

CHPA Meeting      19 May 2013      Starling Hotel

This was chaired by Prof Dr S Arulraj, Chairman, CHPA. Representatives of CMA, CPA, CNF & CAPGAN (Prof Nelson, Dr Golden) were present.

Following up on business discussed at the last Meeting, it was agreed that a Treasurer & Bank Account were necessary, also subscriptions (£100 every 2 years) from Commonwealth member associations of CHPA. During last year, expenses had been borne by those 7 member associations.

The CACH Meeting on 18 May was disorganised and indecisive and a further meeting was proposed for June 2013 by which time the Commonwealth's Strategic Plan will be in place. It was agreed that health must remain a top priority and hence, a strong Health Section of the Commonwealth Secretariat was essential. To this end, a meeting with the Secretary-General, who has just been elected for another 4 year term, may be necessary when the Strategic Plan is bedded down.

The CPF meeting's poor timing was discussed. Prof Arulraj suggested a CPF Conference as a 'big voice' for the Health Ministers, the day before CHMM, the topic probably being the 'Post-2015 Agenda'.

CHPA requires to be registered as a company in the UK and accredited as a Commonwealth Association, though it is more aptly called an Alliance.

CHPA applied successfully for funding from the Commonwealth Foundation for the Mental Health Legislation research.

CHOGM will be held in November 2013 in Sri Lanka. J Illiffe will enquire of the Commonwealth Foundation re possible CHPA/CPF involvement.

Officer bearers 2013-14 agreed to be: Chair Prof Arulraj; Deputy Chair K Curnow; Secretary J Illiffe; Treasurer Prof T Nelson.

CHPA = Commonwealth Health Professions Association

CMA = Commonwealth Medical Association

CPA = Commonwealth Pharmacists Association

CPF = Commonwealth Partners Forum

CNF= Commonwealth Nurses Federation

CAPGAN = Commonwealth Association of Paediatric Gastroenterology & Nutrition

CHMM = Commonwealth Health Ministers Meeting

CACH = Commonwealth Advisory Committee on Health

CHOGM = Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting