AR White****Kenya 1st innings 401 for 4 dec.**

(KO Otieno 72, SO Tikolo 177*, HS Modi 106, DT Johnston 1-43)

Ireland 1st innings 313 for 4 dec.

(EJG Morgan 60, NJ O'Brien 106*, AC Botha 78, TM Odoyo 1-15, CO Obuya 1-25)

Kenya 2nd innings 156 all out

(MA Suji 52, McCallan 4-34, White 3-24, McCoubrey 2-37)

Ireland 2nd innings 245 for 4

(DI Joyce 48, JP Bray 64, AC Botha 43*, AR White 25*, Sheikh 1-25, AO Suji 1-28, Tikolo 2-71)

SEMI-FINAL 1

23, 24, 25 October 2005

Bermuda v Kenya

United Ground, Windhoek

Result - Kenya 16.5, Bermuda 11.5 Match drawn, Kenya won on points**Man of the Match: Steve Tikolo****Kenya 1st innings 403 for 6 dec.**

(S Tikolo 220, HS Modi 98, S Mukkudem 1-38, RD Steede 1-58)

Bermuda 1st innings 346 for 9 dec.

(CJ Smith 126, IH Romaine 56, DA Minors 51, TM Odoyo 2-32, S Tikolo 1-60)

Kenya 2nd innings 282 for 4

(AO Suji, 103, KO Otieno 63, TM Odoyo 74, RD Steede 2-32, LO Cann 1-11)

SEMI-FINAL 2

23, 24, 25 October 2005

Ireland v United Arab Emirates

Wanderers Cricket Ground

Result - Ireland 20, UAE 13 Match drawn, Ireland win on points**Man of the Match: JP Bray****Ireland 1st innings 350 for 7 dec.**

(EJG Morgan 151, JP Bray 78, DI Joyce 38, Ali Asad 5-93)

UAE 1st innings 189 all out

(M Taskeen 47, Rameez Shahzad 41, DT Johnston 5-33, PJK Mooney 2-36, WK McCallan 2-33)

Ireland 2nd innings 444 for 4 dec.

(JP Bray 190, NJ O'Brien 176, S Zia 1-72, F Alhashmi 1-50)

UAE 2nd innings 227 for 8

(Arshad Ali 59, Usman Saleem 68, Rameez Shahzad 30, DT Johnston 2-73, PJK Mooney 1-1, GJ Thompson 1-33, WK McCallan 3-32)

GROUP TABLES

AFRICA	P	WO	D	LO	POINTS
Kenya	2	1	1	-	49
Namibia	2	1	1	-	46.5
Uganda	2	-	-	2	32

ASIA	P	WO	D	LO	POINTS
United Arab Emirates	2	1	-	1	41
Nepal	2	1	1	-	40.5
Hong Kong	2	-	1	1	18

EUROPE	P	WO	D	LO	POINTS
Ireland	2	1	1	-	41
Scotland	2	-	1	1	21
Netherlands	2	-	2	-	11.5

AMERICAS	P	WO	D	LO	POINTS
Bermuda	2	2	-	-	62
Canada	2	1	-	1	51
Cayman Islands	2	-	-	2	23

GROUP TABLES

HIGHEST RUN-SCORERS

	M	R	AVE	HS
Steve Tikolo (Ken)	4	751	107.28	220
Jeremy Bray (Ire)	4	543	77.57	190
Clay Smith (Ber)	3	361	120.33	138
Hitesh Modi (Ken)	4	337	48.14	106
Niall O'Brien (Ire)	2	311	103.66	176

HIGHEST WICKET-TAKERS

	M	W	AVE	BEST
Dwayne Leverock (Ber)	3	18	19.66	6-16
Binod Das (Nep)	2	13	6.69	6-29
Umar Bhatti (Can)	2	12	15.41	8-40
Henry Osinde (Can)	2	12	13.91	7-53
Lemack Onyango (Ken)	4	12	24.08	6-21

INTERNATIONAL CRICKET MILESTONES 2005–06

AN EXCITING 12 MONTHS OF INTERNATIONAL CRICKET FROM 1 APRIL 2005 TO 31 MARCH 2006 BROUGHT MANY SIGNIFICANT MILESTONES. HERE ARE SOME OF THE HIGHLIGHTS.

APRIL 2005

6th Marvan Atapattu becomes the fourth Sri Lankan to score 5,000 Test runs during his 127 in the 1st Test against New Zealand at Napier.

12th Makhaya Ntini takes 13-132 (6-95 and 7-37) in the 2nd Test against West Indies at Port-of-Spain, the best Test match bowling figures for South Africa, surpassing the 13-165 by Hugh Tayfield against Australia at Melbourne in 1952/53.

15th Shahid Afridi scores a century off 45 balls in the 5th One-Day International against India at Kanpur to equal the second fastest century in One-Day Internationals.



MAY 2005

2nd Chris Gayle scores 317 for West Indies against South Africa in the 4th Test at St John's. This is the first triple-century scored against South Africa in Test cricket.

3rd West Indies make the highest total against South Africa in Test cricket when they score 747 in the 4th Test at St John's. The innings also provides only the 4th instance in Test cricket of all 11 players bowling.

11th Charl Langeveldt takes a hat-trick in the 3rd One-Day International against West Indies at Bridgetown, the first hat-trick for South Africa in One-Day Internationals and also the first in the final possible over of the match. South Africa won by 1 run.

JUNE 2005

18th Bangladesh beat Australia by 5 wickets in their NatWest Series match at Cardiff, their first victory over Australia in One-Day Internationals.

21st Paul Collingwood takes 6-31 in the NatWest Series match against Bangladesh at Nottingham, the best One-Day International bowling figures for England, surpassing the 5-15 by Mark Ealham against Zimbabwe in Kimberley in 1999/00. England make 391-4 in the match, their highest total in One-Day Internationals.

23rd Ricky Ponting becomes the second Australian, after Mark Waugh, to score 8,000 One-Day International runs during his 27 in the NatWest Series match against England at Chester-le-Street.



JULY 2005

2nd England and Australia play the first tied One-Day International at Lord's when they tie the final of the NatWest Series.

7th Simon Jones becomes the first player to be replaced by a 'super-sub' in a One-Day International when Vikram Solanki substitutes for him in the 1st One-Day International against Australia at Leeds.

21st Glenn McGrath becomes the fourth bowler, and second Australian after Shane Warne, to take 500 Test wickets when he dismisses Marcus Trescothick during the 1st Test against England at Lord's.



AUGUST 2005

3rd Sourav Ganguly becomes the third player, and second Indian after Sachin Tendulkar, to score 10,000 One-Day International runs during his 51 in the Indian Oil Cup match against Sri Lanka at Dambulla.

7th England beat Australia by 2 runs in the 2nd Test at Birmingham, the narrowest victory margin in an Ashes Test, and the 2nd narrowest in all Tests.

8th Daniel Vettori becomes the third New Zealander, after Richard Hadlee and Chris Cairns, to take 200 Test wickets when he dismisses Heath Streak during the 1st Test against Zimbabwe at Harare.

9th Sanath Jayasuriya becomes the fourth player, and first Sri Lankan, to score 10,000 One-Day International runs during his 67 in the Indian Oil Cup match against India at Colombo (Premadasa).

11th Shane Warne becomes the first bowler to take 600 Test wickets when he dismisses Marcus Trescothick during the 3rd Test against England at Manchester.

16th Stephen Fleming becomes the first New Zealander to score 6,000 Test runs during his 65 in the 1st Test against Zimbabwe at Bulawayo.

24th Lou Vincent scores 172 in the Videocon Triangular Series match against Zimbabwe at Bulawayo, the highest score for New Zealand in One-Day Internationals, passing the 171* by Glenn Turner against East Africa at Birmingham in 1975. New Zealand make 397-5 in the match, their highest total in One-Day Internationals.

25th Adam Gilchrist becomes the fourth wicket-keeper, and third Australian, to take 300 Test dismissals when he catches Ian Bell during the 4th Test against England at Nottingham.

26th Shane Bond takes 6-19 in the Videocon Triangular Series match against India at Bulawayo, the best One-Day International bowling figures for New Zealand, surpassing his own figures of 6-23 against Australia at Port Elizabeth in 2002/03.

31st Khaled Mashud becomes the first Bangladeshi to play in 100 One-Day Internationals when he appears in the first One-Day International against Sri Lanka at Colombo (SSC).

SEPTEMBER 2005

12th England win an Ashes series for the first time since they won in Australia in 1986/87, when they draw the 5th Test at The Oval to win the series 2-1.



12th Mahela Jayawardene becomes the fifth Sri Lankan to score 5,000 Test runs during his 63 in the 1st Test against Bangladesh at Colombo (Premadasa).

20th Sanath Jayasuriya becomes the first Sri Lankan to appear in 100 Tests when he plays in the 2nd Test against Bangladesh at Colombo (Saravanamuttu).

OCTOBER 2005

9th Australia win the Johnnie Walker Super Series One-Day Internationals against the ICC World XI 3-0 with their victory by 156 runs in the third match at Melbourne.

17th Australia beat the ICC World XI by 210 runs in the Johnnie Walker Super Test.

23rd Jacques Kallis becomes the second all-rounder after Sanath Jayasuriya to score 7,000 runs and take 200 wickets in One-Day Internationals when he dismisses Craig McMillan in the 1st One-Day International against New Zealand at Bloemfontein.

31st Mahendra Dhoni scores 183* in the 3rd One-Day International against Sri Lanka at Jaipur, the highest score by a wicket-keeper in One-Day Internationals and also the highest score by a batsman for a team batting second in a One-Day International.



NOVEMBER 2005

16th Mark Boucher becomes the second wicket-keeper, after Adam Gilchrist to take 300 One-Day International dismissals when he catches Gautam Gambhir in the 1st One-Day International against India at Hyderabad.

25th Brian Lara becomes the leading run-scorer in Test cricket, passing the record of 11 174 by Allan Border during his 226 in the 3rd Test against Australia at Adelaide. Lara became the second batsman to score 11,000 Test runs earlier in his innings.



25th Sachin Tendulkar plays in his 357th match in the 4th One-Day International against South Africa at Kolkata, becoming the most capped player in One-Day Internationals passing the 356 matches by Wasim Akram.

DECEMBER 2005

2nd Inzamam-ul-Haq becomes the second player, after Javed Miandad, to score 8,000 Test runs for Pakistan during his 97 against England in the 3rd Test at Lahore.

10th Sachin Tendulkar scores his 35th Test century when he makes 109 in the 2nd Test against Sri Lanka at Delhi, passing the world record of 34 centuries held by Sunil Gavaskar.

12th Chaminda Vaas becomes the second Sri Lankan, after Muttiah Muralidaran, to take 300 Test wickets when he dismisses Gautam Gambhir during the 2nd Test against India at Delhi.

12th Inzamam-ul-Haq becomes the second player, and 1st Pakistani to score 11,000 One-Day International runs during the 2nd One-Day International against England at Lahore.

17th Shane Warne takes his 86th Test wicket in 2005 when he dismisses Ashwell Prince during the 1st Test against South Africa at Perth to pass the record for most Test wickets in a calendar year of 85 set by Dennis Lillee in 1981.

31st The leading run-scorer in Test cricket during the calendar year was Ricky Ponting with 1,544 (avg 67.13). The leading Test wicket-taker was Shane Warne with 96 (avg 22.02). In One-Day Internationals the leading run-scorer in 2005 was Ricky Ponting with 1,191 (avg 45.80), while the leading wicket-taker was Brett Lee with 51 (avg 19.94).

JANUARY 2006

3rd Chris Cairns becomes the fourth player, and second New Zealander, to reach the double of 4,000 runs and 200 wickets in One-Day Internationals when he dismisses Tillekaratne Dilshan during the 2nd One-Day International against Sri Lanka at Christchurch.

6th Ricky Ponting becomes the first player to score two centuries in his 100th Test when he makes 120 and 143* in the 3rd Test against South Africa at Sydney.

13th Ricky Ponting becomes the highest run-scorer for Australia in One-Day Internationals passing Mark Waugh's aggregate of 8,500 during his 13 in the VB Series match against Sri Lanka at Melbourne.

24th Muttiah Muralidaran becomes the third player, and first Sri Lankan to take 400 One-Day International wickets when he dismisses Johan van der Wath in the VB Series match against South Africa at Adelaide.

29th Irfan Pathan takes a hat-trick in the 3rd Test against Pakistan in Karachi, the second Test hat-trick for India.

FEBRUARY 2006

6th Sachin Tendulkar becomes the first player to score 14,000 runs in One-Day Internationals during his 100 in the 1st One-Day International against Pakistan in Peshawar.

13th Abdul Razzaq becomes the fifth player, and first Pakistani, to reach the double of 4,000 runs and 200 wickets in One-Day Internationals during the 3rd One-Day International against India at Lahore.

19th Pakistan win the ICC U/19 Cricket World Cup in Colombo, beating India by 38 runs in the final.

19th Rahul Dravid becomes the eighth player, and fourth Indian, to score 9,000 One-Day International runs during his 50 in the 5th One-Day International against Pakistan at Karachi.

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3rd Makhaya Ntini takes 6-22 in the 2nd One-Day International against Australia at Cape Town, the best One-Day International bowling figures for South Africa, surpassing the 6-23 by Allan Donald against Kenya at Nairobi in 1996/97.

10th Mahela Jayawardene becomes the first Sri Lankan to take 100 Test catches when he catches Mohammad Ashraf during the 2nd Test against Bangladesh at Bogra.

11th Muttiah Muralidaran becomes the second bowler, after Shane Warne, to take 600 Test wickets when he dismisses Khaled Mashud during the 2nd Test against Bangladesh at Bogra. In the 1st innings of this match, Muralidaran becomes the first bowler to take 5 wickets in an innings 50 times in Tests when he takes 5-79.

Mark Boucher of South Africa celebrates the winning runs during the fifth One-Day International between South Africa and Australia with a world record score of 438 to Australia's 434.



11th Anil Kumble becomes the fifth bowler, and first Indian, to take 500 Test wickets when he dismisses Steve Harmison during the 2nd Test against England at Mohali.

12th South Africa (438-9) and Australia (434-4) score 872 runs between them in the 5th One-Day International at Johannesburg passing the previous highest match aggregate in a One-Day International of 693 in the match between Pakistan and India at Karachi in 2003/04. Both teams pass the previous highest total in One-Day Internationals of 398-5 by Sri Lanka v Kenya at Kandy in 1995/96. South Africa make the highest total batting second and winning in One-Day Internationals, passing the 332-8 by New Zealand v Australia at Christchurch in 2005/06. Mick Lewis has the most expensive bowling analysis in One-Day Internationals of 10-0-113-0.

17th Bangladesh make their highest total in One-Day Internationals: 301-7 in the 1st One-Day International against Kenya at Bogra.

20th Khaled Mashud becomes the first Bangladeshi wicket-keeper to take 100 dismissals in One-Day Internationals when he catches Jimmy Kamande during the 2nd One-Day International at Khulna.

25th Rajin Saleh scores 108* in the 4th One-Day International against Kenya at Fatullah, the highest score for Bangladesh in One-Day Internationals, passing the 101 by Mehrab Hossain against Zimbabwe at Dhaka in 1998/99.

THE ICC CONTINUES TO ADOPT THE HIGHEST ETHICAL STANDARDS THROUGH LEADING THE SPORT IN THE AREAS OF ANTI-CORRUPTION, ANTI-RACISM AND ANTI-DOPING.



ANTI-CORRUPTION

There has been a phenomenal increase in the level of betting on cricket in both the legal and illegal markets over the last 12 months.

In the legal market this is attributable in part to the interest generated by the Ashes series and the growing popularity of internet betting exchanges. But this growth is also testament to the confidence punters show in a highly popular sport that has regained its credibility after the corruption scandals earlier this decade.

Confidence must not bring complacency. Rather the dramatic rise in betting on cricket must serve as a warning that the potential for corruption is as high as ever.

The profile of people betting on cricket has broadened over recent years and significant amounts are being wagered by market-savvy individuals on not only the outcomes of matches but also small, sometimes incidental, events within those matches.

The incidents covered by this micro betting, including session betting, will often have little impact on the outcome of a match. Against this backdrop, the risk of a player accepting substantial sums to under-perform during a particular phase of a match cannot be ignored.

It is for this reason that the ICC Anti-Corruption and Security Unit (ACSU) has



undertaken a new education program with all international players and officials. This education program has been tailored to re-emphasise the threat of corruption and highlight the means by which potential corruptors will seek to influence players and match officials.

One of the focal points for the ACSU over the last year has been the preparations for the ICC Cricket World Cup. The anti-corruption regime for this event is already in place encompassing police, immigration and customs officials in addition to the ACSU and the education process has already begun.

ANTI-DOPING

In March 2006, after more than a year of discussions, the ICC Board approved a uniform ICC Anti-Doping Policy for all major ICC events.

While there have been anti-doping programs at all of the ICC's major events since 2002, these have been formulated on an event-by-event basis. The new policy will become mandatory for all ICC major events beginning with October's ICC Champions

Trophy in India. The new ICC policy complies with the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) Code and its implementation formalises the ICC's continued commitment to drugs-free sport.

The Board also resolved that the ICC should become a signatory to the WADA Code and that decision will be put before the Members at Annual Conference in July 2006 for ratification.

ANTI-RACISM

In January 2006, following South Africa's tour of Australia, the ICC received a formal complaint from the United Cricket Board of South Africa about the racial abuse which members of the South African team had been subjected to by sections of the crowds at several of their tour matches.

