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## ***Special Announcements***

The Taylor Francis Group, publishers of *The Round Table*, (see the journal’s website at [www.moot.org.uk](http://www.moot.org.uk)) have kindly permitted CEC to distribute free of charge to all those of its members with access to the Internet an electronic text of **Peter Williams’** excellent article “**Critical Champions: Civil Society and Commonwealth**” in a special issue to mark 50 years of Commonwealth cooperation in education [Volume 98, issue 405, December 2009]. The text is also available on the CEC website, [www.cecomm.org.uk](http://www.cecomm.org.uk).

For members who do not use the Internet, CEC has purchased from the Group at a steeply discounted price printed copies of the article. If you would like one, please let John Oxenham know by **15 April 2010**: he will have a copy posted to you with the compliments of CEC.

His contact details are tel: 020 8699 9145 Post: 15, Derby Hill Crescent, London SE23 3YL

The Commonwealth Secretariat has just published “**Achieving the Goals – 2009. The Performance of Commonwealth Countries in Achieving the Millenium Development Goals in Education and the Dakar Education for All Goals**” by **Steve Packer and Carlos Aggio**. CEC members can obtain copies at the half price of £10 per copy – plus the cost of postage and packing of £4.95 – until the end of April 2010. Members should contact: BEBC Distribution, Albion Close, Parkstone, Poole, Dorset, BH12 3LL, Tel: +44 (0)1202 724 292, Email: [commonwealth@bebc.co.uk](mailto:commonwealth@bebc.co.uk). Quote “CEC Offer”. It can also be downloaded from the internet (Commonwealth Secretariat website) for £16.

## **Welcome to Rwanda! 54<sup>th</sup> member of the Commonwealth**

CEC is delighted to join with the rest of the Commonwealth in welcoming Rwanda to the association. Rwanda now joins Mozambique as a member that was not formerly part of the British empire, but that sees membership of the Commonwealth, an association of free and sovereign states, as a mutually advantageous step. The UK plans £14 million worth of cooperation in education with Rwanda in 2010.

### **DFID Education Strategy 2010-2015 “Education for All”**

Members will recall that, when DFID last year invited comments on its draft strategy for education, CEC submitted a substantial set of suggestions. We urged particularly:

1. The strategy should address all six of the Dakar Education for All [EFA] goals, not just the two covered by the Millennium Development Goals [MDG].
2. The education sector should be treated as a system of interdependent levels; planning for it should be holistic and balanced.
3. As major proportions of out-of-school children and inadequately literate adults were Commonwealth citizens, the Commonwealth and its members should feature explicitly.

When a CEC delegation met Parliamentary Under Secretary of State at DFID, Mike Foster, just a week before the launch of the final strategy on 3<sup>rd</sup> March, he did not wish to jump the gun, but he did say that he thought CEC would be pleased with the outcome. Now that DFID has published its plan for the next five years, should CEC be pleased?

The short answer is, “Yes.”, because all three CEC points have been met. The strategy paper expressly recognises the six

EFA goals, setting them out side by side with the MDG. On page 36, DFID undertakes to support the effectiveness of the whole education sector; it recognises explicitly that the different levels are inter-related and interdependent. But it equally explicitly gives priority to the achievement of good quality basic education –not just primary education- and to the entire range of factors on which that achievement depends.

They include support for pre-primary Early Childhood Care and Development and schooling, as well as support for the post-primary stages necessary to assure supplies of primary teachers and other skilled professions.

Alongside, there will be support for poor and disadvantaged people, particularly women, between the ages of 16 and 35 to access training in income-earning skills. DFID acknowledges that some 759 million people, mostly women, do not know how to read and write –close to half of them in four members of the Commonwealth [Bangladesh, India, Nigeria and Pakistan]. However, its approach to them is guarded: “Where appropriate [DFID will] invest in programmes that combine literacy with vocational training, or include a focus on the empowerment of marginalised groups.” [Page 38, paragraph 57]

As regards the Commonwealth, DFID has this to say on page 47:

“The Commonwealth has a significant role to play as a convenor of Commonwealth countries, and through its specialist agencies and technical cooperation, in support of education. In 2008/9, DFID contributed £8.1 million to the Commonwealth Fund for Technical Cooperation (CFTP) of the Commonwealth

Secretariat, £1 million to the Commonwealth of Learning, with a further £4.1 million core funding to the Commonwealth Secretariat from the Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO). DFID also provided £51 million to the Commonwealth Scholarship and Fellowship Plan over three years (2008-2011) to support 2700 students.”

In terms of putting its money where its mouth is, DFID plans to spend £306 million in bilateral aid to countries in Africa during 2010. It lists 17 countries, 10 of which are in the Commonwealth and which will receive some two thirds of that sum. South Asia will benefit from some £160 million, with three Commonwealth countries, Bangladesh, India and Pakistan taking up 88.8 per cent of it.

On a lesser scale in terms of money but of high importance in terms of knowledge, insights and capacity building, the three DFID funded consortiums for research into education, development and poverty reduction all work with partners in Commonwealth countries.

