



**44<sup>th</sup> BRITISH ISLES AND MEDITERRANEAN REGION  
CONFERENCE**

**Tuesday 27 - Friday 30 May 2014**

**CONFERENCE THEME: “Equality of Access to Democracy.”**

**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 &  
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.

## **BIMR2014 – 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 of the Electoral Reform Society Wales

Followed by Q&A

- 11:00 Coffee Break  
*Members Tea Room*
- 11:25 Delegates take their seats

## BIMR2014 – Programme

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*

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)

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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)

- 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**  
*Siambur*
- 16:45 Depart Senedd
- 17:00 Arrive St David’s Hotel

## **BIMR2014 – Programme**

### **EVENING**

18.00 Assemble in St David's Hotel foyer

18:15 Depart Cardiff Bay by boat

19:00 Arrive at Cardiff Castle

Drinks Reception  
*Library & 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

## BIMR2014 – 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*

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

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- 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)
- 12:30 Delegates depart for *Fresh* Restaurant  
*Wales Millennium Centre (WMC)*
- Lunch
- 13:30 Coffee & Cake served in the Members Tea Room  
Workshop Rapporteurs Preparation
- 13:55 Delegates take their seats in Senedd Siambwr
- 14:00 Final Plenary – **Report back from Workshops A-D**  
Chair: **Joyce Watson AM**  
Secretary: Margaret Neal (Scotland)
- 15:10 Conference Closing Remarks
- 15:15 Depart Senedd
- Free Time

## **BIMR2014 – Programme**

### **EVENING**

19:10 Assemble in Hotel foyer

19:15 Depart St David's Hotel on foot

19:30 Arrive at 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



## **BIMR2014 – Programme**

**FRIDAY 30 MAY** - Day of Departure

Optional Culture Day - Draft Programme

### **Morning:**

09:30 – Meet in SDH foyer

09:45 – Private tour of the **Wales Millennium Centre** (Cardiff Bay)

<https://www.wmc.org.uk/yourVisit/>

11:00 – Tour of the BBC's **Dr Who Experience** (Cardiff Bay)

<http://www.doctorwhoexperience.com/experience.php>

### **Afternoon:**

12:15 – Buffet Lunch at the **Norwegian Church** (Cardiff Bay)

[http://www.norwegianchurchcardiff.co.uk/content.asp?nav=1&parent\\_directory\\_id=1](http://www.norwegianchurchcardiff.co.uk/content.asp?nav=1&parent_directory_id=1)

13:00 – Depart Cardiff Bay by coach

13:30 – Visit **St Fagans Museum**

<http://www.museumwales.ac.uk/stfagans/>

15:45 – Depart by coach for City Centre

16:30 – Private tour of the **Millennium Stadium**

<http://www.millenniumstadium.com/tours/index.php>

17:30 – Optional Coach return to St David's Hotel, Cardiff Bay

Free evening