The ICC appointed India's Solicitor General, Goolam Vahanvati, to investigate the complaint. Mr Vahanvati provided an extensive written report which drew the conclusions that there had been racial abuse and that there was a problem with crowd behaviour in Australia which could not be explained away as just being the result of drunken behaviour.

As a result of these conclusions a three-man committee was appointed to review the ICC's current Anti-Racism Policy and suggest further initiatives to eradicate racism from international cricket. This Committee will report to the Board in July 2006.

IN MARCH 2006, AFTER MORE THAN A YEAR OF DISCUSSIONS, THE ICC BOARD APPROVED A UNIFORM ICC ANTI-DOPING POLICY FOR ALL MAJOR ICC EVENTS.



1 India's Solicitor General Goolam Vahanvati was appointed to investigate allegations of crowd racism during South Africa's tour of Australia.

2&3 South Africa's Graeme Smith (left) and England's Kevin Pietersen were both fined for dissent during the year under review.

Left (top): Lord Condon, Chairman ICC Anti-Corruption & Security Unit and
 Left (below): ACSU Regional Security Managers / countries assigned to (l to r):
 Arrie de Beer, South Africa & Zimbabwe
 Lt Col Nuruddin Khawaja, Pakistan & Bangladesh
 John Rhodes, Australia & New Zealand
 Niranjana S Virk, India & Sri Lanka
 Ron Hope, England & West Indies

INTERNAL AUDIT

The ICC has an internal audit function which maintains a watching brief on best governance practices, ensuring that these are implemented where appropriate. As part of this commitment to best-practice, a whistle-blowing procedure has been developed and is in the course of being adopted.

An internal audit plan is updated on an ongoing basis to ensure that all current risks are properly identified and that controls established by management work effectively.

ICC CODE OF CONDUCT

In the year under review there were 37 breaches of the ICC Code of Conduct. This included 29 level one breaches, five level two breaches and three level three and four breaches.



ICC CODE OF CONDUCT BREACHES 2005-06

DATE	PLAYER	TEAM	VENUE	OCCASION	LEVEL	PARA	APPEAL	VERDICT	PENALTY
05.04.05	Inzamam-ul-Haq	PAK	Visakhapatnam	IND v PAK, 2nd ODI	1	1.2	No	GUILTY	Official reprimand and warned of future behaviour
09.04.05	Jacques Kallis	SA	Queens Park Oval, Trinidad	WI v SA, 2nd Test	1	1.3	No	NOT GUILTY	None
09.04.05	Rana Naved ul Hasan	PAK	Jamshedpur	IND v PAK, 3rd ODI	1	1.5	No	GUILTY	Fined 30% of match fee
09.04.05	Sourav Ganguly	IND	Jamshedpur	IND v PAK, 3rd ODI	2	C1	No	GUILTY	Fined 70% of match fee
12.04.05	Sourav Ganguly	IND	Ahmedabad	IND v PAK, 4th ODI	2 raised to 3 (repeat offence)	C1	Yes	GUILTY	Penalty upgraded to Level 3, ban of 6 ODI matches reduced to 4 by ICC Appeals Commissioner
03.05.05	Graeme Smith	SA	Antigua	WI v SA, 4th Test	2	C2	No	NOT GUILTY	None
03.05.05	Wavell Hinds	WI	Antigua	WI v SA	2 reduced from 3	C1	No	GUILTY	Fined 100% of match fee
11.05.05	Makhaya Ntini	SA	Barbados	WI v SA, 3rd ODI	1	1.5	No	GUILTY	Fined 25% of match fee
11.05.05	Charl Langeveldt	SA	Barbados	WI v SA, 3rd ODI	1	1.5	No	GUILTY	Fined 20% of match fee
11.05.05	Graeme Smith	SA	Barbados	WI v SA, 3rd ODI	2	C1	No	GUILTY	Penalty upgraded to Level 3, ban of 4 ODI matches
04.06.05	Geraint Jones	ENG	Durham	ENG v BANG, 2nd Test	1	C2	No	NOT GUILTY	The video evidence presented was inconclusive
06.08.05	Simon Jones	ENG	Edgbaston	ENG v AUS, 2nd Test	1	1.6	No	GUILTY	Fined 20% of match fee
02.08.05	Farveez Maharoof	SL	Dambulla	SL v WI ODI	1	5	No	GUILTY	Official reprimand
30.07.05	Asish Nehra	IND	Dambulla	SL v IND ODI	1	5	No	GUILTY	Severe reprimand
28.08.05	Simon Katich	AUS	Trent Bridge	ENG v AUS, 4th Test	2	2	No	GUILTY	Fined 50% of match fee
28.08.05	Ricky Ponting	AUS	Trent Bridge	ENG v AUS, 4th Test	2	C2	No	GUILTY	Fined 75% of match fee
06.11.05	Charl Langeveldt	SA	Pretoria	SA v NZ	2	1	No	GUILTY	Fined 75% of match fee
06.11.05	Scott Styris	NZ	Pretoria	SA v NZ	1	3	No	GUILTY	Fined 25% of match fee
06.11.05	Micky Arthur	SA	Pretoria	SA v NZ	1	3	No	GUILTY	Fined 25% of match fee
06.11.05	Kyle Mills	NZ	Pretoria	SA v NZ	1	3	No	NOT GUILTY	None
16.11.05	Matthew Hoggard	ENG	Multan	PAK v ENG, 1st Test	1	5	No	GUILTY	Fined 20% of match fee
16.11.05	Harbhajan Singh	IND	Hyderabad	IND v SA, ODI	1	6	No	GUILTY	Fined 25% of match fee
21.11.05	Shahid Afridi	PAK	Faisalabad	PAK v IND, 2nd Test	3	C1	No	GUILTY	Ban of 1 Test Match and 2 ODIs
21.11.05	Shoaib Akhtar	PAK	Faisalabad	PAK v ENG, 2nd Test	1	1	No	GUILTY	Fined 20% of match fee
28.11.05	Andre Nel	SA	Wankhede, Mumbai	IND v SA	1	4	No	GUILTY	Fined 20% of match fee
28.11.05	Shane Warne	AUS	Adelaide	AUS v WI	1	1.3	No	NOT GUILTY	None
03.01.06	Brett Lee	AUS	Sydney	AUS v SA, 3rd Test	1	3	No	GUILTY	Official reprimand
05.01.05	Glenn McGrath	AUS	Sydney	AUS v SA, 3rd Test	1	1.4	No	GUILTY	Official reprimand
05.01.06	Micky Arthur	SA	Sydney	Article written on 3rd Test AUS v SA	1	1.7	No	NOT GUILTY	None
15.01.06	Adam Gilchrist	AUS	Brisbane	VB Series ODI 2	1	3	No	GUILTY	Fined 40% of match fee
13.02.06	Mohammad Asif	PAK	Lahore	PAK v IND, ODI	1	5	No	GUILTY	Fined 10% of match fee
22.02.06	Jehan Mubarak	SL	Bogra	BANG v SL	1	3	No	GUILTY	Fined 25% of match fee
22.02.06	Khaled Mashud	BAN	Bogra	BANG v SL	1	C2	No	GUILTY	Fined 20% of match fee
04.03.06	Brendan McCullum	NZ	Auckland	NZ v WI	1	C1	No	NOT GUILTY	None
09.03.06	Chris Gayle	WI	Auckland	NZ v WI	1	5.1	No	NOT GUILTY	None
13.03.06	Kevin Pietersen	ENG	Mohali	IND v ENG	1	3	No	GUILTY	Fined 30% match fee
17.03.06	Graeme Smith	SA	Cape Town	SA v AUS	1	3	No	GUILTY	Fined 30% match fee

A NEW FUTURE TOURS PROGRAM WAS ADOPTED AFTER A TWO-YEAR DISCUSSION PROCESS WHILE SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENTS TOOK PLACE IN THE AREA OF OFFICIATING WITH THE EXPANSION OF THE EMIRATES ELITE PANEL OF ICC UMPIRES AND A TECHNOLOGY TRIAL AT THE JOHNNIE WALKER SUPER SERIES.

UMPIRES AND REFEREES

During the past year, the Emirates Elite Panels of ICC Umpires and Match Referees were both expanded.

Former India fast bowler Javagal Srinath joined the referees' panel in April 2006, lifting the numbers of officials filling that role to eight.

The Emirates Elite Panel of ICC Umpires was expanded from seven to 10 members following the annual review of umpire performance in March 2006.

All the existing Emirates Elite Panel members were retained and were joined by Mark Benson, Billy Doctrove and Asad Rauf. The trio were rewarded for excellence in their roles as Emirates International Panel Umpires.

Figures for 2005-06 showed the percentage of correct decisions made by umpires in Test matches dropped slightly from 94.9 per cent in the previous year to 94.4 over the period assessed. However, that was still a

significant increase from the mark in 2003-04, which was 91.7 per cent. In ODIs, the figures continued to rise with the percentage of correct decisions reaching 95.2 per cent compared to 93.2 per cent in 2003-04.

2005 began with eight umpires on the Emirates Elite Panel but in July 2005 David Shepherd retired at the age of 65 after 92 Tests and a record 172 ODIs stretching back to 1983. His final Test match was between the West Indies and Pakistan in Jamaica while his last international match, five days later, was between England and Australia at The Oval.

In April 2006 Rudi Koertzen stood in his 150th ODI when Pakistan played India in Abu Dhabi. Koertzen became only the second official after Shepherd to officiate in that number of ODIs. Daryl Harper stood in his 100th ODI, the seventh umpire to reach that mark, when Zimbabwe played New Zealand in Harare in August 2005.

In February 2006, four members of the Associate and Affiliate Panel of umpires - Roger Dill, Buddi Bahadur Pradhan, Shahul Hameed and Paul Baldwin - stood in the ICC U/19 Cricket World Cup, the first time officials from that panel had stood in an ICC tournament involving all Full Members.

Three months later, Dill became the first umpire from an Associate country to stand in an ODI when he officiated alongside Simon Taufel in the tri-series between Bermuda, Canada and Zimbabwe in Trinidad.

In February, a member of the Associate and Affiliate Panel, Trevor Henry from Ireland, passed away after a battle with cancer. Henry had been nominated to stand in the ICC U/19 CWC before he was diagnosed with the illness.

THE EMIRATES ELITE PANEL OF ICC UMPIRES

Mark Benson
Brent Bowden
Steve Bucknor
Aleem Dar
Billy Doctrove
Darrell Hair
Daryl Harper
Rudi Koertzen
Asad Rauf
Simon Taufel

THE EMIRATES ELITE PANEL OF ICC REFEREES

Chris Broad
Jeff Crowe
Alan Hurst
Clive Lloyd
Ranjan Madugalle (Chief Referee)
Roshan Mahanama
Mike Procter
Javagal Srinath

THE EMIRATES INTERNATIONAL PANEL OF UMPIRES

Each ICC Full Member country is responsible for nominating three leading officials to the Emirates International Panel of Umpires on an annual basis. The current composition of the Emirates International Panel can be found on the official ICC website at www.icc-cricket.com/icc/umpires-referees

ICC ASSOCIATES AND AFFILIATES INTERNATIONAL UMPIRES PANEL

Roger Dill	Bermuda (Americas)
Subash Modi	Kenya (Africa)
Buddi Bahadur Pradhan	Nepal (Asia)
Shahul Hameed	Indonesia (EAP)
Paul Baldwin	Germany (Europe)
Jeff Luck	Namibia (Africa)



- 1 Bermuda's Roger Dill became the first umpire from an Associate Member to stand in a One-Day International match.
- 2 Javagal Srinath was appointed to the Emirates Elite Panel of ICC Referees in April 2006.
- 3 Simon Taufel was awarded the Umpire of the Year accolade for the second successive year.
- 4 On-field umpires could discuss any aspect of any decision with the TV umpire during the Johnnie Walker Super Series technology trial.
- 5 The new Future Tours Program will ensure regular home and away cricket for all Full Members including Sri Lanka and Bangladesh.



TECHNOLOGY

The ICC continued to assess whether the introduction of technology had the capacity to significantly increase the number of correct decisions made by umpires without either disrupting the flow of the game or compromising the role of the officials.

In October 2005, during the Johnnie Walker Super Series, a trial allowed on-field umpires to consult with the television umpire on any aspect of any decision, although the final decision remained with the on-field umpire. The exceptions to this were line decisions which were dealt with by the television umpire in the usual manner and clean catches, where the existing process of referral only if both on-field umpires were unsighted, was retained.

During the three ODIs and the Super Test, there were 23 consultations made up of one no-ball from a wicket-taking delivery, six catches and 16 lbw decisions with the average time for these consultations taking 80 seconds.

Subsequently, the ICC Cricket Committee, in its May 2006 meeting, voted to recommend that players be allowed three appeals per innings to the third umpire if they feel a decision made by the on-field umpire is incorrect.

The recommendation was for a trial to be undertaken at the ICC Champions Trophy 2006 in India and then be reviewed after that tournament. This recommendation will be considered by the Chief Executives' Committee when it meets in July 2006.

The recommendation was, however, made by the narrowest possible margin (six votes to five) with reservations expressed over what it will mean for the Spirit of Cricket, the fabric of the game and the role and authority of the on-field umpire.

FUTURE TOURS PROGRAM

After two years of analysis and review and 10 drafts, the ICC Executive Board approved a new six-year Future Tours Program for the ICC's 10 Full Members at its March meeting.

The six-year program of reciprocal touring obligations replaced the current five-year program from May 2006 and provides the foundation for a balanced schedule of international cricket up to 2012. It requires all of the Full Member sides to play home and away series against each

other within the six year period.

Spreading the calendar over six years means each side can fulfill its mandatory minimum requirements of two Tests and three ODIs, home and away, against every other Full Member over that period while preserving time in the calendar to accommodate icon series such as the Ashes and India – Pakistan on a four-year cycle.

The FTP was put together on the basis of scheduling guidelines supported by and agreed with the players.



ICC FUTURE TOURS PROGRAM TABLE

(Number of Test/ODI matches scheduled per year for Full Member countries within the FTP)

YEAR	ENGLAND	AUSTRALIA	INDIA	NEW ZEALAND	PAKISTAN
2006-07	T 12 ODI 25-34	5	7	3	10
2007-08	13	9	15	5	8
2008-09	14	18	18	11	3
2009-10	14	15-23	14	13	12-13
2010-11	11	24-33	7	8	8
2011-12	11	21	18	10	12
Total	76	139-157	71	50	109-128

YEAR	SOUTH AFRICA	SRI LANKA	WEST INDIES	ZIMBABWE	BANGLADESH
2006-07	8	8	7	21	0
2007-08	15	10	13	6	6
2008-09	12	9	13	6	8
2009-10	7	9	5	11	9
2010-11	12	3	15	6	10
2011-12	9	12	14	10	8
Total	63	51	67	39	41

Notes: - Includes ICC events and Asia Cup but not semi-finals and final of ICC Champions Trophy and ICC Cricket World Cup
 - Twenty20 cricket not included but FTP restricts teams to maximum of three home matches per season



- 1 A new pitch-monitoring process was introduced in March 2006.
- 2 New Zealand beat West Indies in a bowl-out after their Twenty20 match was tied.
- 3 Kevin Pietersen helped lift England to a Twenty20 victory over Australia in June 2005.

ODI PLAYING CONDITIONS

Recommendations made originally by the ICC Cricket Committee at its May 2004 meeting, were introduced into one-day international cricket on a trial basis in July 2005.

The new playing conditions saw teams able to nominate a 12th man who could be used to replace a player who is injured or for tactical reasons. They also saw the number of overs where fielding restrictions apply raised from 15 to 20 with 10 of these to be taken at the beginning of the innings and the remaining 10 in two blocks of five at the discretion of the fielding captain at any time in the innings.

The playing condition concerning the replacement player was dispensed with in April 2006 but the Cricket Committee, chaired by former India captain Sunil Gavaskar, recommended that the fielding restrictions should be retained until after next year's ICC Cricket World Cup.

TWENTY20

The ICC Board agreed to the inclusion of an ICC Twenty20 World Championship within the projected schedule of ICC Events from 2007-2015 when it met in April.

The inaugural event will take place in South Africa in September 2007 with the second event scheduled for England and Wales during the ICC's Centenary Year in 2009.

The remaining period up to 2015 will be taken up by either one or two further ICC Twenty20 World Championships, depending on the success of those first two events.

Twenty20 cricket was enshrined in the new FTP but the Board agreed to cap the number of matches each Full Member can play within a 12 month period to a maximum of three home matches including no more than two per series.

That decision was based on the desire to preserve the primacy of the existing formats of Test and One-Day International cricket, the view of some Members that Twenty20 should be viewed more as a development tool and the need to ensure player workloads were kept under control.

ILLEGAL DELIVERIES

A new process for the review of bowlers with suspected illegal actions was introduced on 1 March 2005.

Four bowlers were reported under the terms of this new process during the year under review – Shabbir Ahmed, Shoaib Malik (both Pakistan), Jermaine Lawson (West Indies) and Johan Botha (South Africa).

All four were found to require remedial work on their actions before they could resume bowling in international cricket. This remedial work was supervised by their respective national boards. Ahmed was the only one of this quartet to be reported a second time in the year and upon a second finding that he was bowling with an illegal action, he was suspended from bowling in international cricket for 12 months.

As well as the constant monitoring of bowling actions at the top level of the sport, the ICC undertook bowling review programmes at the ICC Trophy in Ireland and ICC U/19 Cricket World Cup in Sri Lanka.

