

*Third Annual Commonwealth Residential School – Speaker biographies*

# **The Association of Commonwealth Universities**

## **Third Annual Commonwealth Residential School**

Thursday 8th August- Monday 12th August 2013  
Cumberland Lodge, Windsor Great Park, United  
Kingdom

**SPEAKERS**

## THURSDAY 8<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 2013



### **David Green**

**Global Publishing Director, Taylor and Francis Group**

***Thursday 8th August,  
Chair, Key Note Speech: Will the World  
Exist in 2113?***

David Green is Global Journals Publishing Director for Taylor and Francis Group. He is responsible for 1700 journals published under the Taylor & Francis (STM) and Routledge (SSH) imprints. He holds BA and MA degrees in Politics from Lancaster University, and a DPhil in international relations from the University of Sussex.

David has 35 years' experience in journal publishing. He edited a number of policy journals for Butterworth Scientific (part of Reed International) in the 1970s and 80s, before joining Carfax Publishing in 1987, which later was taken over by Routledge - itself acquired by the T&F Group in 1998. David has represented his company on scholarly publishing industry bodies, and is currently a member of the Steering Committee of the Publishing Research Consortium (PRC), established by the trade bodies to commission independent research on key issues for the industry.

He has also spoken at a number of industry events, most recently chairing a session at the STM/PASA meeting in Cape Town June 2012.



## **Professor Rolph Payet**

**Minister for Environment and Energy,  
Seychelles, and Pro-Chancellor,  
University of Seychelles**

***Thursday 8th August,  
7.30-9.00pm***

***Key Note Speaker: Will the World Exist in  
2113?***

Rolph Payet, is an international policy expert, researcher and speaker on environment, climate and island issues, and was the first President & Vice-Chancellor of the [University of Seychelles](#).

Throughout his career he has worked for the Government of Seychelles, where he has contributed to the development and role of the Department of Environment, with a particular focus in areas of pollution control, climate change, environment policy and international environmental law.

He is also a lead author with the IPCC and shared in the 2007 Nobel Peace Prize jointly awarded to the IPCC and Al Gore. In 2006 he was recognised as a Young Global Leader by the World Economic Forum for his work in advancing environment, ocean and climate issues at the global level. He has served as both a keynote speaker and a panellist at numerous international conventions including the UN General Assembly.

As well as being Steering Committee Member of the Global Forum on Oceans, Coasts and Islands he also leads the SIDS working group within that forum.

Widely published, Rolph has written papers on a number of island issues and was lead researcher for several projects in marine and climate change research. Following his appointment as chairman of the Seychelles University Foundation to establish the first University in Seychelles, In March 2012 he was appointed as Minister of Environment and Energy

## FRIDAY 9<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 2013



### **Professor Tim Unwin**

**Chair, Commonwealth Scholarship Commission in the UK and Chief Executive Officer, Commonwealth Telecommunications Organisation**

***Friday 9th August***

***9.00-10.30am***

***How Will We Communicate In 2113?***

Professor Tim Unwin is Chief Executive Officer of the Commonwealth Telecommunications Organisation, Chair of the Commonwealth Scholarship Commission in the UK, UNESCO Chair in ICT4D, and Emeritus Professor of Geography at Royal Holloway, University of London.

From 2001-2004, Tim led the UK Prime Minister's 'Imfundo: Partnership for IT in Education' initiative based within the Department for International Development, and from 2007-2011 he was Director and then Senior Advisor to the World Economic Forum's Partnerships for Education programme with UNESCO. He was previously Head of the Department of Geography at Royal Holloway, University of London (1999–2001), and has also served as Honorary Secretary of the Royal Geographical Society (with The Institute of British Geographers) (1995-1997).

