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Presiding Officer's Foreword

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Dame Rosemary Butler AM



Croeso Cynnes iawn i Chi Gyd-A very warm Welcome to You All.

It is my great pleasure, as Presiding Officer of the National Assembly for Wales and as President of the CPA Wales Branch, to welcome you to Wales and to this 44th Conference of the British Isles and Mediterranean Region.

The last time Wales hosted the BIMR Conference was in 2002 when devolution was in its infancy. Much has changed since then; most significantly the formal separation of the Executive and Legislative Branches and the successful referendum result in 2011 which gave Wales primary law making powers in all subjects within its 20 devolved areas.

To the few of you seasoned BIMR delegates who were here in 2002, you will have noticed that we have a new home. Opened on St David's Day in 2006, the Senedd is a building of which we are rightfully proud. It has gained many accolades for its openness, transparency, and striking, sustainable architectural design; and is now recognised internationally as the iconic symbol of Welsh democracy.

Presiding Officer's Foreword

The theme of our conference is “Equality of Access to Democracy” where we will examine the all important question of how to bring citizens closer to the democratic process and to those elected to represent them. We will be looking in particular at three areas under this overarching theme: Women in Public Life; the Role of Official Languages in Parliaments; and Engagement of Young Citizens. We look forward to discussing, learning of and sharing best international practice to inform and strengthen our parliamentary democracies.

May I therefore wish you all an interesting and stimulating conference and an enjoyable time here as our guests in Wales.

Dame Rosemary Butler AM
Presiding Officer
President, CPA Wales Branch.

Conference Programme

Conference Programme

Tuesday 27 May

All day Arrival of Conference Delegates

10.00 – 16.30 Registration at St David's Hotel

BIMR CWP Delegates

16.45 Depart St David's Hotel

17.00 BIMR CWP Meeting

Senedd Oriol

Chair: **Patricia Ferguson MSP (Scotland)**

18.25 Depart Senedd for Pierhead

All other Delegates

18.20 Depart St David's Hotel

18.30 Informal Welcome Reception hosted by the Presiding Officer and CPA Wales Branch Executive Committee Members

Pierhead Main Hall

19.30 Free evening for delegates
a list of recommended local restaurants is included in the Conference Information Circular.

Conference Programme

Wednesday 28 May

- 08.25** Assemble in foyer of St David's Hotel
- 08.30** Depart St David's Hotel
- 08.45** Arrive at the Senedd
- 08.50** Delegates proceed to the Senedd Siambr
- 09.00** **Opening Ceremony**
- 09.25** **Coffee Break**
Members Tea Room
- 09.40** Delegates take their seats
- 09.45** **Plenary Session 1**

Women in Public Life (#POWiPL)
Senedd Siambr

Chair: **Dame Rosemary Butler AM**
Secretary: Alice Randone (Wales)

Presenters/panellists:

- **Professor Laura McAllister**
School of Governance, Liverpool University
Chair of Sport Wales
- **Stephen Brooks**
Director – Electoral Reform Society Wales

Followed by Q&A

Conference Programme

11.00 Coffee Break

Members Tea Room

11.25 Delegates take their seats

11.30 Plenary Session 2:

“Bilingualism and the Role of Official Languages in Parliament”

Senedd Siambr

Chair: **Simon Thomas AM** (Wales)

Secretary: Al Davies (Wales)

Presenters/panellists:

– **Rhodri Glyn Thomas AM**

Assembly Member with responsibility for the Commission’s Welsh language functions and policy

– **Professor Diarmait Mac Giolla Chríost**

Cardiff University School of Welsh Research Unit on Language, Policy and Planning

– **Meri Huws**

Welsh Language Commissioner

Followed by Q&A

12.45 Official Conference Photograph

Senedd Neuadd

Followed by: Buffet Lunch

Senedd Oriol

Conference Programme

13.55 Delegates take their seats in
Committee Room 1/ 2 or 3

14:00 Workshop A:

**“More than a matter of numbers –
How are Women Making a Difference?”**

How is female representation being reflected in public
policy?

Committee Room 1/ 2

Facilitator: **Patricia Ferguson MSP (Scotland)**
Rapporteur: **Jo-Anne Dobson MLA (Northern Ireland)**
Secretary: Nicola Crawford (Northern Ireland)

Workshop B:

**“Official Languages in Parliament –
Are We Just Paying Lip Service?”**

Committee Room 3

Facilitator: **Deputy Barry Paint (Guernsey)**
Rapporteur: **Hon. Carmelo Abela (Malta)**
Secretary: John Vella (Malta)

Conference Programme

15.00 **Coffee Break**

Members Tea Room

**(International Observers –
End of Day Programme / Free time)**

15.25 BIMR Delegates take their seats

15.30 **BIMR AGM**

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16.45 Depart Senedd

17.00 Arrive St David's Hotel

Conference Programme

Evening

18.00 Assemble in St David's Hotel foyer

18.15 Depart Cardiff Bay by boat

19.00 Arrive Cardiff Castle
Drinks Reception in Library and Drawing Room

19.45 Official Dinner

Hosted by CPA Wales Branch Vice-President

David Melding AM

Banqueting Hall

Speeches:

– **Patricia Ferguson MSP**

Vice-Chair of the International CWP & Chair of the BIMR
CWP

– **Sir Alan Haselhurst MP**

Chair, CPA International Executive Committee

Toast:

– **Mohammad Asghar AM**

CPA Wales Branch Executive Committee

22.00 Depart Castle by coach

22.15 Arrive St David's Hotel

Conference Programme

Thursday 29 May

08.40 Assemble in foyer of St David's Hotel

08.45 Depart St David's Hotel

09.05 Arrive in Ty Hywel
Delegates proceed to the Siambr Hywel

09.15 Plenary Session 3

"Engagement of Young Citizens in the Democratic Process"

Siambr Hywel

Chair: **David Melding AM** (Wales)

Secretary: Roger Philips (Isle of Man)

Part 1

Wales Schools Debating Championship Participants:

Debate: **"This House believes that political parties are currently failing to engage young people"**

Proposed by: **Radyr / Bishop of Llandaff Schools Team**

Opposed by: **Ysgol Dyffryn Aman**

Followed by Q&A

10.30 Coffee Break

Milling Area

Conference Programme

10.45 Part 2

“Creating the Voter Generation: Getting on the Right Track”

Presenter: **Kyle Thornton MSYP**
Chair, Scottish Youth Parliament

11.30 Coffee Break

Milling Area

11.40 Delegates take their seats

11.45 Workshop C:

“Social Media and Beyond – Just How Are We Engaging with Young Citizens?”

Siambwr Hywel

Facilitator: **William Powell AM (Wales)**
Rapporteur: **Deputy Sam Mézec (Jersey)**
Secretary: Michael de la Haye (Jersey)

Workshop D:

The Case for Youth Parliaments – What Influence do they have in Informing Public Opinion?”

Siambwr Hywel Classroom

Facilitator: **Cllr Les Baldwin (St Helena)**
Rapporteur: **Alfred Cannan MHK (Isle of Man)**
Secretary: Simon Ross (Guernsey)

Conference Programme

12.30 Delegates depart for *Fresh* Restaurant
Wales Millennium Centre (WMC)

Lunch

13.30 Coffee and Cake served in the Members Tea Room
Workshop Rapporteurs Preparation

13.55 Delegates take their seats in Senedd Siambr

14.00 Final Plenary - Report-backs from Workshops A-D

Chair: **Joyce Watson AM**

Secretary: Margaret Neal (Scotland)

15.10 **Conference Closing Remarks**

15.15 Depart Senedd

Free Time

Conference Programme

Evening

- 19.10** Assemble in Hotel foyer
- 19.15** Depart St David's Hotel on foot
- 19.30** Arrive Senedd

Farewell Gala Dinner

Hosted by Dame Rosemary Butler AM

Speeches

Gala Concert

Toast: **Dr. Pambos Papageorgiou, MP**
CPA Cyprus Branch

- 22.30** Depart Senedd

Conference Programme

Friday 30 May

Day of Departure

Optional Culture Day - Draft Programme

Morning:

- 09.30** Assemble in foyer of St David's Hotel
- 09.45** Private tour of the **Wales Millennium Centre** (Cardiff Bay)
www.wmc.org.uk/yourVisit
- 11.00** Tour of the **BBC's Dr Who Experience** (Cardiff Bay)
www.doctorwhoexperience.com/experience

Afternoon:

- 12.15** Buffet Lunch at the **Norwegian Church** (Cardiff Bay)
www.norwegianchurchcardiff.co.uk
 - 13.00** Depart Cardiff Bay by coach
 - 13.30** Visit **St Fagans Museum**
www.museumwales.ac.uk/stfagans
 - 15.45** Depart by coach for City Centre
 - 16:30** Private tour of the **Millennium Stadium**
www.millenniumstadium.com/tours
 - 17.30** Optional Coach return to St David's Hotel, Cardiff Bay
- Free evening



Biographies

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CPA Wales Branch President



Dame Rosemary Butler AM

Dame Rosemary was elected to Parliament in 1999 and is the AM for Newport West. In May 2011 she was elected to the position of Presiding Officer of the National Assembly by a unanimous vote of Assembly Members. She was Deputy Presiding Officer during the Third Assembly (2007-2011). She is Chair of the Assembly Commission and the Business Committee, and represents the Assembly at CALRE meetings.

Dame Rosemary joined the Labour party in 1971 and two years later was elected Labour councillor for Caerleon on Newport Borough Council, a position she held until she was elected to the Assembly in 1999. While on the Council, she served as Deputy Leader and Mayor of Newport. During her role as Presiding Officer she has been active in establishing her Women in Public Life Campaign.

In her spare time she enjoys sport, the arts and travelling abroad. She was made a Dame in the New Year's Honours 2014.

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CPA Wales Vice- President



David Melding AM

David was elected to Parliament in 1999 and is the AM for South Wales Central. In May 2011 he was elected to the position of Deputy Presiding Officer. He is Chair of the Constitutional and Legislative Affairs Committee and the Committee for the Scrutiny of the First Minister. He represents the Assembly at BIPA meetings.

Before entering politics David worked in the voluntary (not for profit) sector and was the Wales director of a major UK campaigning charity. He is the author of 'Will Britain Survive Beyond 2020?' and 'The Reformed Union: Britain as a Federation'. Some of David's other policy interests are children's issues (especially Looked After Children), social enterprises and co-operatives, and mental health. He was appointed to the position of Deputy Presiding Officer in May 2011.