Following both of these events, several Members were provided with reports on bowlers with potentially illegal actions which they are required to address. Reports were produced on a total of 13 bowlers at the ICC U/19 Cricket World Cup and these players will not be permitted to bowl in any international representative cricket until remedial work has been undertaken and a report has been submitted to the ICC.

PITCH MONITORING

The ICC Board adopted the first formal pitch-monitoring process for international cricket at its meeting in Dubai in March 2006.

This process, which was adopted with immediate effect, includes potential sanctions ranging from a formal warning to a fine for the home Board or even suspension of international status for a venue that produces a substandard pitch on a repeated basis.

At every Test and ODI match, the Emirates Elite Panel Referee will be asked to rate the pitch across a range of categories including bounce, seam movement and turn before providing an overall assessment of the pitch and outfield.

There are six categories for this final assessment ranging from 'very good' to 'poor' and 'unfit'. Sanctions can be imposed where a venue produces a pitch that falls into either of the latter categories.

TWENTY20 INTERNATIONAL MATCHES 2005-06

2005			
13 June	England v Australia	Rose Bowl, Southampton	(Eng win by 100 runs)
21 October	New Zealand v South Africa	Wanderers, Johannesburg	(NZ win by 5 wickets)
2006			
9 January	Australia v South Africa	Gabba, Brisbane	(Aus win by 95 runs)
16 February	New Zealand v West Indies	Eden Park, Auckland	(Tied NZ won bowl out)
24 February	Australia v South Africa	New Wanderers, Jo'burg	(SA win by 2 runs)





HIGH PERFORMANCE PROGRAM

AN IMPORTANT YEAR FOR GLOBAL DEVELOPMENT SAW THE LAUNCH OF A WINTER TRAINING CAMP FOR ASSOCIATE MEMBER PLAYERS AND THE INTRODUCTION OF A REGULAR PROGRAM OF ODI CRICKET FOR THE LEADING ASSOCIATES.

In 2005, Bermuda and Ireland were assimilated into the High Performance Program (HPP) after they qualified for the ICC Cricket World Cup thanks to impressive performances in the ICC Trophy.

They joined Canada, Kenya, the Netherlands and Scotland in the program which began in 2002. They will benefit from the support of ICC High Performance Manager Richard Done and US\$500,000 funding through to 2009. This will help them prepare for the ICC Cricket World Cup 2007 but, crucially, also ensures they can continue to progress after this milestone event.

WINTER TRAINING CAMP

23 players from the HPP countries were given an insight into what it takes to become full-time professional athletes during a 10-week residential camp in South Africa from October to December 2005.

The ICC Winter Training Camp (WTC), held at the University of Pretoria's high performance centre, was attended by eight players from Scotland, four each from Bermuda and Canada, three each from Ireland and Kenya and by one player from the Netherlands, and it provided them with technical, tactical, physical and mental training.

In addition to cricket-specific training, the WTC included work on physical fitness, nutrition, vision, psychology and recovery with the available facilities including turf grounds and nets, a modern gymnasium, swimming pool, sports science and sports medicine areas. Players also had an opportunity to undertake the UCBSA Level 2 coaching course.

The WTC coaching team was headed up by former Scotland coach Andy Moles with additional support provided by ICC High Performance Manager Richard Done, former England fast bowler and bowling coach Bob Cottam, Canada captain John Davison and Mark Lane, who previously worked with Moles when he was coach of Kenya.

ASSOCIATE MEMBER ODIS

In February 2006, it was announced that the six Associate Member countries participating in the ICC Cricket World Cup 2007 would see a dramatic rise in the numbers of One-Day International (ODI) matches they would play.

It was decided that all one-day matches between these sides and Full Members would be classed as official ODIs as well as those they played against each other. This decision enabled the ICC to schedule at least 64 ODIs for these six countries in the year leading up to the ICC Cricket World Cup.

The purpose of scheduling the matches is to expose the top Associate players to regular competitive international cricket, something identified as essential to their continued development.

The schedule began with five ODIs for Kenya in Zimbabwe in February and all six

countries will have experienced ODI action by the end of June.

One of the aims of the ODI schedule is to provide, on average, a home and away cricket event against Full Member opposition for Kenya and Scotland on an annual basis and at least one home or away event against a Full Member for the other four nations in the same time frame.

In addition, all six Associate Members will contest the inaugural ICC World Cricket League Division One tournament in Kenya in January 2007.

IN ADDITION TO CRICKET-SPECIFIC TRAINING, THE WTC INCLUDED WORK ON PHYSICAL FITNESS, NUTRITION, VISION, PSYCHOLOGY AND RECOVERY.



- 1 Scotland were deserved winners of the ICC Trophy in Ireland.
- 2 The ICC Winter Training Camp encouraged players to work on their fitness as well as their skills.
- 3 The ICC Winter Training camp class of 2005.
- 4 Canada are one of the six teams that will benefit from High Performance support and funding through to 2009.



ICC WORLD CRICKET LEAGUE

The ICC World Cricket League will bring regular global one-day cricket to the top 18 non-Full Members, allowing Members to play regular one-day cricket against similarly-ranked opponents regardless of where in the world they are based.

It will also ensure that the qualifying pathway for the ICC Cricket World Cup 2011 is open to almost all of the 86 ICC Associate and Affiliate Members.

The top 13 sides have already been allocated into Divisions One, Two and Three based on their performances in the ICC Trophy Ireland 2005. The remaining places will go to the top teams from five regional qualifying events in 2006.

For more information visit the World Cricket League section of the ICC website.

ICC/MCC TOURS

The continued partnership between the ICC and the Marylebone Cricket Club (MCC) saw MCC teams tour Finland (July), Estonia (August), France (September), Canada (October) and Argentina (February).

In addition to the experience of playing against a strong touring side, the countries all benefited from a joint ICC/MCC grant of US\$5,000 to support a specific project to aid the development of the game in that country.

Planned tours for 2006 include the Netherlands, Botswana, Zambia, China and Hong Kong.

ICC ASSOCIATE MEMBER ODI SCHEDULE

(Ahead of ICC CWC 2007)

Bermuda / Canada / Zimbabwe ODI Tri-series (a)		Venue
16.05.06	Canada v Zimbabwe	Trinidad
17.05.06	Bermuda v Canada	Trinidad
18.05.06	Bermuda v Zimbabwe	Trinidad
20.05.06	Final (1v2)	Trinidad

13.06.06	Ireland v England	Stormont, Belfast
27.06.06	Scotland v Pakistan (b)	The Grange, Edinburgh
04.07.06	The Netherlands v Sri Lanka (c)	VRA Amsterdam
06.07.06	The Netherlands v Sri Lanka	VRA Amsterdam

Ireland / The Netherlands / Scotland ODI Tri-series (d)		
05.08.06	Scotland v Ireland	Scotland
06.08.06	Scotland v The Netherlands	Scotland
08.08.06	Ireland v The Netherlands	Scotland

Bermuda / Canada / Kenya ODI Tri-series		
05.08.06	Canada v Kenya	Canada
06.08.06	Canada v Kenya	Canada
09.08.06	Bermuda v Kenya	Canada
10.08.06	Bermuda v Kenya	Canada
19.08.06	Canada v Bermuda	Canada
21.08.06	Canada v Bermuda (e)	Canada

14.11.06	Kenya v Bermuda	Kenya
16.11.06	Kenya v Bermuda	Kenya
18.11.06	Kenya v Bermuda	Kenya

Bermuda / Canada / The Netherlands ODI Tri-series (dates tbc)		
26.11.06	Bermuda v Canada	SA
27.11.06	Bermuda v The Netherlands	SA
28.11.06	Canada v The Netherlands	SA
30.11.06	Bermuda v The Netherlands	SA
01.12.06	Bermuda v Canada	SA
02.12.06	Canada v The Netherlands	SA

JAN 06	Kenya v Scotland	Kenya
JAN 06	Kenya v Scotland	Kenya
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ICC World Cricket League Division 1 2007		
20.01.07	Kenya v Scotland	Kenya
20.01.07	Bermuda v Canada	Kenya
21.01.07	Kenya v Canada	Kenya
21.01.07	Ireland v The Netherlands	Kenya
22.01.07	Ireland v Scotland	Kenya
22.01.07	Bermuda v The Netherlands	Kenya
23.01.07	Kenya v Bermuda	Kenya
23.01.07	Canada v Scotland	Kenya
24.01.07	Kenya v Ireland	Kenya
24.01.07	Canada v The Netherlands	Kenya
25.01.07	The Netherlands v Scotland	Kenya
25.01.07	Bermuda v Ireland	Kenya
27.01.07	Kenya v The Netherlands	Kenya
27.01.07	Bermuda v Scotland	Kenya
27.01.07	Canada v Ireland	Kenya
28.01.07	Final (only 1v2)	Kenya

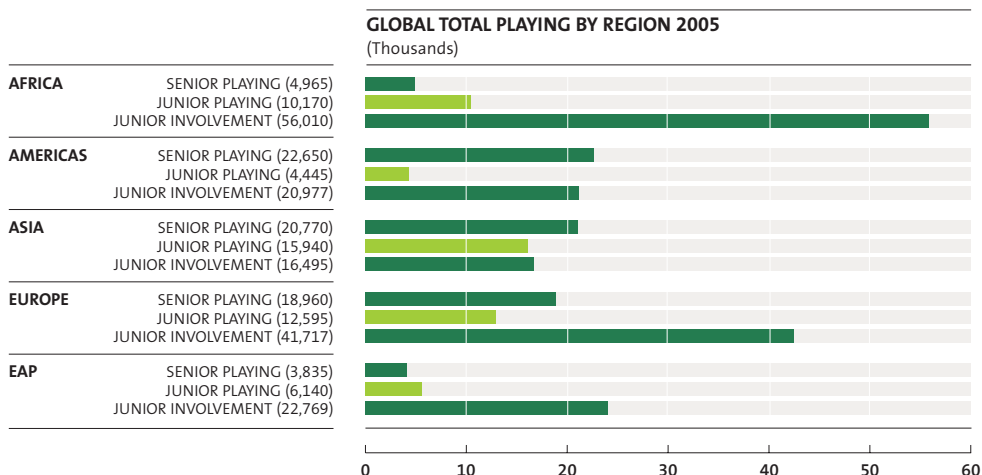
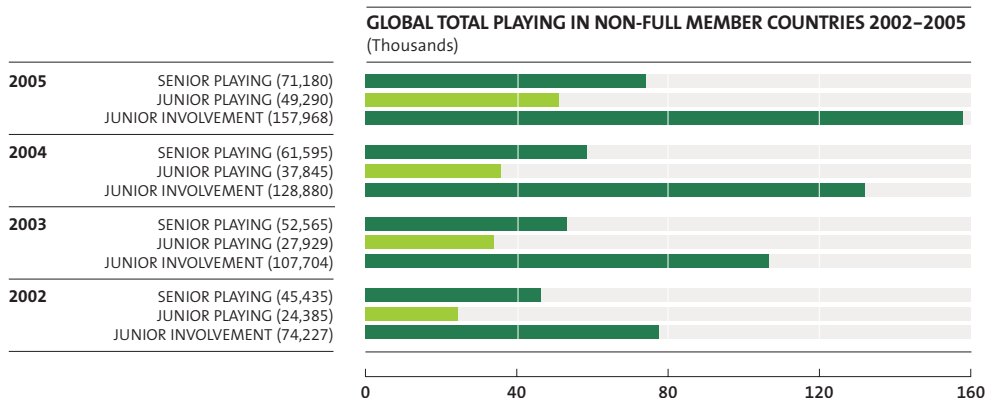
Ireland / Kenya / The Netherlands ODI Tri-series		
31.01.07	Kenya v Ireland	Kenya
01.02.07	Kenya v The Netherlands	Kenya
02.02.07	Ireland v The Netherlands	Kenya
06.02.07	Ireland v Scotland	Sharjah, UAE

Bangladesh / Bermuda / Canada ODI Tri-series (f) (dates tbc)		
25.02.07	Bangladesh v Bermuda	Antigua
26.02.07	Bermuda v Canada	Antigua
28.02.07	Bangladesh v Canada	Antigua

- Notes**
- (a) Following Zimbabwe tour to West Indies
 - (b) Before Pakistan tour to England
 - (c) After Sri Lanka tour to England
 - (d) Part of ICC European Championships Division 1
 - (e) Part of ICC Americas Championships Division 1
 - (f) Prior to CWC07 practice matches



EXPANDING CRICKET'S REACH



ICC REGIONAL ACTIVITY SUMMARY 2005-06*
(Education Courses)

	EUROPE	AMERICAS	AFRICA	EAP	ASIA
COACH EDUCATION	36	20	22	14	7
UMPIRE EDUCATION	18	15	5	11	21
ADMINISTRATION	21	18	4	18	1
ELITE DEVELOPMENT	16	11	13	22	65
REGIONAL TOTAL	91	64	44	65	94

ICC REGIONAL ACTIVITY SUMMARY 2005-06*
(Course Participants)

	EUROPE	AMERICAS	AFRICA	EAP	ASIA
COACH EDUCATION	461	276	363	201	183
UMPIRE EDUCATION	185	274	73	132	547
ADMINISTRATION	338	110	100	136	25
ELITE DEVELOPMENT	363	250	740	412	984
REGIONAL TOTAL	1347	910	1276	881	1739
ICC REGIONAL TOURNAMENTS	12	4	4	3	5

*Figures based on information provided by Regional Development Managers.

PARTICIPATION

The ICC Development Program had a 2001-2005 Strategic Plan objective to increase the number of active participants in Associate and Affiliate Members by 30 per cent by July 2005.

ICC research conducted from 2002-2005 alone indicated the actual increase was 95 per cent with numbers during that time rising from 144,047 to 280,326.

NEW AFFILIATE & ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

The ICC Annual Conference in June 2005 approved applications from Jersey, Guernsey, Mali and Slovenia as Affiliate Members and from Belgium, Botswana, Japan, Kuwait and Thailand to be upgraded from Affiliate to Associate status.

This takes the total membership of the ICC to 96 with the 10 Full Members joined by 32 Associates and 54 Affiliates.

SUMMARY OF RESEARCH FIGURES

Over the four year period from 2002, the ICC's five development regions showed spectacular gains in active participation well in excess of the targets set in the 2001-2005 Strategic Plan.

East Asia-Pacific showed the largest rise, of 174 per cent, with more than 32,000 people involved in the game by 2005 compared to 11,958 four years earlier.

The increases were also impressive across the other regions over the same time frame with Africa up 111 per cent, the Americas rising by 50 per cent, Asia lifting 124 per cent and Europe up by 76 per cent.

Of course growth has to be sustainable and one of the most important contributors to this is the availability of properly qualified coaches.

By 2005 there were 7,618 qualified coaches in the ICC's 86 Associate and Affiliate Members, an increase of 89 per cent on the 2002 mark. The numbers of full-time cricket employees in those Members also increased, by 59 per cent to 167.

There were 4,628 qualified umpires in Associate and Affiliate Members by 2005, up 91 per cent from 2002 and even the numbers of grounds used for cricket rose over the period to 2,160, a rise of 34 per cent.



1 A youngster strives for a quick single in Uganda.

2 Villagers in Vanuatu have a hit.

3 Cricket on the Great Wall of China.

ICC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM ANNUAL AWARDS - GLOBAL WINNERS

Best Overall Cricket Development Program	Uganda Cricket Association
Best Junior Cricket Initiative	PNG Cricket Board
Best Women's Cricket Initiative	Tanzania Cricket Association
Best Cricket Promotional Program	Cricket Scotland / Lloyds TSB Scotland
Photo of the Year	China Cricket Association
Best Spirit of Cricket Initiative	Asian Cricket Sixes Tour – Phuket Thailand
UNAIDS Award	Namibia Cricket Board
Volunteer of the Year	Richard Illingworth (Costa Rica)
Lifetime Service Award	Dr. Harjit Singh (Malaysia), Ms Norma Whitehorn

REGIONAL WINNERS

AFRICA

Best Overall Cricket Development Program	Uganda Cricket Association
Best Junior Cricket Initiative	Kampala Cricket League (Uganda)
Best Women's Cricket Initiative	Tanzania Cricket Association
Best Cricket Promotional Program	Uganda Cricket Association
Photo of the Year	Kampala Cricket League (Uganda)
Best Spirit of Cricket Initiative	Howzat Foundation for Cricket (Nigeria)
UNAIDS Award	Namibia Cricket Board
Volunteer of the Year	Fazal Sheriff (Botswana)
Lifetime Service Award	Laurie Pieters (Namibia)

AMERICAS

Best Overall Cricket Development Program	Bermuda Cricket Program
Best Junior Cricket Initiative	School Program in Parana (Brazil)
Best Women's Cricket Initiative	Santiago de Cuba Program (Cuba)
Best Cricket Promotional Program	CIMA Canada-Celebration of Cricket
Photo of the Year	Keep your Eye on the Ball (Cayman Islands)
Best Spirit of Cricket Initiative	All Chilean Team Tour
UNAIDS Award	U15 Tour of South Africa (Argentina)
Volunteer of the Year	Richard Illingworth (Costa Rica)
Lifetime Service Award	Brian Gay (Mexico)

ASIA

Best Overall Cricket Development Program	HKCA Wellcome Cricket Dev Program (Hong Kong)
Best Junior Cricket Initiative	HKCA Junior League (Hong Kong)
Best Women's Cricket Initiative	HKCA Womens League (Hong Kong)
Best Cricket Promotional Program	CCBM 2020 Cricket (Maldives)
Photo of the Year	Calvin Leung, Chinese Cricket League
Best Spirit of Cricket Initiative	Phuket International Cricket Sixes 2005 (Thailand)
Volunteer of the Year	Malik Nazar Mohammad (Qatar)
Lifetime Service Award	Dr Harjit Singh (Malaysia)

EAST ASIA-PACIFIC

Best Overall Cricket Development Program	Japan Cricket Association
Best Junior Cricket Initiative	Papua New Guinea (PNG) Cricket Board
Best Women's Cricket Initiative	Made Erawan, Gianyar Cricket Association (Indonesia)
Best Cricket Promotional Program	PNG Cricket Board
Photo of the Year	Adam Pike, Trader Vics North Estate (Vanuatu)
Best Spirit of Cricket Initiative	Pakistan Earthquake Charity 8s (Japan)
Volunteer of the Year	Mick Nades (PNG)
Lifetime Service Award	Bill Grundy (Vanuatu)

EUROPE

Best Overall Cricket Development Program	Cricket Scotland
Best Junior Cricket Initiative	Finnish Cricket Association
Best Women's Cricket Initiative	German Cricket Board
Best Cricket Promotional Program	Cricket Scotland / Lloyds TSB Scotland
Photo of the Year	Matthew Allen (Switzerland)
Best Spirit of Cricket Initiative	Isle of Man Cricket Coaches Association
Volunteer of the Year	Patrick Henderson (Switzerland)
Lifetime Service Award	Ted Vorzanger (Belgium)

ICC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM AWARDS

2005 was the fourth year of the Awards that recognise exceptional performance and service to the game in countries outside the ICC's 10 Full Members.