CEC can be pleased that DFID has indeed taken the trouble to respond to the concerns that several of its partners in civil society had expressed. Between now and 2015, it needs to monitor how well the strategy is put into effect. In this connection, we might note here that the strategy paper has adopted a cast that is consciously ‘accountable’: it actually facilitates the work of monitors.

### **CHOGM 2009, Trinidad**

‘Chandra’ Chandramohan, CEC Projects Secretary and Martin Kenyon, CEC Parliamentary Liaison Officer, were our representatives at the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting in Port of

Spain, Trinidad, at the end of November, 2009; and submitted the reports which are the basis of this item. (As is customary with CEC, the Council offered them only a proportion of the costs entailed, with the rest being met from their own pockets; and is thus deeper in their debt.)

The theme of the meeting was ‘*Partnering for a more equitable and sustainable future*’ with a number of sub-themes, one of which was ‘Conflict and Peace Building’. At the opening of the Commonwealth Peoples’ Forum, the Trinidad Minister for the Environment underlined the stark nature of conflict in his society and the dire need of education to mitigate it. Men ranked by the territory they controlled, the number of other men they had killed and the violence of their sexual behaviour. Women ranked by having gangster men, the number of people their men had killed and for being gang leaders themselves. In short, the basis of social standing comprised conflict and violence. The country needed to invest in the right kinds of education to combat and eradicate this culture.

Chandra and Martin used this theme of ‘Conflict and Peace-building’ to partner the Sierra Leone branch of PEN in running a workshop on ‘*From Art to Education: Building on Reconciliation*’, in which they highlighted how art can be used to support efforts at reconciliation in camps for displaced persons. Building on the work of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Sierra Leone, the workshop used allegorical accounts of conflict and how reconciliation might proceed. The CEC presentation that followed used the history of Knowledge Aid for Sierra Leone (KASL) to highlight how art can be used in institutions like schools and other learning centres. Capacity building for sustaining

and enhancing the success of art-based initiatives, such as the ones by PEN, was the focus, with a particular exploration of Open Educational Resources as an efficient and cost-effective means of capitalising on the curricular and other resource material made available through the Internet by several universities in the UK and elsewhere.

The participants enjoyed a lively account by Martin of the genesis, operations and progress of KASL, which CEC continues to sponsor.

Peter Williams, on behalf of the Consortium, organised another session on 'Education for Peace-building', at which Prof. Rex Nettleford delivered an excellent paper on the conditions that would promote learning to disagree agreeably. [Sadly, Prof. Nettleford died just two months after the CHOGM: a brief obituary appears below.]

The Commonwealth Foundation organises the forum to enable civil society to work out the points it wants to make to the Heads of Government and their Foreign Ministers. The Forum produced a 31 page statement laden with a "superabundance of proposals and recommendations", all of which were put to the Foreign Ministers and discussed with them at a Round Table. Despite the length of the submission, the Foreign Ministers rose to the occasion. Many of them had clearly taken the time and trouble to read the document, and the Foreign Minister of Trinidad chaired the meeting with a skill and firmness that enabled a useful and practical exchange of views.

Of particular note were the interventions of the Foreign Ministers of Belize and Grenada, who emphasised the need for the

right kinds of education, while the Foreign Minister of India recognised the value of civil society as a catalyst to help construct and run effective international systems.

Partly due to the dogged advocacy of CEC and CCfE (Commonwealth Consortium for Education), the communiqué from the CHOGM did include a statement about the need not to allow the recession to cut back on budgets for education, a further statement of support for the CSFP (Commonwealth Scholarship and Fellowship Plan) and explicit encouragement that governments not only contribute to the new Endowment Fund for the Plan, but also lead their peoples in doing so as well. (As appears below, CEC has set its own example here.)

The Prime Minister of Australia, Kevin Rudd, has invited his fellow Heads of Government to Perth on his continent's west coast for their next meeting in 2011.

### **CHOGM Debrief**

***"What happened? What next?"***



Commonwealth Secretary General, H.E. Mr. Kamallesh Sharma, did CEC the

honour of maintaining a custom of his predecessors, that of debriefing us on what went on at the CHOGM and what it portended for the future. (This was Mr. Sharma's first experience of the CHOGM as CSG.) Courtesy of the CPA-UK (Commonwealth Parliamentary Association, UK) and good friend Andrew Tuggey, Mr. Sharma met many of us, including honorary members from a dozen or more High Commissions, in the spacious CPA office on the west side of Westminster Hall.

One aspect of the CHOGM that impressed Mr. Sharma particularly was the genuine equality of the proceedings. Whether Heads of Government came from mega-states like India or mini-states like Tonga, they were all accorded equal air time. Mr. Sharma also noted that the principles laid down first in Singapore and refined at every subsequent meeting seemed genuinely respected. And in the way it operated, the Commonwealth was a kind of tipping point for bringing ideas that were emerging to mature and actionable formulation.

Perhaps the most important immediate outcome was the decision to set up an Eminent Persons Group "to undertake an examination of options for reform in order to bring the Commonwealth's many institutions into a stronger and more effective framework of cooperation and partnership." The group, still in process of formation, will report to the next CHOGM in 2011.

