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Commonwealth Association of Surveying & Land Economy (CASLE)

CASLE E-NEWSLETTER – DECEMBER 2020

Who would have thought that we would still be under strict regulations nearly a year after COVID19 was first recognised? In the Bristol area where I live, we are in Tier3 which is quite restricted, in what we can do and where we can go. Many people are contemplating the Christmas festivities with trepidation, wondering if they will be able to bring together family members under the same roof. It is particularly difficult for older people and those with underlying health problems, who are self-isolating.

We have been promised that there is light at the end of the tunnel, now that the Pfizer Vaccine has been approved, but it is bound to take some time before everyone can be vaccinated. For the time being, we have to continue with social distancing, washing our hands and protecting the vulnerable.

Working from home has become the norm for many people and it would be difficult now to go back to the working arrangements that were the norm for many people prior to the Pandemic.

Online meetings such as Zoom and Microsoft Teams have been adopted by many firms and have proved to be very successful, both in the saving of time and travel expenses related to many face-to-face meetings.

We have held a couple of online CASLE Task Force meetings and a collaborative online meeting with the University of the West of England. Dr Jim Mason is devising an online Questionnaire in respect of the future of CASLE, and an 'International Festival of Surveying', which is scheduled to take place in February 2021. Further information on the Festival is available later in the newsletter.

On Monday, the 14th December, when I looked through my papers, I had very little copy for this issue of the CASLE E-newsletter and it was looking very thin. However, after a rapid email-shot to the regions, I received reports from Nigeria, Ghana and Malaysia in quick succession and we now have a bumper edition, in time for Christmas. For the future we would greatly appreciate reports including, news items, anecdotes and photographs from, Individual and Group Associate members as well as Regional Presidents and member associations.

In the last two months there have been two consultation sessions in respect of the Commonwealth Secretariat Strategic Plan for 2021-22/2024/2025. The draft plan will be available for further consultation later in December and, I am hoping that Mr Brian Waldy, CASLE Europe President and Commonwealth Liaison Officer will be able to provide further information in due course.

Non-Governmental Organisations with Consultative Status with ECOSOC (Economic and Social Council of the United Nations), were invited by the Office of the President of the General Assembly of the United Nations, to submit a question to the General Assembly Special Session. Unfortunately, it was short notice and we were unable to take advantage of this opportunity. CASLE has had Consultative Status with ECOSOC since 2010.

I wish to acknowledge the great support that I have received again this year from members of the CASLE Management Board and Task Force, who join me in sending seasonal greetings to all CASLE members, colleagues and friends.

Very Best Wishes for a happy and peaceful Christmas and New Year.

Mrs Susan Spedding, Secretary General

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International Festival of Surveying

CASLE/UWE Bristol are pleased to announce an online festival of surveying scheduled from 10th to 12th February 2021. Themes for the three-day event include environmental impact, data/digital and changes to the core disciplines of surveying.

Programme and website details to follow - **please hold the date and register interest by emailing: festivalofsurveying@gmail.com**

We would like to hear from you with a paragraph on:

- 1) the *GREENEST* activity you currently undertake in your professional role
- 2) what more could easily be done in your profession to meet the *UN SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS*

Your content will form an important part of the knowledge exchange and agenda setting for CASLE in 2021 and beyond.

University of the West of England

Real Estate CPD

The Department of Architecture and Built Environment and the Professional Development team, are pleased to offer a further four postgraduate level modules in Real Estate Management as continuing professional development (CPD). The courses are aimed at a range of professionals involved in the real estate sector, in particular commercial property management, who wish to develop and broaden their knowledge and gain a qualification for the purpose of career progression.

[Real Estate Investment and Development](#)

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[Sustainability in the Built Environment](#)

[Real Estate Finance and Investment](#)

NEWS FROM THE REGIONS

AFRICA REGION

NIGERIA

We were very pleased to receive the following report from the Nigerian Institute of Quantity Surveyors (NIQS) and, in particular the photograph of CASLE President, Mr Joseph Olusegun Ajanlekoko, who celebrated his 70th birthday on Thursday 1st October 2020. It was a Zoom celebration with lively music and contributions from family and many friends and colleagues.