As in the previous three years, regional winners in the nine categories were first selected by staff of the five regional offices. Global winners were then chosen by a judging panel that consisted of Ehsan Mani (ICC President), Malcolm Gray (past ICC President), Dr Ali Bacher (ICC Cricket World Cup 2003 Executive Director) and Roger Knight (MCC Chief Executive and Secretary).

A total of 41 ICC Members submitted 157 nominations for Awards at a regional level, of which 42 went forward for consideration at the global level.

Africa collected three of the nine global awards but every region secured success in at least one category. Six of the global winners received a Kookaburra voucher for US\$1000 and the winner of the Best Junior Cricket Initiative award received a Gemini Bowling machine donated by Flicx.



REGIONAL HIGHLIGHTS



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AFRICA

ICC U/19 Cricket World Cup qualifier, Benoni – Namibia (winners) and Uganda (runners-up) qualified for the ICC U/19 CWC in Sri Lanka.

Awards recognition – Uganda came out on top in a highly competitive regional awards process while African members also secured three Global awards.

UNAIDS – A number of HIV/AIDS awareness programmes were held throughout the continent including the Namibian Cricket Board partnership with the Christina Swart-Opperman AIDS Orphanage to raise money for AIDS orphans and introduce them to cricket.

Cricket Without Boundaries – A tour from the CWB team ran from Cairo to Cape Town where they conducted coaching courses, distributed equipment and gave lectures on HIV/AIDS awareness.

Fast bowling seminar – Three fast bowling seminars were held for 29 of Africa's outstanding young quick bowlers.

Botswana – Outstanding development work by the Botswana Cricket Association from grass roots to senior tournaments paved the way for the step up to Associate Member status.

AMERICAS

ICC Trophy performances – Two Americas Region teams, Bermuda and Canada, qualified to take part in CWC 2007 by finishing third and fourth at the ICC Trophy in Ireland.

Regional umpires panel – A new umpiring structure of three panels, Elite, 'A' and Development allows the Region to provide the best umpires for the most important events.

ICC U/19 Cricket World Cup qualifier, Toronto – USA was the surprise winner of the regional U/19 event and went on to defeat Namibia at the global event to record the first ever win by an Americas region team at the ICC U/19 Cricket World Cup.

Development forum – For the first time representatives from all 15 members attended the annual forum in Costa Rica where they were joined by a representative from the West Indies Cricket Board and the ICC Global Development Manager, Matthew Kennedy.

Rapido cricket expansion – The expansion of Rapido cricket, the set of plastic equipment developed by ICC Americas and made in Argentina, has allowed rapid growth and introduction of the sport in schools across the continents.

Awards recognition – A record number of nominations saw nine countries share the regional awards and one Member pick up a global award.

ASIA

Progress in China – Beijing hosted the inaugural ACC Coaching Course for mainland China in September.

Big crowds in Nepal – Nepal won a third straight ACC U/19 Cricket World Cup by beating Malaysia in front of 15,000 home supporters. They went on to win the Plate Championship in the ICC U/19 CWC, beating two Full Members on their way to the trophy.

Setting a level playing field – for the first time all competitors at ACC junior events were screened according to physiology, bone density and dental age to help determine the most accurate classification of a player's age.

Annual Awards – Asia scooped three of the nine ICC global awards with the Chinese Cricket Association, Phuket Cricket Union and Dr Harjit Singh of Johor, Malaysia receiving international recognition for their contributions.

EAST ASIA-PACIFIC

2005 EAP Cricket Cup, Vanuatu – Japan and Cook Islands qualified for the 2006 EAP Cricket Trophy by finishing first and second in the 2005 EAP Cricket Cup held in Vanuatu during September.

EAP Regional squad – The EAP XI, selected from the annual EAP Squad Camp, won matches against South Australia and eventual champions Queensland in the Australian Country Cricket Championships.

Japan Associate Membership – Japan was successful in gaining ICC Associate Membership during the ICC Annual Conference meeting in July.

Melbourne Cricket Club (MCC) equipment drive – For the second year MCC and the EAP region conducted an equipment drive during the Boxing Day Test at the MCG which saw over 1,000 items of used cricket equipment donated and sent to regional countries.

ABC Radio Australia – Radio Australia increased its broadcasting of international cricket to EAP regional countries and launched a weekly 20 minute program which promotes local, regional and global cricket events and activities.

Regional umpires panel – The EAP Regional Umpires panel was established in mid-2005 to provide both opportunities, and a more defined pathway, for the region's best umpires.

- 1 Uganda beat USA in the ICC Trophy and continued to perform impressively at junior level.
- 2 Canada's Umar Bhatti undertakes a coordination test at the ICC Winter Training Camp.
- 3 Action from Japan's match against Indonesia in the EAP Cricket Cup in Vanuatu.

EUROPE

Integration of women's cricket – A US\$15,000 grant enabled the launch of nine new initiatives around Europe and the establishment of the European Women's Cricket Academy in Scotland in association with Lloyds TSB Scotland.

Extensive event programme – Thirteen successful regional tournaments were held in the European Region from U/13 to senior level.

International conferences – 35 coaches from 13 countries attended the successful European Coaching Conference while 42 umpires from 11 countries took part in the inaugural European Umpires Conference

Match referee training – With more competitive cricket for the top European nations, 12 referees received training from the former ICC Umpires and Referees Manager Chris Kelly.

ECC Academy and Centre of Excellence 2005 – Two events targeted at identifying talented youngsters in Europe and developing them through excellent coaching and support services in order for them to achieve their potential.

Elite performance – Scotland, Ireland and the Netherlands all qualified for the ICC Cricket World Cup from the ICC Trophy with Scotland claiming the title while Ireland became the second European nation to win the ICC Intercontinental Cup.



WOMEN'S CRICKET



- 1 Former Indian Cricketer, Smitha Harikrishna passes on batting tips to aspiring female cricketers in Dubai.
- 2 Australia captain Belinda Clark and her England rival Clare Connor with the coveted trophy before their Ashes series in England in 2005.
- 3 India beat Pakistan on their way to winning the Asia Cup in Pakistan.



This was a breakthrough year for women's cricket following its integration within the operations of the ICC in April 2005.

The International Women's Cricket Council which was previously responsible for the administration of women's cricket recognised formal participation in women's cricket in 15 countries. Less than a year into the ICC's leadership of the sport, research figures indicated 45 countries with female junior and/or senior teams.

Integration with the ICC has brought greater access to resources and exposure for women's cricket. This exposure was clearly evident when the England women's team took part in an open-top bus tour through central London, alongside their male counterparts, following their respective Ashes victories.

In 2005 the ICC Women's Committee was established to manage and govern women's cricket and it has been responsible for several significant positive steps. The first 12 months have seen the development of standardised Playing Conditions, a Code of Conduct and Player Eligibility Guidelines for international women's matches. The Committee also approved the provision of financial assistance to developing Members through a regional grants scheme.

The last year has seen the formation of an International Women's Future Tours Program (WFTP). The WFTP incorporates the ICC Women's World Cup which, for the first time, will be included in the bundling of rights for ICC events. Seven countries submitted entries to host the 2009 and/or 2013 ICC Women's World Cup with Australia (2009) and India (2013) selected to host the events.



WOMEN'S ODI SERIES (2005-06)

DATE	TEAMS	HOST	RESULT
Apr 2005	Women's World Cup	South Africa	Australia won
Apr 2005	South Africa v West Indies	South Africa	West Indies won 2-1 (3 matches)
Jul - Aug 2005	Ireland v Australia	Ireland	Australia won 1-0 (3)
Aug - Sep 2005	England v Australia	Australia	Australia won 3-2 (5)
Aug 2005	Ireland v Netherlands	Wales	Ireland won 1-0 (1)
Nov 2005	Sri Lanka v England	Sri Lanka	England won 2-0 (2)
Nov - Dec 2005	England v India	India	India won 4-1 (5)
Dec 2005 - Jan 2006	India /Pakistan /Sri Lanka	Pakistan	India won
Feb 2006	Australia v India	Australia	Australia won 3-0 (3)
Mar 2006	New Zealand v India	New Zealand	New Zealand won 4-1 (5)

WOMEN'S TEST SERIES (2005-06)

DATE	TEAMS	HOST	RESULT
Aug - Sep 2005	England v Australia	England	England won 1-0 (2)
Nov - Dec 2005	England v India	India	Drawn (1)
Feb 2006	Australia v India	Australia	Australia won 1-0 (1)

THE SERVICE-FOCUSSED CULTURE OF THE INTERNATIONAL CRICKET COUNCIL ENSURED THAT REGULAR COMMUNICATION WITH ALL KEY STAKEHOLDER GROUPS WAS NOT INTERRUPTED BY THE RELOCATION TO DUBAI.

EXCELLENT PUBLICATIONS

The ICC's commitment to effective communication with its stakeholders is delivered through this annual report, a quarterly newsletter - **Cricket Quarterly** - and the ICC Playing Handbook.

In 2005-06, all events were serviced with high-quality tournament publications including souvenir brochures, programmes and media guides and ahead of the Johnnie Walker Super Series the ICC launched a new publication, **The Spirit of Cricket**.

This celebratory book includes over 150 captivating cricket images and insights into the unique Spirit of Cricket from 10 greats of the game including Steve Waugh, Sunil Gavaskar and Hanif Mohammad.



- 1 Pakistan Cricket Board Chairman Shaharyar Khan speaks at the ICC Cricket Business Forum 2005 at Lord's.
- 2 The 'Kings of Spin' - (l-r) Stuart MacGill, Shane Warne, Muttiah Muralitharan and Daniel Vettori before the Johnnie Walker Super Series Test match in Sydney.
- 3 Kevin Pietersen speaks to the media after picking up his second award at the ICC Awards 2005.

EMBRACING INNOVATION

As well as print publications, the ICC has embraced technology to help ensure the effective sharing of information with all its stakeholders, especially media and cricket supporters.

The build-up to the Johnnie Walker Super Series included a regular e-newsletter. Live internet updates were provided for all matches at the ICC Trophy in Ireland and, for the first time, daily ball-by-ball internet coverage from the ICC U/19 Cricket World Cup in Sri Lanka was made available on the official ICC website. This enhanced service helped bring 200,000 extra visitors to the ICC website in February 2006.

The ICC Business Forum was the final major ICC event hosted at Lord's before the move to Dubai. A new format - which comprised a sit-down lunch and saw Sir Rod Eddington provide the key-note speech - received encouraging feedback from Members and other attendees. The online streaming of this event and the subsequent media conference highlights the ICC's commitment to accessibility and users joined in from across the cricket world.

Since the move to Dubai, the commitment to accessibility has continued with media conferences after all major meetings. Effective partnerships with local broadcasters have helped ensure international television networks have access to footage from ICC media conferences and events in Dubai.

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BUILDING PROGRAMS

The ICC continued to support the profile of the sport in non-Test playing countries with regular updates on activities across the developing world and promotion of the ICC Intercontinental Cup and ICC Trophy.

This year has also seen women's cricket brought into the ICC fold and the women's game has rapidly become a regular feature of ICC communications.

Official recognition of the achievements of the game's best teams and players continues to grow with the second successful staging of the ICC Awards presented by Hyundai in association with FICA and regular promotion of the official LG ICC Rankings. Australia picked up a second consecutive annual cheque of \$US500,000 for topping the LG ICC Test and ODI rankings and the year concluded with the launch of www.lgiccrankings.com which enables users to track the careers of their favourite players and compare the performances of all-time greats.

MEDIA SERVICES

Media operations at all three ICC events in the year were successfully completed. The Johnnie Walker Super Series was preceded by generally positive media coverage, particularly in the host country Australia. Although support for the concept declined during the course of the one-sided matches, post-event operational feedback from members of the 500-strong accredited media in attendance was very positive. Over 80 per cent of media respondents rated both the facilities and publications as good or very good while almost 90 per cent expressed a positive view of the media liaison staff they dealt with.

Outside of these events, the ICC maintained a regular flow of media information, issuing over 350 media releases that supported ICC initiatives and addressed key issues. In addition, senior ICC staff were regularly available for interview with media from all Full Member countries and many Associates and Affiliates over the course of the year.





SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITIES

The ICC continued to lead the sport's commitment to raising awareness and reducing stigma of HIV and AIDS. This took the form of co-ordinated activities at ICC events and on World AIDS Day.

The ICC also acted rapidly following the devastating earthquake that took place during the Johnnie Walker Super Series. A donation of \$US500,000 from the ICC Executive Board kick-started a joint campaign with the Australian Red Cross on behalf of the Red Cross/Red Crescent international relief agency.

Further activities around the second day of the Super Test at the Sydney Cricket Ground helped bring the total raised to help the victims of the tragedy to \$US1.5 million.

ICC CRICKET WORLD

The ICC's weekly TV show – ICC Cricket World – continued to entertain cricket fans with a round-up of action from around the globe that is broadcast by major networks across five continents. The partnership between the ICC and Sportsbrand Media Group completed two successful years in January 2006.



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HELPING UNAIDS 'RUN OUT' HIV AND AIDS - ACTIVITIES (2005-06)

5-19 Oct 2005	Sydney/Melbourne	All players from the ICC World XI and Australia teams had awareness-raising red ribbons integrated into their Test and One-Day International playing shirts during the Johnnie Walker Super Series
1 Dec 2005	Lahore	England and Pakistani cricketers wore red ribbons at the Third Test match to raise awareness of HIV/AIDS
1 Dec 2005	Lucknow	England and Indian women cricketers wore red ribbons during their match in Lucknow
2 Dec 2005	Chennai	Indian and Sri Lankan cricketers pledged their support to the HIV/AIDS cause by sporting red ribbons during the first day of the first Test match at Chennai
3 Dec 2005	Auckland	Australian and New Zealand cricketers wore red ribbons during the first ODI in Auckland
15, 17, 19 Feb 2006	Colombo	The world's best young U/19 cricketers united to show their support for the global fight against HIV/AIDS. The players wore red ribbons during the two semi-finals and final of the ICC U/19 Cricket World Cup in Colombo

BROADCASTERS AND TERRITORY REACH OF ICC CRICKET WORLD

(Show is broadcast to 97 countries of which 86 are ICC Member Countries)

Africa	SABC	Botswana, Ghana, Kenya, Lesotho, Malawi, Mozambique, Namibia, Nigeria, Rwanda, Sierra Leone, South Africa, St Helena, Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia, Zimbabwe
	ESPN International	Botswana, Ghana, Kenya, Lesotho, Malawi, Morocco, Mozambique, Namibia, Nigeria, Rwanda, Sierra Leone, South Africa, St Helena, Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia, Zimbabwe
Americas	Caribbean Media Corporation	West Indies, Bahamas, Belize, Costa Rica, Cuba, Suriname, Turks & Caicos Islands
	International Channel	USA
	CBC	Canada
	Fox Sports	Canada
	ESPN International	Argentina, Bermuda, Brazil, Chile, Mexico, Panama, West Indies, Bahamas, Belize, Costa Rica, Suriname, Turks & Caicos Islands
Asia	BTV	Bangladesh
	ESPN Star Sports	Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Brunei, China, Hong Kong, India, Macau, Malaysia, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Taiwan, Thailand, Vietnam
	ESPN Orbit	Bahrain, Iran, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, UAE
	ART	Sri Lanka
	Nepal TV	Nepal
	Saudi TV	Saudi Arabia
	Tensports	Pakistan, Bahrain, Egypt, Iran, Iraq, Israel, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Syria, United Arab Emirates, Yemen, India, Europe
	East Asia-Pacific	ESPN International
Sky Sports NZ		New Zealand
ESPN Star Sports		Fiji, Philippines, South Korea, Indonesia, Papua New Guinea
TV1 Samoa		Samoa
Fiji TV		Fiji, Tonga, Vanuatu, Cook Islands, Niue, Tokelau, Solomon Islands
Europe	Sky Sports	England, Ireland, Scotland, Isle of Man
	CNBC	France, Germany, Italy, Austria, Belgium, Luxembourg, Portugal, Spain, Switzerland,
	Canal +	Denmark, Finland, Norway, Sweden
	ESPN International	Israel, Cyprus, Greece
	Melita Cable	Malta

- 1 The ICC supported the Red Cross/Red Crescent relief efforts following the Pakistan earthquake that took place during the Johnnie Walker Super Series.
- 2 Pakistan captain Inzamam-ul-Haq helped raise awareness of HIV and AIDS on World AIDS Day.
- 3 Rod Marsh will be Director of Coaching at the ICC Global Cricket Academy in Dubai.