For Mr. Sharma, what comes next is a thrust along three lines. First, the Commonwealth needs to keep working on the issue of free and fair elections as part of the general push for constantly improving governance. Next, the Commonwealth has

to pay much more attention to the fact that half its peoples, i.e. about billion men and women are under the age of 30. Enabling every young man and woman to take up, create or find useful and productive roles within their societies is a constant and growing challenge. Connected with youth is the third line, skills. Members of the Commonwealth, both individually and cooperatively really must set their minds to developing educational systems that will ensure that young people equip themselves to identify and capitalise on the range of opportunities available.

### **The Gladwyn Lecture 2009 8<sup>th</sup> December 2009**



The annual Gladwyn Lecture formed the final event to celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of CEC's founding. The venue, the Robing Room in the House of Lords, was fittingly and awesomely grand, complete with throne, and spacious enough not only to seat 120 people, but also to permit them to gather for a reception after the lecture without having to move elsewhere in that stretching range of rooms and chambers.

Deputy Secretary General of the Commonwealth, Mrs. Mmasekgoa Masire-Mwamba, honoured CEC by agreeing to deliver the lecture and chose as her theme, "Women as a force for development in the Commonwealth". With CEC Patrons,

Lords Judd and McNally chairing the session and our third Patron, Baroness Morris attentive in the audience, Mrs. Masire-Mwamba considered how best to unlock and realise the potential of women in the Commonwealth to transform their societies through greater participation in education, business and employment. The full text of her address is given on the CEC website.

Mrs. Masire-Mwamba is herself an example of a force for development and is clearly set on inspiring her daughters to follow in her footsteps, as they sat almost literally at her feet during her address.

The capacity audience –we had to turn some applicants away- may have been the largest ever for a Gladwyn Lecture. It certainly included a gratifying number of honorary members from High Commissions, as well as a good number of members from Bristol, Cambridge, London, Oxford and Sussex universities.

At the conclusion of the discussions, CEC Executive Chair, Valerie Davey, told the audience about the newly established Endowment Fund for the Commonwealth Scholarship and Fellowship Plan and put some of CEC's money where its mouth is: she presented to the Association of Commonwealth Universities (ACU), represented by Jonathan Jenkins, a cheque for £500.

### **The Gladwyn Lecture 2010**

This year's Gladwyn Lecture will celebrate the progress that Nigeria has made in its 50 years of independence since 1960. CEC's Committee for Programmes, Projects and Communication is in the process of identifying an appropriate speaker and mobilising the necessary funds. The venue is expected to be as usual in the House of Lords, while the date, dependent on

parliamentary schedules, is likely to fall in the week of December 6<sup>th</sup>.

### **CEC Annual Conference**

#### **Wednesday, 30 June 2010**

The British Council has once again offered CEC the hospitality of its conference suite in its headquarters at Spring Gardens to hold our AGM and annual conference. The date for the two occasions is June 30<sup>th</sup>, a Wednesday. As with last year, the AGM will precede the conference and begin after 11.00 a.m.

The title of the conference is *“Including people with disabilities: celebrating Commonwealth experience”*. The planning group has taken the steps not only of consulting the Commonwealth Secretariat, which published a book on the topic as recently as 2008, but also of inviting the NGOs Leonard Cheshire Disability and SightSavers to assist with the design of the conference, identifying top-notch speakers and other resource persons, and mobilising any necessary finance. Both organisations have accepted the invitation and have been energetically helpful.

More details about the programme will appear closer to June.

It is worth mentioning in connection with the annual conference that CEC has made a bid to contribute to **Pan-Commonwealth Forum 6** in Cochi, India, in November. The connection is that we would share the outcomes of the annual conference that are relevant to the forum and its focus on new technologies for learning, information and communication. CEC does not propose any travel to Cochi, but does envisage a video-conference between there and London with the possible support of the Commonwealth Secretariat.

CEC has also sponsored a second bid to participate in PCF6: it arises from KASL [Knowledge Aid for Sierra Leone], the project in using Open Education Resources that CEC has sponsored for several years. If the bid is successful, two long time members of the steering group, 'Chandra' Chandramohan and Geoffrey Hulme, would likely travel to Cochi to deliver a presentation and run a workshop on the lessons to be drawn from the experience of the project so far.

### **Celebrating Progress in Education Monday, 25<sup>th</sup> October, 2010**

Since 2007, CEC has been trying to make a point of celebrating the progress that newer Commonwealth states have made in education since they joined the association. This year, the main event will focus on Nigeria and its 50 years of independence. Four other Commonwealth members mark less momentous decades: Samoa and Tonga complete 40 years, Vanuatu 30 and Namibia 20. (Fiji also reaches the 40 year milestone, but is at the moment suspended from membership.)

Since all four are part of the Small States Group, CEC plans a joint celebration in the form of a half-day seminar. We hope to capitalise on the well known and very well regarded expertise of CEC member Prof. Michael Crossley; and by doing so, achieving our aim of holding at least one important event per year outside London. The seminar is planned for October 25th, 2010, a Monday. More details about the programme for the day will be circulated to CEC members closer to the date.

