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COMMONWEALTH ORGANISATIONS AND SOURCES OF INFORMATION

The vitality of the Commonwealth relationship is expressed through multilateral consultation at many levels and through practical co-operation in a great variety of activities. An extensive network of Commonwealth links draws together not only government representatives but also people from many other walks of life who avail themselves of the opportunities provided by Commonwealth organisations for mutual service and friendship. This paper is designed to provide guidance to these organisations and to indicate the type of information they offer.

Because information sought is likely to be in specific fields of Commonwealth activity, the societies, professional associations, academic institutions, libraries, and other bodies have been arranged under the subject headings listed on the contents page. A quick reference index is provided at the end of the paper.

In addition to Commonwealth-wide organisations, a number of regional bodies exist. Since some of these have associated institutions which deal with such subjects as communications, education or health, the Regional Organisations section on page 34 should be borne in mind by the reader who requires a comprehensive view of Commonwealth involvement in a given field.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Commonwealth Secretariat
Marlborough House
Pall Mall
London SW1Y 5HX
Tel: 01-839 3411

The Secretariat is an international body at the service of all member countries of the Commonwealth. It is the main agency for multilateral communication between Commonwealth governments. It promotes consultation and disseminates information on matters of common concern; organises and services meetings and conferences; co-ordinates many Commonwealth activities and provides technical assistance for development.

The work of the Secretariat is concerned primarily with international affairs, trade and finance, development aid, commodities, education, health, the law, science, youth and Commonwealth information.

Publications: include reports of the Commonwealth Secretary-General, general

information material on the Commonwealth and its multilateral activities, research papers, annual reports on Commonwealth trade and aid, regular commodity bulletins and reviews, reports of conferences and seminars, journals and directories. A full publications list is available. See also the Information Programme booklet "The Commonwealth Secretariat".

INFORMATION ON MEMBER COUNTRIES

Information on individual countries of the Commonwealth may be obtained from their government information services and from their diplomatic, consular and tourist offices.

Commonwealth Institute
Kensington High Street
London W8 6NQ
Tel: 01-602 3252

Designed to promote knowledge and understanding of the Commonwealth and its peoples, the Institute houses permanent three-dimensional displays illustrating conditions of life in each Commonwealth country. Visiting parties from schools are given talks on the Commonwealth, there are film shows and performances by groups from member countries in the theatre, and exhibitions are mounted in the Institute's art gallery. The Institute produces material on individual countries for use by teachers and students, and arranges lectures and conferences. The British Government makes an annual grant to the Institute; other Commonwealth governments pay for their country exhibits and contribute towards their maintenance. Each government is represented on the Board of Governors and the Commonwealth Secretary-General is also a member.

Publications: include teachers' guides, occasional papers, Commonwealth study kits, information packs and reading lists. A publications list/order form is available. Reference materials (books, slides, filmstrips, maps) may be borrowed free of charge.

Commonwealth Institute, Scotland
8 Rutland Square
Edinburgh EH1 2AS
Tel: 031-229 6668

Operates independently in Scotland within the broad policy of the Institute's Board of Governors. It offers most of the same extra-mural educational services as does the Institute in London, geared to Scottish needs, but has no permanent exhibition galleries or cinema.

AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY

see also "Scientific Research"

Commonwealth Agricultural
Bureaux
Farnham House
Farnham Royal
Slough SL2 3BN
Tel: Farnham Common 2281

The CAB consist of ten bureaux and four institutes governed by an executive council of the nominees of Commonwealth member governments. The bureaux act as clearing houses for information on research in specialised fields of agricultural science. The institutes, in addition to providing information services, carry out identification work of specimens in their areas of knowledge.

A Publications List includes the occasional publications of the member bodies.

- Commonwealth Bureau of
Agricultural Economics
Dartington House
Little Clarendon Street
Oxford OX1 2HH
Tel: Oxford 59829

Periodicals: "World Agricultural Economics and Rural Sociology Abstracts"

- Commonwealth Bureau of
Animal Breeding and
Genetics
Animal Breeding Research
Organisation
The King's Buildings
West Mains Road
Edinburgh EH9 3JX
Tel: Newington 6901

Periodicals: "Animal Breeding Abstracts"

- Commonwealth Bureau of
Animal Health
Central Veterinary
Laboratory
New Haw
Weybridge
Surrey
Tel: Byfleet 42826

Periodicals: "The Veterinary Bulletin" and "Index Veterinarius"

- Commonwealth Bureau of
Animal Nutrition
Rowett Research Institute
Bucksburn
Aberdeen AB2 95B
Tel: Bucksburn 2162

Periodical: "Nutrition Abstracts and Reviews"

- Commonwealth Bureau of Dairy Science and Technology
National Institute for Research in Dairying
Shinfield
Reading RG2 9AT
Tel: Reading 883895

Periodicals: "Dairy Science Abstracts" and "Food Science and Technology Abstracts" in collaboration with the Institut für Dokumentationswesen, Frankfurt, and the Institute of Food Technologists, Chicago and Centrum voor Landbouwpublikaties en Landbouwdocumentatie, Wageningen.
- Commonwealth Forestry Bureau
Commonwealth Forestry Institute
South Parks Road
Oxford OX1 3RD
Tel: Oxford 57185

Periodicals: "Forestry Abstracts"
- Commonwealth Bureau of Horticulture and Plantation Crops
East Malling Research Station
Near Maidstone
Kent
Tel: West Malling 3033

Periodicals: "Horticultural Abstracts."
- Commonwealth Bureau of Pastures and Field Crops
Hurley
Near Maidenhead
Berks
Tel: Littlewick Green 3457

Periodicals: "Field Crop Abstracts" and "Herbage Abstracts".
- Commonwealth Bureau of Plant Breeding and Genetics
Department of Applied Biology
Pembroke Street
Cambridge CB2 3BX
Tel: Cambridge 58381

Periodicals: "Plant Breeding Abstracts".
- Commonwealth Bureau of Soils
Rothamsted Experimental Station
Harpenden
Herts
Tel: Harpenden 4671

Periodical: "Soils and Fertilizers."
- Commonwealth Institute of Entomology
56 Queen's Gate
London SW7 5JR
Tel: 01-589 6323

Periodicals: "Review of Plant Pathology, Series A and Series B", "Bulletin of Entomological Research" and "Distribution Maps of Pests."

- Commonwealth Mycological
Institute
Ferry Lane
Kew
Surrey

Tel: 01-940 4086/7

- Commonwealth Institute of
Biological Control
Gordon Street
Curepe
Trinidad W I

- Commonwealth Institute of
Helminthology
The White House
103 St. Peter's Street
St Albans
Herts

Tel: St Albans 52126

Commonwealth Forestry
Association
18 Northumberland Avenue
London WC2N 5BJ

Tel: 01-930 7209

Commonwealth Forestry
Institute
University of Oxford
South Parks Road
Oxford OX1 3RD

Tel: Oxford 57891

Royal Agricultural Society of
the Commonwealth
Robarts House
Rossmore Road
London NW1 6NP

Tel: 01-723 8021

Periodicals: "Review of Medical and
Veterinary Mycology", "Distribution Maps
of Plant Diseases", "Commonwealth
Phytopathological News", and "Review of
Plant Pathology".

Periodical: "Catalogue of the Parasites
and Predators of Insect Pests".

Periodicals: "Helminthological Abstracts,
Series A and Series B".

The Association's objects are to foster
public interest in forestry; to secure
general recognition of the dependence of
timber supply on forestry management; to
collect and circulate information; and to
form a centre and a means of communication
for those concerned with forestry and
forest products.

Publications: "Commonwealth Forestry
Review" (quarterly); "Commonwealth
Forestry Handbook".