Tim has written or edited 15 books, and more than 200 papers and other publications in academic journals. His recent research has concentrated on information and communication technologies for development (ICT4D), focusing especially on the use of ICTs to support people with disabilities, and to empower out-of-school youth. In 2011, he spent three months in China teaching and undertaking research on the use of mobile devices for learning by farmers in Gansu and people with disabilities in Beijing. He is a Fellow of Education Impact and Honorary Professor at Lanzhou University, China



**Professor Graham Furniss OBE**  
**Pro-Dean, SOAS**

***Friday 9th August,  
11.00-12.30pm  
Who Will Be Communicating With in  
2013?- Language and Culture***

Having previously held positions as RAE Director and Faculty Dean amongst others, Graham has served as Pro-Dean of SOAS since 2008. His association with SOAS began as an undergraduate and later a research student. He is also returned to SOAS as a member of staff in 1979 from a post at the University of Maiduguri in Nigeria. He is a Fellow of the British Academy where he currently chairs its Africa Panel. He was the first editor of the Journal of African Cultural Studies and the founding President of the International Society for Oral Literature in Africa (ISOLA). He is a Trustee of the Britain-Nigeria Educational Trust and a Governor of the Harrow School Foundation. Graham was awarded an OBE for services to higher education and scholarship in the Queen's Birthday Honours list in 2013.

His interest in African language literatures led him to become the founding President of the International Society for Oral Literature in Africa (ISOLA) and the founding editor of the journal African Languages and Cultures (now Journal of African Cultural Studies). His involvement in African Studies more generally has been manifest in his Presidency of the African Studies Association of the UK (ASAUK), his co-founding with others of AEGIS, the European network of Centres of African Studies, and two terms as Vice-Chairman of the Royal African Society.



**Professor Colin Blakemore**  
**University of Oxford**

***Friday 9th August***  
***2.00- 3.30pm***  
***How Will the Brain Cope?***

Professor Colin Blakemore, FMedSci, FRCP (Hon), FRSM (Hon), FSB (Hon), FRS is Professor of Neuroscience & Philosophy at the University of London and Emeritus Professor of Neuroscience at Oxford. From 2003-7 he was Chief Executive of the Medical Research Council. Colin studied Medical Sciences at Cambridge and completed a PhD at the University of California, Berkeley. After working for 11 years in Cambridge, he moved to Oxford in 1979 to become Waynflete Professor of Physiology and a Professorial Fellow of Magdalen College. His research has been concerned with many aspects of vision, early development of the brain, plasticity of the cerebral cortex and neurodegenerative disease. He has been President of the British Association for the Advancement of Science, the British Neuroscience Association, the Physiological Society and the Society of Biology. He is President of the Motor Neurone Disease Association and The Brain Tumour Charity, and Vice-President of the Progressive Supranuclear Palsy Association. He is a frequent broadcaster on radio and television, and writes in the national press about science and science policy.

## SATURDAY 10<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 2013



### **Professor Jeff Waage OBE**

**Director, London International  
Development Centre**

***Saturday 10th August***

***9.00-10.30am***

***2113 – Will we need an International  
Development Policy?***

Jeff obtained an AB from Princeton in 1975 and a PhD from Imperial College London in 1977. After an academic career in ecology and pest management, he became Director of the International Institute of Biological Control and subsequently Chief Executive at CABI Bioscience, developing there programmes on farmer field schools, alien species management and biological control of desert locust. He returned to Imperial in 2000 to head its departments of agricultural and environmental. In 2007 he became first Director of the London International Development Centre, an international development collaboration across five specialist Colleges in the University of London. At LIDC, he has led interdisciplinary initiatives on the MDGs, higher education for development, One Health and, most recently, agriculture for improved nutrition and health, with the establishment in 2010 of the Leverhulme Centre for Integrative Research on Agriculture and Health (LCIRAH). In June 2013 he became Technical Adviser to a new Global Panel on Agriculture and Food Systems for Nutrition. He is a Commonwealth Scholarship Commissioner.



