

## Test umpire champions ICUS BTEC award



Nigel Plews, who retired recently as one of the most experienced and universally respected Umpires in both English First Class and International Test Cricket, has stated publicly his support for the recently-approved ICUS BTEC Certificate in Umpiring qualification.

Speaking from his home in the Midlands, Plews commented ... *"I applaud the Institute of Cricket Umpires & Scorers for its initiative in developing Umpiring Courses that, for the first time, achieve a much-needed worldwide consistency in both umpire training and on-field performance standards..."*

His welcome endorsement follows on the heels of recent media announcements that, as the only independent cricket umpires' education body to receive formal approval from Edexcel to deliver verified International BTEC qualifications worldwide, ICUS has achieved another World First.

Plews added ... *"What has impressed me particularly is the Institute's continuing determination to remain independent. ICUS is committed to on-going creative development and research programs. This is an important safeguard against the appalling prospect of a Zimbabwe-like situation arising in cricket officiating where individuals are ostracized and discriminated against simply for exercising their right to a freedom of choice"...*

Plews officiated in English First Class Cricket from 1981 to 1999 and stood in 11 Test Matches and 16 One Day Internationals.