Accommodates the Commonwealth Forestry
Bureau (see above) and the University of
Oxford's Department of Forestry. The
Department carries out teaching, research
and advanced study in forestry subjects,
with financial contributions for specific
research purposes from Commonwealth
governments. Much, though not all, of the
research work done in the Institute concerns
tropical forestry. The departmental library,
the forest herbarium and the collection of
wood specimens are among the most com-
prehensive in the world.

The principal object of this federation of
national agricultural societies within the
Commonwealth is to encourage and arrange
the interchange of knowledge and experience
in the practice and science of agriculture
with a view to improving methods of both
crop production and the breeding of live-
stock, to increasing the efficiency of agri-

cultural implements and machinery, and to encouraging the exchange and settlement of young farmers within the Commonwealth. An important part of the Society's work is the exchange of ideas and information on new techniques with special reference to agricultural shows and exhibitions, and on the needs of the agricultural community.

Publications: printed reports of biennial conferences.

Standing Committee on Commonwealth Forestry
25 Savile Row
London W1X 2AY
Tel: 01-734 0221

Provides continuity between the quinquennial Commonwealth Forestry Conferences at which are discussed questions of forestry policy in the Commonwealth and wider technical aspects of forestry. The Standing Committee takes action on conference resolutions, provides a forum for discussion of forestry matters and arranges inter-conference meetings as required.

Publications: "Proceedings, Committee Reports and Resolutions of the Commonwealth Forestry Conference". Papers prepared for the conferences are also published.

COMMERCE

Commonwealth Industries Association Ltd
6/14 Dean Farrar Street
London SW1H 0DX
Tel: 01-222 4120

The intention of this Association is to act as a focal point in Britain for those with interests in overseas trade, particularly with other Commonwealth countries. It maintains close contact with both Houses of Parliament through a Parliamentary Committee. The Association seeks the strengthening of ties between Britain and other Commonwealth countries by ensuring a continuing market for Commonwealth goods in Britain and for British goods in the Commonwealth; encouraging capital investment and technical co-operation; fostering intra-Commonwealth transport services; and working towards stability in the prices of primary products.

Commonwealth Producers' Organisation
25 Victoria Street
Westminster
London SW1H 0EX
Tel: 01-222 2951

Exists to promote the interests of Commonwealth primary producers and the development of reciprocal trade within the Commonwealth. Its services include research for producer members, supply of information and advice and publication of information material. The Organisation has links with most member countries of the Commonwealth.

Federation of Commonwealth
Chambers of Commerce
69 Cannon Street
London EC4N 5AB
Tel: 01-248 4444

Publications: "Commonwealth Producer"
(bi-monthly); Occasional newsletters.

The Federation aims to promote Commonwealth trade, not only among Commonwealth countries but also with the rest of the world, by acting as a linking and liaison organisation and by disseminating information and developing practical contacts between Commonwealth businessmen. A Congress is organised every two years and regular bilateral discussions take place between Chambers of Commerce in various Commonwealth countries.

Publications: "Commonwealth and European Focus" (fortnightly); "Directory of Commonwealth Chambers of Commerce"; Congress reports and background papers.

COMMONWEALTH STUDIES

Association for Commonwealth
Literature and Language
Studies
Department of Postgraduate
Studies and Research in
English
University of Mysore
Manasagangotri
Mysore 6
India

The purpose of the Association is to encourage study and research in Commonwealth literatures and language and related fields of study. It seeks to encourage comparative studies; the investigation of the relationships between literature in English and indigenous literatures and languages and of new kinds of English; and the use of mass media of communication in connection with Commonwealth literature and languages.

Two regional branches of ACLALS are listed below. Their newsletters contain material of general Commonwealth interest.

- Canadian Association for
Commonwealth Literature
and Language Studies
University of Saskatchewan
Saskatoon
Saskatchewan
Canada S7N 0W0

CACLALS holds annual meetings, acts as an agent for its members and for Canadian libraries in selling Commonwealth material otherwise difficult to obtain, and conducts surveys of Commonwealth studies in Canada.

Publication: "Moko" (six-monthly).

- European Branch
Association for Commonwealth
Literature and
Language Studies
English Department
University of Aarhus
8000 Aarhus C
Denmark

The aim of the branch is to encourage and promote Commonwealth studies in European universities and schools. At least 20 new centres of Commonwealth studies were established in 1973. The branch conducts annual conferences.

Publication: "Commonwealth Newsletter", containing articles and reading lists on Commonwealth writers.

Center for Commonwealth Studies
Duke University
Durham
North Carolina 27706
USA

The Center supports research, graduate studies and publications on Commonwealth countries and on the Commonwealth as an international association. Commonwealth fellowships in economics, history or political science are offered annually to candidates from Australia, Canada and New Zealand. The University library is building up a collection of Commonwealth material with an emphasis on government publications.

Publications: Annual Report, seminar papers, reprint series and hard cover books. A publications list is available.

Institute of Commonwealth and
Comparative Studies
Queen's University
Kingston
Ontario
Canada
Tel: (613) 5475511

The Institute was established to concentrate, co-ordinate and encourage interdisciplinary studies in comparative Commonwealth and other areas at undergraduate and post-graduate levels. Its sponsors include the Departments of Economics, English, French, Geography, History, Political Studies and Sociology, and the Faculty of Law.

Institute of Commonwealth
Studies
University of London
27 Russell Square
London WC1B 5DS
Tel: 01-580 5876

Established to promote advanced study of the Commonwealth, the Institute's primary field of interest is that of the social sciences and recent history. Its reference library places emphasis on primary material relating to government, economic and social development, race relations and demography.

Publications: "Journal of Commonwealth and Comparative Politics" (three times a year); "Select List of Accessions"; "Theses in Progress in Commonwealth Studies"; "Commonwealth Papers" - a series of occasional papers; "Collected Seminar Papers".

Institute of Commonwealth
Studies
University of Oxford
Queen Elizabeth House
21 St Giles
Oxford
Tel: Oxford 52952/4

A teaching centre for administrators and foreign service officers from developing countries and for postgraduate students of Oxford University. In collaboration with senior university members, the Institute undertakes research and bibliographical work on the history, politics and economics of new states. It houses the Oxford Colonial Records Project and has a small library and press-cutting files. The Institute circulates a reprint series of articles from other publications by members of staff.

Publications: List of accessions and periodicals.

Institute of Modern English
Language Studies
University of Leeds
Leeds LS2 9JT

Established to strengthen links with Commonwealth countries and to help in research work into the language problems facing the developing nations, the Institute encourages research into the English language in its world-wide context.

Publications: "Journal of Commonwealth Literature" (four monthly).

Queen Elizabeth House
21 St. Giles
Oxford

Tel: Oxford 52952

The House is a centre for political, economic, social, administrative, historical, legal and other studies affecting countries in the process of development, both within and outside the Commonwealth. It works in close association with the Oxford Institute of Commonwealth Studies (see page 8) and organises special course, conferences and seminars.

Royal Institute of International
Affairs
Chatham House
10 St James's Square
London SW1

Tel: 01-930 2233

Founded for the advancement of the sciences of international politics, economics and jurisprudence; the provision of information by libraries, publications and in other ways; and the encouragement of similar activities within the Commonwealth. It promotes research in all aspects of international affairs, maintains an extensive international library and press archives, and organises meetings, discussions and study groups for the benefit of its membership, which is limited to Commonwealth citizens.

(Institutes of International or World Affairs are also to be found in other Commonwealth countries: Australia, Canada, Guyana, India, New Zealand, Nigeria, Singapore, Sri Lanka and Trinidad and Tobago.)

Publications: cover a wide range of books, pamphlets and journals, including: "The World Today" (monthly); "International Affairs" (quarterly); Annual Report; "Documents and Speeches on Commonwealth Affairs"; "Survey of Commonwealth Affairs 1953-1969".

