

## HCA Board Elections 2016 – Motivation Letter

Candidate: Stephen Paul Anthony (b. 1 June 1968)

Dear Hungarian Cricketer,

I am writing to formally put my name forward as a candidate for election to the Board of the Hungarian Cricket Association.

I have lived in Hungary since 1991, and am of English and Hungarian parentage. I am married with two children, and have my own small company providing Hungarian-English translation and English-language editing and voiceover services.

I am a founding member of the Hungarian Cricket Association, and have been active as a player, official (umpire/scorer) and organiser in various capacities ever since.

Among many cricket trips, I personally organised four week-long tours for Hungarian cricketers to Devon, England (2009, 2010, 2011 and 2013). The last of these was the first by a senior team of entirely native Hungarian cricketers, and was reported in the local press and in the 2014 edition of the *Wisden Cricketers' Almanack*.

In Hungary, I was a founding member of Dunabogdány CC, and also played three seasons for the Danubian Kangaroos before returning to DCC in 2015.

I have been strongly involved in recent seasons in coordinating umpiring and scoring for the Hungarian Cricket League, and currently sit on the League Committee as Umpiring Coordinator. I have also helped arrange and conduct several courses and examinations for umpires and scorers in Hungary, as well as providing informal assistance and advice. To this I remain committed, and willing to continue.

In addition, I have been active over the years in promoting cricket in Hungary to the native population, including assisting in coaching sessions and demonstrations, particularly at the twice-annual Hungarian National Sport Choosing Day.

I believe that my experiences and efforts for Hungarian cricket in the past decade provide ample proof of my commitment to furthering the sport in Hungary. Of the potential areas of activity listed in the Board's invitation for candidates, I feel that the areas I can contribute the most are in native cricket, ground development, touring and tournament organisation. I also hope that my experience in journalism and writing can be of use to Hungarian cricket in its communications.

I trust that those of you who know me well don't doubt my huge enthusiasm for this sport we all love. I hope you will consider giving me your vote, and promise that in return I will do all I can to represent the interests of the rank-and-file Hungarian cricketer without bias, and to help broaden the reach of the game in Hungary.

Your friend in cricket, Steve Anthony