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George Thomson

Lord Thomson of Monifieth

It is with great sadness that we have to report the death of one of our patrons as well as a founder member of the Council in 1959. A proper appreciation will be made later. The photo was taken at the Spring Conference, 2007



Current Concerns

Shrinking the Commonwealth CEC and a number of like-minded organizations joined forces to mobilize opposition to an unfortunate decision by Foreign *and Commonwealth* Secretary David Miliband. The decision suddenly and without prior consultation excluded eight Commonwealth countries from the 49-year-old Pan-Commonwealth Scholarship and Fellowship Plan. The ostensible purpose was to divert the sum of £2 million or so saved to address problems associated with climate change. Austin Mitchell MP and John Spellar MP, co-chairs of the All-Party Parliamentary Group for Australia and New Zealand, robustly challenged the proposals in a feisty letter to Miliband.

CEC Parliamentary Chairs, Sally Keeble, Tim Boswell and Simon Hughes, raised a barrage of questions in the House of Commons, while Lord Judd, a CEC Patron, did the same in the House of Lords. Responses from Ministers, Jim Murphy and Lord Malloch-Brown, were at best lame, if not evasive and misleading.

Tim Boswell also put down a House of Commons Early Day Motion on the subject and a letter-writing campaign succeeded in moving 69 MPs of all parties to sign it. In addition, Simon Hughes tried to arrange an adjournment debate, but, being at the mercy of the Speaker's discretion, did not succeed.

Outside Parliament, a Canadian Commonwealth Scholar at Oxford, Michael Griffin, seized the facility of petitioning the Prime Minister on the No. 10 Downing Street website and with reinforcement from CEC and others succeeded in moving 1,986 people to sign. No. 10 was tardy in responding, but after six weeks of consultation with the department concerned,

the Prime Minister's Office regurgitated the FCO line.

Notwithstanding, CEC and allies arranged a campaign of letter-writing to the Prime Minister and the Secretaries of State for the Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO), and the Departments for Innovation, Universities and Skills (DIUS) and for International Development (DFID). While personal replies did come from all these Cabinet Ministers, as well as from their officials, not one addressed the issue of the damage to the integrity of the Commonwealth.

CEC also mobilized 60 distinguished leaders from Commonwealth member states, many of them onetime Commonwealth Scholars and Fellows, to send a joint letter to *The Times* (published on July 14th). A well-attended public meeting organised by CEC jointly with the Royal Commonwealth Society, was held on July 10 and addressed by three prominent former Scholars Sir George Bain (Canada), Germaine Greer (Australia) and Alastair Niven (UK).

The scale, spread and force of this lobbying seems to have taken the FCO and the rest of the Government by surprise. While there has been no overt modification of the decision, CEC has learned that the Cabinet Office has convened discussions within the Government on the options available for mitigating the damage without causing a loss of face for anyone.

CEC and its allies have not given up their efforts to have the decision changed. In early October, they will meet again to plan the next moves.

CEC will keep the membership posted on progress and possible outcomes.

Forgetting the Commonwealth? CEC and a number of allies have kept a watching brief over the development of a national curriculum and an international education strategy. When the Department for Education and Skills had sole charge of educational policy in England and Wales, the task was relatively simple. However, the division of that Department in the two Departments of Innovation, Universities and Skills (DIUS) and of Children, Schools and Families (DCSF) has complicated matters, even though the two Departments have so far maintained a joint unit to handle international education relations. CEC and allied organisations have been particularly concerned to ensure that the two Departments renew and implement the initiative launched by Charles Clarke four years ago to frame an International education Strategy for the UK.

On the national curriculum, there seems to be no certain provision for any education about the Commonwealth. On the contrary, the inclination within the Government seems to be to let the Commonwealth fade from sight, as it is too reminiscent of Britain's imperial past. There seems to be little appreciation of the Commonwealth's transformation into a congenial and mutually helpful association of equals. Given that 53 members want it to thrive, all their children in all their ethnic diversity should be aware of the of the Commonwealth's values, role and potential and the ways in which these are being realised. CEC and its allies will continue to press DIUS and DCSF on these issues.