DUBAI AND THE GLOBAL CRICKET ACADEMY

The relocation of the headquarters and staff to Dubai was smooth and successful and the ICC opened for business on schedule and on budget at its new offices on 1 August 2005.

This complicated project required detailed planning in London, Monaco and Dubai. As part of this process, the ICC incorporated a new company in Dubai (International Cricket Council FZ LLC) which is based in the Dubai Media City Free Zone. The move to Dubai provided the opportunity to rationalize the organisation's corporate structure and it is planned that the ICC companies in the UK and Monaco will be closed in due course.

The ICC currently occupies temporary premises in Dubai Media City and planning has already commenced for the ICC's permanent headquarters in Dubai Sports City. It is envisaged that the new building (that will be owned by the ICC) will be ready for occupation in 2008.

Most of the ICC staff from London and Monaco that were offered the opportunity to relocate to Dubai - including all senior management - accepted the invitation. To complement the relocating staff, the ICC recruited from across the cricket world, making the profile of the organisation more international than ever.

The new geographical location of the ICC headquarters and the extra space provided by centralised premises have provided significant benefits and cost savings. Several major meetings and events that would previously have been held in major international hotels have taken place in the ICC office and flight costs to eight of the ICC Full Member countries have been reduced.

One of the ICC's first activities in Dubai was the appointment of Rod Marsh as Director of Coaching at the planned ICC Global Cricket Academy. Over the year, Rod has helped shape the plans for this exciting initiative which will bring benefits to many of the ICC Members when it becomes operational in 2008.



AS WELL AS DELIVERING WORLD-CLASS EVENTS IN THE YEAR, THE ICC DEVOTED SIGNIFICANT ENERGIES TO LONG-TERM COMMERCIAL PLANNING FOR THE SPORT.

A new approach to the selection of hosts for ICC events led to a tremendously successful submissions process for the ICC events that will follow the ICC Cricket World Cup 2007.

A special ICC Board meeting in April 2006 was the climax of a lengthy process that saw the ICC Members commit to a major ICC event every year. They then selected hosts of all but one of these annual events through to 2015 and the 2019 ICC Cricket World Cup.

All of the Members that will host these World Cup, Champions Trophy and Twenty20 events produced submissions that comply with strict ICC criteria regarding on and off field protocols, standards and conditions. This provides certainty, regarding the ability of these Members to host these major events and allows the ICC to plan with certainty its schedule of events through to 2015.

Amongst the highlights will be:

- An inaugural Twenty20 event in South Africa in September 2007 incorporating all 10 Full Members
- The ICC Cricket World Cup in Bangladesh, India, Pakistan and Sri Lanka in 2011 and in Australia and New Zealand in 2015
- A new timing for the ICC Champions Trophy that will see it moved to a slot further out from the ICC Cricket World Cup

As well as these events for the major men's teams, a programme of other events was also drawn up and approved. This programme will include the ICC Women's World Cup, the ICC U/19 Cricket World Cup and the final qualifying event for the next men's World Cup.

A major project in the immediate future will be the sale of ICC's next round of commercial rights for these events from 2007-2015. The strategy and process for this project - which will have a very significant bearing on the ICC's future operations and finances - is currently under discussion.

THREE EVENTS IN EIGHT MONTHS

At the same time as a long-term strategy for ICC events was being developed, the ICC was in the process of delivering three important events and preparing for the high profile ICC Champions Trophy India 2006 and ICC Cricket World Cup West Indies 2007.

The planning process for ICC events involves ICC allying its knowledge of the event infrastructure and the commercial partners to the experience of the hosting nation in putting on international cricket matches. The benefits are a sharing of best practice and an appreciation of differing approaches, practices and cultures that fosters mutual understanding and leaves a lasting legacy.

2005-06 was a particularly busy time for the ICC commercial team with an unprecedented three events spanning just eight months. First of these was the ICC Trophy in July 2005 which saw the Irish Cricket Union successfully managing the major logistical challenge of putting on 42 matches at 25 venues in two countries over a 14-day period of intense activity. The last of these was the ICC U/19 CWC 2006 which was managed by the safe pair of hands that is Sri Lanka Cricket who, hosting their third ICC event in just six years, made light work of managing 16 teams across 44 matches in the capital, Colombo.

Sandwiched between these two tournaments was the Johnnie Walker Super

Series, a one-off event which proved pioneering in more than just its format, as it allowed ICC to trial an alternative commercial strategy with the sale and management of its own sponsorship and broadcasting rights. While the cricket failed to live up to expectations, the event was a commercial success and provided a significant insight into the feasibility of this independent commercial model.

Looking ahead to the next 12 months, the ICC's successful long-term partnership with the Global Cricket Corporation has two more events to run. The first of these will be the ICC Champions Trophy 2006 at four venues in India. Decisions regarding the selection of venues and the schedule were protracted but once this was resolved, the preparations for the event began at a rapid pace.

Preparations for the ICC Cricket World Cup in the West Indies began even before the previous World Cup in South Africa in 2003 was over. The 2007 project has seen massive investment in stadiums and infrastructure across the nine countries that will host warm-up matches and the event itself.

Twelve months out from the opening match all venues were assessed to be on track for completion in time and, crucially, the pitches and outfielders are progressing in line with the projections of the ICC's experienced pitches consultant, Andy Atkinson.

HOSTS FOR FORTHCOMING ICC EVENTS (2007-2019)

Year	Event	Month	Host
2007	Twenty20	Sept (weeks 3&4)	South Africa
2008	U/19 World Cup	February	Malaysia
2008	Champions Trophy	Sept (weeks 2,3&4)	Pakistan
2009	ICC World Cup Qualifier (formerly ICC Trophy)	April	UAE
2009	Twenty20	June (weeks 2&3)	England
2009	Women's World Cup	March	Australia
2010	World Cricket League (Division 1)	tbc	The Netherlands
2010	U/19 Cricket World Cup	Feb	Kenya
2010	Champions Trophy	Apr/May (weeks 3,4&1)	West Indies
2011	Cricket World Cup	Feb/Mar (weeks 3,4&1,2,3)	Asia (Bangladesh, India, Pakistan & Sri Lanka)
2012	U/19 World Cup	July	Canada
2012	Champions Trophy or Twenty20	Sep	Sri Lanka
2013	Women's World Cup	February	India
2013	Champions Trophy or Twenty20	May/Jun	tbc
2013	ICC World Cup Qualifier (formerly ICC Trophy)	Jul/Aug	Scotland
2014	U/19 Cricket World Cup	Feb/Mar	UAE
2014	Champions Trophy or Twenty20	April	Bangladesh
2014	World Cricket League (Division 1)	tbc	tbc
2015	Cricket World Cup	Feb / Mar	Australia/New Zealand
2019	Cricket World Cup	tbc	England





- 1 The ICC Cricket World Cup will begin in March 2007.
- 2 The ICC U/19 Cricket World Cup 2006 in Sri Lanka received international broadcast coverage.
- 3 The Johnnie Walker Super Series brought new sponsors to international cricket.
- 4 As joint winners of the Player of the Year Award, Jacques Kallis (left) and Andrew Flintoff were both rewarded with Hyundai cars.



Regular meetings, workshops and inspections have helped maintain steady progress in all key operational areas and the host countries are on course to host the biggest sporting event the Caribbean has ever seen.

Positive recognition of the quality of the legacy infrastructure in the Caribbean came with the ICC Board's decision to award the ICC Champions Trophy 2010 to the West Indies.

BUSINESS PARTNER PROGRAMME

The International Cricket Council has an active Business Partner Programme which forms an integral part of the commercial function of ICC.



Global Cricket Corporation (GCC) is the sponsorship and broadcast commercial rights holder for ICC Cricket Events (ICC CWC, ICC CT, ICC U/19 CWC, ICC Trophy) until 2007. It is responsible for contracting partners for these events. The current Official Global Partners are LG Electronics, Pepsico, Hutchison and Hero Honda and the Official Sponsors are Indian Oil, Cable & Wireless and VISA. Scotiabank are also an Official Sponsor for the ICC Cricket World Cup.

The GCC agreement has provided ICC, and its Members, with financial security and the opportunity to invest in the development of the game whilst running a world-class events programme.

Alongside the GCC agreement, ICC also has official sponsors and suppliers as part of its Business Partner Programme.

FINANCIAL RESULTS

The ICC has had a very good financial year. Achieving projected operating revenues coupled with prudent expense management has meant the organisation ended the year below budgeted net operating costs. This has resulted in a refund back to Members of \$US 1.1 m in subscription fees. At a time of rising interest rates and inflationary pressures, this is an excellent result.

The Group spent \$US 8.4 million on Cricket Development, \$US 1.8 million on the relocation of its headquarters to Dubai and distributed \$US 7.0 million to its Members. The year end reserves were \$US 18.5 million, of which a further \$US 7.1 million has been earmarked for Cricket Development over the next 12 months. The balance sheet remains liquid and strong, with cash and investments of \$US 134.8 million and capital of \$US 11.4 million. Assets total \$US 185.1 million.

During the year, the ICC was able to secure tax exemptions from the Governments of Sri Lanka and India, which will assist in further development of the sport.

FINANCE FORUM

The Finance Managers and CFOs of the Full Member countries attended the second ICC Finance Forum in Dubai in January 2006. This Forum provided participants the opportunity to debate a range of financial matters facing the cricket community, and resulted in many useful ideas and recommendations.



OFFICIAL SPONSORS AND SUPPLIERS (BUSINESS PARTNERS)

Emirates is the naming rights sponsor of the Emirates Elite Panel of ICC Umpires and Referees. It is also the Official Airline to ICC.



Hyundai is the presenting sponsor of the ICC Awards in association with FICA. Hyundai has sponsored the event since its inauguration in 2004.



LG Electronics sponsors the LG ICC Rankings which are international cricket's official ranking system for players and teams. LG is also a platinum partner for the ICC Awards.



Swarovski is the official trophy provider for the ICC Awards.



SET Max is the official broadcaster for the ICC Awards. SET Max produces and broadcasts the show for ICC.



Getty Images provide ICC with photographic images for use on the ICC website and in all ICC publications. The agreement also allows access for ICC Members to photographs for non-commercial use.



Sportsbrand produces the weekly ICC Cricket World TV show which showcases the week's cricket news. It is broadcast in 92 countries of which 86 are ICC Members



Codemasters are ICC's computer game licensee and its 'Brian Lara Cricket 2005' title, featuring the ICC Cricket World Cup and ICC Champions Trophy events was hugely successful achieving number 1 in the UK gaming chart. A new version of the game will be released early next year.



ICC COMMITTEES

THE ICC COMMITTEE STRUCTURE ENSURES THE IMPLEMENTATION OF GOOD PRACTICE IN THE GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT OF THE ICC'S AFFAIRS.

ICC COMMITTEES (At 31 May)	
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DETAILS OF THE KEY ICC COMMITTEES AND THEIR DECISIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FROM 1 APRIL 2005 TO 31 MARCH 2006.

1. ICC ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The ICC Annual Conference meets once a year. It ratifies major changes including the appointment of the ICC President and the acceptance of new Members.

KEY OUTCOMES/DECISIONS

(ICC Annual Conference)

28 JUNE 2005, LONDON

President shall be appointed for a term of two years with an option to extend for a further year upon the invitation of the ICC Executive Board.

New system for appointing the President – a Nominations Committee will consider nominations from all Members then make recommendation to the ICC Executive Board which will in turn propose to the Annual Conference the best candidate for the post of ICC President. This process will be used for the first time to appoint the President after Percy Sonn.

Belgium, Belize, Botswana, Japan, Kuwait, Thailand upgraded from Affiliate to Associate Members.

Guernsey, Jersey, Mali and Slovenia became new ICC Affiliate Members, taking total membership to 96.

2. ICC EXECUTIVE BOARD & IDI BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The ICC Executive Board and the Board of Directors of ICC Development (International) Ltd (IDI) - the ICC's commercial arm - comprises the Presidents and Chairmen of the ICC's 10 Full Member countries, plus three representatives from Associate Member countries. These forums are the key policy bodies for international cricket.

The IDI Board is responsible for the major financial and commercial policies relating to global cricket, while the ICC Executive Board takes recommendations from the Chief Executives' Committee and oversees the affairs of the ICC within the Council's framework.

Over the course of the financial year the IDI Board and the ICC Executive Board each met three times, with the following key outcomes:

KEY OUTCOMES/DECISIONS

(ICC Executive Board & IDI Board of Directors)

27 JUNE 2005, LONDON

Code of Conduct amended.

Technology trial adopted, ODI playing conditions endorsed.

Anti-racism Code adopted.

Policy regarding Zimbabwe confirmed.

10 OCTOBER 2005, SYDNEY

Policy of one major and one minor ICC event per year agreed.

Compliance process for ICC events agreed.

26 MARCH 2006, DUBAI

Revised Future Tours Program, including Twenty20 cricket adopted.

ODI ranking system for top Associate Members approved.

Experimental playing conditions for replacement players abolished.

Anti-Doping Policy approved.

New Policy regarding Boards' association with betting companies agreed.

New Disciplinary Process adopted.

Strategic Plan for 2006-10 approved.

3. ICC CHIEF EXECUTIVES' COMMITTEE

The ICC Chief Executives' Committee (CEC) is the key forum for making recommendations on the business of cricket. The CEC includes the Chief Executives of the 10 Test-playing nations and three representatives from the Associate Member level and refers policy issues to the Executive Board for approval.

THE CEC IS COMPRISED OF

Malcolm Speed (Chairman)	ICC Chief Executive Officer
Ehsan Mani (Ex-Officio)	ICC President
Sunil Gavaskar (Ex-Officio)	ICC Cricket Committee Chairman

FULL MEMBERS

James Sutherland	Chief Executive Officer, Cricket Australia
Mahbubul Anam	Chief Executive, Bangladesh Cricket Board
David Collier	Chief Executive, England and Wales Cricket Board
Niranjan Shah	Honorary Secretary, Board of Control for Cricket in India
Martin Snedden	Chief Executive, New Zealand Cricket
Salim Altaf	Director - Cricket Operations, Pakistan Cricket Board
Duleep Mendis	Chief Executive, Sri Lanka Cricket
Gerald Majola	Chief Executive Officer, United Cricket Board of S. Africa
Roger Brathwaite	Chief Executive Officer, West Indies Cricket Board
Ozias Bvute	Managing Director, Zimbabwe Cricket

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

John Cribbin	Honorary Secretary, Hong Kong Cricket Association
John Wright	Honorary Secretary, Irish Cricket Union
Laurie Pieters	President, Namibia Cricket Board

Macky Dudhia (BCB), S.K. Nair (BCCI) and Ricardo Lord (Associates) also served on the Chief Executives' Committee during the year under review.

KEY OUTCOMES/DECISIONS

(Chief Executives' Committee)

24-25 JUNE 2005, LONDON

Agreed a policy for the payment of match fees and travel costs of overseas appointed match officials for ODIs and Tests.

Recommend to Executive Board that the Code of Conduct be amended to provide for

- a right to appeal in respect of Level 2 as well as Level 3 and 4 offences, but not Level 1, and
- a specific offence for captains responsible for slow over rates
- a new offence relating to serious public criticism or inappropriate comment on a match-related incident or match official
- the ICC Chief Referee to have the responsibility to determine breaches not falling under the jurisdiction of the match referee
- simplification of the hearing procedure.

Recommended to Executive Board adoption of an ICC Anti-racism Code.

Approved the Cricket Committee's recommendations relating to the technology trial at the Johnnie Walker Super Series, experimental ODI playing conditions, bonus points and the appointment of a bat specifications sub-committee.

Approved amendments to the ICC safety and security pro-forma including the big screen replay policy and the right for venues to apply to the ICC on an annual basis for a special exemption against the importation of alcohol in bottles and cans.

KEY OUTCOMES/DECISIONS (CONTD)

(Chief Executives' Committee)

28 AUGUST 2005, DUBAI

Recommended to Executive Board that ICC should introduce age verification testing at its age group events.

Recommended to Executive Board that Code of Conduct be amended to provide for change in the appeal process whereby appeal is determined by oral submissions unless there is good reason to rely on written submissions only.

Recommended to Executive Board and Annual Conference that ICC Anti-Doping policy be approved and that ICC become a signatory to WADA Code.

Approved introduction of a revised umpire assessment process.

14-15 FEBRUARY 2006, DUBAI

Determined and recommended to Executive Board schedule of ICC events for 2007-2015.

Agreed and recommended to Executive Board formats for various ICC events (ICC Cricket World Cup, ICC Champions Trophy and Twenty20).

Cost equalization scheme agreed for one-off ICC meetings.

Future Tours Program (FTP) for the period 2006-2012 agreed and recommended to Executive Board for adoption.

Agreed to recommend to Executive Board that Twenty20 cricket be included as part of FTP with no minimum requirement and a maximum of one or two games per touring team with maximum of three games per home season.

Recommended to Executive Board adoption of ICC Disciplinary Process.

Recommended to Executive Board adoption of various regulations controlling association of boards with betting companies.

