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## Regular conferences

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Where the address of the organising body is not indicated it can be found within the official and unofficial sections of this book.

### **ACU CONFERENCE OF EXECUTIVE HEADS OF COMMONWEALTH UNIVERSITIES**

- Organised by The Association of Commonwealth Universities (ACU).  
Frequency Twice in each five years.  
Attended by The executive heads (vice-chancellors, presidents and principals) of ACU member universities.  
Purpose To provide opportunities for personal contact and informal exchange of views and experience, as well as for formal discussion.  
Next conference August 1978, University of Western Ontario, Canada.

### **ASSEMBLY OF HEALTH MINISTERS OF WEST AFRICA**

- Organised by West African Health Secretariat.  
Frequency Twice yearly.  
Attended by Ministers of Health from The Gambia, Sierra Leone, Liberia, Ghana and Nigeria.  
Purpose The Assembly, which is the governing council of the West African Health Secretariat, enables co-operation in health matters between member Governments.

### **B.C.E.L. TRIENNIAL CONFERENCE**

- Organised by The British Commonwealth Ex-Services League.  
Attended by Representatives of the 45 member organisations of BCEL, from throughout the Commonwealth.  
Purpose To report progress, review the future and consider requirements for the well-being of 17 million Commonwealth ex-servicemen.  
Next conference May 1977, Edinburgh, Scotland.

### **CAA CONFERENCE**

- Organised by Commonwealth Association of Architects.  
Frequency Every two or three years.  
Attended by Representatives of member institutes, usually professional architects.  
Purpose Policy discussions; it is the governing body of CAA.  
Next conference September/October 1978, Hong Kong.

### **CBA GENERAL CONFERENCE**

- Organised by Commonwealth Broadcasting Association.  
Frequency Biennial.  
Attended by Directors-general, general managers, directors, controllers and directors of engineering of CBA member organisations.  
Purpose To discuss all aspects of broadcasting development in Commonwealth countries, exchange ideas and experience, and explore further areas for co-operation in Commonwealth broadcasting.  
Next conference September/October 1978, Mauritius.

### **COMMONWEALTH ADVISORY AERONAUTICAL RESEARCH COUNCIL**

Frequency	Every two or three years.
Attended by	Official representatives of sponsoring government departments or other official organisations, often with some additional independent delegates from universities or industry.
Purpose	To identify research problems in aeronautics and allied subjects which are of common interest to two or more member countries, and to provide a means for co-ordinating research effort, and the exchange of information, on them.
Next conference	September(?)1978, New Zealand or Canada.

### **COMMONWEALTH AGRICULTURAL BUREAUX REVIEW CONFERENCE**

Frequency	Every five years.
Attended by	Ministerial-level delegates.
Purpose	To review the previous five years' work, to set plans for the next five, and to consider estimates.
Next conference	1980, London, Britain.

### **COMMONWEALTH AIR TRANSPORT COUNCIL CONFERENCE**

Frequency	Every two or three years.
Attended by	Directors-general of civil aviation; the chairman is the minister responsible for civil aviation in the host country.
Purpose	To promote the exchange of views and information on civil aviation matters between members of the Commonwealth.
Next conference	Possibly in Autumn 1978, London, Britain.

### **COMMONWEALTH CONFERENCE ON PLANT PATHOLOGY**

Organised by	Commonwealth Agricultural Bureaux.
Frequency	Every five years.
Attended by	Ministers and officials.
Purpose	To review preceding five years' work, to plan for the succeeding five years, and to consider estimates.
Next conference	1980, London, Britain.

### **COMMONWEALTH DEFENCE CONFERENCE ON OPERATIONAL CLOTHING AND COMBAT EQUIPMENT**

Organised by	Commonwealth Committee on Defence (Operational Clothing and Combat Equipment).
Attended by	Military, professional and official representatives.
Purpose	To encourage and foster Commonwealth co-operation in research development, design and inspection, and the use of operational and protective clothing and combat equipment; to consider new ideas and review progress; to encourage the exchange of technical information and samples; and to report research matters to the Commonwealth Defence Science Organisation.
Next conference	28 August–8 September 1978, in Ghana (the twelfth conference).