Royal Society of Arts
Commonwealth Section
John Adam Street
Adelphi
London WC2N 6EZ

Tel: 01-839 2366

The Royal Society was founded in 1754 for the encouragement of arts, manufactures and commerce. Its library has a lending section devoted to the industrial and fine arts and to economic and technological history, and a reference section containing manuscript archives. An award for documentary film production in the Commonwealth is offered periodically. The Commonwealth

Section bears responsibility for the lectures, papers and meetings on Commonwealth subjects which now comprise this aspect of the Society's work.

Publications: "Journal" (monthly); Prospectus.

COMMUNICATIONS

Commonwealth Air Transport
Council
Sanctuary Building
16-20 Great Smith Street
London SW1P 3DB
Tel: 01-222 7877

The Council keeps under review the progress and development of Commonwealth civil air communications, serves as a medium for the exchange of views and information between Commonwealth countries on civil air transport matters and advises on civil aviation matters referred to it by Commonwealth governments. Ancillary to the Council and performing similar functions, but on a regional basis, is the South Pacific Air Transport Council.

Publications: "CATC Electronics News" (controlled circulation to those concerned with aviation electronics); other restricted publications.

Commonwealth Postal Admini-
strations
c/o Ministry of Posts and
Telecommunications
Waterloo Bridge House
Waterloo Road
London, SE1 8UA
Tel: 01-275 3132

Representatives from postal administrations of Commonwealth member countries and associated states hold regular conferences and meetings to review topics such as rate fixing, airmail development and technical assistance, in order to facilitate Commonwealth co-operation in postal matters.

Commonwealth Telecommuni-
cations Organisation
28 Pall Mall
London SW1
Tel: 01-930 4248
01-930 5511

The Organisation consists of periodic Conferences at governmental level, a Commonwealth Telecommunications Council and the Commonwealth Telecommunications Bureau. Its purpose is to promote the efficient exploitation and development of the Commonwealth external telecommunications systems; to provide machinery for policy consultation between Commonwealth countries; to disseminate information; and to administer joint financial arrangements.

Publications: Annual Telecommunications Traffic Statistics; other restricted publications.

DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE

Colombo Plan Bureau
12 Melbourne Avenue
P O Box 596
Colombo 4
Sri Lanka
Tel: 81813, 81853, 81754

Originally a Commonwealth scheme for a co-operative programme for the economic development of South and South-East Asia, the Colombo Plan now numbers eleven Commonwealth countries among its 27 members. The Bureau advises the Colombo Plan Consultative Committee, prepares statistics and provides information on the Plan.

Publications: "Colombo Plan Newsletter" (monthly); "Technical Co-operation under the Colombo Plan"; Annual Report of the Consultative Committee; information folders.

Commonwealth Development
Corporation
33 Hill Street
London W1A 3AZ
Tel: 01-629 8484

The CDC is a statutory British body which undertakes either alone or in association with others, projects for the promotion or expansion of a wide range of economic enterprises. Originally established to assist the economic development of the then dependent territories of the Commonwealth, CDC now extends its operations to independent Commonwealth members and, with special approval, to a few non-Commonwealth countries. It had investments in 40 countries in 1973.

Commonwealth Fund for
Technical Co-operation
Commonwealth Secretariat
Marlborough House
Pall Mall
London SW1Y 5HX
Tel: 01-839 3411

A multilateral development fund established within the Commonwealth Secretariat by Heads of Government, the CFTC provides technical assistance for economic and social development in Commonwealth developing countries. It has three programmes which deal with general technical assistance, education and training, and export market development. Experts are recruited by the Fund from both developed and developing countries of the Commonwealth to assist in operational or advisory capacities. The education and training programme enables personnel from developing countries to study in other developing Commonwealth countries where conditions are similar and appropriate to their future employment. Certain types of seminars and workshops receive CFTC support.

The Fund is financed by voluntary contributions from all Commonwealth governments. A Board on which each participating country is represented is responsible for formulating the general policies of the Fund.

Between meetings of the Board, policy guidance is given by a Committee of Management. The Commonwealth Secretary-General, who is chairman of the Committee, is responsible for the overall policy direction and operations of the Fund in accordance with guidelines laid down by the Board and the Committee. Day-to-day management and operations are carried out by the Managing Director.

Publications: "The Commonwealth Fund for Technical Co-operation", information booklet.

Special Commonwealth
Programme for Rhodesians
Commonwealth Secretariat
Marlborough House
Pall Mall
London SW1Y 5HX
Tel: 01-839 3411

Under this Programme, established by Heads of Government in 1966 and administered by the Commonwealth Secretariat, more than 1,000 Rhodesian refugees and others outside Rhodesia have obtained study places, scholarships or employment in more than 20 Commonwealth countries. The Programme was expanded in 1972 when Canada made funds available to the Secretariat for the support of Rhodesian students in Commonwealth developing countries. In 1974, Australia and New Zealand contributed to this new scheme, and New Zealand also provided funds for correspondence education within Rhodesia.

EDUCATION

Association of Commonwealth
Teachers
42 Camborne Avenue
London W12
Tel: 01-567 3221

The Association's objects are to foster goodwill and understanding among Commonwealth teachers; to arrange educational talks, seminars and conferences; to further inter-cultural study and the exchange of views; to organise social gatherings and to cater for the special needs of Commonwealth teachers in Britain. Membership largely comprises teachers living in Britain.

Publications: Annual Report; Constitution; Calendar of Events.

Association of Commonwealth
Universities
36 Gordon Square
London WC1H 0PF
Tel: 01-387 8572

A voluntary organisation financed by the subscriptions of its member institutions, the aim of the ACU is to promote contact and co-operation among member universities throughout the Commonwealth. It organises meetings and a quinquennial congress, helps to promote the movement of university staff and students from one Commonwealth country to another and

provides information about Commonwealth universities.

The Association acts as the agent in London of overseas member institutions, particularly in inviting applications and reporting on candidates for vacant appointments. It also undertakes certain responsibilities in connection with the Commonwealth Scholarship and Fellowship Plan (see below). The Association's office is open to enquirers on university matters and its library, containing calendars, handbooks and prospectuses of most Commonwealth university institutions, is available for reference purposes.

Publications: include "ACU Bulletin of Current Documentation" (five issues per year); "Commonwealth Universities Yearbook" (annual); "List of University Institutions in the Commonwealth" (annual); "Awards for Commonwealth University Staff"; "Scholarships Guide for Commonwealth Postgraduate Students"; "Higher Education in the United Kingdom"; "Universities of the Commonwealth" (map); reports of meetings and conferences; and the Secretary-General's Report. A publications list and information booklet are available.

Commonwealth Council for
Educational Administration
Faculty of Education
University of New England
Armidale NSW 2351
Australia

Tel: Armidale (067) 72 2911

The Council aims to foster close links among those concerned with the improvement of educational administration in Commonwealth countries. It organises conferences, seminars and discussions, and sponsors visits by experts from one country to another. Membership is open to all persons in the Commonwealth who are interested in the administration of education.

Publications: "Newsletter" (five issues per year); "Studies in Educational Administration" (series). A Directory of Commonwealth institutions offering courses and qualifications in educational administration is in preparation.

Commonwealth Education
Liaison Committee
Marlborough House
Pall Mall
London SW1Y 5HX
Tel: 01-839 3411

The CELC provides a forum for the consideration of matters of principle arising out of recommendations made at Commonwealth Education Conferences. The Committee comprises representatives of all independent Commonwealth countries and a representative of the

Associated States of the Caribbean. Its members act as the main link between Commonwealth governments and the Commonwealth Secretariat in education matters.

The Committee meets quarterly to keep developments in education under review and to provide advice on matters referred to it by the Secretariat. It contributes to the preparatory work for Commonwealth Education Conferences and other specialised meetings and is closely concerned with the implementation of conference recommendations. A steering committee gives guidance with the CELC Newsletter which is prepared in the Secretariat.