Approval of ODI ranking system for the top six Associate Member countries and method for the incorporation of Associates into the LG ICC ODI table.

Abolishment of experimental ODI playing conditions relating to replacements.

Recommended to Executive Board adoption of various eligibility rules specific to women's cricket and ODIs between Associate Members.

Agreed to recommend to Executive Board adoption of ICC Strategic Plan for 2006-2010.

4. ICC CRICKET COMMITTEE

The ICC Cricket Committee (CC) makes recommendations to the CEC and deals with any matters or issues relating to the game or the playing of the game. Five members of the CC are nominated by the players from Full Member teams, five are nominated by the Full Member boards, one is nominated by the players from the Associate Members and one is nominated by the boards of the Associate Members.

THE CRICKET COMMITTEE IS COMPRISED OF

Sunil Gavaskar (Chairman)	
Ehsan Mani (Ex-Officio)	ICC President
Malcolm Speed (Ex-Officio)	ICC Chief Executive Officer

FULL MEMBERS

Tim May	Australia (p)
John Reid jnr	New Zealand (b)
Angus Fraser	England (p)
David Holford	West Indies (b)
Talat Ali	Pakistan (p)
Faruque Ahmed	Bangladesh (b)
Errol Stewart	South Africa (p)
Arjuna Ranatunga	Sri Lanka (b)
Ali Omar Shah	Zimbabwe (b)
Tiger Pataudi	India (p)

ASSOCIATE MEMBER REPRESENTATIVES

Roland Lefebvre	Holland (p)
Harilal Shah	Kenya (b)

(p) player nominee; (b) board nominee

I Qasim (Pak) also served on the Cricket Committee during the year under review.

ICC COMMITTEES

KEY OUTCOMES/DECISIONS

(Cricket Committee)

10-11 MAY 2005, DUBAI

Key recommendations to CEC

Earpieces linked to sound from stump-microphones to be used by umpires at all ICC major events.

System of consultation between on-field umpires and TV umpire on any aspect of any decision be trialed at Johnnie Walker Super Series.

Adoption of experimental playing conditions relating to use of replacements and fielding restrictions (10, 5 and 5) in ODIs.

Adoption of a new bonus point system for ODI series involving three or four teams as below:

Win with bonus points	5
Win without bonus points	4
Tie or no result	2
Loss	0

Sub-committee be appointed to review the specifications of cricket bats.

Introduction of pitch monitoring process for international cricket.

5. AUDIT COMMITTEE

The role of the Audit Committee is to review the ICC's financial reporting process, the system of internal control and management of financial risks, the audit process and the ICC's process for monitoring compliance with laws and regulations.

Over the course of the financial year, the Audit Committee met on two occasions.

THE AUDIT COMMITTEE IS COMPRISED OF

Sir John Anderson (Chairman)	Chairman, New Zealand Cricket
Ken Gordon	President, West Indies Cricket Board
Oliver Stocken	Independent Member
Stanley Perlman	Alternate Member
Ehsan Mani (Ex-Officio)	ICC President
Malcolm Speed (Ex-Officio)	ICC Chief Executive Officer

The affairs of the Audit Committee are managed by Faisal Hasnain and Alan Gillett.

KEY OUTCOMES/DECISIONS

(Audit Committee)

26 JUNE 2005, LONDON

Review of ICC 2005 Annual Report and Accounts with external auditors and agreement to recommend approval to Board.

General review of Code of Ethics matters, including outstanding declarations.

Review of various matters, including ICC investments, directors' expenses and bank signatories.

Discussion concerning risk issues arising from the ICC's relocation to Dubai, including IT/business continuity, accounting systems, staffing, compliance with local Dubai regulations, internal audit function and appointment of new external auditors.

Reviewed various Internal Audit matters, including an updated Audit Plan and recent Audit Reports.

Discussed the results of a benchmarking exercise and resultant requirement to review the Committee's Terms of Reference.

Considered a proposal to introduce a whistleblowing policy.

19 MARCH 2006, DUBAI

Further review of Code of Ethics matters.

Reviewed outstanding issues from external auditor's Management Letter 2005.

Reviewed latest ICC Management Accounts.

Met with external auditors and reviewed their Audit Plan for 2006.

Reviewed various matters, including outstanding legal and tax matters affecting ICC.

Received an update on IT and business continuity matters.

Reviewed a range of Internal Audit issues, including a progress report on the Audit Plan and a draft Plan for 2006/7, various Audit Reports and certain on-going matters arising from the re-location exercise.

6. FINANCE & COMMERCIAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

The Finance and Commercial Affairs Committee was established this year as a committee under the auspices of the IDI Board. The Committee reports to the IDI Board on all matters relating to Finance, such as ICC Events, Financial Results, Budget & Planning, Commercial Matters and Business Partner Program, Investment Program, tax planning, sponsorships and sale of commercial rights.

THE F&CAC IS COMPRISED OF

Ehsan Mani	President
Malcolm Speed	Chief Executive
Sir John Anderson	Chairman, New Zealand Cricket
Jayantha Dharmadasa	Chairman, Interim Committee, Sri Lanka Cricket
David Morgan	Chairman, England & Wales Cricket Board

The affairs of the Finance & Commercial Affairs Committee are managed by Faisal Hasnain and Campbell Jamieson.

KEY OUTCOMES/DECISIONS

(F&CAC Committee)

26 MARCH 2006, DUBAI

Review of management Accounts.

Review of Investment Program.

Review of ICC Events.

Review of Commercial program.

Review of new ICC office building.

Review of ICC Development Program.

Review of ICC tax position.

Recommendation that the ICC whistle-blowing policy be put forward to the Board for approval.

Review of the relocation exercise and the associated costs.

Structure of Internal Audit in Dubai.

7. CODE OF CONDUCT COMMISSION

The Code of Conduct Commission oversees formal enquiries into conduct which may be prejudicial to the interests of the game and makes recommendations to the Executive Board. All Full Members nominate a panel member.

THE CODE OF CONDUCT COMMITTEE IS COMPRISED OF

Hon. Michael Beloff QC	Chairman
Richie Benaud	Australia
Ajmalul Hossain QC	Bangladesh
Sir Oliver Popplewell	England
NKP Salve	India
Tim Castle	New Zealand
Justice Dr Nasim Hasan Shah	Pakistan
Justice Albie Sachs	South Africa
Faisz Musthapha	Sri Lanka
Justice Adrian Saunders	West Indies
Clive Barnes	Zimbabwe

Justice Anthony Lucky (West Indies) also served on the Code of Conduct Committee during the year under review.

8. DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

The Development Committee is responsible for reviewing and monitoring all policy matters relating to the structure and delivery of the ICC Global Development Program.

Over the course of the financial year, the Development Committee met on two occasions.

THE DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE IS COMPRISED OF

Malcolm Speed (Chairman)	ICC Chief Executive Officer
Tim Kumalo	African representative
Val Banks	Americas representative
Sultan Rana	Asia representative
Geoff Tamblyn	EAP representative
David Collier	Europe representative
Simone Gambino	Associates' Delegate
Roger Knight	MCC Delegate
Betty Timmer	ICC Women's Committee Chair

John Wright (Europe) and John Cribbin (Associates) also served on the Development Committee during the year under review.

KEY OUTCOMES/DECISIONS

(Development Committee)

7–8 MAY 2005, DUBAI

Expansion of ICC High Performance Program including agreement to make High Performance Manager role a full-time position.

Consideration of developing cricket world future funding scenario.

Establishment of women's cricket grants scheme.

Recommendation regarding appointment of ICC U/19 Cricket World Cup 2006 host and format.

Recommendations regarding new members and annual membership audit processes.

24–25 NOVEMBER 2005, KATHMANDU

Expansion of ICC Intercontinental Cup to global four day event for 2006.

Inaugural ICC Women's Committee report and recommendations from June 05 including Test & ODI rankings, playing conditions, tournaments, High Performance initiatives, and playing calendar.

Associate and Affiliate issue recommendations to ICC Governance Committee.

ICC World Cricket League 2007 Global Division host allocations.

ICC U/19 Cricket World Cup 2008 Associate qualification system resolved.

9. ICC WOMEN'S COMMITTEE

Following the integration of women's cricket into the ICC's operations, the ICC Women's Committee was established in April 2005 to:

- Govern and manage women's cricket;
- Provide leadership to the Regional Development Managers (RDMs) and Members to develop women's cricket;
- Make recommendations to the ICC Development Committee for future women's cricket initiatives.

THE WOMEN'S COMMITTEE IS COMPRISED OF

Betty Timmer	Chair
Kerri Laing	Africa representative
Ann Browne-John	Americas representative
Shubhangi Kulkarni	Asia representative
Catherine Campbell	East Asia-Pacific representative
Gill McConway	Europe representative
Belinda Clark	Co-Opted representative
Matthew Kennedy	ICC Global Development Manager

Joan Edwards held the position of Africa representative in 2005.

KEY RECOMMENDATIONS

(to the Development Committee)

27 & 29 JUNE 2005, LONDON

Recommendation to rank the top 10 countries playing international women's cricket so when these Members play each other, matches will be classed as official Test or ODI matches.

Recommendation to make a unified set of Playing Conditions, Code of Conduct and Player Eligibility Guidelines for all international women's matches.

Recommendation that the World Cup Qualifying Tournament (WCQT) comprise an eight team, two-pool, 50-overs-a-side competition held over seven days.

Recommendation that a grant is provided to each region to develop women's cricket.

27–28 SEPTEMBER 2005, DUBAI

Recommendation for a Women's Cricket High Performance Program to be developed and implemented.

Establishment of an International Women's Future Tours Program.

Recommendation of a two-tiered playing structure for the top 10 ranked countries.

10. HR, REMUNERATION AND APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE

The Human Resource, Remuneration and Appointments Committee is responsible for reviewing and monitoring all policy matters relating to the organisation's human resources.

Over the course of the financial year, the Human Resource, Remuneration and Appointments Committee met once.

THE HRRR COMMITTEE IS COMPRISED OF

David Morgan (Chairman)	Full Member
Ray Mali	Full Member
HRH Tumku Imran	Associate Member
Ehsan Mani (Ex-Officio)	ICC President
Malcolm Speed (Ex-Officio)	ICC Chief Executive Officer

Peter Chingoka (Zimbabwe) also served on the HR, Remuneration, & Appointments Committee during the year under review.

11. GOVERNANCE REVIEW COMMITTEE

The Governance Review Committee was formed in 2004 to review the ICC's governance structures and make recommendations to ensure the organisational decision-making processes remain effective.

THE GOVERNANCE REVIEW COMMITTEE IS COMPRISED OF

Shaharyar Khan (Chairman)	Full Member
Peter Chingoka	Full Member
HRH Tunku Imran	Associate Member
Ehsan Mani (Ex-Officio)	ICC President
Malcolm Speed (Ex-Officio)	ICC Chief Executive Officer

Bob Merriman (Australia) and Edward Griffith (West Indies) also served on the Governance Review Committee during the year.

KEY OUTCOMES/DECISIONS

(Governance Review Committee)

SEPTEMBER 2005 (TELECONFERENCE)

Proposals for restructuring IDI developed and agreed.

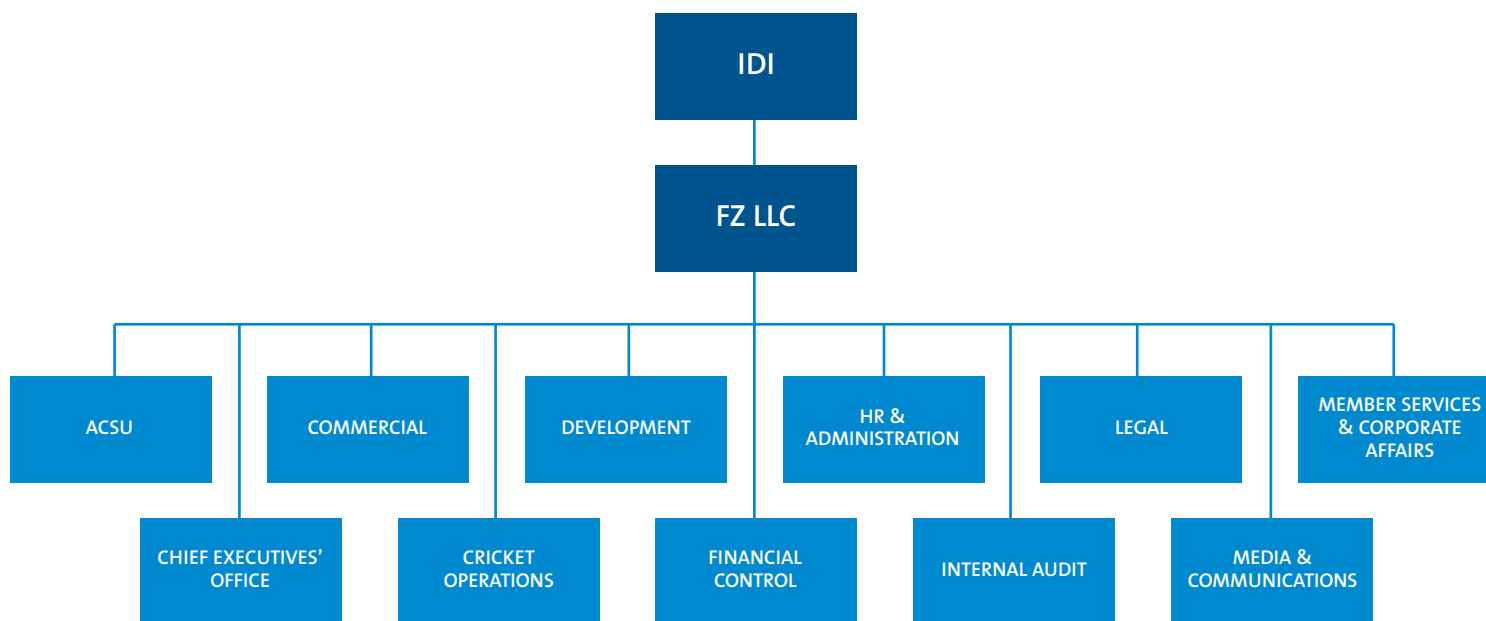
FEBRUARY 2006, DUBAI

Proposals for strengthening Executive Board powers to enable it to suspend dysfunctional Members discussed and agreed.

Proposals for restructuring IDI agreed.

ORGANISATIONAL EFFECTIVENESS

THE MOVE TO DUBAI HAS BROUGHT THE ICC'S OPERATIONS TOGETHER UNDER ONE ROOF AND THIS HAS HAD A POSITIVE IMPACT ON THE ORGANISATION'S EFFECTIVENESS.



With the Chief Executives' Department overseeing the daily operations of the Board and the Chief Executive, the ICC is supported by 10 core departments in delivering the organisation's tasks and strategies.

The 10 departments and their main areas of responsibility are:

1 ANTI-CORRUPTION & SECURITY UNIT

Eradicate corruption
Provide a professional, permanent security infrastructure

2 COMMERCIAL

Event management
Commercial partner acquisition and servicing
Brand management
Television broadcasting
Merchandising

3 CRICKET OPERATIONS

Referees and umpires
Playing conditions
Player behaviour
Safety and security
Tour programming
Equipment and clothing regulations
Illegal bowling actions
Anti-doping regulations

4 DEVELOPMENT

High Performance
Participation
Global and regional tournaments
Education and resource provision
Annual development awards
Promoting the 'Spirit of Cricket'

5 FINANCIAL CONTROL

Financial management
Planning, budgeting, forecasting and monitoring
Financial analysis and cost control
Accounting policies and corporate compliance
Liaison with internal and external audit

6 HUMAN RESOURCES AND ADMINISTRATION

Administration services
Information technology
Human resource management

7 INTERNAL AUDIT

Compliance and policy checking
Department reviews

8 LEGAL

Managing internal and external legal affairs
Addressing tournament legal issues
Dispute resolution
Managing legal issues arising from ICC rules and regulations

9 MEDIA & COMMUNICATIONS

Issues and media management
Media relations
Communications materials

10 MEMBER SERVICES & CORPORATE AFFAIRS

Member relations
Member advisory and assistance services
Publications and website
Corporate relations
Strategy

ICC STAFF STRUCTURE

(AT 31 MAY 2006)

- 1 The ICC's Dubai-based staff.
- 2 Members of the Emirates Elite Panel of ICC Umpires and Referees.
- 3 The ICC is based at Al Thuraya Tower in Dubai Media City while its permanent premises are built at Dubai Sports City.