### **ACU Secretary General Prof. John Wood**

On June 30, Professor John Tarrant will retire as Secretary General of the ACU (Association of Commonwealth

Universities). He will be succeeded by Professor John Wood, currently at Imperial College, where he is Principal of the Faculty of Engineering and Senior International Relations Adviser. He is also Chair of the Board of Trustees of the International Network for the Availability of Scientific Publications, the European Research Advisory Board and the European Strategy Forum on Research Infrastructures.

CEC congratulates the ACU on having attracted such a distinguished scientist and internationalist to lead it into the second decade of the century, and is confident that he will be a worthy successor to Professor Tarrant.

### **Commonwealth Scholarship and Fellowship Plan (CSFP)**

Members know that CEC has taken a very vigorous part in pressing to preserve the integrity of the CSFP and in promoting the new Endowment Fund that seeks to enable the smaller and less rich members of the Commonwealth attract researchers from other members.

On the first point, CEC has been heartened to hear that the Department of Business, Innovation and Skills (BIS) has enabled the Commonwealth Scholarships Commission (UK) to offer an additional scholarship in 2010 to the eight more developed countries formerly receiving awards through the FCO. More important, we hear also that Minister of State for Higher Education, David Lammy, is pressing for BIS to retain permanent responsibility for the CSFP as regards the eight countries: Australia, the Bahamas, Brunei Darussalam, Canada, Cyprus, Malta, New Zealand and Singapore.



Valerie Davey handing a CEC cheque for £500 to Dr. Jonathan Jenkins as a contribution to the Endowment Fund.

On the Endowment Fund, CEC's official contribution of £500 [mentioned above] has been amplified by a further £885 in contributions from individual members, a total so far of £1,385. In addition, Lady Grace Thomson, widow of our former Patron, Lord Thomson of Monfieth, is making arrangements for a substantial donation from his estate. The CSC (UK) reports that contributions from member governments, organisations and individuals now amount to close on £1.8 million.

#### **H. E. Rt. Hon. Burchell Whiteman**

Burchell Whiteman, a good friend of CEC and the Commonwealth, and currently Chair of the Board of the Commonwealth of Learning, has come to the end of his term a High Commissioner of Jamaica in the U.K. and has returned home.

CEC thanks him warmly for his support while he was in London and wishes him well in whatever set of posts he takes up.

#### **Commonwealth Secretariat**

Since the last newsletter, the Social Transformation Division of ComSec and its Education Section has seen changes, In the previous newsletter we reported the retirement of Henry Kaluba, Director of

Education –a very supportive friend and now a member of CEC- and the resignation of Jyotsna Jha, who returned to India to be with her husband. At the end of December, the Director of the Social Transformation Division, Caroline Pontefract, resigned to take up an assignment as Director of Education for UNHCR/UNESCO based in Jordan. Shortly afterwards, Alex Wright, another good friend, left the Education Section for a post with Link Community Development. To help hold the fort at least in part, while replacements are recruited, Indrajit Coomaraswamy, another good friend of CEC, has stepped into Caroline's place; while an announcement is shortly expected about a successor to Jyotsna Jha.

*Late News:* The new Head of Education is Dr. Pauline Greaves, from Canada. She has come from the Abu Dhabi Education Council.

#### **DFID**

Valerie Davey, Executive Chair, led a delegation of six CEC members for a 30-minute discussion with Mike Foster, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State at DFID. In addition to voicing the concerns CEC had about the forthcoming education strategy paper (see above) the delegation raised the issue of international education strategy that Charles Clarke had initiated in 2005 and on which the Joint International Unit (JIU) had been charged to work.

Mr. Foster was unable to say which of his government colleagues oversaw the work of the JIU, but did say that he and Vernon Coaker, Minister of State at DCSF (Department of Children, Schools and Families), would shortly be issuing a consultative paper on a Global Learning Strategy for the UK. (The paper appeared on March 8<sup>th</sup> and invites comments until 31

May 2010. CEC will be preparing a submission.)

Mr. Foster was accompanied by Gemma Wilson-Clark, who joined DFID some six months ago and who, with Gareth Conyard, keeps an eye on Commonwealth interests.

### **Commonwealth Policies on Language**

Governing Board member, 'Chandra' Chandramohan has teamed up with the Institute of Commonwealth Studies to deliver a series of seminars that will conclude with a symposium on "Language Policies/Practice in the Commonwealth". The first two seminars have taken place, the second one delivered by Board member Casmir Chanda on teaching English in Zambia. The programme for the remaining three and the symposium appear as an annex to this newsletter.

### **Commonwealth, MDG, Dakar EFA**

The book offered in the second special announcement on the cover page, "*The Performance of Commonwealth Countries in Achieving the Millennium Development Goals in Education and the Dakar Education for All Goals*" is co-authored by CEC member Steve Packer. It provides two short overviews on trends and significant advances in basic education across all of the countries and regions of the Commonwealth and also presents data for each Commonwealth country in graphical and diagrammatic form, contrasting the state of basic education in 1999 with the latest available statistics.