### **COMMONWEALTH DEFENCE SCIENCE ORGANISATION CONFERENCE**

Frequency	Every two and a half to three years, as the need for discussion arises.
Attended by	Official and professional representatives.
Purpose	Depends upon the subject proposed for discussion.
Next conference	5-9 June 1978, in Toronto, Canada.

### **COMMONWEALTH EDUCATION CONFERENCE**

Organised by	Commonwealth Secretariat.
Frequency	Triennial.
Attended by	Ministers of Education and their officials.
Purpose	To review progress in educational co-operation and to make recommendations for action in the succeeding three years.
Next conference	1980, in Asia (provisional).

### **COMMONWEALTH ENGINEERS' COUNCIL**

Frequency	Biennial.
Attended by	Presidents and secretaries of member institutions, usually professional engineers.
Purpose	To aid the advancement of engineering science and practice for the benefit of mankind; and to advance the common aims and objectives of member institutions.
Next conference	1977, London, Britain.

### **COMMONWEALTH ENTOMOLOGICAL CONFERENCE**

Organised by	Commonwealth Agricultural Bureaux.
Frequency	Every five years.
Attended by	Ministers and officials.
Purpose	To review preceding five years' work, to plan for the succeeding five years, and to consider estimates.
Next conference	1980, London, Britain.

### **COMMONWEALTH FINANCE MINISTERS MEETING**

Organised by	Commonwealth Secretariat.
Frequency	Annual.
Attended by	Ministers.
Purpose	To discuss international monetary and economic issues, with particular reference to the Commonwealth.
Next meeting	September 1977, Barbados.

### **COMMONWEALTH FORESTRY CONFERENCE**

Organised by	Standing Committee on Commonwealth Forestry.
Frequency	Approximately six yearly.
Attended by	Chairman, director-general and commissioners of the Forestry Commission; professional representatives from the Commonwealth Forestry Institute, Commonwealth Forestry Bureau, Commonwealth Forestry Association, Princes Risborough Laboratory, Forestry Commission (Britain) and the Commonwealth heads of forest services.
Purpose	To examine the forestry situation in the countries represented; offer opportunities for discussion on problems; and to promote

and encourage further developments in forest research, education and forest technology.  
Next conference The eleventh conference will be in 1980, provisionally in Trinidad and Tobago.

### **COMMONWEALTH HEADS OF GOVERNMENT MEETING**

Organised by Commonwealth Secretariat.  
Frequency Biennial.  
Attended by The Heads of Government of Commonwealth member countries.  
Purpose To discuss international developments and to consider areas for practical co-operation among members. The aim is to ensure that all Governments have a common understanding of each other's problems and the world's, and of the policies which each is separately pursuing.  
Next conference 1979, Lusaka, Zambia.

### **COMMONWEALTH LAW CONFERENCE**

Organised by The bar associations and law society in the host country—in 1977 the Faculty of Advocates and the Law Society of Scotland (P.O. Box 75, 26 Drumsheugh Gardens, Edinburgh EH3 7YR. Tel: 031-226 7411).  
Frequency Every five years.  
Attended by Judges, law officers and salaried lawyers; and (the majority) lawyers in private practice throughout the Commonwealth.  
Purpose The conference is the principal forum for consultation and co-operation by the legal profession in the Commonwealth as a whole.  
Next conference 24-29 July 1977, Edinburgh, Scotland.

### **COMMONWEALTH LAW MINISTERS MEETING**

Organised by Commonwealth Secretariat.  
Frequency Biennial.  
Attended by Ministers and their officials.  
Purpose To review progress in legal co-operation within the Commonwealth, to exchange experiences and ideas, and to make recommendations for future co-operation.  
Next meeting August 1977, Winnipeg, Canada.