Publications: "CELC Newsletter"; see also "Co-operation in Education" in the Notes on the Commonwealth series published by the Commonwealth Secretariat.

Commonwealth Scholarship and Fellowship Plan

- addresses in individual Commonwealth countries may be obtained from departments/ministries of Education or from the Annual Report of the CSFP

The CSFP was launched at the first Commonwealth Education Conference in 1959. The Plan operates through a co-ordinated series of bilateral arrangements under which member governments award scholarships at their universities or other institutions of higher learning to men and women from other Commonwealth countries. Fellowships and other senior awards are also offered by some countries under the Plan. These include visiting professorships, senior medical fellowships, and academic staff fellowships.

Publications: annual reports on the Plan are prepared by the Association of Commonwealth Universities and published by the Commonwealth Secretariat.

Council for Education in the Commonwealth
18 Northumberland Avenue
London WC2N 5BJ
Tel: 01-930 6733

The object of the Council is the creation of an informed public opinion on the problems of education in the Commonwealth. It holds monthly discussion meetings in the British House of Commons, besides establishing working parties and preparing recommendations for government action.

Publications: Newsletter and background information papers.

League for the Exchange of
Commonwealth Teachers
124 Belgrave Road
London SW1V 2BL
Tel: 01-834 0595

The League promotes friendly and educational relations between Commonwealth countries through the Scheme for the Interchange of Teachers, financed by the British Government. It works in close co-operation with education authorities in those Commonwealth countries which participate in the Scheme.

Publications: Annual Report

HEALTH

Commonwealth East, Central
and Southern African Regional
Health Bureau
c/o Box 1002
Arusha
Tanzania
Tel: 2381

This newly established Bureau is designed to promote co-operation in the medical and public health fields among the Commonwealth governments in the region which it serves. It has a programme of activities in medical and para-medical training and in the control of infectious diseases. The work of the Bureau is financed by contributions from member governments. Assistance with the salaries of senior officials is provided by the Commonwealth Secretariat through the Commonwealth Fund for Technical Co-operation (see page 11).

Commonwealth Medical
Advisory Bureau
British Medical Association
House
Tavistock Square
London WC1H 9JP
Tel: 01-387 4499

The Bureau is maintained by the BMA with assistance from the Commonwealth Foundation to welcome doctors visiting Britain from other parts of the Commonwealth and to give them advice and help during their stay. The Medical Director is assisted by an Advisory Committee which includes representatives of Commonwealth High Commissioners in London and of societies and medical organisations interested in the welfare of the Commonwealth visitors.

Commonwealth Medical
Association
British Medical Association
House
Tavistock Square
London WC1H 9JP
Tel: 01-387 4499

The CMA's aims and objectives are to promote within the Commonwealth the interests of the medical and allied sciences and to maintain the honour and traditions of the profession; to effect the closest possible links between members; and to disseminate news and information. Commonwealth Medical Association Travelling Fellowships enable distinguished physicians or teachers to visit member associations in order to promote the interest of the CMA, to discuss common problems, to deliver lectures and to collect information on behalf of the CMA Council.

Commonwealth Nurses'
Federation
18 Northumberland Avenue
London WC2N 5BJ
Tel: 01-930 1863

Commonwealth Pharmaceutical
Association
17 Bloomsbury Square
London WC1A 2NN
Tel: 01-405 8967

Commonwealth Society for
the Deaf
75 Kinnerton Street
London SW1
Tel: 01-235 8182/3

Publications: Bulletin (quarterly); conference working papers and reports.

The Federation seeks to further the development of nursing in the Commonwealth and to promote the advancement of nursing as a profession; to encourage the establishment of national nurses' associations, and to assist in achieving regional and Commonwealth-wide co-ordination and co-operation through seminars and conferences; and to make available expert advice and disseminate professional information.

The interests of pharmaceutical sciences and the profession of pharmacy are promoted throughout the Commonwealth by this Association, which seeks to maintain the honour and traditions of the profession, and to promote a high standard of professional conduct; to effect close links between members of the profession in Commonwealth countries and to facilitate personal contacts; to encourage the creation of national associations; to foster high standards of pharmaceutical education and practice; to hold conferences and to facilitate the dissemination of knowledge and information.

Publications: Newsletter.

The Society's objects are to promote the welfare, education and employment of the deaf throughout the Commonwealth, and to assist and co-operate with all organisations having as their object the prevention and cure of deafness. It encourages the formation of schools for the deaf and arranges for the training of specialised teachers by providing scholarships for study in Britain and sending trained teachers abroad. The Society also endeavours to arrange for the instruction of parents of deaf children, to stimulate research into the causes of deafness and to encourage the employment of deaf school leavers.

Publications: Annual Report and seminar reports; ten-year booklet on the work of the Society.

East African Medical
Research Council
P.O. Box 1002
Arusha
Tanzania
Tel: 2381

Royal Commonwealth Society
for the Blind
Commonwealth House
Haywards Heath
Sussex RH16 3AZ
Tel: Haywards Heath (0444)
2424

West African Postgraduate
Medical College
c/o West African Regional
Health Secretariat
Nigeria
(see below)

West African Regional Health
Secretariat
Private Mail Bag 2023
Yaba
Lagos
Nigeria
Tel: (Lagos) 44077, 44088

Administered by the East African
Community (see page 34), the Council
seeks to promote and co-ordinate medical
research in Kenya, Tanzania and Uganda.

The Society seeks to stimulate official and
voluntary action and to take the lead in a
movement to promote the welfare, education
and employment of the blind, and to prevent
blindness. It sponsors the world's largest
programme of sight restoration; as a
result of the eye examinations conducted
as part of the Society's work, many
thousands of operations have been
performed for the prevention of imminent
blindness or for the restoration of sight.

A Commonwealth Scholarship Fund assists
training in ophthalmology and helps defray
the costs of training blind welfare
workers, of attendance at useful inter-
national conferences, or of financing a
publication or investigation.

Publications: Annual Report; Newsletter
(four-monthly).

The College consists of a council, on
which are represented the member
governments of the region, and two
constituent colleges, the West African
College of Physicians and the West
African College of Surgeons. Its role is to
co-ordinate and promote postgraduate medical
education in West Africa through existing
institutions and to set standards and award
diplomas in postgraduate medical practice.

The functions of the Secretariat include
facilitating co-ordination of inter-
governmental activities and fostering
co-operation in health and medicine among
West African member countries; servicing
regional meetings at ministerial and
official levels; disseminating technical
information; assisting with the recruitment
of medical staff for member countries; and
monitoring progress in the field of health.
Finance is provided by the West African
governments concerned and also by the
Commonwealth Secretariat through the
Commonwealth Fund for Technical
Co-operation.

INFORMATION AND THE MEDIA

Commonwealth Broadcasting
Association
Broadcasting House
London W1A 1AA
Tel: 01-580 4468 ext. 5022/3

The principal purpose of this Association of national public service broadcasting organisations in the Commonwealth is the improvement, through collective study and mutual assistance, of the broadcast programmes and technical facilities of member organisations. Intensified and sustained training of broadcasting staff in programming and engineering is a continuing practical concern of the Association. Commonwealth Broadcasting Conferences are organised by the Association every two years.

Publications: "Combroad" (quarterly); "Broadcasting Services of Member Organisations"; "Broadcasting Co-operation in the Commonwealth", with details of member organisations.

Commonwealth Correspondents'
Association
46 Sandringham Road
London NW11 9BP
Tel: 01-455 8471

The Association was founded in 1939 to secure recognition and facilities for Commonwealth press representatives in London. Its objects are to safeguard and promote the rights and interests of its members. Meetings and press conferences are arranged to enable members to discuss questions affecting their interests or to hear prominent guest speakers.