### **Prof. Ralston Milton "Rex" Nettleford**

CEC was very sorry to hear of the death of Rex Nettleford on February 2, 2010, at the age of 77. A distinguished and much honoured Jamaican historian, educator, social critic, choreographer, artistic director and academic administrator, he was also a

strong friend of the Commonwealth. He was part of the Briggs committee that drew up the plans for establishing the Commonwealth of Learning and was also a member of the Sen Commission on Respect and Understanding. And one of his last public contributions was an excellent address to the Commonwealth Peoples' Forum on 'Education for Peace-building' [see the article above on CHOGM 2009, Trinidad].

### **CEC membership**

A team comprising Valerie Davey (individual members), Casmir Chanda (student members), Caroline Roaf (corporate members) and Ann Brumfit (in support) has been labouring these past many months to recover and re-organize the membership rolls of CEC and to master the intricacies of the procedures of the Charities Aid Foundation (CAF). Provisional figures tell that, in addition to all the High Commissions in London, we have about 120 individual members, about 15 student members and six corporate members.

### **Shepherding the Membership**

Now that CEC handles its membership subscriptions through CAF, the job of our Membership Secretary (or Team) demands eager aptitude and flexible skills with computers and the ranges of software for databases and finance. The formation of a team distributes the chores, so that no one individual is saddled with having to devote inordinate chunks of time to looking after the membership.

If you have such aptitude and skills and can spare an occasional hour to registering and recording the membership, you could do CEC an immense service by joining the membership team. If you would need a bit

more information about what is involved, do contact Valerie at [valeriedaveybr@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:valeriedaveybr@yahoo.co.uk) or on 0117 909 3491.

### **Membership dues**

Subscriptions are due in April, 2010. Individual membership remains at £30.00, while Student Membership is £15.00

### **Your Will – and CEC**

The Council for Education in the Commonwealth depends on its members for many things.

- It has members who are educational experts in their fields;
- It has a very strong connection to Parliament and the political process;
- It has a dedicated group of members who provide both funds (through their subscriptions) to the CEC as well

support for its meetings and conferences.

Because of these strengths, CEC has become a leading organisation in promoting the cause of education in all parts of the Commonwealth.

To be able to do this, it has to have the resources. The reality is that it is run on a financial shoe string. It does get some grants – but these are all restricted in what they can be used for. Its basic finances are very limited.

You could make a difference to the future work of the Council if you were to leave a legacy to the CEC. Such a contribution to the future work of the Council would allow our successors to be able to continue to promote the aims of education in the Commonwealth without always having to worry about the resources needed.

Will you do this?

Do you have an email address which CEC does not have?  
If so, please let us have it.

We will use it to keep you up to date with Commonwealth  
Education events and news.

We will not pass it to any other organization, we will only use it  
for CEC activities.

# Language Policies and Practice in the Commonwealth

Institute of Commonwealth Studies  
School of Advanced Studies  
Senate House, University of London  
Seminar Series and Symposium  
Venue: Senate House, University of London  
<http://www.sas.ac.uk/maps.html>  
Time: 5.30-7.30 PM  
Admission: Free

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## Description

The Seminar Series and Symposium examine issues of language policy and practice in the Commonwealth. The focus in the Seminars is on providing an overview of the situation in different areas of Commonwealth, both the 'new' and the 'old' Commonwealth, by highlighting evolving/current policy and practice in a range of areas including literary use of language.

The Symposium will focus on thematic areas that have a local as well as pan-Commonwealth significance in policy and practice. The presentations and discussions will be of interest to attendees who have specialist interest in the Commonwealth and also to those with academic and/or general interest in areas such as linguistics, literature, culture and society in the Commonwealth and beyond.

An edited version of the proceedings will be published and also made available on the Institute's website.

## Lectures and Symposium Programme

3.

21 April 2010; 5.30-7.30 PM

Venue: G37 (Senate House)

Prof. Daya Thussu, University of Westminster

Title: Hinglish in the Indian media - linguistic hegemony or hybridization?

4.

19<sup>th</sup> May; 5.30-7.30 PM

Venue: G16 (Senate House)

Prof John Harris, University College London

English in Diaspora: Canada/Australia/New Zealand (provisional title)

5.

16 June 2010; 5.30-7.30 PM

Venue: G16 (Senate House)

Mr Christopher Heywood, Sheffield University

Title: South Africa: a creole society and its literature

17<sup>th</sup> July: Symposium – will cover the above and additional topics; 10AM – 4PM; Venue: Senate House; further details to be advertised soon.

