42nd CONFERENCE OF THE BRITISH ISLANDS AND MEDITERRANEAN REGION

Sunday 10 to Thursday 14 June 2012

CONFERENCE THEME: MAKING PARLIAMENTS RELEVANT

Sunday 10 June

Delegates arrive for check-in and registration at the MacDonald Holyrood Hotel, 81 Holyrood Road, Edinburgh

6.45pm Assemble in foyer of MacDonald Holyrood Hotel
Met by CPA Scotland Branch reps tbc

6.50pm Depart MacDonald Holyrood Hotel by foot
Escorted by piper 1

7.00pm Arrive at Scottish Parliament, Horsewynd Entrance

Piper 2 plays as guests enter en masse into parliament and piper leads delegates to Members Lounge

[Patricia Ferguson MSP. Margaret Mitchell MSP and Sandra White MSP to welcome delegates at Horsewynd entrance and take them to Members Lounge]

Informal pre-dinner drinks reception in Members Lounge

7.30pm Informal welcome dinner hosted by CPA Scotland Branch Executive Committee
Members’ Restaurant

9.00pm Depart Scottish Parliament by foot

9.10pm Arrive MacDonald Holyrood Hotel
Monday 11 June

CONFERENCE THEME TODAY: MAKING PARLIAMENTS RELEVANT – WITH LESS AVAILABLE

8.45am  Assemble in foyer of MacDonald Holyrood Hotel  
*Met by CPA Scotland Branch reps tbc*

8.50am  Depart MacDonald Holyrood Hotel by foot

9.00am  Arrive Scottish Parliament, Horsewynd Entrance  
Tour of the parliament building

9.50am  Delegates and guests proceed to the Debating Chamber

9.55am  Guests take their seats in the Debating Chamber

10.00am  Tricia Marwick MSP, Presiding Officer of the Scottish Parliament and President of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (Scotland Branch) welcomes guests and will introduce the National Youth Choir of Scotland.

10.07 am  Tollcross Primary School will perform medley of traditional Scottish Gaelic songs for the guests:

10.17 am  Speaker TBC

10.22 am  Speaker TBC

10.27am  Craigentinny Primary School to perform a medley of popular songs from across the Commonwealth:

10.37am  Roberta Blackman-Woods MP, British Islands and Mediterranean Regional Representative will respond on behalf of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association

10.40am  Opening Ceremony closes

Official Photograph  
Chamber

Coffee  
Members Restaurant

11.15am  Plenary Session 1: Preventative Spend - Prevention Is Better Than Cure?
Debating Chamber
Chair: Tricia Marwick MSP, Presiding Officer of the Scottish Parliament

Presenters/panellists

John Swinney MSP, Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Sustainable Growth
John Carnochan QPM, FFPH, Detective Chief Superintendent, Director, Scottish Violence Reduction Unit
Ailsa McKay, Professor of Economics at Glasgow Caledonian University
Dr Philip Wilson, Senior Clinical Research Fellow at the University of Glasgow

12.45pm Depart Debating Chamber proceed to Members’ Restaurant
Set buffet lunch
Members’ Restaurant

1.50pm Depart Members’ Restaurant

2.00pm Plenary Session 2: “There is no Money” - The Irish Experience
Committee Room 2
Chair: Sandra White MSP

3.00pm Tea/Coffee break
Committee Rooms 1 & 3

3.15pm Workshop A: Preventative Spend - Lessons We Can Learn
Committee Room 1
Chair: Margaret Mitchell MSP

Workshop B: The Irish Experience – Lessons We Can Learn
Committee Room 3
Chair: Patricia Ferguson MSP

4.15pm Depart Committees Rooms and proceed to Chamber

4.30pm Report back from workshops
Debating Chamber
Chair: Tricia Marwick MSP, Presiding Officer of the Scottish Parliament

- Workshop A: Preventative Spend - Lessons We Can Learn
• Workshop B: The Irish Experience – Lessons We Can Learn

[Followed by Q&A involving previous Panel members]

5.15pm Depart Scottish Parliament
5.25pm Arrive MacDonald Holyrood Hotel

EVENING

6.45pm Assemble in foyer of MacDonald Holyrood Hotel

By taxi/on foot

7.00pm Arrive City Chambers

Drinks reception and buffet supper hosted by Donald Wilson, Lord Provost, of the City of Edinburgh Council The Rt Hon Donald Wilson.