Commonwealth Information
Programme
Commonwealth Secretariat
Marlborough House
Pall Mall
London SW1Y 5HX
Tel: 01-839 3411

Under this programme the Commonwealth Secretariat produces and distributes public information material on Commonwealth affairs and institutions and the information services of member countries play their part in publicising general Commonwealth activities.

Publications: "Commonwealth Diary" (quarterly); "Commonwealth Record" (quarterly); "The Commonwealth Today"; "The Commonwealth Secretariat", "The Commonwealth Fund for Technical Co-operation"; "The Spirit of Ottawa"; "Notes on the Commonwealth" (a series of reference papers). A publications list is available. See in particular "Co-operation in the Information Media" in the Notes on the Commonwealth series.

Commonwealth Press Union
Studio House
Hen and Chickens Court
184 Fleet Street
London, EC4A 2DU
Tel: 01-242 1056

The Union's objects include the defence of Press freedom; cheaper and better telecommunications services; the training, education and exchange of journalists throughout the Commonwealth; and the improvement of reporting facilities for the Commonwealth Press as a whole. The Union holds annual and quinquennial conferences.

Publications: "CPU" (quarterly)

Diplomatic and Commonwealth Writers' Association of Britain
8 Plender Court
College Place
London NW1 0DH

The objects of the Association are to assist the work of diplomatic and Commonwealth correspondents and to help them in creating, maintaining and improving facilities for obtaining news and information. Membership is open to those who write on diplomatic and Commonwealth affairs for British publications, news agencies and broadcasting services. Press Attaches of High Commissions and Embassies, and information and press officers of relevant Commonwealth and British organisations are offered associate membership.

THE LAW

Commonwealth Legal Bureau
Room 320
90 Sparks Street
Ottawa 4
Ontario
Canada K1P 5B4
Tel: (613) 237 2925

The Bureau seeks to strengthen the professional links between members of the legal profession throughout the Commonwealth; to maintain the honour and integrity of the profession and to promote uniformity in the standards of professional ethics; to encourage improved standards of legal education; to promote the exchange of lawyers and students; to encourage the establishment of strong and independent bar associations and law societies; and generally to further the interests of the legal profession and improve legal services. The Bureau advises on and assists in the organisation of the quinquennial Commonwealth Law Conference and is responsible for ensuring that any necessary action is taken after conferences. It administers grants and assists in the formation and work of regional groups of Commonwealth lawyers.

Commonwealth Legal Advisory Service
Administered by: l
British Institute of International and Comparative Law
Charles Clore House
17 Russell Square
London WC1B 5DR
Tel: 01-636 5802

Supplies advice and information to legal departments of Commonwealth governments, which contribute the finance for the operation of the Service by the British Institute of International and Comparative Law. As a supplement to the service, the Institute prepares surveys on legal topics of general interest to Commonwealth countries and organises lectures and conferences on Commonwealth legal themes. The "Annual Survey of Commonwealth Law" is produced by the Institute jointly with the Faculty of Law of the University of Oxford.

Commonwealth Legal Education Association
c/o Legal Division
Commonwealth Secretariat
Marlborough House
Pall Mall
London SW1Y 5HX
Tel: 01-839 3411

The Association was formed to foster high standards of legal education and research in all Commonwealth countries; to promote contacts and collaboration in the field of legal education; to facilitate the exchange of law teachers, researchers and students; to disseminate information and to organise specialised regional and general conferences on matters related to legal education and research.

Publications: "Commonwealth Legal Education Bulletin".

Commonwealth Magistrates' Association
28 Fitzroy Square
London W1P 6DD
Tel: 01-387 2353

The objects of the CMA are to provide lines of communication between members of the judiciary, and to disseminate information regarding training and the administration of justice throughout the Commonwealth.

The Association organises regular conferences in Commonwealth countries, attended by chief justices, senior judicial officers and professors of law as well as by magistrates.

Publications: "Commonwealth Judicial Journal" (six-monthly); Report of the Second Commonwealth Magistrates' Conference 1972; Report of the Third Commonwealth Magistrates' Conference 1973. Informal newsletters are circulated from time to time.

"Commonwealth Law Bulletin", a quarterly journal reviewing developments in the law of Commonwealth countries, is produced by the Legal Division of the Commonwealth Secretariat (see page 1).

PARLIAMENTARIANS

Commonwealth Parliamentary
Association General Council
Houses of Parliament
Westminster
London SW1P 3JY
Tel: 01-219 4666
01-219 4281

The CPA was founded to facilitate the exchange of visits and information between those engaged in the parliamentary government of the countries of the Commonwealth. Annual and regional conferences are held, and a Parliamentary Seminar takes place each year at Westminster. The Parliamentary Information and Reference Centre in the office of the CPA General Council contains a comprehensive collection of authoritative material on parliamentary bodies. It provides an information service for members and branches of the Association and publishes monographs, bibliographies and book lists.

Membership of the CPA comprises over ninety Branches in legislatures of the Commonwealth. These consist of Main Branches, formed in the parliaments of self-governing member countries; Auxiliary Branches, in parliaments and legislatures of countries which are not yet fully self-governing; and State/Provincial Branches in Australia, Canada, India and Malaysia.

Publications: "The Parliamentarian" (quarterly); studies such as "Payments and Privileges of Commonwealth Parliamentarians"; and conference reports.

Conference of Speakers and
Presiding Officers of Commonwealth Parliaments
c/o Director
Research Branch
Library of Parliament
Ottawa
Ontario
Canada

The purpose of the Conference is to provide a meeting ground for speakers and presiding officers in order to enable them to discuss common problems and to exchange information on parliamentary procedure and other matters which relate directly to their duties and functions. A Standing Committee maintains continuity between meetings.

Publications: reports of conferences and regional seminars.

THE PROFESSIONS

Commonwealth Foundation
Marlborough House
Pall Mall
London SW1Y 5HU
Tel: 01-930 3783

Established by Commonwealth Heads of Government to promote and strengthen links between the professions, their individual members and their societies throughout the Commonwealth. The objects of the Foundation are to encourage

and support fuller representation at conferences of professional bodies within the Commonwealth; assist such bodies to hold more conferences between themselves; facilitate the exchange of visits among professional people, especially the younger element, stimulate the flow of information between professional organisations; assist, on request, with the setting-up of national professional institutions and associations; promote the growth of Commonwealth-wide associations or regional Commonwealth associations in order to reduce centralisation in Britain; and in exceptional cases to help associations or individuals whose activities lie outside the strictly professional field but fall within the general ambit of the Foundation's operations.

The Foundation is governed by a Board of Trustees composed of one representative nominated by each contributing government, but appointed in a personal capacity, and the Commonwealth Secretary-General.

Contributions to the resources of the Foundation are made on an agreed scale by participating Commonwealth governments; funds may also be accepted from non-governmental sources for purposes within the Foundation's terms of reference.

Publications: Progress Reports; Occasional Papers; "Professional Organisations in the Commonwealth". See also Notes on the Commonwealth series "The Commonwealth Foundation".

In addition to the professional organisations listed below, others such as the Commonwealth Council for Educational Administration, Commonwealth Legal Bureau and Commonwealth Pharmaceutical Association, are to be found under their appropriate subject headings (in the examples given: Education, Law and Health).

Commonwealth Association
of Architects
17 Northumberland Avenue
London WC2N 5AP
Tel: 01-930 0059

The object of the Association is to promote within the countries represented by the member societies mutual support in professional matters, in registration requirements and in technical aid and the raising of standards of professional service. It seeks to establish and to sustain codes of professional conduct; to further the inter-recognition of qualifi-

cations between societies, to evaluate educational standards in schools of architecture and of standards of qualifications, and to provide a clearing house of information and advice on architectural practice, management and techniques. The Association helps to recruit and exchange teaching staff and to arrange collaboration between architectural schools at undergraduate and research level.