Equitable Flows of Teachers The Commonwealth Teacher Recruitment Protocol (CTRP) – to whose creation CEC contributed - is an effort to mitigate the ill effects of 'teacher drain' from the lower-income Commonwealth countries to those

that offer higher emoluments and better standards of living. The Conference of Commonwealth Education Ministers (CCEM) will be monitoring how the protocol is working at their 17th meeting next year in Kuala Lumpur and will be receiving a report from the Commonwealth Secretariat.

The Commonwealth Foundation, Civil Society and Education The Commonwealth Foundation commissioned a review of the ways in which relevant Commonwealth Associations in the U.K. work on education issues. Dr. Victoria teVelde, Director of the Commonwealth Policies Studies Unit undertook the research and delivered an interesting report, which has not yet been made fully public. Members will be pleased to know that CEC came out looking pretty good.

When the Commonwealth Foundation announces its response to the report's recommendations, we shall share them with members.

Accounting to the CEC Membership The Governing Board (GB) has long worried about two issues. One is its accountability to the membership for the effective use of their subscriptions. The website – maintained by our Hon Secretary, Kees Maxey - is of course one way one way of letting you know how GB and the committees are pursuing the objectives of the Council. But the drawback with it is that about one-third of our members do not enjoy access to the Internet. This newsletter should help to close that gap, but you may have noted that its appearance has been more than a little irregular during the past year or so. The simple reasons are that the funds at GB's disposal do not permit the engagement of even a very part-time editor, the members of GB are either working on other tasks for the Council or are

too committed elsewhere, and efforts so far to recruit a volunteer team from the wider membership have been unsuccessful.

The same reasons underlie the second issue, namely the inability to organize interesting and informative events outside London, at venues that are easily and cheaply accessible to appreciable proportions of members.

GB and its supporting committees have not given up on these challenges and are discussing options for addressing them. Even so, they would appreciate members' signalling their satisfaction or otherwise with the current level of accountability and outreach.

Current Changes

The CEC Governing Board for 2008/2009
The new Governing Board took office in July. Valerie Davey, who continues as Executive Chair, welcomed Roselle Antoine MBE, and Neil Kemp as new members.

Roselle is from Grenada and runs two schools there, as well as here in the UK. She is also organising a national conference on the problems of youth in this country, with the title, "A Voice Of Their Own". The date is 25th October 2008 and the venue is in London. More information is available from www.rafoundation.co.uk and

***The Roselle Antoine Foundation (RAF),
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Neil has had a long career with the British Council, was crucially instrumental in helping CEC stage the 2007 Gladwyn Lecture and runs his own educational consultancy.

The full current membership of GB is:

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Lord Judd of Portsea
Lord Thomson of Monifieth

Parliamentary Chairs

Tim Boswell MP
Simon Hughes MP
Sally Keeble MP

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Valerie Davey

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Roselle Antoine
Casmir Chanda
Alba De Souza
Thelma Henderson
Geoffrey Hulme
Jonathan Jenkins
Neil Kemp
Rosemary Preston
Mark Robinson
Mo Sibbons

GB has also invited Sonny Leong to join as co-opted member.

The following positions were not filled: Assistant Secretary, Communications Secretary and Activities Secretary. (If you might be interested in any of these roles, but wish to know more of what they involve, do contact Kees Maxey, who would be happy to fill you in.)

Commonwealth Secretariat Dr. Caroline Pontefract, formerly Head of Teacher

Education at UNESCO, has been appointed to the directorship of the Commonwealth Secretariat's Social Transformation Programmes Division (STPD) and took up her post on 15th September 2008. She succeeds Ann Keeling, who, after a spell in Whitehall, now moves to Brussels to become Chief Executive Officer of the International Diabetes Federation. As Director of STPD Ann was very supportive of CEC and remains a good friend and member. (Henry Kaluba continues as the Head of the Education Section within STPD.) CEC capitalised on its committee meetings in Marlborough House on September 16 by using them to introduce the organisation and its members to Dr. Pontefract.