Outside the Assembly, David enjoys walking, swimming and reading.

Biographies

CPA Wales Branch Chair



Joyce Watson AM

Present Parliamentary Portfolio or Office:

Assembly Member for Mid and West Wales

Year First Elected to Parliament: 2007

Career Summary:

Joyce sits on three Assembly committees: Enterprise and Business, Environment and Sustainability and Petitions.

She chairs the Assembly Cross Party Groups on Construction, Human Trafficking and Stroke. She also chairs the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CPA) Wales branch, and is a representative of the British-Irish Parliamentary Assembly and Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe.

In 2010 Joyce published *Bordering on Concern*, a report on Human Trafficking in Wales. She has enrolled male ambassadors and sportsmen for her White Ribbon campaign work to support the fight against domestic violence. In 2009 Joyce established the Women in Construction network – she continues to work with employers and trade bodies to get more young people and women into the construction industry.

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Before election to the Assembly, Joyce was leader of the Labour group on Pembrokeshire County Council. She was manager of Women's Voice, the Wales Women's National Coalition, and was a senior member of the Wales Gender Budget Group and the NHS Equality Reference Group.

List of CPA Conferences, Seminars, Visits or Workshops attended:

BIMR Conference, Edinburgh (2012);

BIMR Conference, Falkland Islands (2013);

Post Election Seminar, St Helena (2013);

59th CPA Conference, Johannesburg (2013);

BIMR Commonwealth Women Parliamentarians (CWP) Inaugural Conference, Edinburgh (2014).

Interests:

Photography, walking and wildlife.

Biographies

CPA Wales Branch Secretary



Claire Clancy

Claire took up post as Chief Executive and Clerk of the National Assembly in February 2007. She is responsible for ensuring that the Assembly, and the sixty Assembly Members, are provided with the property, staff and services necessary to help develop an Assembly that inspires confidence and has a reputation within Wales and beyond for accessible and efficient democracy.

Claire has spent many years working in organisations with a strong delivery culture, with a clear focus on serving customers. Before she joined the Assembly, she was Chief Executive of Companies House and Registrar of Companies, with a £70m turnover and 1,200 employees. Earlier she was Director of Corporate Services at the Patent Office. In the late 1990s, she spent two years on the island of St Helena while her husband was Chief Secretary and later Governor; here she did some teaching and other voluntary work such as preparing plans for a museum for the island. She joined the civil service in 1977 and has worked in the Manpower Services Commission, Department of Employment, Government Office for the South West and was Chief Executive of the private sector led Powys Training and Enterprise Council. She has a degree in psychology from the Open University.

Biographies

Chairperson, CPA International



Sir Alan Haselhurst MP

Present Parliamentary Portfolio or Office:

Chair of the Administration Committee; Chair of CPA UK and CPA International Executive Committee.

Year First Elected to Parliament: 1970

Career History:

Executive, chemicals and plastic industry 1960 -70; Public Affairs Consultant 1974-97. Electoral history: Member for Middleton and Prestwich 1970-February 1974; Member for Saffron Walden 7 July 1977 by-election to 2010, (for Saffron Walden (revised boundary) since 6 May 2010 general election). Parliamentary career: P.P.S. to Home Secretary 1973-74; PPS to Secretary of State, Education and Science 1979-81; Chairman Ways and Means and Deputy Speaker 1997-2010. Select committees: Ex-officio chair: Chairmen's Panel 1997-2010; Ex-officio member: Court of Referees 1997-2010, Standing Orders 1998-2010, Unopposed Bills (Panel) 2000-10; Member: European Legislation, 1982–97, Catering, 1991–97, Transport, 1992–97; Finance and Services 2008-, Liaison 2010-, Ecclesiastical Committee 2010-; Works of Art 2011.

Interests:

Education, aerospace, aviation, youth affairs, European Union, agriculture, community development and cricket.

Biographies

BIMR Regional Representatives



Deputy Mike O'Hara (Guernsey)

Present Parliamentary Portfolio or Office:

Minister Culture and Leisure

Year First Elected to Parliament: 2001

Career Summary: Businessman

List of CPA Conferences, Seminars, Visits or Workshops attended:

Numerous CPA Conferences including Cardiff 2002, Edinburgh 2012, Colombo 2012, South Africa 2013

Interests:

Fishing and Cricket.

Biographies

BIMR Regional Representatives



Hon. Carmelo Abela MP (Malta)

Present Parliamentary Portfolio or Office:

Whip of the Government Parliamentary Group; Member of the House Business Committee.

Year First Elected to Parliament: 1996

Career Summary:

Councillor - Zejtun Local Council; Member of Parliament from 1996 – to-date – Labour Party (Socialist Group).

List of CPA Conferences, Seminars, Visits or Workshops attended:

Various, including, CPA Annual Conferences in Canada and South Africa and BIMR Cyprus.

Interests:

Sport, especially football.

Biographies

BIMR Regional Representatives



Dr Roberta Blackman-Woods MP (UK)

Present Parliamentary Portfolio or Office:

Shadow Minister for Communities and Local Government.

Career Summary:

Dr Roberta Blackman-Woods has been the MP for Durham City since 2005. Roberta has been on the executive of the CPA UK branch since 2007 and is currently one of its vice-Chairs. As well as the CPA Roberta sits on a number of All-Party Groups, founded and chairs the All-Party Balanced and Sustainable Communities Group and is a Co-Chair of the All-Party Universities Group.

In October 2011 Roberta was appointed Shadow Minister for Communities and Local Government and has previously served as Shadow Minister for Civil Society in the Cabinet Office, Shadow Minister for Business, Innovation and Skills and as a PPS.

Before entering parliament Roberta, was a Professor of Social Policy at the University of Northumbria, Head of Policy for the Local Government Information Unit and a councillor for Newcastle and Oxford City Councils.

Interests:

Housing, planning, international development, foreign affairs and regeneration.



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BIMR Regional Representatives



CWP Vice-Chair and CWP BIMR Chair, Patricia Ferguson MSP (Scotland)

Present Parliamentary Portfolio or Office:

Vice Chair of CWP Steering Group;

Chair of BIMR CWP Steering Committee;

Member of CPA Scotland Branch Executive Committee;

Shadow Cabinet Secretary for Culture & External Affairs.

Year First Elected to Parliament: 1999

Career Summary:

Patricia Ferguson has been privileged to represent the Maryhill area of Glasgow since the establishment of the Scottish Parliament in 1999. In 2011 she was elected as the first MSP for the new constituency of Maryhill and Springburn. She is a former Deputy Presiding Officer of the Scottish Parliament. In November 2001 she was appointed to the position of Minister for Parliamentary Business, a position she held until October 2004 when she became Minister for Tourism, Culture and Sport.

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List of CPA Conferences, Seminars, Visits or Workshops attended:

2012: BIMR Conference, Edinburgh;

2013: CPA Conference, Johannesburg.

Interests:

Culture, Sport, External Affairs, Housing.

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BIMR Regional Representatives



Chief Executive and Secretary, BIMR Secretariat: Andrew Tuggey DL

Present Parliamentary Portfolio or Office:

British Isles and Mediterranean Regional Secretary; CEO & Secretary
CPA UK.

Biographies

Cyprus



Mrs Christiana Solomonidou

Career Summary:

Senior international relations officer of the Cyprus house of representatives. Employed in the house since 2000.

List of CPA Conferences, Seminars, Visits or Workshops attended:

All BIMR & CPC Conferences since 2001 (excl. CPC 2004 & 39th & 43rd Regional Conferences). CSPOC: Botswana 2002, Kenya 2006, New Zealand 2014.

Biographies

Cyprus



Mr George Tasou MP

Present Parliamentary Portfolio or Office:

Chairman of the House Standing Committee on Educational Affairs.
Member of the House Standing Committee on Agricultural and Natural Resources. Member of the delegation of the House to the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CPA). DISY Commissioner for Agricultural and Natural Resources and the Party's co-ordinator for agricultural matters in the House of Representatives since 2001.

Year First Elected to Parliament: 2001

Career Summary:

President of the Pancyprian Farmers Union (PEK) (1976-1989).
President of the DISY Xylofagou Local Committee (1978-1988).
Member of the board of the Larnaka District and Advisory Committee for the Administration of Turkish Cypriot Properties (1989-1995) and of the board of the Cyprus Potato Marketing Board (1992-1998).

Observer of the House to the European Parliament and member of the Political Group of the European People's Party (2003).

Member of the Larnaka Anti-Drugs Association.

Biographies

DISY Commissioner for Agriculture and Natural Resources and the Party's co-ordinator for agriculture matters in the House since 2001.

District Secretary of the Larnaka Farmers Association, member of the Farmers Committee, of the Farmers Association Supreme Council and of the collective bodies of the association since 1989.

Member of the Larnaka District Executive Secretariat and of the Larnaka District Council of DISY since 1976.

Member of the DISY Supreme Council and of the DISY Political Bureau since 1976.

List of CPA Conferences, Seminars, Visits or Workshops attended:

Annual CPC Conferences from 2009 to 2013.
41st and 42nd BIMR Conferences.

Interests:

Agricultural Issues. Welfare and Children with special needs.



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Cyprus



Dr Pambos Papageorgiou MP

Present Parliamentary Portfolio or Office:

Deputy Chairman of the House Standing Committee on Refugees, Enclaved-Missing and Adversely-Affected Persons

Member of the House Standing Committees on: (1) Financial and Budgetary Affairs (2) Development Plans and Public Expenditure Control

Member of the delegation of the House to the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CPA).

Year First Elected to Parliament: 2011

Career Summary:

Professor of Philosophy at the European University Cyprus.

Former CPA ExCo Member for BIMR.

List of CPA Conferences, Seminars, Visits or Workshops attended:

CPC London, July 2011. CPC Sri Lanka, September 2012. CPC South Africa, September 2013. ExCo Meeting London, December 2011. 42nd BIMR Conference, June 2012.

Interests:

Scrutiny, Public Accounts Committees, election observation.

Biographies

Cyprus



Mr Sophocles Fittis MP

Present Parliamentary Portfolio or Office:

Administrative Clerk of the House. Chairman of the House Standing Committee on Human Rights and on Equal Opportunities for Men and Women. Member of the House Standing Committees on: Agriculture and Natural Resources, Environment, Refugees-Enclaved, Missing and Adversely Affected Persons. Member of the delegation of the House to the Parliamentary Assembly of the Organisation for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE) and of the delegation to the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CPA).

Year First Elected to Parliament: 2001

Career Summary:

Assistant Secretary of the Pancyprian Welfare Council (PSE). Member of the Kyrenia District Committee of the Democratic Party (DIKO). Member of the Central Committee of DIKO.

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List of CPA Conferences, Seminars, Visits or Workshops attended:

All BIMR Conferences from 2003 to 2012. Annual CPC Conferences from 2003 to 2013. UK Branch Seminar, International Migration & Human Trafficking, February 2009. Joint CPA & WBI Conference on the Role of Parliaments in Conflict-Affected Areas (October 2010). International Conference on the MDG's, 8 November–2 December 2011. International Parliamentary Conference on the post-2015 Development Agenda, November 2013. Day Event on the Equality & Empowerment of Women (UK Branch), November 2013.

Interests:

Human rights, agricultural and rural development.



Biographies

Falkland Islands



Hon. Dr Barry Elsby MLA

Present Parliamentary Portfolio or Office:

Education, Youth Development, Sport & Leisure, Art & Culture, Health, Emergency Services.

Year First Elected to Parliament: 2011

Career Summary:

1981: Qualified as a doctor – University of London, trained as a GP.

1987-90: Doctor , United Emirates.

1990 - present: Doctor, Falkland Islands.

2011 - present: Member of the Legislative Assembly.

List of CPA Conferences, Seminars, Visits or Workshops attended:

- Westminster Seminar 2012.
- CPA BIMR Falkland Islands 2013.
- CPA Plenary, Johannesburg 2013.

Interests:

Gardening, sailing.

Biographies

Gibraltar



Mr Paul Edward Martinez

Present Parliamentary Portfolio or Office:

Clerk to the Gibraltar Parliament.

Career Summary:

Joined the Civil Service in 1977. Served in various departments including Housing Manager 1998 - 2001, Transport Officer 2001 – 2012, Head of Procurement 2012 – 2014.

Commissioned in the Royal Naval Reserve in 1977, retired as Lieutenant Commander in 1993.

List of CPA Conferences, Seminars, Visits or Workshops attended:

– Falklands 2004

Interests:

Sailing, travel, photography and naval history.

Biographies

Gibraltar



Hon. James Joseph Netto MP

Present Parliamentary Portfolio or Office:

Shadow Minister for Health & Safety, Utilities and the Environment.

Year First Elected to Parliament: 1996

Career Summary:

Trade Unionist; Government Minister 1996-2011; Opposition Spokesman for Health & Safety, Utilities and the Environment.

List of CPA Conferences, Seminars, Visits or Workshops attended:

- BIMR: Gibraltar 2008, Guernsey 2009, Isle of Man 2010, Scotland 2012;
- CPC: Canada, Mauritius, Tanzania 2009, South Africa 2012.

Interests:

Country Walking and reading Philosophy.

Biographies

Gibraltar



Hon. Steven Ernest Linares MP

Present Parliamentary Portfolio or Office:

Minister for Sports, Culture, Heritage and Youth

Year First Elected to Parliament: 2000

Career Summary:

Schoolteacher (prior to becoming an MP);

Minister for Sports, Culture, Heritage and Youth

List of CPA Conferences, Seminars, Visits or Workshops attended:

- 2000: Isle of Man Regional Conferences; London and Edinburgh Plenary Conference; Jersey Regional Conference.
- 2001: Edinburgh Regional Conference; Australia Plenary Conference.
- 2002: Namibia Plenary Conference.
- 2003: Jersey Regional Conference.

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- 2004: Falkland Island Regional Conference.
 - 2009: Tanzania Plenary Conference.
 - 2010: Isle of Man Regional Conference and Kenya Small Branches Conference.

Interests:

Outdoor pursuits, hiking.

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Gibraltar



Hon. Samantha Jane Sacramento MP

Present Parliamentary Portfolio or Office:

Minister for Equality, Social Services and the Elderly

Year First Elected to Parliament: 2011

Career Summary:

Oct 2001 – Dec 2003: Legal Affairs Officer Commission for Racial Equality, Cardiff;

May 2004 – Dec 2011 Barrister Attias & Levy;

Dec 2011 – present Her Majesty's Government of Gibraltar Minister for Equality, Social Services and the Elderly.

List of CPA Conferences, Seminars, Visits or Workshops attended:

- CPA: Regional Conference (BIMR): Falkland Islands 2013;
- CPC: South Africa 2013;
- CWP: Conference Edinburgh 2014

Interests:

Politics and current affairs; photography; travel; baking novelty cakes.



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Gibraltar



Hon. Edwin Joseph Reyes MP

Present Parliamentary Portfolio or Office:

Shadow Minister for Education, Housing, Culture, Heritage, Youth, Sports & Leisure

Year First Elected to Parliament: 2007

Career Summary:

Joined the Civil Service as a Clerical Officer in 1973 and worked at the Government Secretariat. Later taught as a Qualified School Teacher until standing for Elections in 2007.

Commissioned in the RAF Volunteer Reserve in 1991 and served with No 2 Overseas (Gibraltar) Squadron of the Air Training Corps. Promoted to Flight Lieutenant and appointed Commanding Officer of the Gibraltar Squadron in 2000 until retirement from Volunteer Service in September 2003.

Stood for election to the Gibraltar Parliament in October 2007 and held the portfolio of Minister for Culture, Heritage, Sports and Leisure until December 2011.

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List of CPA Conferences, Seminars, Visits or Workshops attended:

- BIMR: Isle of Man 2010;
- CPC: Sri Lanka 2012

Interests:

Sports and Photography

Biographies

Guernsey



Deputy Barry John Edward Paint

Present Parliamentary Portfolio or Office:

Member Environment Department, Housing Department, Scrutiny Committee

Year First Elected to Parliament: 2008

Career Summary:

Shipping/Harbour Pilot

List of CPA Conferences, Seminars, Visits or Workshops attended:

St. Helena Post-election Seminar, 2013

Biographies

Guernsey



Deputy Sandra Anne James

Present Parliamentary Portfolio or Office:

Deputy Minister Health and Social Security, Public Accounts Committee

Year First Elected to Parliament: 2012

Career Summary:

– Nursing/Trade Union Official.

List of CPA Conferences, Seminars, Visits or Workshops attended:

– Edinburgh 2012, Johannesburg 2013, CWP Edinburgh 2014

Interests:

Gender Equality / Social Issues

Biographies

Guernsey



Mr Simon Michael Davidson Ross

Present Parliamentary Portfolio or Office:

HM Deputy Greffier / Clerk Assistant.

Career Summary:

School Master, Pakistan 1986-1989, States of Guernsey Civil Service since 1993; Called to the bar 2007 (middle temple); Senior Deputy Greffier since 2012.

List of CPA Conferences, Seminars, Visits or Workshops attended:

Numerous CPA Conferences since 2000 including:

- Cardiff 2002
- London Centenary 2011
- Colombo 2012 and Falkland Islands 2013

Interests:

Cooking and sailing

Biographies

Isle of Man



Mr Alfred Louis Cannan MHK

Present Parliamentary Portfolio or Office:

- MHK for Michael 2011 to date
- Chairman, Civil Service Commission 2011 to date
- Chairman, Whitley Council 2011 to date
- Chairman Public Accounts Committee 2012 to date

Year First Elected to Parliament: 2011

List of CPA Conferences, Seminars, Visits or Workshops attended:

CPA visit to Westminster, 2012

Interests:

Education, Health and Sport

Biographies

Isle of Man



Mr Michael Coleman MLC

Present Parliamentary Portfolio or Office:

- Member of Legislative Council
- Political Member Department of Social Care
- Political Member Department of Home Affairs responsible for Prison/Probation
- Vice Chairman Office of Fair Trading; Member of Economic Policy Review Standing Committee

Year First Elected to Parliament: 2013

Career Summary:

11 Years, Board Member IOM Water and Sewerage; 12 Years Member NHS Industrial Complaints Panel; 5 Years Member Data Protection Appeals Tribunal; 18 Months Board Member Manx Electricity Corporation.

List of CPA Conferences, Seminars, Visits or Workshops attended:

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Interests:

Health, restorative justice, re-offending prevention, IT in Government, Infrastructure.

Biographies

Isle of Man



Mr Roger Phillips, Clerk Of Tynwald

Present Parliamentary Portfolio or Office:

Clerk of Tynwald.

Career Summary:

Practice at the bar 1978-1981, House of Commons Clerk 1981-2008, Clerk of Tynwald, Secretary to the House of Keys and counsel to the Speaker 2008 to date.

List of CPA Conferences, Seminars, Visits or Workshops attended:

All CPA conferences for last five years.

Interests:

Painting and drawing, family life.

Biographies

Isle of Man



Richard Ronan MHK

Present Parliamentary Portfolio or Office:

Member for Castletown

Chairman, Planning Department; Member for Local Authorities; Member for Food - Department of Environment Food and Agriculture.

Year First Elected to Parliament: 2011

Career Summary:

Building business since 1984; Local Commissioner from 2004 to 2011

List of CPA Conferences, Seminars, Visits or Workshops attended:

CPA - Westminster, 2012.

Interests:

Sport, particularly football.

Biographies

Isle of Man



Mr Chris Thomas MHK

Present Parliamentary Portfolio or Office:

Member of Building Regulations Committee.

Year First Elected to Parliament: 2013

Career Summary:

Financial Analyst, Financial Regulation.

List of CPA Conferences, Seminars, Visits or Workshops attended:

This is the first.

Interests:

Governance, Economics, Transport and Education.

Biographies

Jersey



Mr Michael Nelson de la Haye

Present Parliamentary Portfolio or Office:

Greffier of the States of Jersey (Clerk)

Year First Elected to Parliament: 1999

Career Summary:

- Chief Clerk, Law Officers' Department Jersey 1994 – 1999;
- Assistant Greffier of the States 1999 – 2000;
- Deputy Greffier of the States 2000 – 2002;
- Greffier of the States (Clerk) 2002 to present.

List of CPA Conferences, Seminars, Visits or Workshops attended:

Small Branches and CPC – Namibia 2002, Canada 2004, Nigeria 2006, Malaysia 2008, Tanzania 2009, UK 2011, South Africa 2013.

BIMR Regional – Edinburgh 2002, Falkland Islands 2004, Jersey 2005, Gibraltar 2008, Isle of Man 2010.

Interests:

Cycling, walking (particularly hill and mountain walking), sailing, local history.