## **Professor Robin Grimes**

**Chief Scientific Officer at the Foreign and Commonwealth Office**

***Saturday 10th August***

***8.00-9.00pm***

***Science and Research in 2113***

Robin Grimes is the UK Foreign and Commonwealth Office Chief Scientific Advisor. He is also Professor of Materials Physics at Imperial College and was previously Director of the Imperial College Centre for Nuclear Engineering and the Rolls Royce University Technology Centre in Nuclear Engineering. He spent the year 2000 at Los Alamos National Laboratory as Bernd T. Matthias Scholar. His primary research interest is the application and development of computer simulation techniques to predict structural and dynamic properties of inorganic materials for energy applications to improve performance of semiconductors for solar and electrolytes and electrodes for fuel cells, nuclear fuel for higher burn-up and waste forms of greater durability.

He has published over 240 scientific papers and edited 5 sets of conference proceedings. He was the specialist advisor to the UK House of Lords for their 2011 review of Nuclear Research Requirements for the UK, a member of the Royal Society Working Group on nuclear non-proliferation and the UK Government's Nuclear Research and Development Advisory Board. He was awarded the Institute of Materials Rosenhain Medal in 2002 and the Griffith Medal in 2010.



## SUNDAY 11<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 2013



**Patrick Wintour**  
**The Royal Commonwealth Society**

**Sunday 10th August**  
**12.00-1.30pm**  
***Participatory Democracy Trends***

Patrick Wintour is a former trustee of the Royal Commonwealth Society and Adviser to the Commonwealth Foundation. He has held senior management roles for Bowater, Christie-Tyler, The Industrial Society and The Prince's Trust and worked extensively in South Africa, South Sudan and Zimbabwe – developing leadership skills for rebuilding countries damaged by conflict or tyranny.

He was the founder and Chief Executive of the Employability Forum, a charity promoting the employment and integration of refugees and migrants. He was Chairman of the Advisory Board on Naturalisation and Integration. He is a Deputy Lieutenant in Wiltshire and was awarded the OBE in 2004 for his work on refugee integration. He is now a Director of Healthwatch (Wilts), the new consumer champion for health and social care in England.



**Jan Grasty**  
**President, UK National Committee of UN Women**

**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> August**  
**12.00-1.30pm**  
***Will We Need a Gender Policy in 2113?***

Jan Grasty has been President of the UK National Committee of UN Women since 2009 and continues to lead

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the organisation in support of the aims and objectives of UN Women. She and her team are building support for the work of UN Women across all sectors including government; corporate sector and NGOs. Jan has a background in management in the corporate sector; establishing and running a public/private partnership; and providing consultancy services in the private and public sectors. Jan is committed to supporting long term change and improvement to the lives of women and girls providing justice, and equal opportunities. She sees the strategic role of UN Women coupled with its grassroots programmes as a major opportunity to bring about change.

## MONDAY 12<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 2013



### **Professor Philip Murphy**

**Director, Institute of Commonwealth Studies**

***Will there be a Commonwealth in 2113?  
Monday 12th August  
9.00-10.15am***

Philip Murphy is Director of the Institute of Commonwealth Studies and Professor of British and Commonwealth History at the University of London. He is the author of *Party Politics and Decolonization: The Conservative Party and British Colonial Policy in Tropical Africa 1951-1964* (1995) and *Alan Lennox-Boyd: A Biography* (1999), and the editor of *British Documents on the End of Empire: Central Africa* (2005). He is also co-editor of *The Journal of Imperial and Commonwealth History*. His study of the British Monarchy and the Post-War Commonwealth, *Monarchy and the End of Empire*, will be published by Oxford University Press in December 2013



**Katherine Ellis MPA (Harvard),  
M.e-Bus, B.Com, Dip. Youth Work  
Director and Head of Youth Affairs  
Division Commonwealth Secretariat**

***Monday 12th August  
10.45-12.00***

***Panel Discussion -Shaping tomorrow's  
Commonwealth. How can Student Leaders help Shape the  
Commonwealth?***

Katherine Ellis joined the Commonwealth Secretariat as Director and Head of Youth Affairs in March 2012. She brings over 20 years' diverse experience in senior positions across the private, public and

civil society sectors, with extensive expertise in youth development, organizational leadership, and cross-sectoral collaboration.

