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## **ICC History Conference audio programme now available**

*Listen to ICC President David Morgan, Chief Executive Haroon Lorgat, former international captains Saurav Ganguly, Clive Lloyd and Rachael Heyhoe-Flint, plus a host of academics, historians, statisticians and media in an hour-long wrap-up of last month's two-day gathering in Oxford*

*Programme available for free download and editorial use from [www.icc-cricket.com](http://www.icc-cricket.com) and the ICC's centenary year website, [www.catchthespirit.com](http://www.catchthespirit.com)*

Where can you find ICC President David Morgan, Chief Executive Haroon Lorgat, ex-India captain Saurav Ganguly, Clive Lloyd, the former West Indies captain, and Rachael Heyhoe-Flint, the former England women's captain, all together in one place?

The answer is on the audio programme wrapping up the recent ICC History Conference, which is now available online for free download.

The programme features contributions from all of the above, as well as one of Mr Lorgat's predecessors, the ICC's first Chief Executive David Richards.

Also included are interviews with many leading academics, historians, statisticians and members of the media who attended the conference, including Hilary Beckles, Don Neely, David Frith, Gideon Haigh, Peter Hutton and David Kendix.

The hour-long programme of the conference, held in Oxford in the United Kingdom on 22 and 23 July as part of the ICC's centenary celebrations, can be used in whole or part by radio stations or websites that want cricket content, while the public can also access it free of charge.

It can be found at two locations:

- The ICC's corporate website, at [http://icc-cricket.yahoo.net/media\\_interactive\\_zone/podcast.php](http://icc-cricket.yahoo.net/media_interactive_zone/podcast.php)
- The ICC centenary year website, at <http://www.catchthespirit.com/multimedia/audio/audio.aspx?playfile=icc-oxford-050809>

The conference, which took place in the Nissan Institute at St Antony's College, looked back at the past 100 years of the game.

Reflecting on the gathering, Mr Lorgat said: "Exploring the history of the ICC and cricket over the past 100 years was a fascinating and educational experience.

"It showed us that cricket is resilient, strong and still developing, especially as it is only 16 years since the ICC became an independent governing body following our separation from the Marylebone Cricket Club.

"The conference showed that our great sport has faced challenges and some of those challenges have been substantial.

"However, it also showed that cricket has always coped with those challenges and has adapted to the extent that it is now stronger and more diverse than ever before.

"We have three formats, the ICC has more members than ever before – 104 of them – and within those members there are more people playing the game than at any time in our history.

"Lectures and discussions illustrated the enduring importance the game has had which goes way beyond the boundary rope and it is the task of us all, as stakeholders, to ensure it retains that importance as we take guard for our second century.

"The conference brought together a remarkable collection of experts from all over the world and I would like to thank all of them for taking part, as well as Oxford University and the England and Wales Cricket Board for hosting this important event."

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