**COMMONWEALTH EDUCATION CALENDAR JANUARY 2010**

**Commonwealth Education Events: April 2010 to 2012**

**2010**

- April 7-12 **Commonwealth Foundation.** Commonwealth Writers' Prize final programme (Prize winner announcements on April 12). Delhi, India.
- April 7-9 **NZEALS (CCEAM affiliate)** *Leadership: a juggling act?* Christchurch, New Zealand.
- April 11-15, **ACU/SARIMA.** International Network of Research Management Societies (INORMS) Congress 2010. *Managing Research for Impact: New Approaches to Research and Innovation Management.* Cape Town, South Africa [www.inorms.org](http://www.inorms.org).
- April 12 (week of) **RCS.** National Commonwealth Youth Summit, London.
- April 12 **ROSL/the Round Table** lecture series. No 2. *The Empire and Commonwealth between the Wars.* Dr Susan Williams, Senior Research Fellow, Inst CW Studies, U of London. 1900-2030, Royal Overseas League, Park Place, St James, London. Open to all, free.
- April 19-24 (tbc) **COMSEC.** Pacific regional consultations on education in small states. Apia, Samoa.
- April 25-27 **ACU** Conference of Executive Heads. *Universities and the Millennium Development Goals.* Cape Town, South Africa: [www.acu.ac.uk/conferences](http://www.acu.ac.uk/conferences).
- April 28 **CW Foundation/COMSEC/RCS/ROSL/Commonwealth Parliamentary Association/Cambridge Commonwealth Trust.** **Commonwealth Lecture.** Dr James Martin, futurist and author of 'The Meaning of the 21st Century', University of Oxford (Lecture Title tbc). Venue: Faraday Theatre, The Royal Institution of Great Britain, 21 Albemarle Street, London W1S 4BS. 6.30p.m. 'Admission free. Tickets available from the Commonwealth Foundation website from early March.
- April 28-30 **CUSAC.** Conference. *Student mobility in international education.* University of Cape Coast, Ghana ([www.acu.ac.uk/cusac](http://www.acu.ac.uk/cusac)).
- April 30 **COL.** Deadline for submission for the Pan-Commonwealth Forum 6 *Excellence in Distance Education Awards* (EDEA) 2009-2010. See [www.col.org/ede](http://www.col.org/ede) for more details on categories and criteria.
- April 30- May 4 **CCEAM.** Symposium at American Education Research Assn *Challenges & opportunities in understanding how and what educational leaders learn across time and space.* Denver.
- May (date tbc) **CCfE** and partners in Southern Africa. *Civil society contribution to revitalisation of education in Zimbabwe.* Pretoria. By invitation.
- May (date tbc) **ACLALS.** (Canadian) Annual Conference, Concordia University Montréal.
- May 1 **RCS.** Deadline for entries into Young Commonwealth Competitions: Essay.

- May 3 **COL-UNESCO**, in collaboration with International Network for Quality Assurance Agencies in Higher Education. Capacity-building workshop: *Taking OERs beyond the OER community: Policy and Capacity*. In advance of INQAAHE's Forum 2010, May 4-6. Windhoek, Namibia.
- May 5 **COMSEC/ACU**. Lunchtime reception for donors and supporters of CSFP Endowment Fund at Marlborough House. By invitation. Contact John Kirkland at ACU.
- May 10 **ROSL**/the Round Table lecture series. No 3. *The Empire and Commonwealth and the Second World War* by Dr Ashley Jackson, Defence Studies Dept, King's Coll, London. 1900-2030, Royal Overseas League, Park Place, St James, London. Open to all, free.
- May 27-30 **ESU**. Malta. Official launch of ESU Malta. Reception at residence of HE British High Commissioner, Malta (evening 28<sup>th</sup> May). Details: annf@esu.org.
- May 28-30 **ACLALS** (Canadian branch). Annual Conference. *Connected understanding, understanding connections*. Concordia University, Montréal.
- Late May (date tbc) **CAM**. *Rethinking museums in India* (working title for Regional Workshop) and AGM. Mumbai, India
- June (date tbc) **CPSU**. Summer Youth Conference.
- June 1 **RCS**. Deadline for entries into Young Commonwealth Competitions: Photography
- June 6-9 **COMSEC. Commonwealth Women's Affairs Ministers Meeting, Barbados.**
- June 6-11 **ACLALS**, in association with University of Cyprus and University of Nicosia. The 15th Triennial Conference: *Strokes across cultures*, Hilton Hotel, Nicosia, Cyprus.
- June 7 **ROSL**/ Round Table lecture series. No 4. *The Commonwealth in the age of decolonisation*. Roger Louis, Kerr Professor of English History & Culture, U of Texas, Austin. 1900-2030, Royal Overseas League, Park Place, St James, London. Open to all, free.
- June 8-9 **COL**. Board of Governors Meeting, Vancouver, BC Canada.
- June 9 **ICS**. Lecture series commemorating the 60th anniversary of the Institute and the modern Commonwealth. 4. *Movement for Colonial Freedom*. The Rt Hon Tony Benn. Beveridge Hall, South Block, Senate House, WC1E 7HU. 5.30 -6.30 pm. To attend, please contact Troy Rutt at [troy.rutt@sas.ac.uk](mailto:troy.rutt@sas.ac.uk) or on 020 7862 8853.
- June 16-18 Cumberland Lodge in partnership with the Round Table Centenary. Conference on Commonwealth writing and publishing. *Empire and me. Personal explorations of imperialism in reality and imagination*. At Cumberland Lodge, Windsor Great Park, SL4 2HP. Attendance by application: details and charges from: [janis@cumberlandlodge.ac.uk](mailto:janis@cumberlandlodge.ac.uk)
- June 22-24 **COMSEC**. First Meeting of Commonwealth Advisory Council on Teacher Mobility, Recruitment and Retention. Stoke Rochford Hall, Lincolnshire, United Kingdom.
- June 24 **CYEC**. Annual Forum.