CHIEF EXECUTIVES' OFFICE

Malcolm Speed	Chief Executive Officer
Juliet Davidson	PA to Chief Executive Officer

COMMERCIAL

Campbell Jamieson	General Manager
Warren Deutrom	Cricket Events Manager
Richard Verow	Commercial Lawyer
Prataal Raj	Brand Manager/Lawyer
Chris Nockels	Events Coordinator
Sybil Fernandes	Events Coordinator
Laura Oakes	Commercial Accounts Coordinator
Fiona Starr	Administration Officer
Chris Tetley *	Host Liaison, ICC CWC 07
Natalie McFarlane *	Executive Assistant, ICC CWC 07
Jamie Stewart	Global Sponsorship Manager
Dhiraj Malhotra *	Sponsorship Officer
Shuchi Mahajan *	Personal Assistant - Sponsorship

CRICKET OPERATIONS

David Richardson	General Manager
Clive Hitchcock	Cricket Operations Manager
Doug Cowie	Umpires & Referees Manager
Sarah Edgar	Umpires & Referees Coordinator
Debbie Menezes	PA – Cricket Operations

HUMAN RESOURCES AND ADMINISTRATION

John Moore	HR & Admin Manager
Charmaine Bruwer	Office Manager
Mukesh Karsan	IT & Telecommunications Officer
Tauqeer Hussain	Travel Coordinator
Sabrina Nasser	Receptionist
Tariq Khan	Driver / Messenger

MEDIA & COMMUNICATIONS

Brian Murgatroyd	Media & Communications Manager
Sheila Razdan	Administration Officer

MEMBER SERVICES & CORPORATE AFFAIRS

Jon Long	Manager
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DEVELOPMENT

Matthew Kennedy	Global Development Manager
Richard Done	High Performance Manager
Chris Briers	Operations Manager
Megan Smith	Women's Project Officer
Kate Lindley	Administration Officer

REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Hoossain Ayob *	Regional Dev Manager, Africa
Ruweida Kandan *	Administration Officer, Africa
Martin Vieira *	Regional Dev Manager, Americas
Vicki Scallon *	Administration Assistant, Americas (P/T)
Grant Dugmore *	Dev Officer, Americas
Sultan Rana *	Regional Dev Manager, Asia
Ganesan Sundaramoorthy *	Dev Program Coordinator
Iqbal Sikander *	Dev Officer, Asia
Roger Binny *	Dev Officer, Asia
Rumesh Ratnayake *	Dev Officer, Asia
Dr. Vece Paes *	Sports Medicine & Fitness Consultant, ACC
Tim Anderson *	Regional Dev Manager, EAP
Martin Gleeson *	Dev Officer, EAP
Richard Holdsworth *	Regional Dev Manager, Europe
Philip Hudson *	Dev Officer, Europe
Louise Kent *	Project Officer, Europe
Jenny Thornton *	Project Officer, Europe
Denise Farrell O'Neill *	Accounts Assistant, Europe (P/T)

FINANCIAL CONTROL

Faisal Hasnain	Chief Financial Officer
Vijay Tiwari	Management Accountant
Sharon Miranda	Budget Accountant
Rohit Nagu	Accountant

INTERNAL AUDIT

Alan Gillett	Internal Auditor
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LEGAL

Urvashi Naidoo	In-House Lawyer
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ANTI-CORRUPTION AND SECURITY UNIT

Lord Condon	Chairman
Jeff Rees	General Manager / Chief Investigator
Bruce Ewan	Information Manager
Martin Hawkins	Senior Investigator
Alan Peacock	Senior Investigator
Lorraine D'souza	Administration Officer
Arrie de Beer *	Regional Security Officer
Lt. Col. Nuruddin Khawaja *	Regional Security Officer
John Rhodes *	Regional Security Officer
Ron Hope *	Regional Security Officer
Niranjan Virk *	Regional Security Officer

EMIRATES ELITE PANEL OF ICC REFEREES

Chris Broad *
Jeff Crowe *
Alan Hurst *
Clive Lloyd *
Ranjan Madugalle *
Roshan Mahanama *
Mike Procter *
Javagal Srinath *

EMIRATES ELITE PANEL OF ICC UMPIRES

Brent Bowden *
Steve Bucknor *
Aleem Dar *
Darrell Hair *
Daryl Harper *
Rudi Koertzen *
Mark Benson *
Simon Taufel *
Billy Doctrove *
Asad Rauf *

* Consultants
 + Asian Cricket Council staff





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DIRECTORS' REPORT

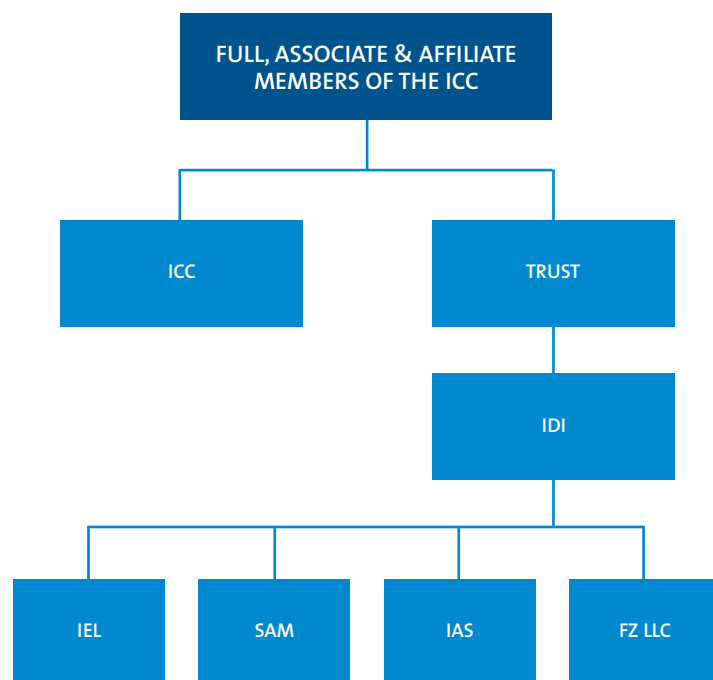
The Directors submit their report together with the audited consolidated financial statements for year ended 31 March 2006. The consolidated financial statements comprise the results of ICC Development (International) Limited (the Company) and its subsidiary companies ICC Administrative Services (UK) Limited, ICC Cricket Management S.A.M., ICC (Events) Limited and International Cricket Council FZ-LLC hereafter referred to as the Group.

GENERAL INFORMATION

International Cricket Council ('ICC')

The ICC is primarily responsible for all aspects of the day to day running and long term development of international cricket. The extensive remit includes management of the playing conditions relevant to the international game, provision of independent match officials for Tests and One-Day Internationals, and the management of the ICC Code of Conduct. The ICC is a company registered in the British Virgin Islands with a share capital of \$1 and undertakes no transactions.

The structure of the ICC is as follows:



ICC Development (International) Limited ('IDI')

IDI is incorporated and domiciled in the British Virgin Islands and is principally responsible for:

- (i) Managing the commercial rights to cricket events owned by the Members of the ICC
- (ii) Managing the ICC Development Program; and
- (iii) Providing such administration services as are required by the ICC.

IDI is owned by a BVI registered trust for the benefit of all Members of the ICC.

ICC Administrative Services (UK) Limited ('IAS')

IAS was incorporated in the UK in 1993. It provides support and administrative services to IDI. This company is in the process of being closed.

ICC Cricket Management S.A.M ('SAM')

SAM was incorporated on 5 June 2003 and is domiciled in Monaco. It provides administrative and event management support services to IDI. This company is in the process of being closed.

ICC (Events) Limited ('IEL')

IEL was incorporated in the Republic of Cyprus on 17 May 2004 in order to exploit certain commercial rights of IDI and to provide administrative support services to IDI and to the Group.

International Cricket Council FZ-LLC (FZ LLC)

FZ LLC was incorporated in the United Arab Emirates on 29 May 2005 in order to provide administrative support and event management services to IDI and to the Group.

Registered office of ICC Development (International) Ltd

The address of the company's registered office is as follows:
 Craigmuir Chambers
 Road Town,
 Tortola,
 Territory of the British Virgin Islands

The headquarters of the International Cricket Council relocated to Dubai on 1 August 2005.

OPERATING AND FINANCIAL REVIEW

The revenue of the Group was:

	2006 (USD'000)	2005 (USD'000)
Event related activities	21,702	35,273
Other	14,335	14,101
	36,037	49,374

An analysis of the different sources of revenue is set out in the Financial Statements. The deficit for the year was USD 3,455 thousand (2005: surplus of USD 7,430 thousand). The total reserves of the Group at 31 March 2006 were USD 18,535 thousand of which USD 7,128 thousand has been set aside for development.

DIRECTORS

The current Executive Director of the Company is as follows:

Director

Malcolm Speed	Managing Director
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The current Non-Executive Directors of the Company are as follows:

Director	Country		
Ehsan Mani	Pakistan	Chairman	
Percy Sonn	South Africa	Vice Chairman	
Creagh O'Connor	Australia	Member representative*	Appointed 21/03/06
Mohammad Ali Asghar	Bangladesh	Member representative*	
David Morgan	England	Member representative*	
Sharad Pawar	India	Member representative*	Appointed 21/03/06
Sir John Anderson	New Zealand	Member representative*	
Shaharyar Khan	Pakistan	Member representative*	
Ray Mali	South Africa	Member representative*	
Jayantha Dharmadasa	Sri Lanka	Member representative*	Appointed 01/05/05
Kenneth Gordon	West Indies	Member representative*	Appointed 11/10/05
Peter Chingoka	Zimbabwe	Member representative*	
HRH Tunku Imran	Malaysia	Associate Member representative+	
Stanley Perlman	Israel	Associate Member representative+	
Mazhar Khan	UAE	Associate Member representative+	Appointed 27/06/05

*Member representatives are the President/Chairman of the Cricket Boards' in their respective countries or the designated representatives of the Cricket Boards.

+Associate Member representatives appointed annually by the Associate Members Meeting.

In addition, the following Directors served during the year until their resignation:

Director	Country		
Robert Merriman	Australia	Member representative*	Resigned 21/03/06
Jagmohan Dalmiya	India	Member representative*	Resigned 21/03/06
Edward Griffith	West Indies	Member representative*	Resigned 11/10/05
Jimmy Rayani	Kenya	Associate Member representative	Resigned 01/06/05

No Director held an interest in the shares of the company during the year.

AUDITORS

A resolution to re appoint Ernst & Young as the Group's auditors for the forthcoming year will be put to the Board of Directors at their next formal meeting.

By Order of the Board

Urvasi Naidoo
Company Secretary
6 July 2006

AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF ICC DEVELOPMENT (INTERNATIONAL) LIMITED

We have audited the accompanying consolidated balance sheet of ICC Development (International) Limited and its subsidiaries ('the Group') as of 31 March 2006, and the related consolidated statements of income, cash flows and changes in equity for the year then ended. These consolidated financial statements are the responsibility of the Group's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. The financial statements of the Group as of 31 March 2005 were audited by another auditor whose report dated 29 June 2005 expressed an unqualified opinion on those statements.

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing. Those Standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the consolidated financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Group as of 31 March 2006 and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards.

6 July 2006
Dubai

CONSOLIDATED INCOME STATEMENT

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2006

	NOTE	2006 (USD'000)	2005 (USD'000)
OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
Revenue			
Members subscriptions		9,124	11,033
Commercial		3,467	2,576
Others	4	1,744	492
		14,335	14,101
Costs			
Staff and consultant costs	5	(6,362)	(5,668)
Premises costs	6	(396)	(471)
Foreign exchange loss		(142)	(241)
Relocation expenses		(1,853)	-
Other operating expenses	7	(5,988)	(7,136)
		(14,741)	(13,516)
		(406)	585
EVENT RELATED ACTIVITIES			
Revenue	8	21,702	35,273
Costs	9	(19,072)	(9,243)
Payments due to Members	10	(51)	(12,540)
		2,579	13,490
Global Cricket Development Programme costs	11	(8,389)	(7,283)
Interest and other financial income	12	2,853	989
(DEFICIT) SURPLUS BEFORE TAX			
		(3,363)	7,781
Income tax expense	13	(92)	(351)
(DEFICIT) SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR	14	(3,455)	7,430

The attached notes 1 to 29 form part of these consolidated financial statements.

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET

AT 31 MARCH 2006

	NOTE	2006 (USD'000)	2005 (USD'000)
ASSETS			
Non-current assets			
Fixtures, furniture and equipment	15	590	469
Intangible assets	16	298	468
Available-for-sale investments	17	4,777	4,905
Amount due from Full Members	18	39,941	16,686
		45,606	22,528
Current assets			
Receivables and prepayments	19	9,465	16,397
Short term deposits, current accounts and cash	20	130,111	44,482
		139,576	60,879
TOTAL ASSETS		185,182	83,407
EQUITY AND LIABILITIES			
Equity			
Share capital	21	-	-
Reserves		18,535	22,344
Total equity		18,535	22,344
Non-current liabilities			
Employees' end of service benefits		134	-
Deferred income	22	119,500	30,318
		119,634	30,318
Current liabilities			
Accounts payable and accruals	23	23,424	25,699
Deferred income	22	23,589	5,046
		47,013	30,745
Total liabilities		166,647	61,063
TOTAL EQUITY AND LIABILITIES		185,182	83,407

The attached notes 1 to 29 form part of these consolidated financial statements.

The consolidated financial statements were authorised for issue in accordance with a resolution of the Board of Directors on 6 July 2006 and were signed on its behalf by:

Ehsan Mani, Chairman and **Malcolm Speed**, Managing Director

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2006

	NOTE	2006 (USD'000)	2005 (USD'000)
OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
(Deficit) surplus before tax		(3,363)	7,781
Adjustments for:			
Net losses on disposal of available-for-sale investments		-	6
Depreciation	15	116	247
Amortisation	16	170	43
Provision for employees' end of service benefits		134	-
Loss on disposal of fixtures, furniture and equipment		258	5
Interest and other financial income		(2,853)	(989)
		(5,538)	7,093
Working capital changes:			
Receivables and prepayments		6,932	(1,181)
Accounts payable and accruals		(1,979)	(18,235)
Deferred income		107,725	(818)
Deferred tax liability		-	(3)
Cash from (used in) operations		107,140	(13,144)
Income tax paid		(388)	(138)
Net cash from (used in) operating activities		106,752	(13,282)
INVESTING ACTIVITIES			
Purchase of fixtures, furniture and equipment	15	(516)	(84)
Proceeds from disposal of fixtures, furniture and equipment		-	30
Purchase of intangible asset		-	(511)
Interest and other financial income		2,853	989
Net cash from investing activities		2,337	424
FINANCING ACTIVITIES			
Purchase of investments		-	(2,000)
Proceeds from investment products		-	6,567
Amount due from Full Members	18	(23,255)	(16,686)
Net cash used in financing activities		(23,255)	(12,119)
INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS			
		85,834	(24,977)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year	20	44,482	69,522
Effects of exchange rate changes		(205)	(63)
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT 31 MARCH	20	130,111	44,482

The attached notes 1 to 29 form part of these consolidated financial statements.

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2006

	NOTE	SHARE CAPITAL (USD'000)	DEVELOPMENT RESERVE (USD'000)	OTHER RESERVE (USD'000)	TOTAL (USD'000)
Balance at 1 April 2004		-	9,429	5,545	14,974
Net movement in fair value of available-for-sale investments during the year	17	-	-	(95)	(95)
Currency translation differences		-	-	35	35
Surplus for the year		-	-	7,430	7,430
Total income and expense for the year		-	-	7,370	7,370
Transfers		-	5,894	(5,894)	-
Balance at 31 March 2005		-	15,323	7,021	22,344
Net movement in fair value of available-for-sale investments during the year	17	-	-	(128)	(128)
Currency translation differences		-	-	(226)	(226)
Deficit for the year		-	-	(3,455)	(3,455)
Total income and expense for the year		-	-	(3,809)	(3,809)
Transfers		-	(8,195)	8,195	-
Balance at 31 March 2006		-	7,128	11,407	18,535

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1 ACTIVITIES

ICC Development (International) Limited ('IDI') is a limited liability company registered and incorporated in the British Virgin Islands and owned by a BVI registered trust for the benefit of all Members of the International Cricket Council ('ICC'). IDI is principally responsible for:

- (i) Managing the commercial rights to cricket events owned by the Members of the ICC
- (ii) Managing the ICC Development Program; and
- (iii) Providing such administrative services as are required by the ICC.

The registered head office of IDI is at Craigmuir Chambers, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.

2 SUBSIDIARIES

These consolidated financial statements incorporate the operations of IDI ('Parent Company') and its following subsidiaries (hereafter collectively referred to as the 'Group').

COMPANY	COUNTRY OF INCORPORATION	% SHAREHOLDING (2006)	% SHAREHOLDING (2005)	PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES
International Cricket Council FZ-LLC	United Arab Emirates	100	–	Provides administrative and event management support services to IDI.
ICC (Events) Ltd	Cyprus	100	100	Exploits certain commercial rights of the ICC/IDI and provides administrative support services to IDI and to the Group.
ICC Administrative Services (UK) Limited	United Kingdom	100	100	Provides support and administrative services to IDI.
ICC Cricket Management S.A.M	Monaco	99.50	99.50	Provides administrative and event management support services to IDI.

The Group's principal place of business is Dubai Media City, P.O. Box 500070, Dubai, United Arab Emirates.

Following the relocation of ICC headquarters to Dubai, the Group is in the process of winding up ICC Administrative Services (UK) Limited and ICC Cricket Management S.A.M. The legal formalities are in the process of being completed.

The Minority Interest in ICC Cricket Management S.A.M relates to 1 share each held by the 5 Directors as beneficial owners, as required by local Monaco company regulations. The shares have a nominal value of Euro 150 each and the total Minority Interest amounts to 0.5% of the share capital of ICC Cricket Management S.A.M. The amount of the minority interest is not considered material to warrant separate disclosure in the financial statements.

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3 SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**BASIS OF PREPARATION**

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards.

The consolidated financial statements have been presented in US Dollars.

The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention modified to include the measurement at fair value of available-for-sale investments.

The accounting policies are consistent with those used in the previous year. Revisions to International Financial Reporting Standards becoming mandatory for financial years beginning on or after 1 January 2005 have had no effect on the accounting policies adopted by the Group.

