
Commonwealth Dental Association

Working for Oral Health in the Commonwealth

29 December 2003

The Commonwealth Dental Association (CDA) held a very successful 4th Triennial Meeting in Nairobi, Kenya, 13-14 December 2003, in collaboration with the Kenya Dental Association's and FDI World Dental Federation's *Continuing Education Programme*. The Report and Proceedings of the meeting will be published in due course.

During the CDA General Assembly (13 December 2003) the CDA President for the next Triennium (2003-2006) was installed and the election of Officers for the new CDA Executive was as follows:

CDA President	Dr L K Gandhi (<i>India</i>)
CDA Executive Secretary	Dr Sam Thorpe OR (<i>Sierra Leone</i>)
CDA Treasurer	Dr Anthony S Kravitz OBE (<i>UK</i>)
CDA President-Elect	Prof Jacob Kaimenyi (<i>Kenya</i>)
CDA Immediate Past-President	Dr Brian Mouatt CBE (<i>UK</i>)
CDA Regional Vice-Presidents:	
Europe	Dr John Hunt OBE (<i>UK</i>)
South East Asia	Dr Hilary Cooray (<i>Sri Lanka</i>)
Pacific/Australasia	Dr Temalesi King (<i>Fiji</i>)
Canada/Caribbean	Dr Joyous Pickstock (<i>Bahamas</i>)
West Africa	Dr Kofo Savage (<i>Nigeria</i>)
East, Central & Southern Africa	Dr Pashane Mtolo (<i>Zambia</i>)

The following were appointed to support the Executives:

CDA Administrator	Julia Champion (<i>UK</i>)
Editor, CDA Bulletin	Dr Martin Hobdell (<i>UK</i>)
Co-Editor, CDA Bulletin	Dr D Y D Samarawickrama (<i>UK</i>)

During the CDA General assembly, the following Resolution was adopted:

"This General Assembly wishes to acknowledge the long and distinguished service given so freely to the Commonwealth Dental Association by Dr Sonny Prince Akpabio, from its inauguration, where he was elected as the first CDA President, through his subsequent roles, to the present time.

It therefore wishes to mark this appreciation by conferring upon him the title 'Emeritus Founder President' and hereby so resolves.

Furthermore it is the wish of the General Assembly that Dr Akpabio be asked to continue his work with the Commonwealth Foundation and Commonwealth Secretariat in London on behalf of the CDA in pursuance of its objectives/goals.

Proposed unanimously by the CDA Executive Committee 12 December 2003".

The new CDA Executive held its first meeting in Nairobi on Monday 15 December 2003 with the CDA President, Dr L K Gandhi in the Chair. Among the items discussed, were:

- ◆ Structure of CDA meetings.
- ◆ 5-Year plan.
- ◆ CDA Standing Orders / CDA Handbook
- ◆ Electronic Communication
- ◆ Applications for funding to be sent via the CDA Administrator and not by the individuals themselves.

The CDA's primary form of communication is now by email. Emails and documentation should be sent to JuliaCampion@cdauk.com and anything that cannot be sent by email and has to be sent by ordinary mail should be sent to:

Julia Champion, CDA Administrator
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I would be grateful if you could kindly circulate this amongst the members of your organisation and amend your records accordingly.

With best wishes.

Julia Champion

CDA Administrator