Biographies

Jersey



Connétable Juliette Gallichan

Present Parliamentary Portfolio or Office:

Member of the Planning Applications Panel;

Member of the Comité des Connétables;

President of the Jersey Section of the Assemblée Parlementaire de la Francophonie.

Year First Elected to Parliament: 2005

Career Summary:

Approximately 20 years working in the financial services and legal sectors before moving into Parish Administration and then subsequently standing for election.

List of CPA Conferences, Seminars, Visits or Workshops attended:

- 2013 43rd BIMR conference, Falkland Islands;
- 2007 Small Branches and CPC (India).

Interests:

Music, Soviet aviation, gadgets and technology.

Biographies

Jersey



Deputy Stephen George Luce

Present Parliamentary Portfolio or Office:

Chairman of the Economic Affairs scrutiny panel; Member of the Chairmen's Committee; Member of the Environment scrutiny panel; Member of the Legislation Advisory Panel.

Year First Elected to Parliament: 2011

Career Summary:

Farmer and Grower.

List of CPA Conferences, Seminars, Visits or Workshops attended:

None, but is a member of the Jersey Branch Executive Comité.

Interests:

Boating, music and the countryside.

Biographies

Jersey



Deputy Samuel Yves Mézec

Year First Elected to Parliament: 2014

Career Summary:

Bookkeeper / legal assistant – 2009-2013.

List of CPA Conferences, Seminars, Visits or Workshops attended:

None since election but attended 2011 Commonwealth Youth Parliament in London in 2011.

Interests:

Politics, history and heavy metal music.

Biographies

Jersey



Deputy Montfort Tadier

Present Parliamentary Portfolio or Office:

Vice Chairman of the Privileges and Procedures Committee

Year First Elected to Parliament: 2008

Career Summary:

Tourism, translation, telecommunications, teaching.

List of CPA Conferences, Seminars, Visits or Workshops attended:

2012 - 23rd CPA Seminar Samoa;

2010 - UK Branch Seminar, Westminster.

Interests: Art, music, film, travel, languages and politics.

Biographies

Malta



Hon. Luciano Busuttil MP

Present Parliamentary Portfolio or Office:

Chairman, Standing Committee for the Consideration of Bills;
Member, Standing Committee on Foreign and European Affairs.

Year First Elected to Parliament: 2008

Career Summary:

Mayor of Hamrun; Chairman, Malta Sports Council; Member of Parliament Labour Party (Socialist Group) from 2008 to present.

List of CPA Conferences, Seminars, Visits or Workshops attended:

CPA 2008 London.

Interests:

Astronomy, reading, movies, painting and art and sports.

Biographies

Malta



Mr John Vella

Present Parliamentary Portfolio or Office:

Assistant Clerk to the House of Representatives;
Clerk to the Standing Committee on Foreign and European Affairs.

Career Summary:

Joined the Civil Service in 1977; Committee Clerk at the House of Representatives: 1996-1998; Committee Clerk/Assistant Clerk to the House: 2005-to date.

List of CPA Conferences, Seminars, Visits or Workshops attended:

CPA annual conferences in Tanzania, Kenya, UK and South Africa; BIMR Falkland Islands; CPA seminar on parliamentary procedure (UK).

Interests:

International relations, sport and walking.

Biographies

Malta



Hon. David Agius MP

Present Parliamentary Portfolio or Office:

Whip of the Opposition Parliamentary Group; Shadow Minister for Local Government; Member of the House Business Committee.

Year First Elected to Parliament: 2003

Career Summary:

Councillor - Attard Local Council; Member of Parliament from 1996 – to-date – Nationalist Party (EPP Group).

List of CPA Conferences, Seminars, Visits or Workshops attended:

CPA Annual Conferences in Malaysia, Tanzania, Kenya, UK, Sri Lanka and South Africa; BIMR in Guernsey and Scotland

Interests:

Sport and reading.

Biographies

Malta



Hon. Joseph Fenech Adami MP

Present Parliamentary Portfolio or Office:

Deputy Leader of the Nationalist Party (EPP Group); Shadow Minister for Justice

Year First Elected to Parliament: 2008

Career Summary:

Member of Parliament from 2008 – to-date; Member of the Standing Committee on Foreign and European Affairs 2008-2013.

List of CPA Conferences, Seminars, Visits or Workshops attended:

This is the first CPA conference.

Interests:

International relations.

Biographies

Malta



Hon. Dr Charles Mangion MP

Present Parliamentary Portfolio or Office:

Member of the Public Accounts Committee

Year First Elected to Parliament: 1987

Career Summary:

- Minister for Justice and Local Government: 1996 to 1998;
- Deputy Speaker: 2003 to 2008;
- Leader of the Opposition – 2008;
- Chairman, Public Accounts Committee – 2003 to 2012.

Interests:

Reading and sport.

Biographies

Northern Ireland



Mr Jim Wells MLA

Present Parliamentary Portfolio or Office:

Committee Member: Committee for Justice;

Committee Deputy Chair: Committee for Health, Social Services and Public Safety.

Year First Elected to Parliament: 1982

Career Summary:

Jim was Assembly Member for the South Down constituency initially from 1982 to 1986. He was re-elected in 1998 and is currently in his fourth term having been successfully re-elected in 2011.

List of CPA Conferences, Seminars, Visits or Workshops attended:

Jim has met several CPA delegations on visits to the NI Assembly and sat on the Executive Committee of the NI Assembly Branch for several years.

Biographies

Interests:

Jim Wells has a degree in geography and a postgraduate diploma in town and country planning from Queen's University Belfast.

He was employed as a manager by the National Trust from 1989, before returning to frontline politics in 1998.

Jim is also the Deputy Chairman of the Assembly All-Party Group on International Development.

Biographies

Northern Ireland



Mrs Jo-Anne Dobson MLA

Present Parliamentary Portfolio or Office:

Concurrent Committee of the Committee for Agriculture and Rural Development and the Committee for Health, Social Services and Public Safety Member.

Year First Elected to Parliament: 2011

Career Summary:

Jo-Anne Dobson is an Ulster Unionist Party politician in Northern Ireland who was elected to the NI Assembly in 2011.

She attended Banbridge Academy, and both her sons are studying at University. She is heavily involved in charitable roles and in local environmental and farming scenes.

Dobson was elected to Craigavon Borough Council in a by-election in 2010 - winning 64% of the vote. Upon her election to Stormont she stepped down from Council in 2012.

Biographies

List of CPA Conferences, Seminars, Visits or Workshops attended:

42nd BIMR Annual Conference 2012;
CWP Conference March 2014.

Interests:

Environmental and farming issues. Organ donation.

Biographies

Northern Ireland



Mr Stewart Dickson MLA

Present Parliamentary Portfolio or Office:

Member of the Business Committee, Social Development Committee, Justice Committee, Enterprise, Trade & Industry Committee And HSSPS Committee. Alliance Party Chief Whip.

Year First Elected to Parliament: 2011

Career Summary:

- Member of The Alliance Party. Elected as East Antrim MLA in 2011.
- List of CPA Conferences, Seminars, Visits or Workshops attended:
- 42nd BIMR Annual Conference 2012

Interests:

Stewart is a leading voice of the people on welfare rights, planning issues, environmental matters, open spaces, improved roads and public transport. He is a passionate campaigner for the introduction of third-party rights of appeal in planning decisions. He is particularly proud of his participation in the campaign to save the green belt around Greenisland.

Biographies

Northern Ireland



Nicola Crawford

Present Parliamentary Portfolio or Office:

Parliamentary Outreach Co-ordinator

Career Summary:

Joined the NI assembly in April 2002. Worked as the Assembly's health and safety officer for seven years before moving to the recruitment office. Joined the outreach office in 2010.

List of CPA Conferences, Seminars, Visits or Workshops attended:

This is the first Conference which Nicola has attended.

Biographies

Scotland



Ms Margaret Mitchell MSP

Present Parliamentary Portfolio or Office:

Member of CPA Scotland Branch Executive Committee; Member of Justice Committee

Year First Elected to Parliament: 2003

Career Summary:

Margaret is a former teacher, Justice of the Peace and Non-Executive Director of Hairmyres and Stonehouse NHS Trust. Elected in 2003 as the Scottish Conservative MSP for Central Scotland, Margaret has previously served as Convenor of the Equal Opportunities Committee and Scottish Conservative Local Government Spokesperson, and is currently the Scottish Conservative Justice Spokesperson.

Biographies

List of CPA Conferences, Seminars, Visits or Workshops attended:

2013: CPA visit to Cayman Islands;

2013: BIMR Conference, Falkland Islands;

2012: BIMR Conference.

Interests:

Member of the Parliament's Justice Committee and Sub-Committee on Policing, Convenor of the Cross Party Groups on Adult Survivors of Childhood Sexual Abuse, Dyslexia, and the Caribbean, Co-convenor of the CPG on Taiwan.

Biographies

Scotland



Ms Sandra White MSP

Present Parliamentary Portfolio or Office:

Member of CPA Scotland Branch Executive Committee; Member of the Justice Committee; Parliamentary Liaison Officer to Cabinet Secretary for Justice

Year First Elected to Parliament: 1999

Career Summary:

Sandra has previously served on a number of Parliamentary committees including the Local Government and Regeneration Committee; The Public Petitions Committee and the Audit Committee.

Sandra is also very active in a number of Cross Party Groups in The Scottish Parliament.

She is Convenor of the CPG on Older People Age and Ageing; Co-Convenor of the CPG on Palestine along with the CPG on Cuba and a member of the CPGs on Nuclear Disarmament and Tibet.

Throughout her political career Sandra has shown a keen interest in Social Justice, Poverty, Equality and International Affairs.



Biographies

Scotland



Mr Tavish Scott MSP

Present Parliamentary Portfolio or Office:

Scottish Liberal Democrat Spokesman for Transport, Rural Affairs, Fisheries, Environment and Sport; Member of CPA Scotland Branch Executive Committee.

Year First Elected to Parliament: 1999

Career Summary:

Born in 1966 in Inverness, Tavish Scott attended Anderson High School, Lerwick, Shetland and Napier College, Edinburgh, where he attained a BA (Hons) in Business Studies.

After graduating in 1989, Tavish Scott worked for Jim Wallace MP in the House of Commons. He became Scottish press officer for the Liberal Democrats in 1990, before returning to Shetland to run his family's farm.

From 1994 to 1999 Tavish Scott was an islands councillor representing Lerwick Harbour and Bressay Ward on Shetland Islands Council. He was Vice-chairman of the Roads and Transport Committee, Chairman of Lerwick Harbour Trust and a board member of Shetland Islands Tourism.

Biographies

In 1999, Tavish Scott was elected as the Member of the Scottish Parliament for Shetland and he was re-elected in 2003, 2007 and 2011; was the Deputy Minister for Parliament (2000-2001) and Deputy Minister for Finance, Public Services and Parliamentary Business (2003-2005) and joined the Scottish Cabinet in 2005 when he was appointed Minister for Transport.

Tavish Scott was Liberal Democrat Shadow Secretary for Finance and Sustainable Growth, and also Convener of the Scottish Parliament's Economy, Energy and Tourism Committee (2007-8).

Tavish Scott was elected Leader of the Scottish Liberal Democrats (2008-11). He is the Scottish Liberal Democrat Spokesman for Transport, Rural Affairs, Fisheries, Environment and Sport. He is a member of the Scottish Parliament's Public Audit Committee, Referendum Committee, a member of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association and convenes the cross party group on golf.

List of CPA Conferences, Seminars, Visits or Workshops attended:

58th CPA Parliamentary Conference, Sri Lanka 2012.

Biographies

Scotland



Mrs Margaret Neal

Career Summary:

Joined the former Scottish Office in 1973 and held various posts in health, local government and social research departments. Seconded to the Scottish Parliament in 1998, took up post as Secretary of the Security Steering Group. Began working in international relations in October 2000 serving as Parliamentary Relations Officer and Secretary of the CPA Scotland Branch since 2006.

List of CPA Conferences, Seminars, Visits or Workshops attended:

CPA Regional Conferences since 2001. Attended the CPA Annual Conference in India in 2007 and Sri Lanka 2012. Accompanied CPA Scotland Branch cross party delegations to legislatures in Canberra, Eastern Cape, Gauteng, Malawi, New Zealand, Nova Scotia, Ontario, PEI, Quebec, Victoria and Western Australia.

Organised the 19th Commonwealth Parliamentary Seminar in Edinburgh in October 2007 and the BIMRCWP Conference in Edinburgh in 2014.

Interests:

Family, reading, international development.

Biographies

St Helena



Hon. Leslie Paul Baldwin MLC

Present Parliamentary Portfolio or Office:

Member of Legislative & Executive Councils;
Chairman of the Social and Community Development Committee;
Chairman of Finance and Planning Group;
Member of Tax Reform Group;
Member of Economic Development Committee;
Chairman of Human Rights Capacity Building Committee.

Year First Elected to Parliament: 2013

Career Summary:

2012 – 2013 Finance Manager, Solomon & Co PLC;
2001 – 2012 General Manager and Administration Manager, St.
Helena Fisheries Corporation.

List of CPA Conferences, Seminars, Visits or Workshops attended:

This is the first attendance.

Interests:

Secretary and Producer at Saint FM radio station, cricket, soccer, fishing and diving.

Biographies

United Kingdom



Mr Thomas Docherty MP

Present Parliamentary Portfolio or Office:

Shadow Minister for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs (EFRA).

Year First Elected to Parliament: 2010

Career Summary:

Shadow Minister EFRA Oct 2010 – present; PPS Shadow Leader of the House of Commons Oct 2011-2013; Acting Shadow Deputy Leader of the House of Commons March-August 2013, PPS to Shadow Chief Secretary to the Treasury Oct 2010-2011. Member of CPA UK Executive 2012 – present. Membership of House of Commons Select Committees: Administration July 2010 – present; EFRA Committee July 2010-April 2013; Defence Committee Oct 2010-Nov 2013; Procedure April 2011-present.

List of CPA Conferences, Seminars, Visits or Workshops attended:

Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference 2011 (London), BIMR 2012 (Edinburgh); 2013 (Falklands Islands), Election Observer Missions BVI Nov 2011, TCI Nov 2012.

Interests:

Foreign affairs, defence.

Biographies

United Kingdom



Mr Stephen Doughty MP

Present Parliamentary Portfolio or Office:

Member of Parliament for Cardiff South & Penarth and an Opposition Whip.

Year First Elected to Parliament: 2012

Career Summary:

Before being elected to Parliament in a 2012 by-election, Stephen worked for over seven years in a range of campaigning roles in international charities including World Vision and Oxfam, as well as work with the Robin Hood Tax campaign and Make Poverty History.

As a senior policy adviser on poverty, development, trade and humanitarian affairs to Rt. Hon Douglas Alexander MP as Secretary of State for International Development in the last Labour Government - Stephen played his part in responding to international disasters like the Haiti earthquake, pushing to help make healthcare and education free for some of the world's poorest people, and tackling global challenges like climate change.

Stephen also worked as constituency caseworker – dealing directly with the concerns of local people in South Wales, and worked with former Cardiff South and Penarth AM, Lorraine Barrett.

Biographies

United Kingdom



Ms Jessica Morden MP

Present Parliamentary Portfolio or Office:

Member of Parliament for Newport East; Shadow Parliamentary Private Secretary to Owen Smith MP.

Year First Elected to Parliament: 2005

Career Summary:

Jessica is Shadow Parliamentary Private Secretary to Owen Smith MP, Shadow Secretary of State for Wales. She was Parliamentary Private Secretary to the Secretary of State for Wales The Rt Hon Peter Hain MP until May 2010.

Jessica is a Member of the Welsh Affairs Committee (which is currently undertaking an enquiry into the Draft Wales Bill), Chair for the All Party Parliamentary Group for Steel and other Metal related Industries, Chair for the All Party Parliamentary Group for Children in Wales and a Member of the All Party Parliamentary Group for Suicide Prevention.

Biographies

In her first term Jessica successfully completed the Police Parliamentary Scheme spending a month during recess with a range of Departments and frontline Police Officers in Gwent Police.

She was also appointed by the speaker to the Members Advisory Committee to oversee the setting up of the first ever Nursery in the House of Commons.

Interests:

Anti-social behaviour, electoral issues, police, children, steel industry.

Biographies

United Kingdom



Mr Mark Pritchard MP

Present Parliamentary Portfolio or Office:

Member of Parliament for The Wrekin.

Year First Elected to Parliament: 2005

Career Summary:

Before entering Parliament Mark was a Company Director of a marketing communications company.

Mark currently sits on the Panel or Chairs Joint Committee on National Security Strategy and has previously sat on the International Development Committee, Transport Committee, Work and Pensions, Environmental Audit and the Welsh Affairs Committee.

Mark has also been a champion of animal welfare issues being nominated as Parliamentarian of the Year (2009) for Animal Welfare. He has introduced three private Bills on animal welfare issues.

Interests:

Defence, foreign affairs, counter-terrorism, cyber-security, animal welfare.

Biographies

United Kingdom



Miss Victoria Bower

Present Parliamentary Portfolio or Office:

Operations and Communications Manager, CPA UK.



Biographies

Wales



Mr Al Davies

Career Summary:

2013 – Present: International Relations Team Manager

2008- Present: CPA Wales Branch Acting Secretary

2006-2008: National Assembly for Wales Visitor Services Team Manager

2004 – 2006: Welsh Government – Welsh Language Policy Officer.

List of CPA Conferences, Seminars, Visits or Workshops attended:

BIMR Conferences:

2013 - Falkland Islands; 2012 – Scotland; 2010 – Isle of Man; 2009 - States of Guernsey.

Commonwealth Parliamentary Conferences:

2013 – Johannesburg, South Africa; 2010 - Nairobi, Kenya.

Interests:

International Relations, Travel, Cycling, Golf, Film, Playing Guitar & Cooking.

Biographies

Wales



Mr Mohammad Asghar AM

Present Parliamentary Portfolio or Office:

Assembly Member for South East Wales.

Year First Elected to Parliament: 2007

Career Summary:

Born in Peshawar, he completed his BA in Political Science at Peshawar University before moving to Wales to complete a course in accountancy in Newport. He is a qualified Pilot and a former Newport City Councillor who fought the 2003 Assembly and 2005 General Election. In 2007, he became the National Assembly for Wales's first ethnic minority AM.

Mohammad has previously been a member of the Chamber of Commerce, the UK-Pakistani Chamber of Commerce, AAT, AFA and is also a Member of the Certified Public Accountants Association.

Biographies

List of CPA Conferences, Seminars, Visits or Workshops attended:

BIMR Conferences:

2010 – Isle of Man.

Commonwealth Parliamentary Conferences:

2007 – New Delhi, India; 2011- London, UK.

Interests:

Mohammad's political interests include economic development and combating social exclusion. He is a Patron of the charity, Life Map Planners, which is committed to serving children and young people from disadvantaged communities Pan Wales by offering innovative projects that span the field of education, employment, mental health, juvenile and social. Oscar is a sports fan, especially cricket.

Biographies

Wales



Mr Simon Thomas AM

Present Parliamentary Portfolio or Office:

Appointed to Plaid Cymru's five-strong cabinet in waiting in January 2014 as Shadow Minister for Education, Skills and the Welsh language.

Member of the Children and Young People Committee; Member of the Constitutional and Legislative Affairs Committee; Member National Assembly Cross-Party Groups on asbestos, biodiversity, co-operatives and mutual, the Welsh language, fuel poverty, science and technology, Severn Barrage and tidal energy.

Year First Elected to Parliament: 2011

Career Summary:

Assistant Curator, National Library of Wales, Aberystwyth (1986-92); Policy & Research Officer, Taff-Ely BC (1992-94); Development Officer (94-97); Manager, Jigso, WCVA (1997-2000); MP (Plaid Cymru) Ceredigion (Feb 2000-2005); Senior Special Adviser to Deputy First Minister, One Wales Government (2007-2011).

Biographies

List of CPA Conferences, Seminars, Visits or Workshops attended:

42nd Conference of the British Islands and Mediterranean Region, Edinburgh 2012 ; CPC – Johannesburg, South Africa, September 2013.

Interests:

Political interests: environment, food and rural affairs, transport, international development, energy and culture, media and sport.

General interests: walking, reading and family life.

Biographies

Wales



Mr William Powell AM

Present Parliamentary Portfolio or Office:

Assembly Member for Mid and West Wales

Year First Elected to Parliament: 2011

Career Summary:

William Powell AM is the Welsh Liberal Democrat Spokesperson for Energy, Environment and Rural Affairs.

He is Chair of the Assembly's Petitions Committee and is also a member of the Environment and Sustainability Committee. In addition to these roles William is also Chair of the Assembly's Cross Party Group on Europe.