GROUP ACCOUNTING

Subsidiary undertakings, which are those entities in which the Group has an interest of more than one half of the voting rights or otherwise has power to exercise control over the operations, are consolidated. Subsidiaries are consolidated from the date on which control is transferred to the Group and are no longer consolidated from the date that control ceases. All intercompany transactions, balances and unrealised gains on transactions between group companies are eliminated.

REVENUE RECOGNITION

Revenue is recognised to the extent that it is probable that the economic benefits will flow to the Group and the revenue can be reliably measured.

Event related activities

Revenue from cricket events is recognised when earned at the time cricket events are completed. The interim collections for cricket events are held as deferred income in the balance sheet.

Commercial revenue

Revenue is recognised on an accrual basis in accordance with the contractual terms.

Members subscriptions

Revenues from Member subscriptions are recognised over the period to which they relate.

Interest income

Revenue is recognised as interest accrues.

Investment income

Income from investments is recognised when received.

Government grants

Government grants are recognised as income over the periods necessary to match them with the related costs which they are intended to compensate.

EVENT COSTS

The Group recognises Event expenditure when the revenues from that Event are recognised (ie. at the time cricket events are held). In the interim, expenses incurred on cricket events are held as deferred expenses in the balance sheet.

INCOME TAX

Taxation is provided for in accordance with fiscal regulations in the countries in which the Group operates.

Deferred income tax is provided, using the liability method, on all temporary differences at the balance sheet date between the tax bases of assets and liabilities and their carrying amounts.

Deferred income tax assets and liabilities are measured at the tax rates that are expected to apply to the period when the asset is realised or the liability is settled, based on laws that have been enacted at the balance sheet date.

Deferred income tax assets are recognised for all deductible temporary differences and carry-forward of unused tax assets and unused tax losses to the extent that it is probable that taxable profit will be available against which the deductible temporary differences and the carry-forward of unused tax assets and unused tax losses can be utilised.

The carrying amount of deferred income tax assets is reviewed at each balance sheet date and reduced to the extent that it is no longer probable that sufficient taxable profit will be available to allow all or part of the deferred income tax asset to be utilised.

Income tax relating to items recognised directly in equity are recognised in equity and not in the income statement.

FIXTURES, FURNITURE AND EQUIPMENT

Fixtures, furniture and equipment is stated at cost less accumulated depreciation and any impairment in value.

Depreciation is calculated on a straight line basis over the estimated useful lives of other assets as follows:

Fixtures, furniture and equipment	over 4 to 8 years
Motor vehicles	over 4 years

No depreciation is charged on the Cricket World Cup trophy.

The carrying values of fixtures, furniture and equipment are reviewed for impairment when events or changes in circumstances indicate the carrying value may not be recoverable. If any such indication exists and where the carrying values exceed the estimated recoverable amount, the assets are written down to their recoverable amount.

Expenditure incurred to replace a component of an item of fixtures, furniture and equipment that is accounted for separately is capitalised and the carrying amount of the component that is replaced is written off. Other subsequent expenditure is capitalised only when it increases future economic benefits of the related item of fixtures, furniture and equipment. All other expenditure is recognised in the consolidated income statement as the expense is incurred.

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INTANGIBLE ASSETS

Intangible assets acquired are measured on initial recognition at cost and amortised using the straight line method over a period determined to be the useful life. Following initial recognition, intangible assets are carried at cost less any accumulated amortisation and any accumulated impairment losses.

IMPAIRMENT AND UNCOLLECTIBILITY OF FINANCIAL ASSETS

An assessment is made at each balance sheet date to determine whether there is objective evidence that a specific financial asset may be impaired. If such evidence exists, any impairment loss is recognised in the consolidated income statement. Impairment is determined as follows:

- (a) For assets carried at fair value, impairment is the difference between cost and fair value;
- (b) For assets carried at cost, impairment is the difference between cost and the present value of future cash flows discounted at the current market rate of return for a similar financial asset.

AVAILABLE-FOR-SALE INVESTMENTS

The Group classifies its investments in securities depending on the purpose for which the investments were acquired. Management determines the classification based on its intentions at the time of purchase. The Group's present investments are classified as available-for-sale and are included within non-current assets, unless they are required to be sold, in which case they are included within current assets.

Purchases and sales of investments are recognised on the trade date, which is the date that the Group commits to purchase or sell the asset. Available-for-sale investments are subsequently valued at fair value. For investments traded in an active market, fair value is determined by reference to quoted market bid prices. Unrealised gains and losses arising from changes in the fair value of investments are recognised in equity. When investments classified as available-for-sale are sold or impaired, the cumulative gains or losses are included in the consolidated income statement for the year.

RECEIVABLES

Receivables are stated at original invoice amount less a provision for any uncollectible amounts. An estimate for doubtful debts is made when collection of the full amount is no longer probable. Bad debts are written off when there is no possibility of recovery.

CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

For the purpose of the Statement of Cash Flows, cash and cash equivalents consist of cash in hand, bank balances, and short-term deposits with an original maturity of three months or less.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE AND ACCRUALS

Liabilities are recognised for amounts to be paid in the future for goods or services received, whether billed by the supplier or not.

PAYMENTS DUE TO MEMBERS

Payments due to Members represent those amounts that are determined by the Board of Directors as due for distribution to Members at the conclusion of a cricketing event. These payments are treated as expenses within the accounts and are deducted in arriving at the (deficit)/surplus before tax.

LEASES

Leases where the lessor retains substantially all the risks and benefits of ownership of the asset are classified as operating leases. Operating lease payments are recognised as an expense in the income statement on a straight-line basis over the lease term.

EMPLOYEES' END OF SERVICE BENEFITS

The Group provides end of service benefits to its employees. The entitlement to these benefits is based upon the employees' salary and length of service, subject to the completion of a minimum service period. The expected costs of these benefits are accrued over the period of employment.

FOREIGN CURRENCIES

Transactions in foreign currencies are recorded at the rate ruling at the date of the transaction. Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are retranslated at the rate of exchange ruling at the balance sheet date. All differences are taken to the consolidated income statement.

As at the reporting date, the assets and liabilities of subsidiaries are translated into Group's reporting currency at the rate of exchange ruling at the balance sheet date and their income statements are translated at the weighted average exchange rates for the year. The exchange differences arising on the translation are taken directly to a separate component of equity.

FAIR VALUES

For investments traded in an active market, fair value is determined by reference to quoted market bid prices.

IASB STANDARDS AND INTERPRETATIONS ISSUED BUT NOT ADOPTED

The IASB Standards and Interpretations that have been issued but are not yet mandatory, have not yet been adopted by the Company. The application of these Standards and Interpretations, which will take place during the next year as required by the IASB, is not expected to have a material impact on the Group's financial statements.

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4 OTHER REVENUE

	2006 (USD'000)	2005 (USD'000)
Government grants	1,223	-
Contributions received for cricket development	178	179
Match fines	133	93
Licensing	200	209
Others	10	11
	1,744	492

5 STAFF AND CONSULTANT COSTS

	2006 (USD'000)	2005 (USD'000)
Administrative wages, salaries, social security	4,329	3,995
Umpires and referees	1,528	1,251
Security managers	271	187
Pension plan contribution	134	96
Seconded program	37	50
Other staff related expenses	63	89
	6,362	5,668

6 PREMISES COSTS

	2006 (USD'000)	2005 (USD'000)
Rent	351	390
Other premises related costs	45	81
	396	471

7 OTHER OPERATING EXPENSES

	2006 (USD'000)	2005 (USD'000)
Meeting, annual conference and reporting	1,079	514
Travel related cost- umpires and referees	650	915
Anti-Corruption unit (excluding staff costs)	731	782
Legal and professional fees	130	974
Other expenses	3,398	3,951
	5,988	7,136

8 EVENT RELATED REVENUE

	2006 (USD'000)	2005 (USD'000)
ICC Under-19 World Cup 2006	1,000	-
Johnnie Walker Super Series 2005	20,277	-
ICC Awards 2005	425	751
ICC Champions Trophy 2004	-	34,522
	21,702	35,273

9 EVENT RELATED COSTS

	2006 (USD'000)	2005 (USD'000)
ICC Under-19 World Cup 2006	1,000	-
Johnnie Walker Super Series 2005	10,668	-
ICC Awards 2005	404	830
Provision for claim (note 23)	7,000	-
ICC Champions Trophy 2004	-	8,413
	19,072	9,243

The excess of costs over revenue of the ICC Under-19 World Cup 2006 is included in the Global Cricket Development Programme costs (note 11).

10 PAYMENTS DUE TO MEMBERS

	2006 (USD'000)	2005 (USD'000)
Johnnie Walker Super Series 2005	6,415	-
ICC Champions Trophy 2004	636	12,540
Claim recovery (note 23)	(7,000)	-
	51	12,540

The above payments represent amounts that are due to Members following completion of the relevant cricketing events.

11 GLOBAL CRICKET DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME COSTS

	2006 (USD'000)	2005 (USD'000)
Region		
Asia	4,293	4,253
Europe	1,087	1,063
Americas	719	650
Africa	595	521
East Asia- Pacific	390	436
Central	1,059	360
	8,143	7,283
ICC U/19 World Cup 2006 (note 9)	246	-
	8,389	7,283

12 INTEREST AND OTHER FINANCIAL INCOME

	2006 (USD'000)	2005 (USD'000)
Interest income from short term deposits	2,771	857
Income from investments	82	132
	2,853	989

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13 INCOME TAX

	2006 (USD'000)	2005 (USD'000)
Corporation tax - UK subsidiary	45	143
Corporation tax - Monaco subsidiary	22	203
Corporation tax - Cyprus subsidiary	25	5
	92	351

14 (DEFICIT) SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR

The (deficit) surplus for the year is stated after charging:

	2006 (USD'000)	2005 (USD'000)
Staff costs	4,463	4,091
Rental - operating leases	351	390
Loss on disposal of fixtures, furniture and equipment	258	5

Staff costs represent employees' wages and related benefits.

Loss on disposal of fixtures, furniture and equipment in 2006 is as a result of winding up the subsidiaries ICC Administrative Services (UK) Limited and ICC Cricket Management S.A.M.

15 FIXTURES, FURNITURE AND EQUIPMENT

	2006 (USD'000)	2005 (USD'000)
Cost		
At beginning of the year	1,379	1,266
Additions	516	84
Disposals	(1,164)	(69)
Exchange difference	(61)	98
At 31 March	670	1,379

Depreciation

At beginning of the year	910	697
Depreciation charge for the year	116	247
Relating to disposals	(906)	(34)
Exchange difference	(40)	-
At 31 March	80	910
Net carrying amount at 31 March	590	469

Fixtures, furniture and equipment includes Cricket World Cup trophy carried at a cost of USD 60 thousand.

16 INTANGIBLE ASSETS

	2006 (USD'000)	2005 (USD'000)
Net carrying amount at beginning of the year	468	-
Additions	-	511
Amortisation charge	(170)	(43)
Net carrying amount at 31 March	298	468

At 31 March

Cost	511	511
Accumulated amortisation	(213)	(43)
Net carrying amount	298	468

The intangible asset relates to the Player Ranking System that was purchased by the Group in the previous year.

17 AVAILABLE-FOR-SALE INVESTMENTS

	2006 (USD'000)	2005 (USD'000)
At beginning of the year	4,905	-
Transfers from held-to-maturity	-	7,000
Redemptions	-	(2,000)
Change in fair values	(128)	(95)
At 31 March	4,777	4,905

As at 31 March 2006 the market value of the investments that are held with high quality financial institutions amounted to USD 4,777 thousand (2005: USD 4,905 thousand). The fair value of the investments was obtained directly from the relevant financial institutions.

The total income from investments during the year amounted to USD 82 thousand (see note 12).

18 AMOUNT DUE FROM FULL MEMBERS

	2006 (USD'000)	2005 (USD'000)
Loan to a Full Member	33,098	16,686
Amounts due from Full Members	6,843	-
	39,941	16,686

The loan to a Full Member represents loan to the West Indies Cricket Board for costs being incurred in respect of the ICC Cricket World Cup 2007. Interest is charged at the 12 month USD LIBOR rate. The loan is fully secured by a bank guarantee.

Amounts due from Full Members relate to Members' subscription fees for 2005-06 which will be settled after the ICC Cricket World Cup 2007 as per a resolution of the Board. The difference between the carrying amount and the fair value of the receivables is not considered to be material.

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19 RECEIVABLES AND PREPAYMENTS

	2006 (USD'000)	2005 (USD'000)
Receivables for sale of media and commercial rights	2,120	2,910
Other receivables and prepaid expenses	6,251	11,161
Amounts due from Full Members	754	2,239
Amounts due from Associate Members	301	52
Loans to Associate Members	39	27
Deferred tax asset	-	8
	9,465	16,397

Other receivables and prepayments include USD 4,152 thousand (2005: USD 8,435 thousand) advanced to regions to fund Cricket Development Programme projects.

Loans to Associate Members relates to loans to certain Associate Members as part of the ICC's financial assistance programme. It is expected that these amounts will be settled during the current year.

The Deferred tax asset in 2005 relates to temporary differences due to capital allowances within IAS, the Group's subsidiary in the UK.

20 CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

Cash and cash equivalents in the statement of cash flows consist of the following balance sheet amounts:

	2006 (USD'000)	2005 (USD'000)
Current accounts and cash	4,530	3,123
Short term bank deposits	125,581	41,359
	130,111	44,482

21 SHARE CAPITAL

	AUTHORISED		ISSUED & FULLY PAID	
	2006 (USD)	2005 (USD)	2006 (USD)	2005 (USD)
1 bearer share of USD 1	1	1	1	1

The one bearer share is held in Trust for all of the Members of the International Cricket Council.

22 DEFERRED INCOME

	2006 (USD'000)	2005 (USD'000)
Commercial revenues and event related income		
Non current	119,500	28,100
Current	21,371	2,934
	140,871	31,034

Subscriptions in advance from Associate Members

Non current	-	2,218
Current	2,218	2,112
	2,218	4,330

Shown as

Non-current liability - deferred income	119,500	30,318
Current liability - deferred income	23,589	5,046
	143,089	35,364

Commercial revenue and event related income represent collections in respect of World Cup 2007. This will be recognised as revenue when the related event is completed.

23 ACCOUNTS PAYABLE AND ACCRUALS

	2006 (USD'000)	2005 (USD'000)
Amounts due to Full Members	11,209	14,828
Provision	7,000	-
Amounts due to Associate Members	3,291	5,848
Taxation and social security	52	348
Accruals	614	961
Other creditors	1,258	3,714
	23,424	25,699

Provision represents an amount provided with respect to a claim received in 2003 in connection with the ICC Cricket World Cup 2003. The settlement is nearing completion, and accordingly the provision has been recorded by management to reflect this. As the settlement amount is fully recoverable from the Members, the payment to Members for the year has been reduced by the same amount with nil impact on the deficit for the year. In the unlikely event of the claim being settled at a higher amount, the excess will be recovered from the Members.

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24 CONTINGENCIES

At 31 March 2006 the Group had contingent liabilities in respect of bank guarantees amounting to USD 1 million (2005: USD 1 million).

25 RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

Related parties represent ICC Members and directors of the Group. Transactions and balances are disclosed elsewhere in these financial statements.

The remuneration of the managing director during the year was USD 672 thousand (2005: USD 558 thousand).

None of the Non-Executive Directors received remuneration. However, these Directors are reimbursed for their expenses. An allowance of USD 60 thousand (2005: USD 60 thousand) was paid to the Chairman as a contribution towards his expenses, and an allowance of USD 30 thousand (2005: USD 15 thousand) was paid to the Vice-Chairman as a contribution towards his expenses.

26 RISK MANAGEMENT

INTEREST RATE RISK

The Group is exposed to interest rate risk on its interest bearing assets (bank deposits and loan to Members). Interest rate risk is monitored and managed by the Chief Financial Officer.

CREDIT RISK

The Group has no significant concentrations of credit risk. The Group has policies that limit the amount of credit exposure to any one financial institution and investments are only made in high quality financial institutions or financial products. Further, the Group has policies in place to ensure that sales of commercial rights are only made to counterparties with an appropriate credit history.

LIQUIDITY RISK

Prudent liquidity risk management implies maintaining sufficient cash and marketable securities, the availability of funding through an adequate amount of committed credit facilities and the ability to close out market positions.

CURRENCY RISK

The Group has no significant foreign exchange risk. The Group's investment in its foreign subsidiaries, whose net assets are exposed to currency translation risk, is not significant to the Group. Intercompany transactions are settled on a timely basis to minimise exposure to currency translation risk.

27 FAIR VALUES OF FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

Financial instruments comprise of financial assets and financial liabilities.

Financial assets consist of cash and bank balances and receivables. Financial liabilities consist of payables and accrued expenses.

The fair values of financial instruments are not materially different from their carrying values.

28 KEY SOURCES OF ESTIMATION UNCERTAINTY

IMPAIRMENT OF RECEIVABLES

An estimate of the collectible amount of receivables is made when collection of the full amount is no longer probable. This estimation is performed on an individual basis. Any difference between the amounts actually collected in future periods and the amounts expected will be recognised in the consolidated income statement.

29 COMPARATIVE INFORMATION

Income statement line items have been presented by activities this year. Previous year's amounts have accordingly been rearranged. In order to conform with the current year's presentation, foreign exchange loss amounting to USD 241 thousand has been reclassified from 'interest and other financial income' to 'foreign exchange loss', the 'loan to a Full Member' amounting to USD 16,686 thousand has been reclassified from 'receivables and prepayments' to 'non current assets', and Global Cricket Development Programme costs of 2005 have been disclosed region-wise.

These changes have been made in order to improve the quality of presentation of information.

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