NIQS Activities Q4 2020

The Nigerian Institute of Quantity Surveyors (NIQS) held their 2020 Annual General Meeting (AGM) in Minna, the Niger State capital on Friday 13th November 2020. The AGM which was preceded by a series of events on Wednesday 11th and Thursday 12th November, took place at the Justice Idris Legbo Kutigi Centre, Minna.

The preceding events included:

1. A technical visit to the Shiroro Hydro-electric Power Station;

2. A courtesy visit to the Secretary to the State Government (SSG) of Niger State, Hon. Ahmed Ibrahim Matane; who reaffirmed his commitment in ensuring that only Quantity Surveyors are engaged to manage construction costs on all construction/infrastructural projects being executed by the State Government;
3. A courtesy visit to the Grand Patron of the NIQS, and former military President, retired General Ibrahim Babangida (GCFR) at his Hilltop residence in Minna. The NIQS President, QS Mohammed Abba Tor, FNIQS, led the National Executive Council (NEC) and other dignitaries;
4. The official launching and presentation to members of the public 'The Rebranding Roadmap', a document containing the Institute's new brand identity, by the President of the Quantity Surveyors Registration Board of Nigeria (QSRBN), QS Murtala Aliyu, FNIQS, PPNIQS (2013 - 2015) and a former Minister of State for Mines, Steel and Power (2001 – 2002);
5. A Pre-AGM Workshop on 'Cost Management of Mechanical and Electrical Services in High-Rise Buildings';
6. Induction of newly qualified Members and the Investiture of Fellows of the Institute on Thursday and Friday evening respectively;

The Pre-AGM Workshop, the Induction of Members, the Investiture of Fellows and the AGM were all attended by physical and virtual options in order to ensure that social distancing measures were adhered to.

Preceding the flurry of activities in Minna, the NIQS had cause to celebrate with her own - on the very first day of Q4-2020. We celebrated **JOA@70**, QS Joseph Olusegun Ajanlekoko, FNIQS, PPNIQS, PPAPBN, PPAAQS, the President of CASLE as he turned 70 years old on 1st October. We rejoiced and had fun with him both physically and virtually. It was a memorable occasion indeed. We thank God for his life and pray Almighty God grants him good health, very many more years of wisdom, courage and determination to continue to render selfless service to our nation and humanity.



The CASLE President, QS Joseph Olusegun Ajanlekoko, FNIQS, PPNIQS, PPAPBN, PPAAQS on his 70th birthday.



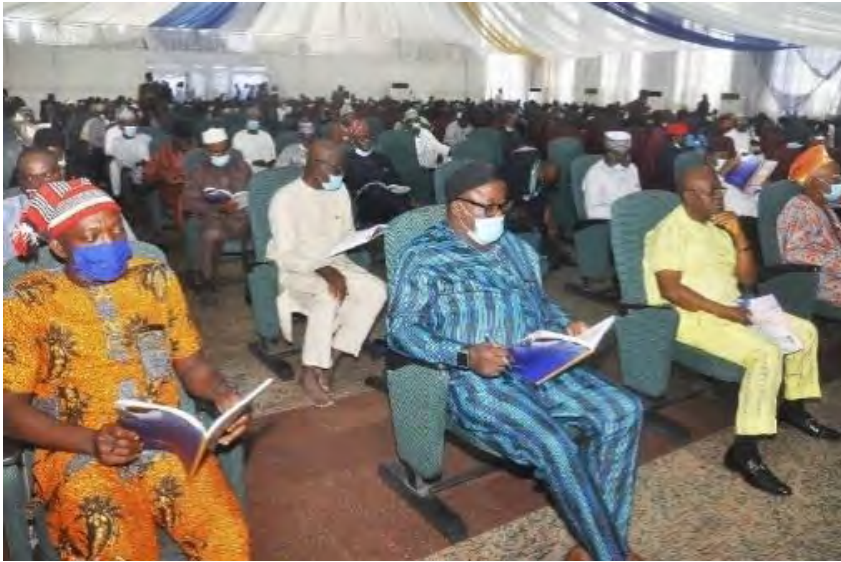
NIQS President, QS M. Abba Tor, FNIQS presenting a courtesy gift on behalf of the NIQS to the Secretary to the State Government (SSG), Niger State, Hon. Ahmed Ibrahim Matane.