Commonwealth Foundation Andrew Firmin, a good friend of CEC at the Foundation has relinquished responsibility for education and Anisha Rajapakse has taken over responsibility for the Foundation's work in Human Development, while Fareena Chaudhry is taking up a new post, under Anisha, focusing on education specifically. This means of course that Fareena will be CEC's first point of contact with the Foundation; to familiarise herself with our doings, she took part in the September committee meetings.

Commonwealth of Learning The new Chair of the Board of COL, in succession to the late Lewis Perinbam, is HE Burchell Whiteman, the High Commissioner for Jamaica in the United Kingdom. Mr Whiteman served as Minister of Education in Jamaica for ten years.

Royal Commonwealth Society Sir David Green has taken over the presidency of the RCS from Baroness Prashar. Sir David, a CEC member, was formerly Director General of the British Council and, before that, Director of VSO. CEC has always kept

in close touch with RCS and allied with it in a number of activities, and looks forward to working with Sir David, a CEC member, and his team in promoting education about the Commonwealth

Temporary office arrangements . The League for the Exchange of Commonwealth Teachers (LECT) is now part of CfBT (the Centre for British Teachers), an educational trust, and has moved from Commonwealth House in Clapham to Reading, where CfBT has its headquarters. CEC formally thanks LECT for providing it with an administrative base and mailing address for a number of years. It is delighted that the Commonwealth Youth Exchange (CYEC), which also has offices in Commonwealth House, has agreed to take on the CEC mailing contract. CEC's postal address remains the same, for the foreseeable future.

In this connection, there is some possibility that the Commonwealth Foundation may be able to arrange for a number of civil society bodies concerned with the Commonwealth to share office accommodation and support. The matter is under discussion, following the teVelde report on the current state of such bodies and how the Foundation might help them to be more effective.

The Near Future

Celebrating 60 Years of Educational Progress and Challenge in Sri Lanka – Monday, 17th November, 4.30 p.m. This year marks 60 years of independence for Sri Lanka. CEC has arranged to mark the anniversary with a lecture in the Palace of Westminster on education in the country. The new High Commissioner for Sri Lanka, HE Mr. Justice Nihal Jayasinghe, has accepted Valerie's invitation to attend.

With the help of Prof. Angela Little of the London University Institute of Education,

CEC has secured Dr. Harsha Aturupane, a Senior Economist with the World Bank and the lead author of the recent strategy paper for education in Sri Lanka, as the main speaker. Prof. Little will act as the lead discussant.

Gladwyn Lecture 2008- **Wednesday, 3rd December, 5.30 p.m.** Lord Kinnock, former Leader of the Labour party and now Chairman of the British Council, will deliver this year's Gladwyn Lecture. As usual, the event will take place in the House of Lords. There may be a small delay to the start, as the Queen will be giving her speech at the State Opening of Parliament earlier that afternoon.

Our Hon. Secretary, Kees Maxey, will of course be letting you have the full details on each of these events closer to their times.

The Further Future

50th Anniversary Celebrations, 2009 CEC will be celebrating its 50th anniversary next year with six events and two publications. The events comprise

[1] a conference in partnership with the University of Oxford and the Commonwealth Secretariat on March 31st and April 1st,

[2] a presence at and contributions to the 17th Conference of Commonwealth Education Ministers (CEEM) and associated civil-society Stakeholder Forum in Kuala Lumpur in mid-June,

[3] a debriefing on the 17th CEEM in mid-July by the senior participating British minister

[4] a contribution to the UKFIET conference on 'Policies, Politics and Progress' in Oxford in September,

[5] a presence at and contributions to the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM) in Trinidad in November,

[6] the annual Gladwyn Lecture in the House of Lords. We are sounding out a number of well known women in the Commonwealth for the occasion.

The Gladwyn Lecture will be followed by a celebratory book launch for the two publications, one a history of CEC with the lessons it offers for civil society as a force for improving educational policies and practices, the second a compilation of the contributions of women in the Commonwealth to advances in education.

If you have anything to offer either of the publications, please do let us know. The team for the history and lessons comprises Peter Williams, John May, Martin Kenyon, Trevor Bottomley, Malcolm Dalziel and Michael Lee; while Rosemary Preston and Mo Sibbons are leading in the collection of women's contributions.