A Commonwealth Board of Architectural Education exists to advise on all aspects of architectural education and to certify whether a school or an examination is up to an agreed standard.

Publications: newsletters; CAA Handbook; reports and papers of biennial conferences; occasional papers; material relating to the Commonwealth Board of Architectural Education.

Commonwealth Association
of Museumers
c/o Commonwealth Institute
Kensington High Street
London W8 6NQ
Tel: 01-602 3252

The interests of the museum and art gallery professions are promoted by this newly established association which aims to maintain and strengthen links between the museums of Commonwealth countries; to promote a high standard of museum activity and to improve the status of museums in the cultural life of their communities. The Association encourages and assists members both to obtain training and experience by periods of attachment or secondment and to attend professional conferences and seminars. It also seeks to facilitate contacts between members of the profession, to assist in the dissemination of information; to encourage the establishment of new national museums associations and to collaborate with international organisations such as UNESCO and the International Council of Museums.

Commonwealth Association
of Planners
18 Northumberland Avenue
London WC2N 5BJ
Tel: 01-930 8715

Seeks to promote co-operation between member organisations and between individuals in the Commonwealth in order to achieve the most effective contribution by planners to the well-being of society and the creation of a satisfactory environment. The Association encourages the establishment of national professional planning societies and supports inter-professional societies and professional centres and other means of collaboration between

planners and those contributing to planning from other professions. It assists in the exchange of information and encourages the development of educational facilities and research, while seeking to promote and sustain appropriate standards of professional conduct.

Publications: newsletter (six-monthly); conference reports.

Commonwealth Association
of Surveying and Land
Economy
29 Lincoln's Inn Fields
London WC2A 3DG
Tel: 01-242 6451

Membership of CASLE is open to professional societies in Commonwealth countries which cover one or more of the following activities: surveying and mapping, including all aspects of land, aerial, hydrographic and mining surveying; quantity surveying and building surveying; and land economy, including the valuation or appraisal of real estate, land management and town planning.

CASLE's objects are to maintain and strengthen professional links between Commonwealth countries; to encourage the establishment of professional societies; to foster appropriate standards of education, and the establishment of training facilities and professional examinations; and to evaluate educational standards with the aims of co-ordinating rights of professional practice and of facilitating reciprocity of qualifications. The Association is concerned to circulate non-technical information regarding the professions of surveying and land economy, to promote the development of research and technical information services and the interchange of technical information on a Commonwealth scale. It assists with the interchange of students and with an appointments advisory service.

Publications: CASLE information booklet; conference and General Assembly reports; "The Surveyor's Profession in Commonwealth Countries"; "Land Administration and the Development of African Resources"; "Surveying Education in Africa"; "Surveying and Land Economy in Asia"; "Surveying and Land Economy in the Pacific"; "Surveying and Land Economy in India"; "Surveying and Land Economy in Sri Lanka"; and "Surveying and Land Economy in the Commonwealth".

Commonwealth Engineers
Council
c/o Council of Engineering
Institutions
2 Little Smith Street
London SW1P 3DL
Tel: 01-799 3912

Formerly known as the Commonwealth Engineering Conference, the Council comprises the presidents and secretaries of the officially recognised engineering institutions in the participating countries. Its main aims are to assist in the advancement of engineering science and practice and to act as a focus for the professional engineering opinion of its members. The Council places emphasis on education and was instrumental in the establishment of a Commonwealth Board of Engineering Education and Training. A current programme is directed towards achieving parity of qualification standards and reciprocity of recognition within the Commonwealth. Conferences take place regularly in Commonwealth centres.

Commonwealth Geographical
Bureau
Department of Geography
School of Oriental and
African Studies
University of London
Malet Street
London WC1E 7HP
Tel: 01-637 2388

The objects of the Bureau are to promote the study and practice of geography at all levels within the Commonwealth, especially in those countries where the subject is as yet relatively under-developed; to disseminate information of interest to Commonwealth geographers; and to effect exchanges of staff, especially junior staff, and research workers between one Commonwealth country and another.

Publications: newsletter.

Commonwealth Human Ecology
Council
63 Cromwell Road
London SW7
Tel: 01-373 6761

The CHEC encourages an integrated approach to environmental problems among professional, academic and industrial institutions and governments. It was established to promote and assist the growth of organisations concerned with human ecology in Commonwealth countries; to stimulate interest at all levels in educative activities and provide a centre and a clearing house for information; and to support and co-ordinate studies in human ecology, seminars and working committees.

Publications: "CHEC News"; "Environmental Education and the CHEC"; "Survey of Human Ecology Courses in the Commonwealth". See also "Human Ecology in the Commonwealth", occasional paper XIV of the Commonwealth Foundation and "Human Ecology in the Commonwealth", Bowen-Jones, H, (London, 1972). Other associated publications are listed in "CHEC News".

Commonwealth Library
Association
P O Box 534
Kingston 10
Jamaica W I

The Association's objectives are to improve libraries in the Commonwealth; to strengthen professional links between librarians; to support and encourage library associations; to promote the status and education of librarians; to initiate research projects designed to promote library provision; and to further technical development in Commonwealth libraries.

Publications: Newsletter.

Commonwealth Veterinary
Association
360 Bronson Avenue
Ottawa
Ontario K1R 6J3
Canada

The interests of the veterinary and allied sciences are promoted within the Commonwealth by this Association, which aims to maintain the honour and traditions of the profession; to effect close links between member associations and to encourage the creation of national associations; to facilitate the dissemination of knowledge and information; and to promote the interchange of veterinary surgeons and students.

SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH

see also "Agriculture and Forestry"

Commonwealth Advisory
Aeronautical Research
Council
National Physical Laboratory
Teddington
Mddx
Tel: 01-977 3222

An advisory body, the Council was formed to encourage and co-ordinate aeronautical research throughout the Commonwealth in order to avoid undesirable duplication of effort and to ensure that the research programmes of member countries are, as far as possible, complementary.

Publications: occasional technical papers.

Commonwealth Committee on
Mineral Resources and
Geology
Africa House
Kingsway
London WC2B 6BD
Tel: 01-405 7786

In association with the Commonwealth Geological Liaison Office, the Committee provides the machinery to promote collaboration and exchange of information between the relevant Commonwealth government organisations. The Commonwealth Geological Liaison Officer acts as secretary to the Committee and carries out liaison duties for member countries.

Publications: Newsletter; symposia reports.

Commonwealth Consultative
Space Research Committee
c/o Royal Society
6 Carlton House Terrace
London SW1

Tel: 01-839 5561

Commonwealth Council of
Mining and Metallurgical
Institutions
44 Portland Place
London W1

Tel: 01-580 3802

Commonwealth Geological
Liaison Office
Africa House
Kingsway
London WC2B 6BD

Tel: 01-405 7786

Commonwealth Scientific
Committee
Africa House
Kingsway
London WC2B 6BD

Tel: 01-405 7786

A forum for co-operative work in space research, the Committee holds reports of those Commonwealth countries which are involved in space research programmes.

The Council convenes successive Congresses as a means of promoting the development of mineral resources. It seeks to foster a high level of technical efficiency amongst the members of the constituent institutions and to serve as an organ of intercommunication and co-operation between members.

Publications: proceedings of Commonwealth mining and metallurgical congresses.

See Commonwealth Committee on Mineral Resources and Geology, above.

The terms of reference of the CSC are "to consider the best means of ensuring the fullest possible collaboration between the government civil scientific organisations of the Commonwealth". It provides the scientific agencies of developing Commonwealth countries with information and advice, assists them in planning their development and research activities and advises aid authorities in Commonwealth donor countries on scientific assistance to developing countries. The CSC stimulates scientific co-operation through its biennial meetings, through the visits of its Secretary to member countries and through the activities of the Consultative Committee and specialist committees. The Scientific Adviser to the Commonwealth Secretary-General is the Secretary to the CSC (see Commonwealth Secretariat, page 1).