- June 25                   **CCLEF.** One Day Convention on Diabetes, Holy Apostles Catholic Church Hall, Cumberland St, Pimlico, London SW1V 4LY – details to follow. Contact Majorie Rennie: rennie158@btinternet.com
- June 30.                   **CEC.** AGM and Annual Conference (theme: *Including People with Disabilities: Celebrating Commonwealth experiences*) British Council HQ, London.
- Late June                   **CCFE.** *Civil society contribution to revitalisation of education in Zimbabwe*. Follow up to May meeting (above). London. By invitation.
- July 1                       **RCS.** Deadline for entries into Young Commonwealth Competitions: Film.
- July 5                       **ROSL/The Round Table** lecture series. No 5. *The Modern Commonwealth*. Chief Emeka Anyaoku, Commonwealth Secretary-General, (1990-2000). Royal Overseas League, Park Place, St James, London. 1900-2030. Open to all, free.
- July 7                       **CASTME.** AGM and committee meeting.
- July 9-11                   **BELMAS (CCEAM affiliate)** *New organisations, new leadership?* Wokefield Park, Reading, UK.
- July 23-25                   **ACLALS** (Malaysian branch). Conference: *Found in translation: a common voice in a multicultural world*. Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.
- August                     **RCS.** Winners of Young Commonwealth Competitions announced.
- September                   **RCS.** Nkabom Commonwealth Youth Leadership Programme: Rwanda (dates tbc).
- September 10-18           **ACLALS/Bhasha** Publication and Research Centre (Vadodara). 3rd Chotro Conference *Local knowledge, global traditions, the imagination and the images of indigenous communities in the 21<sup>st</sup> century*. Delhi, Shimla and Keylang (Himalayas), India.
- Sept 29-October 1           **CCEAM.** Biennial Conference and AGM. *Hosting and harvesting: creating the change we wish to see in the world*. Sydney, Australia.
- October                     **ACLALS** (Sri Lankan branch SLACLALS) Conference. *Postcolonial or postmodern?* Kandy, Sri Lanka.
- October 25                   **CEC.** Open meeting. *Celebrating different decades of educational progress in four small and/or island states (Namibia, Samoa, Tonga and Vanuatu)*. Bristol University.
- October (date tbc)           **RCS.** Young Commonwealth Competitions Gala Award Ceremony.
- November 4                   **CHEC.** Annual General Meeting.
- November 10-12             **Commonwealth Foundation, CSCUK/ACU, ICS . 2010 Commonwealth Conference.** Theme: *Citizenship and the Commonwealth*. Cumberland Lodge, Windsor Great Park. By invitation. Conference management: ICS.
- November 13               **CCLEF.** In association with spouses of CW High Commission staff. The Commonwealth Fair, Kensington Town Hall, 11.30-6.00 pm. Admission £5.00. To raise money for girls secondary education in the Commonwealth – details to follow.
- November 14-15             **CSC.** Welcome Day for new Commonwealth Scholars and Fellows. University of Edinburgh, UK. By invitation.

- November 22-23 ACU Human Resource Management Network conf. *Successful universities in a changing world: HR drives the future*. Melbourne, Australia. ([www.acu.ac.uk/conferences](http://www.acu.ac.uk/conferences))
- November 24 ACU joint networks conference. *Analysing and enhancing internal communications*. Melbourne, Australia. ([www.acu.ac.uk/conferences](http://www.acu.ac.uk/conferences))
- November 24-28 COL/Indira Gandhi National Open University. **The Sixth Pan-Commonwealth Forum on Open Learning (PCF6)** *Access & success in learning: global development Perspectives*. Le Méridien Cochin Resort & Convention Centre (Kochi, Kerala), India.
- November 25-26 ACU PR, Marketing and Communications Network conference. *Changing times, changing markets and changing priorities*. Melbourne, Australia [www.acu.ac.uk/conferences](http://www.acu.ac.uk/conferences).
- December 7 (tbc) CEC. *50 years of educational progress in Nigeria*. The Gladwyn Lecture. Palace of Westminster. Details to be confirmed.

## 2011

- January ACLALS (Indian branch). Annual conference. New Delhi.
- March 14 COMMONWEALTH DAY
- March/April ACLALS (West Indian branch). The 30<sup>th</sup> Annual West Indian Literature Conference. Venue to be announced.
- April 26-30 ACLALS. European ACLALS Triennial Conference. *Under construction: gateways and walls*. Istanbul, Turkey.
- November ? CHOGM. Perth, Western Australia.