Before his election to the Assembly William was a languages teacher and an active member of the Brecon Beacons National Park Authority, in which he still resides.

List of CPA Conferences, Seminars, Visits or Workshops attended:

Ottawa 2011.

Interests:

The European Union; Farming; Languages and Planning.



International Observers

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Australia



Hon. Robyn Lambley MLA

Present Parliamentary Portfolio or Office:

Member for Araluen, Alice Springs.

Minister for Health, Alcohol Rehabilitation and Disability Services in the Northern Territory Country Liberal Government.

Year First Elected to Parliament: 2010

Career Summary:

Before entering parliament, Mrs Lambley enjoyed a rewarding career as an Allied Health Professional, and was elected to the Alice Springs Town council in 2004, including a term as the Alice Springs Deputy Mayor.

Mrs Lambley was born in Grafton, New South Wales, and graduated with a Bachelor of Social Work from the University of Queensland in 1986, completing a Master of Social Work in 1998.

She has specialised in Mental Health services, holding various positions in Queensland, New South Wales and the United Kingdom.

Interests:

Mrs Lambley is passionate about her family, the vibrant Alice Springs community, enjoys running and good food and wine.

International Observers

Australia



Dr Antonio De Paulo Buti MLA

Present Parliamentary Portfolio or Office:

Member for Armadale.

Parliamentary Secretary to the Leader of the Opposition;

Opposition Parliamentary Secretary for Education and Multi-Cultural Affairs.

Year First Elected to Parliament: 2010

Career Summary:

School Teacher, Lawyer, Academic (Law Profession), Author.

Interests:

Education, Law Reform, Public Health Policy, Indigenous Affairs

International Observers

Canada



Mr Delbert Kirsch MLA

Present Parliamentary Portfolio or Office:

Chair – Standing Committee on Human Services;

Chair – Caucus Policy Committee on Human Services;

Member – Standing Committee on Privileges.

Year First Elected to Parliament: 2003

Career Summary:

Delbert was first elected in the 2003 provincial election and re-elected in 2007 and 2011. During his term in opposition, he served as the critic for Forestry and deputy critic for Northern Affairs and Industry & Commerce. He was also Deputy Chair of the legislature's Standing Committee on the Economy.

Following the formation of a Saskatchewan Party government in November 2007, Delbert served as the Chair of the legislature's Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs and Justice. He was appointed Legislative Secretary to the Premier – Saskatchewan Heritage initiative and Legislative Secretary to the Minister of Corrections, Public Safety and Policing.

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Delbert was also a member of the legislature's Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs and Justice and the Standing Committee on House Services. He was a member of the caucus' standing policy committee on intergovernmental affairs and justice. He chaired the legislature's Standing Committee on Private Bills and the Standing Committee on Crown and Central Agencies. He was also the Deputy Government House Leader.

List of CPA Conferences, Seminars, Visits or Workshops attended:

43rd Canadian Regional Conference – St. John's, Newfoundland;

34th CPA Canadian Region Parliamentary Seminar – Edmonton, Alberta.

Interests:

History, antiques, auctioning, books, Canadian and American football, spending time with family.

International Observers

Caribbean



Hon. Juliana O'Connor-Connolly MLA

Present Parliamentary Portfolio or Office:

Member – CAA Region Executive Committee

Year First Elected to Parliament: 1996

Career Summary:

- First Lady Elected Member for the District of Cayman Brac & Little Cayman.
- First Elected Lady Member to serve as Speaker of the House.
- First Elected Lady Member to serve as Deputy Premier and Premier.
- Minister of Community Affairs, Sports, Women, Youth and Culture - 1997-2000.
- Speaker of the Legislative Assembly – November 2001 to October 2003.
- Minister of Planning, Communications, District Administration and Information Technology – Oct 2003-May 2005.
- Minister of District Administration, Works, Lands and Agriculture-May 2005 – Dec 2012.

International Observers

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- Minister of Finance, District Administration, Works, Lands and Agriculture - Dec 2012 – May 2013.
 - November 2009, appointed as the first Deputy Premier of the Cayman Islands.
 - December 2012, appointed as the first Lady Premier.
 - May 2013, appointed as Speaker of the Cayman Islands Legislative Assembly.

List of CPA Conferences, Seminars, Visits or Workshops attended:

- 1st Regional Conference of Commonwealth Women Parliamentarians- Nassau, Bahamas, April 2006.
- CPA UK Branch Seminar, United Kingdom, 2007.
- 19th CPA Annual Parliamentary Seminar, Edinburgh, 2007.
- CPA UK Branch 57th Seminar on Parliamentary Practice and Procedure at Westminster, March 2008.
- 56th Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference Nairobi, Kenya, September 2010.

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- 36th Regional Conference of the Caribbean, Americas and Atlantic Region of The CPA St. George’s, Grenada, June/July 2011.
 - 57th Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference and General Assembly, London, United Kingdom, July 2011.
 - 37th Regional Conference of the Caribbean, Americas and Atlantic Region of The CPA - Kingston, Jamaica, May 2012.
 - 58th Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference Colombo, Sri Lanka, September 2012.
 - 38th Conference Caribbean, Americas and Atlantic Region, Antigua, July/ August 2013.
 - 59th Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference, South Africa, August/ September 2013.
 - 22nd Conference of Speakers and Presiding Officers of the Commonwealth, New Zealand, January 2014.

Interests:

Reading, cooking, farming, meeting people and learning about new cultures.



International Observers

Africa



Hon. Euthalie Nyirabega MP

Year First Elected to Parliament: 2008

Career Summary:

A current Member of Parliament of Rwanda.

She has been a lecturer at the National University of Rwanda since 1999-2008.

President of the Council of the District of Nyanza from 2006-2008.

Interests:

Education.



Conference Speakers

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Professor Laura McAllister

Laura McAllister is Professor of Governance at the University of Liverpool's School of Management. She was educated at Bryntirion Comprehensive School, Bridgend and is a graduate of the London School of Economics and Cardiff University where she completed a PhD in politics. Laura was a member of the Richard Commission on the Powers and Electoral Arrangements for National Assembly for Wales that reported in March 2004 and provided research advice to the Independent Panel on AMs' Pay and Support in 2008-09. She is Honorary Visiting Professor at Cardiff University, Queensland University of Technology, Brisbane, Australia and the China National School of Administration, Beijing.

A former Wales football international and national team captain with 24 caps, Laura is Chair of Sport Wales (formerly the Sports Council for Wales). She is a Board Member of UK Sport, the Government's agency for Olympic and Paralympic sport, and the Welsh Football Trust. She is project sponsor for sport at the University of Liverpool, and chairs the Sport Liverpool Strategy Group. She is a Trustee of Stonewall UK and the Institute of Welsh Affairs, as well as a member of the Wales Advisory Committee of the British Council. Laura holds honorary degrees from the Universities of Bangor, Cardiff and Glamorgan.

Conference Speakers



Steve Brooks

Steve Brooks is the Wales director of the Electoral Reform Society, the lead partner in Wales of the 'Counting Women In' campaign, a coalition of five leading campaigning organisations in democracy and women's rights.

Steve was previously Head of Oxfam Cymru and the Head of the Sustainable Development Commission Wales, where he led campaigns and policy work on the impact of climate change on women, and the need for government to take a more gendered approach to efforts aimed at ending poverty.

A former President of the National Union of Students in Wales, Steve worked closely with the NUS Women's Campaign to defend the position of full-time women's officers across Wales. A member of the Women Making A Difference steering group, Steve is also a trustee of the Bevan Foundation, and Tweets from **@stephenbrookUK** and **@ERS_Cymru**.

Conference Speakers



Rhodri Glyn Thomas AM

Rhodri was born in Wrexham in 1953. He attended the University of Wales Aberystwyth, Bangor and Lampeter. He is a minister of religion, and is also a company director. He is a fluent Welsh speaker.

Rhodri was first elected to the Assembly in May 1999. His political interests include agriculture and the rural economy, Europe, and social and transport issues.

When Plaid Cymru entered into a coalition government with Labour in July 2007, Rhodri was appointed as Minister for Heritage but later resigned the position in 2008. He has served as Chair of the Rural Development Sub-Committee, member of the European and External Affairs Committee, and the Sustainability Committee. He is now Plaid Cymru's spokesperson for Local Government, Communities and Europe.

Rhodri represents the National Assembly for Wales on the European Union's Committee of the Regions. He recently led the committee's discussions with the European Commission based on his report into the synergies between national and sub-state budgets. In what was a first for the European Committee, Rhodri delivered his report through the medium of Welsh.

Conference Speakers



Professor Diarmait Mac Giolla Chríost

Professor Diarmait Mac Giolla Chríost is a member of the School's Research Unit on Language, Policy and Planning. He is a native of Ireland and an authority on linguistic minorities and language planning. He has research interests in certain other specific fields. These include the nature of the relationship between language and conflict, from a comparative, European perspective, and, also, language in city contexts. He has a number of publications in the Social Sciences, Human Geography and the Sociology of Language. He is a Fellow of the Royal Geographical Society and a Fellow of the Royal Historical Society.

Conference Speakers



Meri Huws

The office of Welsh Language Commissioner was created by the Welsh Language (Wales) Measure 2011. Meri Huws started as the first Commissioner on 1 April 2012.

Before being appointed as Commissioner, Ms Huws chaired the Welsh Language Board from 2004-2011, and was also a member of the board from 1993 until 1997.

She received her education at Fishguard High School, before studying a degree in Law and Politics at the University of Wales, Aberystwyth. She studied for a postgraduate degree at St Ann College Oxford and trained to be a social worker, based for many years in north-west Wales. She followed a career in higher education in the 80s and 90s, she lectured in Normal College, Bangor, and Newport University before working for a period in Dublin City University. Ms Huws also chaired Cymdeithas yr Iaith Gymraeg (the Welsh Language Society) from 1981-1983.

In 1999 she moved to work at Bangor University as Deputy Vice-Chancellor, and was in the post for ten years. She was appointed as the Deputy Vice-Chancellor of the University of Wales Trinity St. David in 2009, before being appointed as Welsh Language Commissioner in 2012. Ms Huws is a familiar face in public life in Wales. She is often invited to give evidence to National Assembly for Wales committees, to address conferences and meetings across the country, and to talk on news and current affairs programmes.