President of the NIQS, QS M. Abba Tor, presenting the Institute's publications to the Grand Patron of the NIQS, former military President, retired General Ibrahim Babangida, GCFR when the leadership of the Institute paid him a visit at his Hilltop residence in Minna, Niger State.



A few of the participants paying rapt attention during the Pre-AGM workshop which were held in Minna.



A cross section of State chapter chairmen and participants during the Annual General Meeting.



Some of the new Fellows of the NIQS taking their oath of allegiance during the Fellows' Investiture which held in Minna, Niger State.



A cross section of newly inducted members of the Institute taking their oath of allegiance during the Induction Ceremony which held in Minna.

GHANA

Ghana Institution of Surveyors (GhIS)

The following report was sent to us by Mr James Dadson, CASLE Africa Region President



The President of Ghana Institution of Surveyors (GhIS) Surv. Dr. John Amaglo in the company of the Honorary Treasurer Surv. Cornelius Adu-Mpiani, the Honorary Secretary Surv. Harry Nartey Anim and Mr. Emmanuel Cherry, the CEO of the Ghana Chamber of Construction Industry (GhCCI), made a presentation on behalf of the GhIS membership to the Chief of Staff Honourable Frema Opare at the Jubilee House in Accra, Ghana.

At the presentation, Dr. Amaglo presented a cheque of ₵50 000 (\$8630) towards the Covid-19 National Trust Fund, which the GhIS membership hopes will assist in addressing the COVID-19 pandemic in the country. Dr. Amaglo also said the GhIS, in collaboration with built environment professionals, will produce a technical document to help curb a horizontal spread of the coronavirus pandemic. The President promised a prototype presentation of a web-based contact tracing App to the Ghana Covid-19 Health Technical Team in April 2020.

The GhIS has developed software for tracing persons who have come into contact with persons who tested positive for the coronavirus, and the App is compatible with smartphones. Dr. Amaglo said that the contact tracing App has three functions: the ability to trace the affected people in real-time, monitoring, and evaluation. In collaboration with the Built Environment professional, namely architects, engineers, and planners, contributed their services on a pro-bono basis to construct the first-ever 100 bed Infectious Disease Centre (IDC) facility at the Ga East Hospital in Accra, Ghana. The facility construction was completed with equipment and other accessories installed in a record time of 100 days.



This project has won two awards at the Project Management Awards Ghana 2020, held on the 13th of December 2020 at the Kempinski Hotel. The project was adjudged the Project of the Year and the Donor Project of the Year. The 2020 edition of this prestigious Awards program was under the auspices of the Management Excellence Foundation. The Built Environment professionals for which Ghana Institution of Surveyors is privileged to nominate Quantity Surveyors, Land Surveyors, and Valuation and Estate Surveyors to participate in this prestigious project.



ASIA REGION

MALAYSIA

The following report was sent to us by Dato' Sr Lau Wai Seang, Asia Region President



ROYAL INSTITUTION OF SURVEYORS MALAYSIA

Report for Commonwealth Association of Surveying and Land Economy (CASLE) (August – December 2020)

A. Online Talks and Conferences

1. PAQS Webinar – Updates on the Construction Industry in PAQS Countries and CPD Talks

COVID-19 Pandemic – Claims and Resolutions for Quantity Surveyors

2 hours live from PAQS countries stretching over 18 time zones

Date : 27th August 2020

Speaker : Sr Ong Hock Tek (Managing Director of BK Entrust)

Moderator : Sr Kwan Hock Hai (PAQS Chair)

Participants : 453

2. PAQS Webinar – Surviving Post COVID: New Norms for Young Professionals

Date : 23th September 2020

Speaker : Past Chair of PAQS

Participant : 190

B. Highlights on the RISM Events

There were 3 major events in the last quarter of 2020, albeit all virtual.