Recent Past

Annual conference 2008 – 'A Commonwealth for Young People: What Future? What Learning?'

The British Council hosted our Annual Conference with its traditional kindness. The theme was in line with the concerns of the Conference of Commonwealth Youth Ministers in April in Colombo, Sri Lanka. The British Council's Ms. Cathy Stevens OBE, Director of Educational Enterprises, welcomed us and the new Commonwealth Secretary General, H.E. Mr. Kamallesh Sharma, who opened the proceedings (A transcript of his address is on the CEC website –CEC is very grateful to member Roselle Antoine for making it.)

About 50 people– including the speakers – took part in the conference, of whom 34 paid to participate. This was about average for the event, although a bit below 2007. CEC members numbered 22 (about one in six of

our paid up membership); the remaining 12 were non-members.

A fuller report on the annual conference will be circulated to all members in November.

Commonwealth Education Fund Six years ago, to mark the occasion of the Queen's Golden Jubilee, Gordon Brown allocated £10 million for a fund to encourage civil society organisations (CSOs) in the developing countries of the Commonwealth to take stronger roles in support of education, especially education for the poorer and more disadvantaged groups of their societies. Lord George (Eddie George), formerly Governor of the Bank of England, accepted the chair of the fund, while ActionAid, Oxfam and Save the Children acted as the executing agencies. The fund wound up this year with a conference starting at the Bank of England, being honoured by the Queen with a reception at Buckingham Palace, and ending at the Scotland Office in Whitehall. CEC was well represented.

As the initiative helped build productive coalitions of more than 2,000 CSOs in 16 countries, the chief conclusion of the conference was that there should be a drive for National Civil Society Education Funds in all countries – Commonwealth and other - where the universal right to education remains unrealised.

More information is available from ActionAid, Hamlyn House, MacDonald Road, London N19 5PG, U.K.

Publications now available

“Islam and the Education of Women and Girls in the Commonwealth: proceedings of the CEC Annual Conference, 26 June 2007”

This record of the 2007 CEC annual conference makes very informative and

accessible reading –thanks to the work of Rosemary Preston and the support of the Commonwealth Foundation and Commonwealth Secretariat. Copies are available to members from the Hon. Secretary, Kees Maxey, free of all charge.

“Commonwealth Education Partnerships 2008/09: Education in the Commonwealth: Towards the MDGs” This very rich compilation of essays by well known educationists with statistics on all 53 Commonwealth countries is published for the Commonwealth Secretariat by Nexus Strategic Partnerships. It is available from either the Secretariat at Marlborough House, Pall Mall, London SW1Y 5HX or www.thecommonwealth.org, or Nexus Strategic Partnerships, St. John's Innovation Centre, Cowley Road, Cambridge CB4 0WS or orders@nexuspartnerships.com. (No price is given on the publication.)

Also now available from the Commonwealth Secretariat, Marlborough House, Pall Mall, London SW1Y 5HX or www.thecommonwealth.org

“Teaching and Learning of English in Secondary Schools: A Zambian Case Study in Improving Quality” by Casmir Chanda, a CEC Board member

“Primary School Teacher Deployment: A Comparative Study” by Fatimah Kelleher (ed.) a detailed analysis of policies and practices in Nigeria, Tanzania, Papua New Guinea and Pakistan.

“Gender, HIV/AIDS & The Status of Teachers: Report of the Third Commonwealth Teachers' Research Symposium”

(no prices given)