The Commonwealth Committee on Mineral Resources and Geology, its Commonwealth Geological Liaison Office and the Permanent Committee of the Commonwealth Collection of Micro-organisms operate under the aegis of the CSC.

Permanent Committee of the
Commonwealth Collection of
Micro-Organisms
Africa House
Kingsway
London WC2B 6BD
Tel: 01-405 7786

Publications: Commonwealth Index of
Scientific Translations.

Established to foster the maintenance and expansion of existing culture collections, to make more fully available the cultures in these collections, and to encourage the establishment of new collections. National committees in member countries are responsible for co-ordinating the activities of existing culture collections and for assisting in the preparation of catalogues.

Publications: directories of collections and lists of species are published through the Commonwealth Scientific Committee (see above).

SOCIETIES

British Commonwealth Ex-
Services League
92 New Bond Street
London W1
Tel: 01-930 2033

The League links together the ex-service organisations of the Commonwealth, assisting them to further the welfare of ex-servicemen, helping those who migrate within the Commonwealth, and offering advice and guidance on pensions and other technical matters.

Publications: Bulletin (quarterly);
Diary (annual); reports of triennial
conferences.

British Commonwealth
Union Ltd
60 Buckingham Gate
London SW1
Tel: 01-834 1647

A non-profit-making company, the Union's objects are to secure a closer union commercially, politically, socially and otherwise both between Britain and other Commonwealth countries and between the Commonwealth and other states.

Commonwealth Countries'
League
2 Langbourne Mansions
London N6 6PR
Tel: 01-348 3875

Aims to secure equality of liberties, status and opportunities between men and women within the Commonwealth. The League seeks to bring together women's organisations in agreement with its objects; to promote the social and political education of women; to increase mutual understanding of common problems; and to raise the status of women within the Commonwealth.

Publications: newsletter (quarterly);
annual reports.

Commonwealth War Graves
Commission
2 Marlow Road
Maidenhead
Berkshire SL6 7DX
Tel: (0628) 34221

The Commission is responsible for the commemoration of over 1½ million members of the Commonwealth forces who fell in the two world wars; and for war cemeteries, graves and memorials to the missing throughout the world.

Publications: annual reports; "The War Graves of the British Empire"; "The War Memorials of the British Empire"; "The War Dead of the Commonwealth". Guides to cemeteries and memorials, and histories of the Commission's work are also available.

English-Speaking Union of
the Commonwealth
Dartmouth House
37 Charles Street
Berkeley Square
London W1X 8AB
Tel: 01-629 0104

The ESU is concerned to promote understanding between the English-speaking people of the world (specifically, in the Commonwealth and the United States) and to engage in education work designed to further that end. The Union gives study awards at secondary and tertiary levels, offers short-term travelling scholarships for teachers, and operates a "Books Across the Sea" exchange service. Its current affairs unit distributes booklets and background notes in association with the conferences, summer schools, specialised tours and courses which it organises or supports.

Publications: "Concord" (three times a year).

Joint Commonwealth
Societies' Council
c/o Royal Over-Seas League
Park Place
St. James's Street
London SW1A 1LR.
Tel: 01-493 5051

The Council co-ordinates the activities of certain recognised Commonwealth societies to avoid overlapping and duplication of effort. It organises joint meetings and ceremonies of a Commonwealth character and is responsible for the arrangements for the celebration of Commonwealth Day in London and for the distribution of the Queen's Commonwealth Day message.

Royal Commonwealth Society
18 Northumberland Avenue
London WC2N 5BJ
Tel: 01-930 6733

The Society concerns itself with the evolution, development and relationships of Commonwealth lands and people. Its London headquarters include a large library with a collection of historical and also of contemporary Commonwealth material, catering equally for the research worker, the general reader of history and biography and the student of current political, economic and cultural developments. Among lectures arranged by the Society are regular lunchtime meetings

Royal Over-Seas League
Over-Seas House
Park Place
St. James's Street
London SW1A 1LR
Tel: 01-493 5051

Victoria League for Commonwealth Friendship
18 Northumberland Avenue
London WC2N 5BJ
Tel: 01-930 1671

Women's Corona Society
305/312 Wellington House
Buckingham Gate
London SW1E 6BG
Tel: 01-222 2251

addressed by distinguished speakers on Commonwealth topics. Under its studies programme, the Society organises sixth form conferences, world-wide essay and group project competitions for school children, and the Commonwealth Inter-change Study Group operations (see Youth). There are eight branches of the RCS in Britain and ten branches in other Commonwealth countries. Honorary Representatives are appointed throughout the Commonwealth.

Publications: "Commonwealth" (bi-monthly); notes on living conditions in many Commonwealth countries.

Founded to promote friendship and understanding between the peoples of the Commonwealth and to maintain its traditions by individual service. Membership is open to all Commonwealth citizens. The League sponsors or supports various Commonwealth projects, and maintains a special interest in Commonwealth music students in London. It organises an Annual Music Festival and an Arts Exhibition.

Publications: "Overseas" (quarterly).

A voluntary organisation which furthers personal friendships between individuals of the Commonwealth and arranges private hospitality for Commonwealth visitors. There are Victoria Leagues and representatives throughout the Commonwealth.

Publications: "Diary of Events" (six-monthly); Victoria League booklet.

The Society is a voluntary, non-political association of women of all races, whose aims are to provide a link between women of different countries and to promote friendship and understanding through educational and social activities; to be of service to women moving to countries other than their own; and to promote knowledge of peoples and cultures, with particular reference to the Commonwealth. The Society has branches and affiliated societies in many Commonwealth countries. Special services are available to overseas visitors to Britain and to British women going to live overseas. Women Speakers

of the Commonwealth (see below) has now merged with the Society.

Publications: annual report; information leaflets on the Society and its services.

Women Speakers of the
Commonwealth
305/312 Wellington House
Buckingham Gate
London SW1E 6BG
Tel: 01-222 2251

Now part of the Women's Corona Society, this organisation provides a panel from all parts of the Commonwealth who will accept speaking engagements to give an up-to-date picture of the country from which they come or in which they have lived or travelled.

Publications: annual report; information leaflet and request form for speakers.

SPORT

Commonwealth Games
Federation
12 Buckingham Street
London WC2N 6DJ
Tel: 01-930 1761

The Federation aims to educate public opinion regarding the importance of properly organised sports competitions and generally to encourage amateur sport throughout the Commonwealth. At four-yearly intervals it promotes the Commonwealth Games, participation in which is confined to amateur teams representing the constituent parts of the Commonwealth.

Publications: "Constitution of the Commonwealth Games".

YOUTH

Commonwealth Expedition
110 Old Brompton Road
London SW7
Tel: 01-373 5487

COMEX organises international tours of students and young professional people from various parts of the Commonwealth who travel by road to member countries with the aim of developing friendship and understanding and of projecting the spirit of the Commonwealth.

Publications: "Crying Drums" - story of the first four expeditions; "With a Song and Not a Sword" - Comex 5. Two LP records from Comex 5 are also available.

Commonwealth Friendship
Movement
23 Arundel Road
Brighton BN2 5TE
Sussex
Tel: Brighton 685211

The Movement seeks to encourage friendship and understanding between teachers and young people throughout the Commonwealth.

Publications: information sheet.

Commonwealth Interchange Study
Group Operations
Royal Commonwealth Society
18 Northumberland Avenue
London WC2N 5BJ
Tel: 01-930 6733

CISGO arranges intensive study tours of Commonwealth countries for selected young executives in industry, banks and the professions. It is a project of the Royal Commonwealth Society (see page 29).