1. PAQS Board Meeting

PAQS Annual Board Meeting was held on 7th September 2020 via Zoom involving 14 countries. Including Board members and observers there were approximately 65 people connected to the meeting.

2. RISM 22nd International Surveyors' Congress (ISC)

The virtual 22nd ISC was held on 19th November 2020 from 9.30 am until 6.00 pm via Zoom Webinar. The theme of the congress is "The Big Shift: Beyond 5G". More than 14 technical papers were presented by 16 eminent speakers.

The virtual Congress commenced with a Welcoming Speech by the Organising Committee Chairman, Sr Hj. Khairudin Abd. Halim and the Opening Address was made by the current RISM President, Dato' Sr Thiruselvam Arumugam.

The Keynote Speaker was Prof. Dato' Dr. Norbik Bashah Idris, Professor, Kulliyah of ICT, International Islamic University Malaysia (IIUM) with his Keynote Address about the "Managing Cybersecurity in a Challenging Age".

The Congress received overwhelming responses from RISM members as it was the first ever virtual ISC organised due to the spike of COVID-19 cases where physical events were still not allowed taking into the account the safety of the participants. Total participants registered was 403 inclusive of speakers, committee members and Councillors. There were 364 paid participants out of this list. Below are some of the photos for sharing.



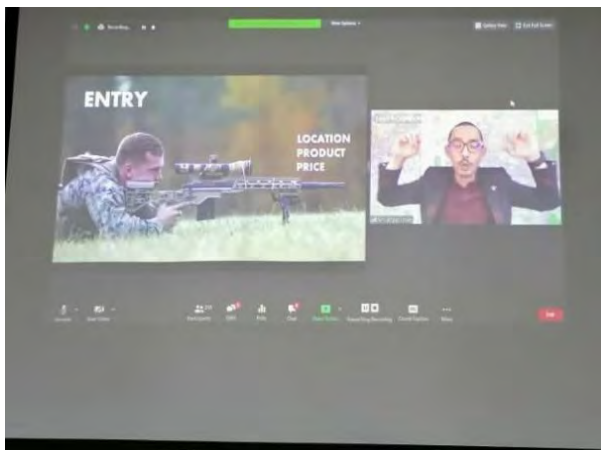
Lobby of the Congress in video type – RISM Secretariat



**Opening Address by the Organising Committee
Chairman Sr Hj.Mohd Khairudin Abd Halim FRISM**



Moderator: Sr Low Han Hoe



Paper Presentation by Speakers



Committee Members and the RISM Secretariat – WORK DONE

30th Pan Pacific Congress (PPC) Board of Directors Meeting

The 30th PPC Board of Directors Meeting was held via online conferencing on 16th October 2020, Friday (Malaysia) at 9.00 am (Malaysian Time, GMT+8). The meeting was chaired by Dato' Sr Lau Wai Seang, as she is also the Chairman-Coordinator of the 30th Pan Pacific Congress. 11 of the 15 Supporting Member Organisations from 12 countries attended the meeting with a total of 26 delegates:

- Royal Institution of Surveyors Malaysia (Host Country)
- Australian Property Institute
- Federacion de Colegios de Valuadores A.C.
- Indonesian Society of Appraisers
- Japan Association of Real Estate Appraisers
- Japan Association of Real Estate Counsellors
- Korea Real Estate Board
- Korea Association of Property Appraisers
- New Zealand Institute of Valuers
- Philippine Association of Realty Appraisers, Inc
- Singapore Institute of Surveyors and Valuers

A few important decisions were made, including milestone amendments to the PPC Bylaws which was formulated in 1973.