Edinburgh City Chambers

8.30pm Depart City Chambers

Free time
Tuesday 12 June

MORNING CONFERENCE THEME: MAKING PARLIAMENTS RELEVANT – TO THE PEOPLE

8.55am     Assemble in foyer of MacDonald Holyrood Hotel
            *Met by CPA Scotland Branch reps tbc*

9.05am     Depart MacDonald Holyrood Hotel by foot

9.15am     Arrive Scottish Parliament, Horsewynd Entrance

9.30am     Plenary Session 3: Political Change in the 21st Century
            **Members Restaurant**
            Chair: Margaret Mitchell MSP

**Presenter**

Sir William Patey KCMG

11.00am    Tea/coffee break

11.30am    Annual General Meeting
            **Members Restaurant**
            [Regional Representative to Chair]

12.45pm    Lunch
            **Committee Room 1**

AFTERNOON CONFERENCE THEME: MAKING PARLIAMENTS RELEVANT – WITHIN THE MEDIA

Plenary session 4 - Is the media taking democracy to new audiences?

14.00     Part 1 – The Parliamentary Perspective (including Q&A)
            **Members Restaurant**
            Chair: Tavish Scott MSP

**Presenters/Panellists**

John McAllion, Former MSP
Bill Jamieson, Executive Editor of the Scotsman
Carol Madison Graham, Freelance Consultant and Author

15.30     Tea / coffee break
16.00  
Part 2 – Social Media and Political Communication: The # Game Changer?

**Members Restaurant**  
Chair: Tavish Scott MSP

**Presenter**

Dr Dimitri Christopoulos, Senior Lecturer of Politics, University of the West of England

**Panellists**

John McAllion, Former MSP  
Bill Jamieson, Executive Editor of the Scotsman  
Carol Madison Graham, Freelance Consultant and Author

16.50  
Closing Remarks by Chair

**EVENING**

6.30pm  
Assemble in foyer of MacDonald Holyrood Hotel

6.45pm  
Depart for dinner venue

7.00pm  
Dinner

**The Amber Restaurant**
Wednesday 13 June

7.50am  Assemble in foyer of MacDonald Holyrood Hotel

8.00am  Depart Hotel by coach

9.30am  Arrive Glasgow 2014 offices
         **Commonwealth House, Albion Street, Glasgow**
         Briefing by David Grevemberg, chief Executive, Glasgow 2014 team

10.30am Depart the Glasgow 2014 offices

11.00am Arrive at the Commonwealth Arena and the Sir Chris Hoy Velodrome
         Met by Jonathan Shaw, General Manager

11.00am Tour of Commonwealth Arena and the Sir Chris Hoy Velodrome
         *The Commonwealth Arena and the adjoining Sir Chris Hoy Velodrome in the East End of Glasgow provides one of the most versatile and innovative structures of its type in Europe. This state-of-the-art precinct site, which is owned by Glasgow City Council, is located in Dalmarnock alongside the Athletes’ Village. Due to open in 2012 this joint venue will become a superb legacy for Scotland aiding the development of the next generation of elite Scottish athletes.*

12.00pm Depart the Commonwealth Arena and the Sir Chris Hoy Velodrome

12.30pm Arrive City Chambers, George Square, Glasgow
         Tour of the City Chambers

1.00pm  lunch hosted by Gerald Leonard, Deputy Lord Provost of Glasgow

2.00pm  Depart City Chambers

2.30pm  **Closing Ceremony**
         Chair: Margaret Mitchell MSP
         Venue TBC

3.00pm  Depart City Chambers by coach

4.30pm  Arrive MacDonald Holyrood Hotel

**EVENING**

6.30pm  Assemble in foyer of MacDonald Holyrood Hotel
         Met by CPA Scotland Branch reps tbc
6.30pm  Depart MacDonald Holyrood Hotel by foot

6.35pm  Arrive Scottish Parliament, Horsewynd Entrance  
         Piped into Parliament

6.45pm  *Guests arrive Scottish Parliament, Public Entrance*

7.00pm  Reception hosted by Tricia Marwick MSP, Presiding Officer of the  
         Scottish Parliament  
         Garden Lobby

7.30pm  Farewell Dinner  
         Members Restaurant

10.00pm Dinner ends and guests depart
Thursday 14 June

Departure day for delegates OR free day for delegates.