### **COMMONWEALTH MAGISTRATES CONFERENCE**

Organised by Commonwealth Magistrates Association.  
Frequency Between one and four years.  
Attended by Members of judiciary of all levels from chief justices to adjudicators in customary courts, and advocates.  
Purpose To discuss subjects of common interest; to stimulate further training for personnel in courts, especially the lower courts, and to establish contact between magistrates within the Commonwealth.  
Next conference July 1978 or 1979, Oxford, Britain.

## **COMMONWEALTH MEDICAL ASSOCIATION COUNCIL**

Frequency Triennial.  
Attended by Professionals.  
Purpose To provide the opportunity for the governing body to formulate policy, and to discuss scientific and professional matters.  
Next meeting 1979, Kenya.

## **COMMONWEALTH MEDICAL CONFERENCE**

Organised by Commonwealth Secretariat.  
Frequency Triennial.  
Attended by Ministers and their officials.  
Purpose To discuss health problems common to member countries; to consider 'ways of improving health; to determine priorities for national and multilateral action; to decide how Governments can best co-operate for the improvement of the health of their peoples; and to draw up guidelines for action by Governments, regional groupings and the Commonwealth Secretariat.  
Next conference 15-25 November 1977, Wellington, New Zealand.

## **COMMONWEALTH PARLIAMENTARY CONFERENCE**

Organised by Commonwealth Parliamentary Association.  
Frequency Annual.  
Attended by Ministers and back-bench Members of Parliament.  
Purpose To discuss matters of common interest among Commonwealth legislators with particular reference to the countries of the Commonwealth; and to promote knowledge of the Commonwealth and of parliamentary institutions.  
Next conference 10-25 September 1977, Ottawa, Canada.

## **COMMONWEALTH PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE**

Frequency Every five years.  
Attended by Ministers (of the host country) and professionals.  
Purpose To present and discuss papers on education, law, practice and professional standards in pharmacy.  
Next conference Trinidad, 1982.

## **COMMONWEALTH SCIENCE COUNCIL MEETING**

Organised by Commonwealth Science Council, in co-operation with a member organisation in the host country.  
Frequency Biennial.  
Attended by The heads of national science councils or similar bodies.  
Purpose To review progress on scientific and technological collaboration among members during the preceding two years; and to formulate policies and programmes for promoting science and technology collaboration during the next two years.  
Next meeting The tenth, in August/September 1978, Georgetown, Guyana.

## **COMMONWEALTH SENIOR OFFICIALS MEETING**

Organised by	Commonwealth Secretariat.
Frequency	Biennial.
Attended by	Cabinet secretaries and permanent secretaries to Governments.
Purpose	To provide continuity between Commonwealth Heads of Government Meetings; to exchange views on current international developments; to discuss techniques of government; and to review the activities of the Commonwealth Secretariat.
Next conference	1978, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

## **COMMONWEALTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS CONFERENCE**

Organised by	Commonwealth Telecommunications Bureau in association with the responsible administration in the host country.
Frequency	Usually triennial.
Attended by	Senior officials of Governments.
Purpose	To promote the efficient exploitation and development of the Commonwealth external telecommunications system; to encourage and participate in consultation between Commonwealth countries; to provide machinery for such consultation, for the dissemination of advice and information in the field, and for the administration of collaborative financial arrangements.
Next meeting	30 May–10 June 1977, Sydney, Australia.

## **COMMONWEALTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS COUNCIL**

Organised by	Commonwealth Telecommunications Bureau in association with responsible administration in the host country.
Frequency	Annual.
Attended by	Senior officials of the external telecommunications administration, or other officials of equivalent status.
Purpose	See entry for Commonwealth Telecommunications Conference.
Next meeting	19-26 May 1977, Auckland, New Zealand.

## **COMMONWEALTH YOUTH AFFAIRS COUNCIL**

Organised by	Commonwealth Secretariat.
Frequency	Biennial, and such other meetings as requested by the Commonwealth Youth Programme's Committee of Management, or by the Commonwealth Secretary-General.
Attended by	Ministers, senior officials responsible for youth programmes, and—as advisers within national delegations—professional and youth representatives.
Purpose	To formulate CYP general policies (including guidelines on the operation and management of the Programme); to approve financial estimates or plans of expenditure and audited financial statements; and to submit reports on CYP operations for consideration by Governments. (The CYAC may delegate authority to the CYP Committee of Management during the interval between Council meetings.)

