

**SIR IAN MCGEECHAN**

Ian McGeechan made his rugby debut for Yorkshire Colts in 1965 XV in 1966. His first Scotland trial was in 1968 and in total Ian won 32 caps for Scotland. He toured with the British Lions as a player in 1974 in the unbeaten tour to South Africa and in 1977 to New Zealand playing all eight tests.

He toured with the British Lions as coach in 1989 to Australia, 1993 to New Zealand and 1997 to South Africa. Ian was Scotland coach from 1988-1993 and during that period Scotland completed the Grand Slam in 1990, toured New Zealand and came fourth in the rugby World Cup.

Ian has been given many awards including the OBE, a Hon Masters Degree in the Arts from the University of Nottingham and doctorate from Leeds Met University. He was knighted in the 2010 New Years Honours List for his services to rugby.

In December 2003, Ian took up the post of Director of Rugby of the Scottish Rugby Union but 18 months later was back in hands on coaching as Director of Rugby with Wasps.

Ian left Wasps in May 2009 and went on to manage what has widely been acknowledged as one of the best British and Irish Lions tours. Despite a narrow series defeat, Ian restored the pride of four nations in the Lions and re-established the tour as the greatest rugby tour in world rugby.

He is Chairman of Sportscoach UK, a charitable organization and the lead agency for the development of the UK coaching system. Ian has links with the South West; working with Gloucester Rugby club in an advisory capacity and taking up the post of performance director at rivals Bath Rugby in June 2010. He

Sir Ian's will share his vast experience on coaching for performance and success. His presentation will focus on building and leading winning teams. He strongly believes that whatever the business it is the people that make the difference. His presentation will cover, performance targets, teams within teams, setting the tone and defending our position.

Sir Ian's autobiography, 'Lion Man' was recently published and he will be very happy to sign copies.