Conference Speakers



Kyle Thornton

Kyle Thornton is 19 and was elected Chair of the Scottish Youth Parliament in June 2013. Kyle studies Politics & Central and Eastern European Studies at The University of Glasgow and also sits on the board of the British Youth Council as Vice Chair (Finance) and the Glasgow Youth Council as Chairperson. Kyle has been the elected MSYP for Glasgow Southside since 2011. Kyle has several policy interests including making democracy more local and accountable, health and wellbeing, community empowerment and the economy. Outside of politics, Kyle's hobbies include baking, tennis and reading.

Conference Speakers



Ciara Berry

Ciara is in year 13 at Radyr Comprehensive school studying A levels in French, English Literature and History and is holding an offer for Law from Trinity College Cambridge.

She has been debating since last year, and placed second in the Welsh schools championships. She is also a member of Team Wales for the World Schools Debating Championships, and has recently returned from the Oxford Women's debating competition, competing against university students.

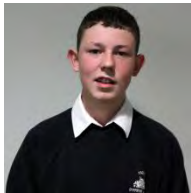
Ciara also enjoys cross-stitch, playing the clarinet and sailing.



James Jones

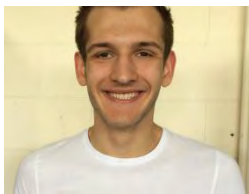
James is a sixth form student at Ysgol Dyffryn Aman where he studies French, German, Sociology and Government & Politics. James is involved in many aspects of school life and earlier this year was elected as a deputy head boy. James has many interests outside school including a passion for language learning that has seen him master French and German and begin the study of Japanese and Chinese. James has the ambition to go to university next year to study modern languages.

Conference Speakers



Jack Vaughan

Jack is currently in Year 12 at Ysgol Dyffryn Aman where he studies Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry and Biology. Jack was elected as a deputy head boy earlier in the year and has taken part in a wide-range of school activities. Outside of school Jack is a member of the Air Training Corps. A keen Queens Park Rangers fan, Jack enjoys watching and playing football. In the future Jack is hoping to study Physics and Mathematics at university.



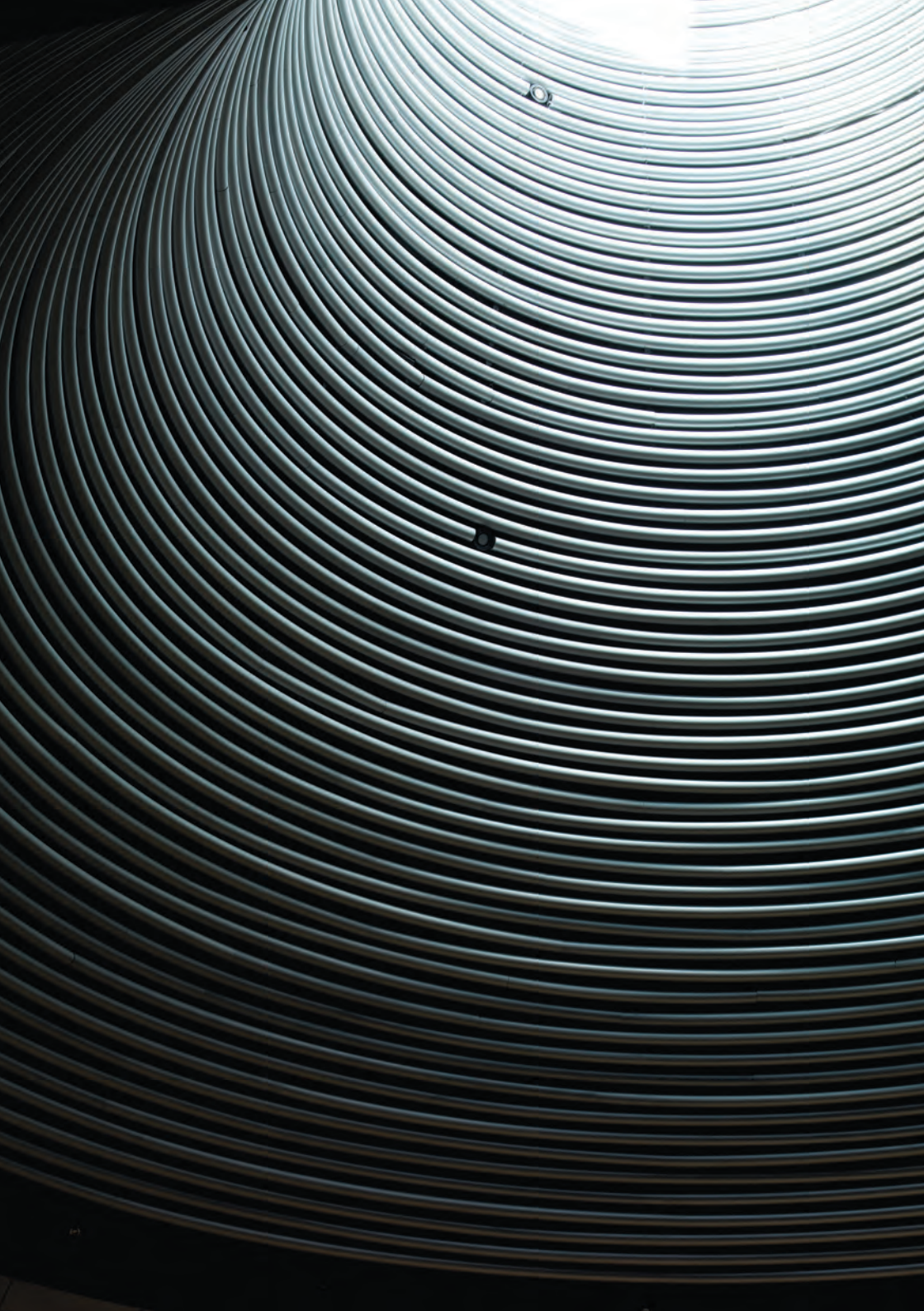
Rhys Steele

Rhys is currently in year 13 at the Bishop of Llandaff high school, studying A levels in further mathematics and physics with the hope of continuing to study mathematics at undergraduate level at Oxford University next year.

He has been debating competitively for nearly 4 years, with successes including twice winning the Welsh schools debating championships and currently being a member of Team Wales.

In his spare time, Rhys enjoys playing tournament chess, albeit mainly when he wins.

Conference Management Staff



Conference Management Staff



Miss Helen Gibbons

Career Summary:

Helen has worked in the field of Event Management for over 25 years, and, as well as working for the National Assembly on the 44th BIMR Conference, she runs a small events company organising a range of other events from Charity Bike Rides and Youth Sports Festivals to Corporate Dinners and Product launches.

Interests:

Mountain walking with the dog, scuba diving, city breaks and weekends at the beach.



Alice Randone

Alice works as the Head of Presiding Officer's Events at the National Assembly for Wales. As well as organising and managing the annual programme of events, she leads on specific campaigns that will form part of the Presiding Officer's legacy, such as the Women in Public Life campaign and the Democratic Deficit campaign.

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44th British Isles and Mediterranean Region Annual Conference

01. The official arrival day will be Tuesday 27 May and departure day Friday 30 May

02. Accommodation

Delegates will be accommodated at the **St David's Hotel & Spa, Havannah Street, Cardiff CF10 5SD**

T: +44 (0) 2920 454 045. Please refer to link below for more information.

www.thestdavidshotel.com

Delegates wishing to stay in the St David's Hotel outside the official conference dates at their own cost are requested to contact the hotel directly to arrange this. BIMR delegates will be offered a 10% discount off the best available rates by quoting reference: **NATI270514**

Alternatively, a better (non-flexible) rate may be secured by booking Advance Purchase Rates from the hotel website online.

03. Transport - Arrival and Departure

CPA Wales Branch will arrange transport to and from Cardiff, Bristol & Gloucester Airports only. Please note that complimentary transport will only be provided for delegates arriving and departing on 27 and 30 May respectively.

Delegates arriving via London or other UK airports are

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requested to make their own way to the conference hotel.

Cardiff City Centre is serviced by frequent direct trains with First Great Western from London Paddington (serviced by all Heathrow Terminals via the Heathrow express)

www.firstgreatwestern.co.uk

and by coach with National Express from London airports and Victoria station

www.nationalexpress.com/home.aspx

Please note that the St David's Hotel in Cardiff Bay is some 2 miles from Cardiff Central Station and, if carrying luggage, is best reached by taxi.

Recommended Local taxi companies:

– Premier Taxis (029 20555555)

www.premiertaxis.net

– Capital Cabs (029 20777777)

www.capitalcabs.co.uk

Transport between Cardiff Bay – City Centre

A regular bus service (Bay Car) departs from Cardiff Bay (with stops near the Assembly and neighbouring Wales Millennium Centre) to the City Centre (via Central Station) every 10 minutes during the day and every 20 minutes in the evening.

www.cardiffbus.com/english/service.shtml?serviceid=1111

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There is also a frequent (5 min) direct train service between Cardiff Bay and Cardiff Queen Street, within easy walking distance to the city centre.

www.arrivatrainswales.co.uk

Alternatively, the Cardiff Aquabus provides a waterbus service from Cardiff Bay with stops near the Millennium Stadium / Central Station or Cardiff Castle.

[www.cardiffaquabus.com/
baylink.aspx?section=3&page=16](http://www.cardiffaquabus.com/baylink.aspx?section=3&page=16)

Transport will be provided to all official functions and tours.

04. Meetings

The Conference will be held in the Senedd and other parts of the Assembly Estate.

05. Walking and Transfers between the St David's Hotel and the Senedd / Assembly estate

The Senedd and Assembly estate is a flat and pleasant 10-15 minute walk from the St David's Hotel and can often be quicker than transfer by car.

Women delegates may however wish to bring comfortable shoes for this walk. Cloakroom and storage facilities are available in the Senedd and other Assembly estate buildings.

Umbrellas are available to borrow in case of light rain and minibus shuttles will be available for delegates in the case of poorer weather.

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Taxis can be arranged for any delegates who are uncomfortable walking.

06. Security Arrangements

In accordance with Assembly Security protocol and advice:

- **Delegates** (elected Parliamentarians) **will not be scanned***
- **Delegation Secretaries, spouses and all other accompanying persons will be scanned** upon entrance to the Senedd and Ty Hywel, National Assembly for Wales buildings.

There are **no scanning arrangements for entrance to the Pierhead**, where the Tuesday evening Welcome Reception will be held.

*subject to conference security pass being worn

07. The use of Welsh during the conference and interpretation services.

Within the Assembly, both English and Welsh are working languages and the Assembly Commission, as the body responsible for supporting the operation of the Assembly, is determined to give a strong and ambitious lead in its delivery of bilingual services.