Katherine's first career in international business provided an excellent basis for a successful transition into social impact, and she has successfully led, transformed, created and advised a number of youth development focused civil society organisations. Katherine brings to her role a unique blend of expertise in youth-led social impact, youth enterprise, and youth leadership and volunteering, combined with organizational development, service delivery, cross-sectoral partnership building and youth policy. .”

An Australian citizen, Katherine holds a Master in Public Administration from the Harvard Kennedy School, a Master in e-Business, a Bachelor of Commerce, and a Diploma of Youth Work.



### **Layne Robinson**

**Programme Officer, Youth Affairs  
Division Commonwealth Secretariat**

***Monday 12th August***

***10.45-12.00***

***Panel Discussion -Shaping tomorrow's  
Commonwealth. How can Student  
Leaders help Shape the Commonwealth?***

Layne Robinson is currently Programme Officer in the Youth Affairs Division of the Commonwealth Secretariat responsible for the Governance, Development and Youth Networks Programme. He is also responsible for coordinating the Youth Work, Education and Training programmes in the Commonwealth Youth Programme.

His academic background spans the fields of Politics, Economics, and Sociology. He holds degree in Economics and Political Science, (B.Sc. (Hons)); and a post graduate degree in Economic Development Policy (M.Sc)



## **Daniel Wilson**

**Caribbean Region Representative  
Commonwealth Students' Association**

***Monday 12th August  
10.45-12.00***

***Panel Discussion -Shaping tomorrow's  
Commonwealth. How can Student  
Leaders help Shape the Commonwealth?***

Daniel Wilson is heavily involved in one of his passions, which is Student Leadership and has just completed his term as President of the Guild of Students at the Mona Campus of the UWI. No stranger to Student Leadership Daniel was Vice-President and Commuting Students Representative two consecutive years before Presidency. In his leadership roles, Daniel had worked to mobilize students for positive action; he has also worked to create opportunities for students to be meaningfully engaged in decision making processes with regards to tertiary education in Jamaica.

Daniel has a Bachelor's Degree in Tourism Management and is pursuing a Masters in Government, specialising in Public Sector Management



## **Tamara Babao-Sadgrove**

**Papua New Guinea Commonwealth  
Representative**

***Monday 12th August  
12.00***

***International Youth Day Address***

Tamara Babao-Sadgrove has worked in Youth Development for almost 10 years now. She worked at Save the Children in Papua New Guinea with out of school, unemployed youth from settlements and villages providing awareness and advocacy on Youth Participation, health, development and leadership Issues.

Committed to the development of young people, Tamara completed a Youth Fellowship in Geneva, Switzerland with UNAIDS in 2008. Her role here included advocating and advising UNAIDS on Youth and the issues they face related to HIV & AIDS and Sexual Health Issues in developing countries. She has represented Papua New Guinea at a number of international meetings including the Oxfam International Youth Parliament in 2004, International AIDS Conference in Canada, 2006, the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting in Australia, 2011, Pacific Youth Leadership and Integrity Conference in Solomon Islands ,2012 and the Commonwealth Youth Ministers Meeting in Papua New Guinea, 2013.



## **Francesca Danmole**

**UK Youth Commonwealth Representative**

***Monday 12th August***

***12.00***

***International Youth Day Address***

***Launch of Commonwealth Students' Association Strategic Plan and Website***

Francesca Danmole professional experiences include working with a UK Government Youth Service to facilitate interventions aimed at reducing the number of 'idle' young people (not in education, employment or training 16 – 25 year olds); and as a Widening Participation Ambassador; addressing the barriers that prevent young people from socio-economically disadvantaged and black and minority ethnic backgrounds in the UK from entering higher education.

Francesca consults and speaks on youth participation, development and leadership. She has also worked extensively with government departments, International CSO's and various youth initiatives across Africa, Asia, Australasia and the Caribbean; and is currently a Non-Executive Director for the British Youth Council.

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Francesca was named a 'Future Leader' by Powerful Media (UK) in 2010; and awarded the Samuel Coleridge Taylor Award for her Service to her Community by the ACES Project (UK) in 2009.