Commonwealth Youth Exchange
Council
4 Park Place
St. James's Street
London SW1A 1LR
Tel: 01-493 9181

The CYEC was established to promote the education of young people of the Commonwealth by means of contacts, visits and exchanges between Britain and other Commonwealth member countries. It is also generally concerned with the development of similar links throughout the Commonwealth. It provides a forum for discussion on youth exchanges, supplies information and advice, allocates grants and offers recommendations to official and unofficial bodies on financial assistance to organisations sponsoring youth exchanges. It seeks to co-ordinate and if necessary to operate Commonwealth youth exchange projects.

Publications: "What is CYEC?"; "The CYEC Constitution"; "The CYEC Guidelines for Funding"; "The CYEC Form of Application for a Grant"; "Commonwealth Travel and Exchange - a Directory of Opportunities".

Commonwealth Youth
Movement Affiliation Scheme
163 Sheen Lane
London SW14 8NA
Tel: 01-876 4940

Aims to strengthen the bonds between Commonwealth countries by making links between schools for the exchange of educational material, so that young people in one region of the Commonwealth may learn to know and understand those in another through their daily work and study.

Publications: "NewsLink" - a six-monthly newsletter to schools.

Commonwealth Youth
Programme
Commonwealth Secretariat
Marlborough House
Pall Mall
London SW1Y 5HX
Tel: 01-839 3411

The Programme was established within the Commonwealth Secretariat by Heads of Government with the purpose of promoting the well-being and development of young people in the Commonwealth. Its objectives are to encourage and support the active participation of young people in the process of national development; to give recognition to the contribution made by young people to the development of their society; to alleviate the effects of unemployment on young people; and to provide opportunities for increasing

international understanding among young people.

The CYP offers youth service awards, study fellowships and bursaries, and operates a youth information service. Three regional training centres for advanced study in youth work are being established in Asia, Africa and the Caribbean.

Publications: "Commonwealth Youth Programme", "Commonwealth Youth News"; "Youth and Development" series, to be found in the full list of Commonwealth Secretariat Publications.

Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme
5 Prince of Wales Terrace
Kensington
London W8 5PG
Tel: 01-937 5205

The Scheme offers young people from Commonwealth countries a challenge to endeavour and achievement through a balanced programme with a wide choice of leisure activities. Periodic Commonwealth expeditions are organised to bring together Gold Award holders from all countries operating the Scheme.

Publications: "Outline", a general information booklet; "The Award Handbook"; "Award Programmes"; "The Expedition Guide". A catalogue, available on request, lists other basic handbooks, guides and leaflets.

The Commonwealth Department
Girl Guides Association
17/19 Buckingham Palace Road
London SW1W 0PT
Tel: 01-834 6242

The Association keeps in close contact with Guide Associations in Commonwealth member countries and associated states. A conference for the National Guide Leaders of Commonwealth countries is held every three years.

The Commonwealth Department
The Scout Association
25 Buckingham Palace Road
London SW1W 0PY
Tel: 01-834 6005

The Commonwealth Department maintains links with independent Scout Associations throughout the Commonwealth, while holding continuing responsibility for scouting in the remaining overseas branches. Commonwealth Scout Conferences are held periodically for the exchange of ideas and experience.

Publications: "Scouting in the Commonwealth"; Commonwealth Scouting Information Sheets, for use by scouts on badge work.

REGIONAL ORGANISATIONS

(see also "Development Assistance" and "Health")

Caribbean Community
Third Floor,
Bank of Guyana Building
P O Box 607
Georgetown
Guyana

CARICOM replaced CARIFTA (Caribbean Free Trade Association) after the signing of the Community Treaty which took effect in August 1973. Additional countries joined in May 1974 with the result that CARICOM now comprises ten members: Barbados, Belize, Dominica, Grenada, Guyana, Jamaica, Montserrat, St. Lucia, St. Vincent, and Trinidad and Tobago. The Community has three areas of activity: economic integration through the Caribbean Common Market; common services and functional co-operation; and the co-ordination of foreign policy among the independent countries. The supreme organ of CARICOM is the Conference of Heads of Government. A Council of Ministers is responsible for the Caribbean Common Market, while nine Conferences and Standing Committees of Ministers have been established to handle matters within their areas of concern. Associate institutions include: Caribbean Development Bank; Caribbean Investment Corporation; West Indies Associated States Council of Ministers; Eastern Caribbean Common Market Council of Ministers; Caribbean Examinations Council; Council of Legal Education; Universities of the West Indies and Guyana; Caribbean Meteorological Council; and Regional Shipping Council.

East African Community
P O Box 1002
Arusha
Tanzania
Tel: Arusha 2811

By the Treaty for East African Co-operation in 1967, the Governments of Kenya, Tanzania and Uganda established among themselves an East African Community and, as an integral part of this community, an East African Common Market. The East African Authority, consisting of the Presidents of the three member states, is responsible for the general direction and control of the executive functions of the Community. Three East African Ministers assist the Authority and advise it on the affairs of the Community. The East African Legislative Assembly legislates on services provided by the Community. It comprises nine members for each country, the three East African Ministers and three Deputy Ministers, the Secretary-General, the Counsel to the Community and a Chairman.

Other institutions of the Community provide a forum for consultation on such matters as communications, finance, economic planning, research and social policy. There is a Court of Appeal for East Africa, an Industrial Court, a Tax Board and a Development Bank. Services administered by the Community include those relating to the Common Market, scientific research in a number of medical and natural resources fields, income tax, currency, customs and excise, audit, meteorology, and industry. Airways, harbours, railways, and posts and telecommunications services are administered by regional corporations.

South Pacific Bureau for
Economic Co-operation
University of the South
Pacific
Suva
Fiji

The Bureau was established in 1972 by members of the South Pacific Forum (see below). Its purpose is to ensure that consultation on trade and related matters among members should be on a continuing basis and that projects considered useful from a regional viewpoint are swiftly implemented. Under the direction of the South Pacific Committee, the Bureau prepares studies on such subjects of regional concern as the modification of existing trade patterns and the development of a free trade area, transport, tourism, sources of technical assistance and investment finance, and the rationalisation of industries. It acts as a clearing house for information on trade, production and economic development.

South Pacific Forum
c/o South Pacific Bureau for
Economic Co-operation
University of the South
Pacific
Suva
Fiji

The first South Pacific Forum (August 1971) was an ad hoc gathering of Pacific Island leaders and representatives of Australia and New Zealand. The initiative for the meeting came from the leaders of the independent and self-governing Island states, all of which were associated with the Commonwealth. Recognising the value of the informal interchange of views and the opportunity for planning future regional development which the Forum afforded, the participants agreed to its continuing on an informal basis. Membership now comprises Australia, Fiji, Nauru, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, Tonga and Western Samoa. Observer status is accorded to leaders of governments approaching full self-government or independence. Topics discussed at the five meetings of the Forum, to date have included communications, education, fishing, nuclear testing, regional co-

operation, trade and tourism. The South Pacific Bureau (see above) was established by the members of the Forum to carry out specific tasks in the trade and economic field.

INFORMATION ABOUT THE COMMONWEALTH

General information material including news releases, feature articles and selected speeches by the Commonwealth Secretary-General, which are issued by the Information Division may be obtained free of charge from:

Director of Information,
Commonwealth Secretariat,
Marlborough House,
Pall Mall,
London SW1Y 5HX (Telephone: 01-839-3411)

The Information Division also publishes the following booklets and reference papers which are revised and reissued from time to time.

Booklets:

Report of the Commonwealth Secretary-General 1975
The Commonwealth Today
Towards a New International Economic Order - August 1975
Towards a New International Economic Order - March 1976 (further report)
Commonwealth Organisations and Sources of Information
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Commonwealth Diary of Coming Events (quarterly)
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