Delegates at the 30th PPC Board of Directors Meeting



Screen grab of the 30th PPC Board of Directors Meeting



The Chair, Dato'Sr Lau Wai Seang, with the Secretariat behind the 30th PPC Board of Directors Meeting

EUROPE REGION

The minutes of the Online Meeting of the CASLE Task Force which took place on Monday 9th November are included below. Those present were: Mr Joseph Ajanlekoko (JA), Mr Max Crofts (MC), Dr Patrick Manu (PM), Dr Jim Mason (JM), Prof Dr Alan Spedding (AHS), Mrs Susan Spedding (SS), Tony Westcott (TW)

Invitee: Ms Grazyna Wiek-Roy (GWR), UWE

Apologies were received from; Dr Abdul-Majeed Mahamadu (AMM), Mr Brian Waldy (BW)

1. Individual Reports - Commonwealth Liaison

SS welcomed everyone to the meeting. In the absence of Mr Brian Waldy, SS gave a short report on Commonwealth activities. Subsequent to this item on the agenda, a report was received from Brian Waldy and is included immediately after these minutes.

2. CASLE Secretariat

It was agreed that staying at UWE gave stability to the CASLE Secretariat and was valued by UWE, mainly due to the opportunities provided for student recruitment.

3. CASLE/UWE

JM agreed that the reciprocal agreement between CASLE and UWE provided both with opportunities but he said that there were fundamental questions in respect of the future direction of the arrangement. PM said that we should consult members and affiliates for their views. JM said that he and SS would be working on a Consultation document and Questionnaire to be sent out to CASLE member associations, Individual and Group Associate members in respect of the future direction of CASLE.

JM agreed to look at the Constitution in order to update the Aims and Objectives. He said that we should enhance connections with other bodies in the Built Environment whilst building a 'new platform' ready for a re-launch of CASLE. JM said that he was conscious of the present climate with issues such as 'Woke' and 'Black Lives Matter' but that we should look forward not back. We should concentrate more on Grass roots initiatives rather than on Professional institutions.

JA said that he thought in respect of sustainability, the General Assembly would endorse the CASLE Secretariat remaining within UWE. He also suggested setting up Regional Secretariats as marketing Centres or 'Hubs' to meet grass roots requirements in terms of CPD, the exchange of new ideas, sustainability and greater use of IT. This would be a new approach in new circumstances and all agreed that it was 'spot on'. JA said that regional Hubs in East, West & South Africa, Asia etc would provide rallying points. This would form part of a new consultation document.

MC said that some of the big professional institutions have begun to adopt a more supportive stance.

TW said that post BREXIT many international fora would be adopting a platform of collaboration rather than the old paternal stance. He suggested that CASLE should move forward and re-focus the Constitution.

AHS said that the 'Elephant in the Room' was that most of the work of CASLE was UK centric and that we should aim to involve other groups in The Commonwealth and help to generate some activities and crucially, funds to broaden the scope, JA said that he aligned with AHS and that we should create a lot of events in Africa through 'Regional Hubs' to encourage greater participation. This would also apply to the other regions.

MC suggested that a more secure financial base might enable fees to encourage Academics. CASLE had been reliant on conferences in the past, funds are tight at present and it would be difficult electronically to provide a secure financial

background for the future. JA said that we should encourage the regions to hold 'CASLE' events (online during the present Pandemic), to generate income to support the Secretariat. PM said that CASLE conferences and workshops had gathered a lot of interest and enthusiasm and that we should make a case for what we think is of value for the benefit of members. JA said that Professional Surveying bodies should finance the Secretariats of the Regional Hubs.

JM suggested that we might drop the word 'Commonwealth' but TW said that from past experience it would be better not to change the name but rather what it represents.

PM suggested that we might draw up a 'Memorandum of Understanding' with UWE in respect of the reciprocal arrangement. JA said that Professor Olomolaiye is a great supporter of CASLE and would be happy to do more with the Task Force. An MoU was not necessary but, it would be appreciated, if we could encourage CASLE members to recommend UWE to Post Graduate students and lecturers. MC suggested that we might draft a one-page agreement.

PM said that we could broaden the appeal with additional key academics from Africa, Asia to drive the Forums and MC suggested setting up an Academic Steering Board.

CASLE Research & Academic projects

JM said that there was nothing more to report at present.