The Official Languages Bill was passed in 2012. As the first Welsh Act for 600 years, the National Assembly for Wales (Official Languages) Act 2012 has its place in history and now provides the statutory footing for the bilingual operation of

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the Assembly and the Commission.

As part of the ambition to provide exemplary bilingual services, contributions may be made in both official languages during any official Assembly proceedings or at any official Assembly event.

Bilingual greetings will be commonplace throughout the conference but the majority of the conference will be conducted in English. The exception to this being the second Plenary which, due to the subject matter, for the most part will be presented in Welsh.

Headphones and simultaneous interpretation from Welsh to English will be provided.

08. **Wi-Fi and Social Media**

Public Wi-Fi is available throughout the Assembly estate; just choose **Senedd Wi-Fi**.

Delegates will be issued with a code in their welcome packs upon registration at the St David's to access Wi-Fi at the hotel between 27-30 May

Twitter - Delegates are invited to tweet using the hashtag **#bimr2014** for the duration of the conference.

09. **Filming during the conference**

The three main plenary conferences will be filmed with the two plenary sessions filmed in the Senedd streamed live on "Senedd TV" via the Assembly's website. Recordings of all plenary sessions will be available to view on the Assembly's

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YouTube Channel in due course.

The Assembly's media team will be available during delegate coffee breaks on the Wednesday afternoon and Thursday morning. Whilst entirely optional, there will be an opportunity for a representative from each delegation to say a short piece to camera about their thoughts about the conference and their experience in Wales.

10. Record of Conference proceedings

A summary written report of the conference plenary will be made available on the BIMR2014 conference webpage by the end of June.

11. Meals

The cost of all official meals and refreshments as part of the conference programme will be borne by the CPA Wales Branch.

Special diets will be catered for if delegates advise the CPA Wales Branch in advance.

12. Accounts

Delegates are asked to settle their personal account at the St David's Hotel before departure on Friday 30 May. Delegates are advised to check the status of their personal accounts regularly.

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13. Payment to the National Assembly for Wales

Those needing to make payments to the National Assembly for Wales (for additional costs such as fees for additional persons or participation in the culture day) can do so by:

a) Cheque, made out in £Sterling to the "National Assembly for Wales Commission" which can be presented to a member of the conference staff upon registration at the St David's Hotel.

b) BACS payments, the details for which are:

Sort code – 20-18-27

Account number – 10041130

Bank – Barclays

Please include BIMR2014 and your Branch name in any payment reference.

14. Business Facilities

A small number of laptops will be available for use at the Senedd. Conference staff will arrange photocopying and printing services upon request. There are also business facilities available at the conference hotel at cost.

15. Spouses / Accompanying persons

The CPA Wales Branch Executive Committee has agreed that no separate programme will be arranged for accompanying persons. Spouses / Accompanying persons are however welcome to attend the reception on the day of arrival as well as the two official evening dinners and optional culture day at cost.

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Please note that spouses / accompanying persons, in this context, applies to persons sharing a double or twin room. A charge of £12 per night to cover double occupancy & breakfast is applicable and should be paid directly by delegates to the St David's Hotel.

Accompanying persons will have free time during business hours. Meals during the day are their own responsibility.

The cost for accompanying persons wishing to attend the conference official functions is £95.00.

16. Attendance at Functions

It is not necessary for delegates to accept formally invitations to the functions set out in the Programme. The invitations have in each case been accepted collectively on their behalf. If through illness or other reasons any delegate is unable to take part in any item of the programme, he or she is asked to give the earliest possible notice to the Host Branch Secretariat.

17. Insurance-personal, accident, medical, baggage and currency loss

Delegates should note that visitors to the UK are not entitled to free medical attention or to hospital in-patient care under the National Health Service, unless their country has reciprocal health care arrangements with the United Kingdom. Therefore, delegates are strongly advised to take out insurance to cover such expenses.

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Delegates are responsible for their own luggage and currency loss insurance. The Wales Branch regrets that it cannot be responsible for any loss of luggage, currency or personal effects. Delegates are strongly advised to leave valuables, jewellery and cash in hotel safes.

18. What the CPA Wales Branch Will Pay For:

Three Nights B&B Accommodation for the dates of Tuesday 27- Thursday 29 May and hospitality during the Official Conference period

The CPA Wales Branch Will **Not** Pay For:

- Use of hotel facilities not covered in the B&B /WIFI package
- Private entertainment
- Drinks except at official functions
- Bar / Phone charges
- Laundry and dry cleaning
- Medical treatment
- Personal insurance
- Airport taxes
- Room service

19. Attire

Business suits will be appropriate throughout the programme including social functions.

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20. Weather

The weather in Wales is variable! As a guide average temperatures for Cardiff in May/June are 11-14 Centigrade (52-57 Fahrenheit). There is usually a cool breeze in the Cardiff Bay area.

21. Currency etc.

Banks will exchange bank notes but not coins. If you wish to send items by post, only British stamps are valid.

Banks

The following Banks have branches in Cardiff Bay:
Nat West; Lloyds; HSBC and Barclays

Larger Branches and other Banks are located in the City centre.

Most banks are open from 09.00-16.30 Monday-Friday.

There are three cashpoints within close walking distance to the Senedd:

- Within the neighbouring Wales Millennium Centre (WMC)
- Within the Co-Operative Food Store on Pierhead Street
- Outside the Sainsbury's Food outlet on the far side of the oval basin

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22. Shopping and banking hours

Shops in Cardiff are usually open between 09.000-18.00 on Monday to Saturday with late opening in many of the larger shops and department stores on Thursday evenings. Most department stores in the city centre are open on Sundays from 10.00-16.00.

23. Electricity

Electricity throughout the UK is 240v AC/ 50Hz with square three pin plugs. Delegates may need adapter plugs for their own appliances.

24. Name badges

For security purposes and to facilitate introductions, delegates are asked to wear their name badges at all times whilst at the Senedd and Assembly estate.

25. Religious Services

Please note that information about places of worship is available from Reception at the St David's Hotel and the Conference staff.

26. Photograph

The Official BIMR2014 photograph will appear on the Conference webpage and a copy emailed to delegation secretaries.

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27. Optional Culture Day – Friday 30 May

An optional culture day is offered to delegates and accompanying spouses on 30 May. An outline of the culture day is included in the conference programme. The cost for participation is £35.00 and includes a packed lunch.

28. International Observers

The CPA Wales is pleased to welcome international CPA observers to this year's BIMR. **International Observers are included in all aspects of the conference programme with the exception of the BIMR AGM which will take place at 15.30 on Wednesday 28 May.** There are no alternative provisions at this time and international observers will have free time until the evening programme begins at 18.00.

29. Contact Details

Address:

**The National Assembly for Wales
Tŷ Hywel
Pierhead Street
Cardiff Bay
Cardiff
CF99 1NA**

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30. Conference Secretariat:

Al Davies,

CPA Wales Acting Branch Secretary:

+44 (029) 2089 8642

Alice Randone

Helen Gibbons

Conference email address: bimr2014@wales.gov.uk

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Please find below some links to restaurants and tourist attractions which may be of interest:

01 Restaurants

Cardiff Bay

Demiros Italian

www.demiros.com

Tel: +44 29 2049 1882

A comfortable and tastefully designed restaurant, offering a range of cuisine with tastes from Spain, Italy and Wales.

Bayside Brasserie

www.baysidebrasserie.com

Tel +44 29 20 358 444

A stylish restaurant offering modern European dishes, complemented with classic brasserie favourites. Great views of Cardiff Bay

Bosphorus

www.bosphorus.co.uk

Tel: +44 29 2048 7477

A stilted waterside restaurant with modern Turkish cuisine

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Pearl of the Orient

www.thepearloftheorient.com

Tel: (+44 29) 2049 8080

Oriental restaurant serving Cantonese, Peking, Malaysian and Szechwan cuisine in contemporary relaxed surroundings

Old Custom House

www.theoldcustomhousepenarth.co.uk

Tel: +44 29 2070 5551

Overlooking Cardiff bay from Penarth Marina, famous for its brasserie counter with prime cuts of meat, game and fresh fish.

Cardiff City Centre (and neighbouring areas)

Chapel 1877

www.chapel1877.com

Tel: +44 29 2022 2020

A mix of medieval and contemporary served in a converted chapel offering selection of a la carte and gastro bar menu choices.

Giovanni's

www.giovaniscardiff.co.uk

Tel: +44 29 2022 0077

Traditional family owned Italian restaurants.

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The Potted Pig

www.thepottedpig.com

Tel: +44 29 2022 4817

Located in a former bank vault, this city centre restaurant serves a varied and constantly changing menu of modern British food with a few French and New-York grill inspired influences.

The Thai House

www.thaihouse.biz

Tel: +44 29 2038 7404

The first Thai restaurant in Wales offers an award winning a la carte menu, with many established favourites together with a number of new dishes

Milgi (Vegetarian)

www.milgilounge.com

Tel: +44 29 2047 3150

100% Vegetarian restaurant which celebrates the benefits and satisfactions of eating seasonal, home-cooked vegetarian food.

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03 Things to do and see:

In Cardiff:

- **Cardiff Tourist Information Centre**
www.visitcardiff.com/about-cardiff/tourist-information-centres
- **Cardiff “Hop on- Hop Off” Open Top City Tour Bus**
<http://www.city-sightseeing.com/tours/united-kingdom/cardiff.htm>
- **National Museum Cardiff**
www.museumwales.ac.uk/cardiff
- **Cardiff Castle**
www.cardiffcastle.com
- **Wales Millennium Centre**
www.wmc.org.uk
- **Sherman Theatre**
www.shermancymru.co.uk
- **New Theatre**
www.newtheatrecardiff.co.uk
- **St David’s Hall**
www.stdavidshallcardiff.co.uk

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Things to do and see:

Outside Cardiff:

- **Caerphilly Castle (Wales' largest castle – 9 miles outside Cardiff)**

<http://cadw.wales.gov.uk/daysout/caerphilly-castle/?lang=en>

- **Penderyn Welsh Whiskey**

www.welsh-whisky.co.uk

- **Llanerch Vineyard**

www.llanerch-vineyard.co.uk

- **Castell Coch**

www.cadw.wales.gov.uk/daysout/castell-coch/?lang=en

- **Penarth Pier**

www.penarthpavilion.co.uk

- **Big Pit**

www.museumwales.ac.uk/bigpit

Dyffryn House

www.nationaltrust.org.uk/dyffryn-gardens



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