## **CONFERENCE OF THE COMMONWEALTH ASSOCIATION OF PLANNERS**

- Frequency At least once every four years.  
Attended by Representatives of member organisations from throughout the Commonwealth, usually professional planners.  
Purpose The conference is CAP's governing body.  
Next conference January 1980 (provisional).

## **CONFERENCE OF COMMONWEALTH AUDITORS GENERAL**

- Organised by The audit department of the host country. A central liaison is maintained by the British Exchequer and Audit Department, Audit House, Victoria Embankment, London EC4Y 0DS. Tel: 01-353 8901.  
Frequency Triennial.  
Attended by Auditors general.  
Purpose To enable auditors general to discuss subjects of common interest and to pool experience.  
Next conference October 1978, London, Britain.

## **CONFERENCE OF COMMONWEALTH METEOROLOGISTS**

- Organised by British Meteorological Office, London Road, Bracknell, Berkshire RG12 2SZ, Britain. Tel: Bracknell 20242 Ext. 2377.  
Frequency Every four years.  
Attended by Directors of meteorological services.  
Purpose The conference takes place immediately after the World Meteorological Congress in Geneva, and provides an opportunity for an informal exchange of ideas on developments and common problems in meteorology.  
Next conference May/June 1979, Reading, Britain.

## **CONFERENCE OF COMMONWEALTH POSTAL ADMINISTRATIONS**

- Organised by The administration of the host country. A central liaison is maintained by the Post and Telecommunications Division, Department of Industry, Waterloo Bridge House, Waterloo Road, London SE1 8UA. Tel: 01-275 3277.  
Frequency Every two or three years.  
Attended by Officials of postal administrations.  
Purpose To discuss international postal matters of common concern, especially those which touch upon the activities of the Universal Postal Union.  
Next conference The fourth, in 1978, Malaysia.

## **CONFERENCE OF COMMONWEALTH STATISTICIANS**

- Organised by The Government or government agency of the host country. The eighth conference in November/December 1975, Bridgetown, Barbados, was organised on behalf of four Commonwealth Caribbean Governments—Barbados, Guyana, Jamaica, Trinidad and Tobago—by the Institute of Social and Economic Research, University of the West Indies, St. Augustine, Trinidad.  
Frequency Every five years.

- Attended by Heads of the statistical offices of Commonwealth Governments and some senior officials, and observers from certain inter-governmental bodies including the U.N. Statistical Office.
- Purpose To promote and continue contacts between the senior officials in each Commonwealth country who are responsible for the preparation of statistics; to discuss concepts and methods; and to extend mutual assistance in solving common problems.

### **CONFERENCE OF COMMONWEALTH SURVEY OFFICERS**

- Organised by Directorate of Overseas Surveys, Ministry of Overseas Development, Kingston Road, Tolworth, Surbiton, Surrey KT5 9NS, Britain. Tel: 01-337 8661.
- Frequency Every four years.
- Attended by Heads of government survey departments, private and academic organisations.
- Purpose To discuss the techniques and uses of surveying and map making with special reference to developing areas.
- Next conference 1979, Cambridge, Britain.

### **CONFERENCE OF EAST, CENTRAL AND SOUTHERN AFRICAN MINISTERS OF HEALTH, CHIEF MEDICAL OFFICERS AND ADVISERS**

- Organised by Commonwealth Regional Health Secretariat, Arusha.
- Frequency Annual.
- Attended by Health Ministers, chief medical officers and advisers of the 10 member countries of the Secretariat.
- Purpose To foster regional co-operation in health through exchange of experiences, co-operation and co-ordination of research and training programmes.