5. & 6. CASLE Events & General Assembly

TW said that there are numerous webinars available at no charge. JM suggested that a webinar on 'Arbitration' with a CASLE stamp, which would provide a credit towards a degree course could attract students. JA said that CPD was important for members outside UK and GWR said that there were potential opportunities through the Research Centre at UWE, including programmes on Professional Land Management. GWR said it was a question of what could be offered that was 'doable' i.e. using some existing modules combined with new modules such as 'Urban Management' and one large module showcasing how land management is done in various countries, all on line, and leading to a Master's degree.

With support from CASLE, GWR said that she could begin the relevant procedures ready for the next academic year. JA said that it was a good idea and that we should concentrate on online programmes where there will be interest. In terms of affordability JA said that students from Africa would find fees of £5K difficult to afford. GWR said that these particular courses are RICS accredited and that non-UK students would face the same fee as domestic students e.g. £10K; the question would be how to fund the rest. JA said that member organisations, or other outside funders, might be prepared to fund the difference. JA pointed out that Salford University runs online programmes linked with RICS.

GWR said that in terms of a fee equivalent, it would be necessary to explore the circumstances of those students signing up, who would, preferably, already have a relevant degree in order to undertake 1 or 2 extra modules. JM said that a series of bite-sized sessions building up to a higher degree might be possible. GWR mentioned 'Module Gathering' which gives the opportunity to take 1 module or more, to broaden the experience, over more than one year, which would make it easier to manage the fees. GWR said that she and JM would put together a one-page report on what was available and what was possible. GWR said that there were issues related to Post Graduate degrees such as a 'vaguely related area of expertise' and a particular reason for wishing to participate, which might be a drawback. She said that some of the modules might appeal to people in Industry and those reading for personal development.

GWR suggested engaging visiting lecturers/best speakers from Ghana, Nigeria, Malaysia etc. JA said that we should ask Dato 'Sr Lau Wai Seang, CASLE Asia President, to promote CASLE/UWE CPD opportunities.

JM said that these opportunities should be the flagship of the re-launch of CASLE. CASLE members could be recruited to disseminate the information.

JA said that in respect of Diversity, Prof Paul Olomolaiye and his colleague at the Open University, could be the anchor for promoting this programme.

MC suggested drawing up a single page of bullet points in a formal format, on the new role of Regional Presidents, looking at the structure and re-writing the Constitution, which would be different from the past.

JM, with his legal background, said that he was prepared to look at the drafting of a new Constitution.

JA stressed the need to collect unpaid subscriptions and to announce, to member associations and individual and Group Associate members, the re-structuring as quickly as possible, for consultation and discussion prior to the General Assembly in September 2021.

TW said that the proposed new academic focus and spirit of collaboration, consultation and promotion was a good way forward.

JM said that he honoured the hard work that had set a firm foundation for the future.

SS said that she was optimistic that the new ideas would lead to a more secure future.

JA said that there was 'light at the end of the tunnel' and thanked everyone for their contributions to the discussions.

JA suggested that the next CASLE General Assembly should be delayed until September 2021 earliest due to the Pandemic.

7. CASLE Finances

SS had sent out a finance paper prior to the meeting, which indicated a balance of approximately £22,365 at the 1st April in 2021. There were substantial subscriptions and arrears outstanding. It was agreed that the situation was rather tight and that we should take measures in future to bring in more subscriptions and revenue from events.

8. CASLE Subscription

Mainly due to Covid19, there had been a deferment of subscriptions until June 2020 but it was obvious that many member associations had still not paid and, in some cases, there were substantial arrears. It was agreed that reminders would be sent out as soon as possible.

JA said that we should promote Corporate membership of CASLE to bring in more funds.

9. Any other Business

It was agreed to follow up some of the RICS representatives in the Commonwealth, who had recently been made redundant, and who might be pleased to represent and support CASLE, with their background of experience in Commonwealth countries.

TW said that he would be joining a group from the Alpine Club to climb a mountain in the Himalayas. He agreed that he would provide a report and photographs for the CASLE E-newsletter.

JM agreed to contact SS to discuss how to take forward the new proposals and to design the Questionnaire for dissemination to CASLE member association, Individual and group Associate members.