Commonwealth Consortium for Education

COMMONWEALTH EDUCATION CALENDAR OCTOBER 2008

Commonwealth Education Events: October 2008 to end 2009

2008

- October **COL (VUSSC)** Transnational Qualifications Framework Management Committee Meeting, Pretoria (date tbc)
- October **RCS.** Commonwealth Vision Awards: Deadline for submission of finished films (tbc)
- October **BECM.** Galleries in Bristol close: the education service will continue off site.
- October 10-11 Univ. of London Institute for English Studies, Centre for African Studies and U. of Kent.
Things fall apart at 50: 1958-2008. Conference to celebrate 50th Anniversary of the book's publication, with Chinua Achebe and others. U. of London Senate House and SOAS Brunei Gallery. Registration fee – contact jon.millington@sas.ac.uk
- October 13-17 **ComSec/CF** welcome Malaysian delegation to London for planning of 17CCEM.
- October 24 **CCEAM.** Executive Meeting. Lefkosia, Cyprus.
- October 27 – **COL (VUSSC).** Sixth VUSSC International Training and Material Development Workshop
November 12 (on the building and construction industry), The Bahamas.
- November 6 **CEC.** Governing Board. Marlborough House 1130.
- November 6 **CHEC.** Annual General Meeting. Church House, Newton Rd, Bayswater W2 5LS. 3pm.
- November 7 & 8 **CCL/wives of High Commissioners,** on behalf of CCL Education Fund.
Commonwealth Fair, Kensington Town Hall, London W8. – supporting girls' secondary education.
November 7. Evening Reception. 6.30-9.00 pm. £20.
November 8. Commonwealth Fair. 11.00 am to 5.00 pm. Admission £5.
- November 13-16 **CCEAM.** Assam Council for Ed. Admin. & Management. International confce. *Blending education science and spirituality for a better world.* Guwahati, India.
- November 17 **CEC.** *Celebrating 60 Years of Progress and Challenge in Education in Sri Lanka,* Dr. Harsha Aturupane, World Bank, with Professor Angela Little, Institute of Education; 4.30 p.m. Houses of Parliament, Westminster, London.
- November 17 **UKCSC.** Welcome Day for Commonwealth Scholars, followed by Reception. London. By invitation only.

November (late)	ComSec. Ministerial Committee to review implementation of 16CCEM recommendations. London. (Date tbc in light of Ministerial travel to Geneva –next item)
November 25-28	UNESCO/International Bureau of Education. 48 th International Conference on Education <i>Inclusive education: the way to the future.</i> (Education Ministers/others). Geneva.
November 26 House.	ComSec/ CF consultation meeting with civil society organisations. Marlborough House.
November 27	ACU. Council Meeting. Hyderabad, India.
November 28-30	ACU. Executive Heads Conference. <i>Dazzling technologies: seismic shifts in higher education in a fast-changing and unequal world.</i> Hyderabad Internat. Convention Centre.
Nov/December	RCS. Commonwealth Vision Awards Gala Awards Ceremony (tbc).
December 1-5	CAPA International Conf. on “TVET in Africa: Things that Work” Banjul, The Gambia.
December 3	CEC. Gladwyn Lecture. Lord Kinnock, Chair British Council. House of Lords. 1730.
December 3-45	British Council. <i>Going Global 3</i> (Third Going Global Conference). London.
December 27	CCEAM. Executive Meeting. Lefkosia, Cyprus.
<u>2009</u>	
January 4-7	ACLALS/ Bhasha Publication and Research Association. Conference. <i>CHOTRO 2009: Migratory People, Nomadic Communities and Pastoral Traditions - Literature, Law and Life in Post-Colonial Societies.</i> Vadodara and Tejgadh, Gujarat, India.
January 9-12	CASTME Symposium : <i>Science, technology, engineering and mathematics education for a more sustainable future,</i> within the Association for Science Education Annual Meeting International Programme. University of Reading.
January-February	ACLALS. Indian ACLALS Annual Conference.
March 1	RCS. Commonwealth Essay Competition: closing date.
March 9	Commonwealth Day 2009
March 20 – 22	UKCSC. Conference for Scholars and Fellows. Cumberland Lodge, Windsor Great Park. By invitation.
March 31- April 1	ComSec, CEC, University of Oxford. Celebratory Event and Conference to mark 50 years since first Commonwealth Education Conference at Oxford 1959 and founding of CEC. Oxford. By invitation.
April	COL (VUSSC). Seventh VUSSC International Training and Material Development Workshop, Apia, Samoa.
April 23	UKCSC. Launch event of CSC's 50th anniversary celebrations, and UK contribution to the CSFP Endowment Appeal. Evening (time tbc) Marlborough House