## 2012

- March 12 COMMONWEALTH DAY
- Date tbc 18<sup>th</sup> CONFERENCE OF COMMONWEALTH EDUCATION MINISTERS (18CCEM). The Bahamas.
- Date tbc COL. **The Seventh Pan-Commonwealth Forum on Open Learning (PCF7)**. Venue tbc

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### Key to acronyms and contact details of sponsoring organisations (\* = CCfE members, + = Associates)

ACS*	- Association of Commonwealth Studies	<i>email: island16@sympatico.ca</i>
ACEAB*	- Association of Commonwealth Examination and Accreditation Bodies	<a href="http://www.aceab.org">www.aceab.org</a>
ACLALS*	- Association of Commonwealth Literature & Language Studies	<a href="http://www.aclals.org">www.aclals.org</a>
ACU*	- Association of Commonwealth Universities	<a href="http://www.acu.ac.uk">www.acu.ac.uk</a>
BECM*	- British Empire and Commonwealth Museum	<a href="http://www.empiremuseum.co.uk">www.empiremuseum.co.uk</a>
BUILD	- Building Understanding through International Links for Development	<a href="http://www.build-online.org.uk">www.build-online.org.uk</a>
CAM*	- Commonwealth Association of Museums	<a href="http://www.maltwood.uvic.ca/cam/">www.maltwood.uvic.ca/cam/</a>
CAPA*	- Commonwealth Association of Polytechnics in Africa	<a href="mailto:capa@kenpoly.ac.ke">capa@kenpoly.ac.ke</a>
CASTME*	- Commonwealth Association of Science, Mathematics & Technology Teachers	<a href="http://www.castme.org">www.castme.org</a>
CBC+	- Commonwealth Business Council	<a href="http://www.cbcglobelink.org">www.cbcglobelink.org</a>

<b>CCE</b>	- Centre for Commonwealth Education (Univ. of Cambridge)	<a href="http://www.educ.cam.ac.uk/centres/cce/">www.educ.cam.ac.uk/centres/cce/</a>
<b>CCEAM*</b>	- Commonwealth Council for Educational Administration and Management	<a href="http://www.cceam.org">www.cceam.org</a>
<b>CCEM</b>	- Conference of Commonwealth Education Ministers	<a href="http://www.16ccem.com">www.16ccem.com</a> & <a href="http://www.17ccem.com">www.17ccem.com</a>
<b>CCfE</b>	- Commonwealth Consortium for Education	<a href="http://www.commonwealtheducation.org">www.commonwealtheducation.org</a>
<b>CCLEF*</b>	- Commonwealth Countries' League Education Fund	<a href="http://www.ccl-int.org.uk">www.ccl-int.org.uk</a>
<b>CEC*</b>	- Council for Education in the Commonwealth	<a href="http://www.cecomm.org.uk">www.cecomm.org.uk</a>
<b>CET</b>	- Commonwealth Education Trust	<a href="http://www.commonwealth-institute.org">www.commonwealth-institute.org</a>
<b>CF</b>	- Commonwealth Foundation	<a href="http://www.commonwealthfoundation.com">www.commonwealthfoundation.com</a>
<b>CHEC*</b>	- Commonwealth Human Ecology Council	<a href="http://www.chec-hq.org">www.chec-hq.org</a>
<b>CHOGM</b>	- Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting	<a href="http://www.thecommonwealth.org">www.thecommonwealth.org</a>
<b>COL</b>	- Commonwealth of Learning	<a href="http://www.col.org">www.col.org</a>
<b>COMSEC</b>	- Commonwealth Secretariat	<a href="http://www.thecommonwealth.org">www.thecommonwealth.org</a>
<b>CPSU*</b>	- Commonwealth Policy Studies Unit	<a href="http://www.cpsu.org.uk">www.cpsu.org.uk</a>
<b>CRT+</b>	- Commonwealth Relations Trust (of the Nuffield Foundation)	<a href="http://www.nuffieldfoundation.org">www.nuffieldfoundation.org</a>
<b>CSCUK</b>	- Commonwealth Scholarship Commission in the United Kingdom	<a href="http://www.cscuk.org.uk">www.cscuk.org.uk</a>
<b>CTG +</b>	- Commonwealth Teachers' Group	
<b>CUSAC</b>	- Commonwealth Universities Study abroad Consortium	<a href="http://www.acu.ac.uk/cusac">www.acu.ac.uk/cusac</a>
<b>CYEC+</b>	- Commonwealth Youth Exchange Council	<a href="http://www.cyec.org.uk">www.cyec.org.uk</a>
<b>ESU*</b>	- The English-Speaking Union of the Commonwealth	<a href="http://www.esu.org">www.esu.org</a>
<b>ICS*</b>	- Institute of Commonwealth Studies	<a href="http://www.commonwealth.sas.ac.uk">www.commonwealth.sas.ac.uk</a>
<b>LCD*</b>	- Link Community Development	<a href="http://www.lcd.org.uk">www.lcd.org.uk</a>
<b>LECT*</b>	- League for the Exchange of Commonwealth Teachers	<a href="http://www.lect.org.uk">www.lect.org.uk</a>
<b>RCS+</b>	- Royal Commonwealth Society	<a href="http://www.rcsint.org">www.rcsint.org</a>
<b>ROSL+</b>	- Royal Over-Seas League	<a href="http://www.rosl.org.uk">www.rosl.org.uk</a>
<b>SARIMA</b>	- Southern African Research and Innovation Management Association	
<b>VUSSC</b>	- Virtual University for Small States of the Commonwealth	<a href="http://www.col.org/vussc">www.col.org/vussc</a>

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