### **CONFERENCE OF THE ROYAL AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY OF THE COMMONWEALTH**

- Frequency Biennial.
- Attended by Practising farmers from Commonwealth countries.
- Purpose For the interchange of knowledge and experience in the practice and science of agriculture, with a view to improving methods of crop production and breeding livestock, and to improving the efficiency of agricultural implements and machinery.
- Next conference In two parts: the first 24, 25 November 1977, Regina, Saskatchewan, Canada; the second on 29, 30 November 1977, Ocho Rios, Jamaica.

### **CONFERENCE OF SPEAKERS AND PRESIDING OFFICERS OF COMMONWEALTH PARLIAMENTS**

- Organised by Conference Standing Committee. Secretary: Philip Laundy, Director, Research Branch, Library of Parliament, House of Commons, Ottawa, Canada. Tel: 613-992 1132.
- Frequency Approximately every two years.
- Attended by Speakers and presiding officers.
- Purpose To provide a forum for the discussion of parliamentary procedure and other matters of common interest.
- Next conference 1978, Australia.

## **CONGRESS OF COMMONWEALTH MINING AND METALLURGICAL INSTITUTIONS**

- Organised by Commonwealth Council of Mining and Metallurgical Institutions.  
Frequency Every four or five years.  
Attended by Representatives of the constituent bodies of the Council, and other professionals from non-member institutions.  
Purpose To promote the development of mineral resources within the Commonwealth by sharing of ideas and experience, and by co-operative action.  
Next congress The eleventh, 6-12 May 1978, Hong Kong.

## **CONGRESS OF THE UNIVERSITIES OF THE COMMONWEALTH**

- Organised by Association of Commonwealth Universities.  
Frequency Every five years.  
Attended by Nominated representatives of member universities of the ACU.  
Purpose To provide opportunities for personal contact and informal exchange of views and experience as well as for formal discussion.  
Next congress August 1978, University of British Columbia, Canada.

## **GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE COMMONWEALTH ASSOCIATION OF SURVEYING AND LAND ECONOMY**

- Frequency Every four or five years.  
Attended by Government Ministers and officials, and professionals.  
Purpose The General Assembly is CASLE's governing body, made up of representatives of member societies. The occasion also provides for meetings of the executive committee, the Commonwealth Board of Surveying Education, and for symposia or regional gatherings.  
Next meeting Fourth General Assembly, March 1982, London, Britain.

## **MEETING OF COMMONWEALTH REPRESENTATIVES PRIOR TO THE WORLD HEALTH ASSEMBLY (Pre-WHA Meeting)**

- Organised by Commonwealth Secretariat.  
Frequency Annual.  
Attended by Ministers of Health, and their officials.  
Purpose To review action on Commonwealth Medical Conference recommendations; to discuss selected health topics of common interest; and to consider the agenda and arrangements for the next conference.  
Next meeting May 1978, Geneva.

## **QUADRENNIAL COMMONWEALTH PRESS CONFERENCE**

- Organised by Commonwealth Press Union.  
Frequency Every four years.  
Attended by Publishers, senior editors, newspaper managers, etc.  
Purpose To discuss the widest range of matters affecting the Commonwealth press generally, including new technological advances, training of journalists, press telecommunications, editorial and management problems, etc.  
Next conference 8-26 September 1978, Canada.

**ROYAL LIFE SAVING SOCIETY COMMONWEALTH  
CONFERENCE**

- Organised by Royal Life Saving Society, 14 Devonshire Street, London W1N  
2AT Tel: 01-580 5678/9.
- Frequency Every five years.
- Attended by RLSS Commonwealth Council (including High Commissioners in  
London), and delegates from RLSS national branches in Britain,  
Canada, Australia, New Zealand, Malaysia, etc.
- Purpose The exchange of information concerning life-saving techniques  
and education; and the development of life saving throughout the  
world.
- Next conference May 1981, London, Britain.

**TRIENNIAL CONFERENCE OF THE ASSOCIATION  
FOR COMMONWEALTH LITERATURE AND  
LANGUAGE STUDIES**

- Attended by Members of ACLALS. including academics, writers, critics,  
editors and publishers.
- Purpose To enable an exchange of views on Commonwealth literature and  
language; papers and discussion are based on a selected theme.
- Next conference The fifth, in 1980.