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The Commonwealth Association of Surveying and Land Economy (CASLE)

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The CASLE Golden Jubilee launch

Over 30 CASLE individual associate members and colleagues attended the launch of the CASLE Jubilee year, in the Council Chamber at RICS Headquarters in London, on Friday 14th September.



Group photograph of some of the attendees at the CASLE lunch to launch the Golden Jubilee year in 2019

The event opened with a short address from Mrs Susan Spedding, Secretary General of CASLE, who set the scene for the event whilst the buffet lunch was served. Mr Joseph Olusegun Ajanlekoko, President of CASLE gave a very positive address which was well received and is now available on the CASLE website (www.casle.org). Dr Louise Brooke-Smith (Past President RICS) followed this with an inspiring presentation on behalf of RICS.



Mr Joseph Olusegun Ajanlekoko, CASLE President, Dr Louise Brooke-Smith, Past Global President RICS and Mr Brian Harris, Arcadis



Mrs Susan Spedding, Secretary General of CASLE

The theme of the day was **'CASLE – the future in a post Brexit world'** and included workshop style discussions which focused on new ideas for the ongoing strategic development of CASLE. The reports from the workshop leaders are being analysed and will be considered and further developed by the Management Board

Discussion Groups

Discussion group 1 was led by Mr Eddie Borrill, Past Secretary General of CASLE

Discussion group 2 was led by Dr Diane Dumashie, Vice President of FIG

Discussion group 3 was led by Professor Mrs Chitra Weddikara, Past President of CASLE

The questions posed for the discussion groups were as follows:-

1. Do you think the Commonwealth will be more relevant in member nations Post Brexit?
2. Is there still a need for organisations such as CASLE?
3. What are the areas the CASLE must focus on?
4. How can we increase funding?
5. How can we increase membership?
6. Who are the likely sponsors?
7. The impact of technology on the future role?

Discussion Group 1 led by Mr Eddie Borrill



Mr James Kavanagh, Dr Abdul-Majeed Mahamadu, Mr Jeremy Cross, Mr Eddie Borrill, Mr Justin Sullivan

John Rae Chartered Surveyor Award

In the 150th Anniversary year of RICS, The President, Mr John Hughes invited Prof Dr Alan Spedding, Mrs Susan Spedding, Mr Joseph Segun Ajanlekoko, Mrs Lola Ajanlekoko, Prof Mrs Chitra Weddikkara, Mr Susil Weddikkara and Mr Brian Waldy to attend the above event to celebrate the life and outstanding achievements of the great but forgotten Arctic explorer, Dr John Rae. RICS awarded him the posthumous title of Honorary Chartered Surveyor at a special event on Thursday 13th September. Dr John Rae's survey of the Canadian North Western Passage uncovered the phantom northwest route from the Atlantic to the Pacific which revolutionized European trade with the Far East. Members of the John Rae Society along with members of John Rae's surviving family, representatives of RICS and Royal Museums Greenwich were also present.



Mr Brian Waldy, Mrs Lola Ajanlekoko, Mr Joseph Segun Ajanlekoko, Prof Mrs Chitra Weddikkara, Mr Susil Weddikkara

CASLE Golden Jubilee Young Surveyors Award

To celebrate the Golden Jubilee Year of CASLE in 2019, members of the Management Board are offering an award, sponsored by the Trustees of the Aubrey Barker Fund, to a young surveyor who, in the opinion of the reviewing committee, submits the best article on his or her ideas on:

'The potential for Information and related processes to contribute to Sustainable Development Goals: A young surveyors forecast'

The UN Sustainable Development Goals:

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| 1: No Poverty | 10: Reduced Inequalities |
| 2: Zero Hunger | 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities |
| 3: Good Health and Well-Being for people | 12: Responsible Consumption and Production |
| 4: Quality Education | 13: Climate Change |
| 5: Gender Equality | 14: Life Below Water |
| 6: Clean Water and Sanitation | 15: Life on Land |
| 7: Affordable and Clean Energy | 16: Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions |
| 8: Decent Work and Economic Growth | 17: Partnerships for the Goals |
| 9: Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure | |

High quality papers of no more than 1500 words should be submitted with a short bio to Mrs Susan Spedding, Secretary General. Email: susan.spedding@uwe.ac.uk

Papers submitted by Young surveyors, under 35 by 30th April 2019, selected from each region will go forward to a final decision by a panel including Trustees of the Aubrey Barker Fund. There will be a prize of £500 to the overall winner and the winning paper will be published on the website of the Aubrey Barker Fund and in the CASLE E-newsletter.

CASLE Annual Subscriptions

The annual subscription renewal notices went out in April 2018 in good time for the 1st May renewal date. We received several payments in June but we are still waiting for the majority. CASLE is working on a tight budget and we rely greatly on the subscriptions of member associations and Individual and Group Associate members, to run the CASLE office and carry out CASLE activities. It would be greatly appreciated if any outstanding subscriptions and arrears could be settled as soon as possible.

News from the regions

Mike McDermott, CASLE Vice President, Pacific Region sent the following information:-

Details of the FIG Foundation Academic Grant and PhD Scholarship 2019 competitions are now on the Foundation website.

Applicants should start preparing their grant applications early in order to have a good chance of success.

This year there are two videos on how to write a one page grant proposal and how to write the detailed academic grant proposal. Potential applicants should read the relevant documentation and watch these videos. In addition, the videos should be useful for any form of scientific grant application.

<http://fig.net/figfoundation/introduction/grants.asp>

Mr Buddley Ronnie, CASLE Pacific Region President and Under Secretary (Technical) in the Ministry of Lands, Housing & Survey in the Solomon Islands sent the following report:-

Climate change and resilience are two of the most important issues in the Pacific Region, but one specific need for the Solomon Islands at the moment is resettlement. We are teaming up with lecturers from University of Melbourne and University of South Pacific (USP) to deliver presentations at a small workshop in Solomon Islands to help to formulate a Resettlement Policy. We want to split resettlement into two components, rural and urban and try to cover any topic relevant to resettlement and try to highlight climate change induced resettlement and land issues.

Next year the focus will be on the policy development so perhaps CASLE might use the Resettlement topic and the contribution that surveyors and other land professionals can make to creating better communities through properly considered approaches.

A possible event in collaboration with the University of South Pacific in Fiji would be a natural choice for a Pacific event because of flight connections, facilities and central location.

Members of the CASLE Management Board are considering this proposal for 2019.

International Coalitions

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

CASLE, alongside more than 80 other professional bodies worldwide, is a member of the International Property Measurement Standards Coalition. The IPMS Standards Setting Committee met in September in Brazil to continue its work on property measurement standardisation. Following publication of IPMS Standards for office, residential and industrial property the next step will be publication of an exposure draft for retail property.

Alongside this work the Committee will be reviewing the published standards so as to harmonise the standards across all asset classes.

Forthcoming Events



**Surveyors Institute of Zambia (SIZ) in collaboration with
The Commonwealth Association of Surveying & Land Economy (CASLE)**

Thursday 29th November to Saturday 1st December 2018

‘Developing a sustainable professionalism in surveying & relevant education in the Commonwealth’

In collaboration with the Surveyors Institute of Zambia (SIZ) – please see www.casle.org for further information.

Mulungushi International Conference Centre (MICC) Lusaka, Zambia

We received over 40 abstracts and we are expecting a high attendance.

2019 CASLE Golden Jubilee event & General Assembly

We have been looking at various options and we are having discussions with the Real Estate Institute of Zimbabwe (REIZ) but no decision has yet been made on the date or venue.

2020 30th PAN Pacific Congress of Real Estate Appraisers, Valuers and Counsellors (PPC)

The Management Board of CASLE has agreed to endorse the above event, which will be hosted by the Royal Institution of Surveyors, Malaysia (RISM) in Kuala Lumpur from 5th to 7th October 2020.

Secretary General’s report

We congratulate Dr Patrick Manu on his new position at Manchester University but we were very sorry to lose the day-to-day contact that we have enjoyed over the last few years. However Patrick has offered to carry on as the CASLE Academic Organiser on the Task Force for which we are very grateful. We have been very fortunate to gain further support from UWE through Patrick O’Flynn and Simon Ho, respectively the Trustee and Alternate on the International Fire Safety Standards Coalition. We have also had meetings with Dr Jim Mason, Associate Head of Department, Built Environment Programmes and Programme Leader of the MSc in International Construction Law, which provides learning for undergraduate and postgraduate students.

I wish to thank members of the CASLE Management Board, Task Force & staff at the University of the West of England for their continued support.

I also wish to thank Mr James Kavanagh and all the staff at RICS Headquarters who were involved in the organisation of the CASLE Golden Jubilee launch on Friday 14th September. It was very successful and we are most grateful for the continued support of RICS in all our activities.

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