May 18 - 21	CAPA. Leadership and Management Training Workshop. Maputo, Mozambique.
May 24-28	CASTME/ International Council of Associations of Science Education. Africa Science Education Conference. Abuja, Nigeria.
June	CEC. Field study of education in Malaysia.
June 12-13 (tbc)	CCfE. Third Conference and General Meeting, Kuala Lumpur.
June 15-19	17th Conference of Commonwealth Education Ministers (17CCEM). Kuala Lumpur. (and associated Stakeholder Forum, Teachers' Forum, Youth Forum, Vice Chancellors' Forum).
June 18-20	ACLALS. Open University, the National University of Ireland. Conference. <i>The Ends of Empire</i> , Maynooth, Ireland.
July (tbc)	CEC. Report back from 17CCEM, Houses of Parliament, Westminster, London; and AGM
July	RCS. Announcement of Commonwealth Essay Competition 2009 winners
September	CEC. Special Commonwealth Education event at the UKFIET Conference, Oxford
November 9	UKCSC. Welcome Day for Commonwealth Scholars. London. By invitation only.
November 11 – 13	UKCSC. Special anniversary event for fifty key alumni, looking at the future of Commonwealth Scholarships. Cumberland Lodge, Windsor Great Park. By invitation.
November (tbc)	Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting, and Commonwealth People's Forum. Trinidad and Tobago.
December (tbc)	CEC. Gladwyn Lecture, Houses of Parliament, Westminster, London

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Key to acronyms and contact details of sponsoring organisations

(* = CCfE members, += Associates)

- ACS*** - Association of Commonwealth Studies *email: island16@sympatico.ca*
- ACEAB*** - Association of Commonwealth Examination and Accreditation Bodies *ean21@cam.ac.uk*
- ACLALS*** - Association of Commonwealth Literature & Language Studies *www.aclals.org*
- ACU*** - Association of Commonwealth Universities *www.acu.ac.uk*
- BECM*** - British Empire and Commonwealth Museum *www.empiremuseum.co.uk*
- CAM*** - Commonwealth Association of Museums *www.maltwood.uvic.ca/cam/*
- CAPA*** - Commonwealth Association of Polytechnics in Africa *capa@kenpoly.ac.ke*
- CASTME*** - Commonwealth Association of Science, Mathematics & Technology Teachers
www.castme.org
- CBC+** - Commonwealth Business Council *www.cboglobelink.org*
- CCEAM*** - Commonwealth Council for Educational Administration and Management *www.cceam.org*
- CCEM** - Conference of Commonwealth Education Ministers *www.15ccem.com* and
www.16ccem.com
- CCfE** - Commonwealth Consortium for Education *www.commonwealtheducation.org*
- CCLEF*** - Commonwealth Countries' League Education Fund *www.ccl-int.org.uk*
- CEC*** - Council for Education in the Commonwealth *www.cecomm.org.uk*

- CET** - Commonwealth Education Trust www.commonwealth-institute.org
- CF** - Commonwealth Foundation www.commonwealthfoundation.com
- CHEC*** - Commonwealth Human Ecology Council www.chec-hq.org
- CHOGM** - Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting www.thecommonwealth.org
- COL** - Commonwealth of Learning www.col.org
- ComSec** - Commonwealth Secretariat www.thecommonwealth.org
- CPSU*** - Commonwealth Policy Studies Unit www.cpsu.org.uk
- CRT+** - Commonwealth Relations Trust (of the Nuffield Foundation) www.nuffieldfoundation.org
- CTG +** - Commonwealth Teachers' Group
- CYEC+** - Commonwealth Youth Exchange Council www.cyec.org.uk
- ESU*** - The English-Speaking Union of the Commonwealth www.esu.org
- ICS*** - Institute of Commonwealth Studies www.commonwealth.sas.ac.uk
- LCD*** - Link Community Development www.lcd.org.uk
- LECT*** - League for the Exchange of Commonwealth Teachers www.lect.org.uk
- RCS+** - Royal Commonwealth Society www.rcsint.org
- ROSL+** - Royal Over-Seas League www.rosl.org.uk
- UKCSC** - UK Commonwealth Scholarship Commission www.cscuk.org.uk
- VUSSC** - Virtual University for Small States of the Commonwealth www.col.org/vussc

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