It was agreed to hold a follow-up meeting towards the end of January 2021

There was no further business and the meeting closed at 12.55

The following report was submitted to the CASLE online Task Force meeting on Monday 9th November 2020 by Mr Brian Waldy, CASLE Europe President & Commonwealth Liaison Officer.

Commonwealth Secretariat

The main avenue for consultation between the Commonwealth Secretariat and the Commonwealth Accredited Organisations (ACOs) has been the Secretary-General's Dialogues held at Marlborough House. The Dialogue set for 20th March, to which I was going, was cancelled due to the impending lockdown. The object of the March Dialogue was to inform and consult with the ACOs ahead of the CHOGM, due to take place in Rwanda in June 2020.

The CHOGM is now arranged for the week of 21st June 2021, to be held in Kigali, with the theme of "Delivering a Common Future: Connecting, Innovating, Transforming." A virtual Secretary-General's Dialogue has now been organised to take place on 27th November.

Virtual Meetings & Webinars

In addition to the virtual Dialogue mentioned above there have been a number of virtual meetings, workshops and webinars. The Commonwealth of Learning has launched three massive open online courses (MOOCs) on agriculture in response to covid-19. A webinar on covid and commodities, organised by the Commonwealth International Trade Policy Section with the UN Conference on Trade & Development, took place on 5th November. A Virtual Digital Skills Capacity Building Workshop has been organised by the Commonwealth Secretariat for 30th November. A session of the World Urban Campaign – Urban Thinkers Campus, on the subject of city climate resilience, where the Commonwealth was represented by the Commonwealth Association of Planners (CAP), took place on the 14th and 15th October. The Commonwealth Lawyers Association (CLA) have organised a number of virtual events, for example on regulation of lawyers and on mediation.

The Commonwealth Secretariat invited ACOs to nominate a delegate to their Commonwealth Diplomats Induction Programme, but the CASLE Secretary General and I agreed that we didn't have anyone qualified to attend.

E-Newsletters

As well as the CASLE E-Newsletters this year, there have been various E-Newsletters circulated including the informative Commonwealth Innovation Newsletter from the Commonwealth Innovation Platform.

The Commonwealth Lawyers Association issues a number of newsletters and statements on important legal developments in Commonwealth countries, this year in October for example, on the UK Internal Markets Bill and on Freedom of Expression and Assembly in Nigeria.

Consultation

Commonwealth bodies put out papers for comment from other interested organisations. Recently the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association has consulted on its draft Strategic Plan 2022-25 and Diane Dumashie was going to draw up some comments on it from a CASLE perspective.

The Institute of Commonwealth Studies (ICS)

An alarming proposal by the University of London to close the ICS has resulted in a joint press release on 26th October from 25 Commonwealth organisations and then major articles in the UK press (e.g. in the Daily Telegraph on 30th October). The ICS was founded in 1949 and is at the heart of the Commonwealth 'family'. It is to be hoped that further consultations will take place by the University of London and that a reprieve will be given to the ICS, which is "one of the only dedicated resources of its kind in the Commonwealth devoted specifically to the study of the contemporary Commonwealth". I feel its respected academic output underpins much of the work of Commonwealth bodies and helps to shape Commonwealth policy, so I do hope it will survive.

Patsy Robertson

Very sadly the death on 18th August 2020 of Patsy Robertson has been announced. For as long as I have been involved in Commonwealth meetings at Marlborough House, Patsy has been a prominent, articulate and persuasive speaker on a variety of Commonwealth issues. She came to London from Jamaica to work for the Jamaican High Commission and then for almost 30 years worked in the Commonwealth Secretariat, rising to be head of information. She will be greatly missed in Commonwealth circles. Brian Waldy - 7th November 2020

PACIFIC REGION

We have not received a report from the Regional Presidents of Atlantic and Pacific Regions. We would welcome a report for the next E-newsletter which we hope to send out in March/April 2021

