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New Zealand is the venue for the ICC Development Symposium in late January, where a number of issues that will impact on the region will be discussed. Amongst the main items to be discussed are the following:

- Tournament structure
- Coach & Umpire education
- High Performance Program
- Program Resources

The ICC will launch an Administrators manual sometime later this year. The primary objective will be to act as a guide to administrators of what ICC expects from its' Members and advice on best practices. The manual will include sections on governance, finance, insurance and strategic planning.

ICC is in the process of reviewing its' membership criteria for the various categories of membership, excluding Full, and draft discussion papers have been circulated to the national association by the Americas office for their perusal and comment.

The survey on woman's cricket by the International Womens Cricket Council has been completed and it is understood that the results will be presented at the next Executive Board meeting of the ICC in February. It is hoped that these results will also be

shared with the Participants of the survey in the near future.

Flicx International has entered into an agreement whereby Flicx will provide 8 artificial surfaces to the Americas Region during 2002. This is an excellent initiative and will go a long way to addressing some of the region's needs. The arrangement runs from January 2002 until 31st December 2002. A competition has been started as a result and will promoting cricket using the by-line "More Cricket, More Often". The region with the most entry forms will be awarded a Flicx trainer-bowling machine and fifty bowling balls, to be awarded at the end of the competition.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

The Bermuda Cricket Board of Control will hold its annual general meeting on February 7th, whilst the Surinamese Cricket Association is hoping to hold its postponed annual general meeting in late January. Other regional associations are in the process of preparing for their annual meetings.

USA

USACA has completed its 5-year strategic plan 2002/6 and will present their document to its stakeholders later this month.

As part of their preparation for the Americas 2002 the USA team will travel to Antigua later this month.

The Utah Cricket Association has been involved in introducing the game to 50 elementary schools in the Davis County school system. There is a similar initiative in Hartford, Connecticut where the West Indian Foundation has been taking the game to the schools. Several other communities in the USA are on the verge of starting similar programs, and one such group will travel to the West Indies during the Spring break to further expose the children.

CANADA

Jeff Thomas has been appointed as the National Cricket Coach of Canada and will be responsible for both Senior and Junior Teams as he was in 2001, helping them to qualify for both Senior and Junior World Cups.

Canadian officials are currently evaluating proposals for change to strengthen their premier domestic competition especially as part of its thrust to attain ODI status. The Association has also requested the West Indies Board to consider additional opportunities for two players, especially as part of the build-up to the World Cup. The WICB will make a decision during their meeting in mid-January.

COMPETITIONS:

Americas 2002 Cricket Championships

In spite of recent unrest in Argentina, all plans for staging the tournament there are continuing whilst monitoring the situation closely.

Calendar of Events:

1. **JANUARY**
 - Canada participates in Youth World Cup
 - 2 participants enroll in UPE Academy (12 week program)
2. **FEBRUARY**
 - Skills upgrading for umpires, coaches & curators
3. **MARCH**
 - Americas Championship
 - Belize and Bahamas Under 19 tour Cayman Islands
4. **APRIL**
 - Argentina first official tour to WI (Under 17 to Trinidad)

- Two (2) teams participate in WICB Under 15 (Bermuda & USA)
5. **MAY**
 - 4 participants enroll in St. George's Academy (WI)
 - India and New Zealand visit Canada
 6. **JUNE**
 - West Indies "A" visit Canada
 7. **JULY**
 - Development Symposium & Under 13 Tournament – Orlando, USA
 - CCAM General Meeting (tbc)
 8. **AUGUST**
 - Combined Americas Under 19 team to compete in WICB U-19
 - Americas Under 15 – Dallas or New York, USA
 - Western Caribbean Classic (Jamaica)
 9. **SEPTEMBER**
 10. **OCTOBER**
 - WICB limited overs competition – all regional Associates (including Cayman Islands) to participate
 11. **NOVEMBER**
 - Regional Coaching Clinic – Miami or WI
 12. **DECEMBER**
 - South Americas Championship (affiliate tournament) - Argentina

MISCELLANEOUS

Application for Membership of ICC

The following countries had their applications forwarded to London with recommendations for acceptance by the ICC membership, at the annual general conference in June 2002, to the following categories:

Associate Membership:

- Cayman Islands

Affiliate Membership:

- Brazil
- Chile
- Costa Rica
- Cuba
- Panama
- Suriname

➤ Turks & Caicos

Lucas Paterlini of Argentina and Chris Foggo of Bermuda will depart their respective countries in mid January to travel to the University of Port Elizabeth Academy in South Africa for a 12-week program. Both players have been outstanding participants for their countries in past years and are highly recommended. The region wishes them a successful sojourn.

Azza Pye was involved in a car accident and will be unable to work for some time. In the meantime, please forward all urgent communication directly to manager@cricamericas.com or cricamericas@hotmail.com. All other routine or non-urgent communications should be forwarded to admin@cricamericas.com. We wish Azza a speedy and complete recovery.

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