

## **NEWSLETTER SPRING 2004**

*The secretariat has prepared this newsletter to inform you of recent CPA activities.*

### **Conferences and Seminars**

- **49th Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference in Bangladesh**

[Click here](#) for the a summary of the conference.

The report of the 15th Meeting of Commonwealth Women Parliamentarians which took place in Bangladesh is not yet on the Internet but if you would like a paper copy please contact the Secretariat.

- **35<sup>th</sup> British Islands and Mediterranean Conference, Falkland Islands, February 2004**

Michael German and Andrew George attended the conference. The conference was very successful and Michael's report will be available shortly. The [minutes](#) of the Regional AGM were e-mailed to every member of the branch on Friday 5th March.

- **Zanzibar**

Paul Silk attended a Post Election Seminar in Zanzibar in January. Click [here](#) for his report

### **Forthcoming Conferences and Seminars**

- **16th CPA Parliamentary Seminar, Malaysia.**

Alun Cairns will be attending.

- **Tynwald Day, Isle of Man, 5th July 2004**

Lisa Francis will be attending

- **50th Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference, Canada, August/September 2004**

Suggested themes from branch have been sent. The Secretariat will e-mail Assembly Members later in the year for expression of interest.

## Wales Branch Activities

- **Commonwealth Day 2004**

The National Assembly celebrated Commonwealth Day on Wednesday 10 March with a full programme of events. 60 pupils aged between 15-18 from 6 schools across Wales visited Cardiff Bay for a specially extended educational visit and tour of the Assembly. The programme included a lively question time in the Chamber. The session was chaired by the Deputy Presiding Officer and the Panel members were Alun Cairns AM, Jocelyn Davies AM, Mike German AM and John Griffiths AM. At lunchtime pupils from Hafod Primary School, Swansea entertained AMs by singing and performed a traditional Bengali dance in the Neuadd. Click [here](#) for the Queen's message

- **Display Cabinet in Pierhead**

There is a display cabinet in the Pierhead containing gifts given to the CPA from visitors. Please go along and have a look and send any comments to the CPA Secretariat.

## National and International CPA Activities

- **New Logo of CPA**

The CPA has a new [logo](#). The logo now appears on all pages of the [CPA website](#).

- **Regional Representation Rota**

The Rota was agreed at the AGM in the Falklands

- **Amended Constitution of British Islands and Mediterranean region**

This was agreed at the Falklands conference

- **Role of the British Islands and Mediterranean Region**

Working group has been set up to consider issues raised by the Scottish Branch. The Branch Executive will consider the paper at their next meeting. The Working Group will report at the next Regional AGM in Canada.

## Publications

- **The Parliamentarian**

CPA publication is distributed to all Assembly Members. The July issue will include an article by Andrew George about the proceedings of the First Assembly

- [CPA Parliamentary Directory](#)- Parliaments and Legislatures
- [Facilities and Service Survey](#)-Information on parliamentary facilities for members
- [CPA/WTO Regional Workshop for Parliamentarians](#)
- [Communiqué](#) from Heads of Government meeting
- [Communiqué](#) following workshop - EnGENDERing Development and Democracy

### **Next Branch Meeting**

The next meeting of the Branch Executive will take place on 25 May. We have invited Andrew Tuggey the New CPA Secretary to attend.

### **CPA Secretariat**

*If you have any queries please either contact Alun Cairns or Sarah Thomas (ext. 8147).*