NEW MEMBERS

In the new CASLE Strategy which was updated in 2015, we brought in a new category of Corporate Membership to encourage companies to join CASLE. The annual subscription for this category of membership will be by agreement. We would welcome new Corporate members as well as new Individual and Group Associate members. Forms for Corporate, Individual and Group Associate Membership of CASLE along with further information about CASLE is available on the CASLE website: www.casle.org or from me, Mrs Susan Spedding, Secretary General, Email: susan.spedding@uwe.ac.uk

SUBSCRIPTIONS

Despite the notice that we included in the September E-newsletter and the reminders that we sent out regarding outstanding Annual Subscriptions, there are still many that remain unpaid. We acknowledge the difficulty for many people during the Pandemic, but it would be greatly appreciated if outstanding subscriptions could be paid as soon as possible. Since the withdrawal of core and activity grants by the Commonwealth Foundation in 2012, we have been forced to rely on annual subscriptions and occasional sponsorship in order to carry out our activities. Although we try to keep our expenses to a minimum, we have to pay rent and service charge for office accommodation at the University of the West of England. We rely very heavily on support from members of the CASLE Management Board and Task Force, most of whom act in a voluntary capacity. If you require an invoice with details for payment, please contact me, Email: susan.spedding@uwe.ac.uk.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

The 26th Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM) which was scheduled to take place in Kigali, Rwanda from 22nd to 27th June 2020 had to be postponed and is now scheduled for the week commencing 21st June 2021, to be held in Kigali, Rwanda with the theme of “Delivering a Common Future: Connecting, Innovating, Transforming.”

CASLE Fifteenth General Assembly – 2021 Date and Venue to be confirmed

At the 14th CASLE General Assembly in London, well before there was any warning of the Covid 19 Pandemic, we were considering offers from Ghana and from Malta to host the 15th General Assembly in 2021. At the meeting of the CASLE Task Force on Monday 9th October, it was suggested that, in view of the length of time that we have been in Lockdown and under travel restrictions, the next CASLE General Assembly should be delayed until September 2021 earliest.

Discussions will take place in the New Year with members of the CASLE Management Board and Task Force to decide whether it would be safe to make plans for the General Assembly to go ahead in September and whether Malta or Ghana would be prepared to take on the organization of the event.

We are requesting nominations from CASLE member associations and Individual and Group Associate members for candidates in respect of the incoming CASLE Management Board after the next General Assembly. The following roles are available:

Regional Presidents for Africa, Asia, Atlantic, Europe and Pacific Regions. Vice Presidents for West, East and South Africa, Asia, Atlantic, Europe and Pacific Regions.

Vice Presidents may move up to the role of President after one term as Vice President, but the roles are usually for one term only except in extenuating circumstances.

Please send your nominations to: Mrs Susan Spedding, Secretary General, CASLE – susan.spedding@uwe.ac.uk

Secretary General's Task Force – current members



Mr Max Crofts



Mr Tony Westcott



Mr Brian Waldy



Prof Dr Alan Spedding



Dr Patrick Manu



Mrs Susan Spedding



Dr Jim Mason



Dr Abdul-Majeed Mahamadu

Mr Max Crofts - Past President RICS, International Liaison, Chairman of the Standard Setting Committee of the International Property Measurement Standards Coalition (IPMS), Adviser on Valuation and Property.

Mr Tony Westcott - Honorary Treasurer, Webmaster, Education Adviser - Construction Economics/BIM.

Mr Brian Waldy - Commonwealth Liaison, CASLE Europe President, CASLE representative on BEPIC (Built Environment Professions in the Commonwealth), Commonwealth Secretariat, Commonwealth Foundation & Habitat Professionals Forum .

Dr Jim Mason - CASLE Europe Vice President, Associate Head of Department, Built Environment Programme, U.W.E.

Professor Dr Alan Spedding - CASLE Past President, Education Adviser (Construction Economics), Adviser to the S.G.

Dr Patrick Manu - Academic Conference Organiser, Chairman CASLE Academic Review Panel.

Dr Abdul-Majeed Mahamadu – Senior Lecturer, UWE/CASLE Research Liaison

Mrs Susan Spedding - Secretary General, Administrative Secretary to Survey Review Ltd & Administrative Secretary to CASLE.

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