



RA Centenary Conference 2008

July 4 and 5 at the St Johns Hotel, Solihull

Be there to mark this special anniversary year celebrating the formation of the Referees' Union in 1908. Football and refereeing has moved on considerably over the 100 years of our existence as an association looking after the interests of our members. The weekend's programme commemorates this landmark in our history and we will be joined by many celebrities from the world of football including David Taylor, the General Secretary of UEFA.

Our principal guests and speakers



José María García-Aranda
FIFA's Head of Refereeing



Pierluigi Collina

Without doubt, the world's best and most recognisable referee of his era.

Now managing the professional league referees in Italy.



Geoff Thompson

Chairman of The FA and Vice-President of UEFA and FIFA

The Centenary Conference Programme

Friday 4 July

- 2.30 p.m.** The RAE AGM open to members only
- 7.30 for 8** Reception with buffet at which this year's RAE Life membership and LMSA Awards will be presented by the Honorary President, David Elleray. Musical entertainment by Paul Arnold.

Saturday 5 July

Theme – Successful Refereeing in the 21st century

- 9.30** Conference registration
- 10** Opening by the Hon. President of the RAE
- 10.10** Keynote speaker – **Steve Smith**

Saturday 5 July (cont'd)

- 11** Workshop session 1
- 12** Workshop session 2
- 1** LUNCH may be pre-booked or members may make their own arrangements
- 2.30** Law changes
- 2.40** Future refereeing
- 3** Euro 2008 – **Howard Webb**
- 3.10** Workshop session 3
- 4.10** Keynote speaker – **Mike Riley**
- 4.55** Close of Conference

The Centenary Conference Gala Dinner on Saturday evening at 7 for 7.30 p.m.

Members will be joined by their partners and honoured guests of the Referees' Association for a three-course dinner followed by coffee. A vegetarian alternative will be available and can be pre-booked. Cash bar for drinks and table wine orders.

As it is a special event, the favoured mode of dress this year will be 'Black Tie' with the alternative of Lounge Suit.

The after-dinner speakers will be Geoff Thompson, David Elleray and Pierluigi Collina.

Presentations will be made during the evening to the match officials for the most prestigious matches in England, Wales and Northern Ireland during season 2007/8. Also this year's RA Grand Draw will be made.

Dancing to The Likely Lads

Finale at 1 a.m.