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NEW CDA PRESIDENT TAKES OFFICE

Professor Jacob Kaimenyi

My fellow colleagues, I wish you a Happy and Prosperous 2007. As you are aware, I was installed as the President of CDA on 2nd December, 2006 in a colourful ceremony in Colombo, Sri Lanka. I wish to take this opportunity to thank all of you most sincerely for showing confidence in my leadership by electing me as your President.



In order for us to make CDA realise its objectives for which it was formed many years ago, we need to work

together as a team. Towards this end, I appeal to all the dentists in the Commonwealth to participate in all the activities organised by CDA. One of the key objectives of CDA is to hold regular meetings and conferences and to carry on all such lawful activities as may be incidental to the promotion or carrying out of the aims and objectives of the Association. Towards this, CDA publishes proceedings of its workshops and conferences which address diverse issues on oral health in the Commonwealth. During my presidency, I shall endeavour to ensure that these proceedings are circulated to all members of the association. Further, I intend to take to a higher notch the international visibility and presence of CDA. I shall do this through continued participation in the meetings where leaders of the Commonwealth have assembled in large numbers. These include meetings of Commonwealth

Ministers of Health and Heads of State, to which CDA must carry specific and appealing messages. For example, our Ministers need to know that the budgets for oral health are small compared with other health disciplines and need to be revised upwards to a figure of not less than 5% of the national health budgets.

I will also do my best to ensure that our Bulletin containing current and future activities of CDA is highly publicised by way of distribution on the Internet and I would like to ask National Dental Associations to circulate it to their members. Some hard copies will be sent to international organisations, corporate friends and sponsors.

For CDA to succeed in fulfilling its mandate, I shall expect the Regional Vice-Presidents of CDA to work tirelessly in close liaison with the Presidents of National Dental Associations and to participate in all oral health activities in their respective regions and report on same in the CDA Bulletin. LONG LIVE CDA

Commonwealth Dental Association 2006 - 2009

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E C & S Africa	Dr Clement Luhanga (<i>Botswana</i>)
<i>The following were appointed to support the Executives:</i>	
Administrator	Julia Campion (<i>UK</i>)
Editor, CDA Bulletin	Prof D Y D Samarawickrama (<i>UK</i>)



(left to right) Anthony Kravitz, William O'Reilly, Kofo Savage, Julia Campion, Sam Thorpe, L K Gandhi, Jacob Kaimenyi, John Hunt, Clement Luhanga, Derwin Munroe, Hilary Cooray, How Kim Chuan

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EDITORIAL

Professor D Y D Samarawickrama
Editor

This is the first Bulletin to be published without Martin Hobdell at the helm. He set high standards and with his wealth of knowledge and experience, he was able to view the big picture. It is fitting that we publish, in the supplement to this issue, Martin's two presentations to the CDA Triennial Meeting held in Colombo, Sri Lanka. The readers will be able judge for themselves the analytical skills Martin can bring to bear on any subject, be it globalisation or continuing education. We record our appreciation of the work Martin has done to make the Bulletin what it is today.



The supplement three other presentations made during the Meeting. They are all very pertinent to the activities of the CDA and the dental professionals at large. The report of the Meeting highlights the deliberations that took place in Colombo and gives an insight into the nature of activities undertaken by the CDA. The financial statement illustrates how carefully the CDA manages its resources.

It should be noted however, that the CDA Triennial Meeting was embedded within a wider Continuing Education Programme conducted by the Sri Lanka Dental Association in Colombo. Many internationally renowned speakers contributed with topics ranging from the Asian and Avian Flu, HIV/AIDS, Cosmetic Dentistry, Endodontology, Implantology and Orthodontics to Oral Rehabilitation. It was an excellent programme conducted in spite of numerous difficulties the local organisers had to overcome. The programme blended well with the CDA Symposium. Due to a number of reasons, these presentations have not been reported in this issue.

Readers can be forgiven for wondering what direction the Bulletin will take now that there has been a change of editorship. They can rest assured that there will not be any dramatic changes to the content or

the direction the Bulletin will take. After all, as the CDA President, Professor Kaimenyi, states in his message, the purpose of the Bulletin is to publicise the activities of the CDA to a wider audience. The Bulletin will continue to do so with further emphasis on its scientific content. However, there is no intention to duplicate other sources of scientific information available to the readers in the process. The Bulletin will retain its unique identity while informing and educating the readers on matters relating to the CDA and to their professional activities.

Enjoy the read.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

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CDA SUBSCRIPTIONS

Dr Anthony Kravitz (CDA Treasurer)

The recent Triennial meeting in Colombo is reported extensively elsewhere in this edition of the CDA Bulletin. During the meeting several financial matters were agreed and these are explained here:

New Class of Membership

We have introduced a new class of membership – *Associate Membership*. This gives dental associations all the rights of full membership without payment of any subscription but no right to vote at Triennial general meetings. It is limited to countries with less than 10 dentists.

Just one of our current members qualifies to transfer to Associate membership (if they wish), so the loss of income to the CDA if they do is minimal. But, it does open the door to possible membership for several very small non-member countries with whom we are now in contact. We will follow this up shortly.

Numbers of Individual Members of National Dental Associations

The current basis for membership subscription demands has been lost in the fullness of time since this issue was last looked at. Julia (CDA Administrator) has been billing countries each January based on the previous year's bill. This was supposed to be at 11p (UK) per declared member, with a minimum of £30 payable.

However, looking at the FDI annually updated figures for membership (and many CDA member countries are also members of the FDI) there seemed to be several inconsistencies between the figures we are using and the FDI's. Some of our members were paying too much and a few too little.

The Triennial meeting agreed to allow me to swap to using FDI figures for future subscription requests, where these are available. For those countries where these are not available we will ask for an annual declaration of membership numbers.

Increase of Subscription

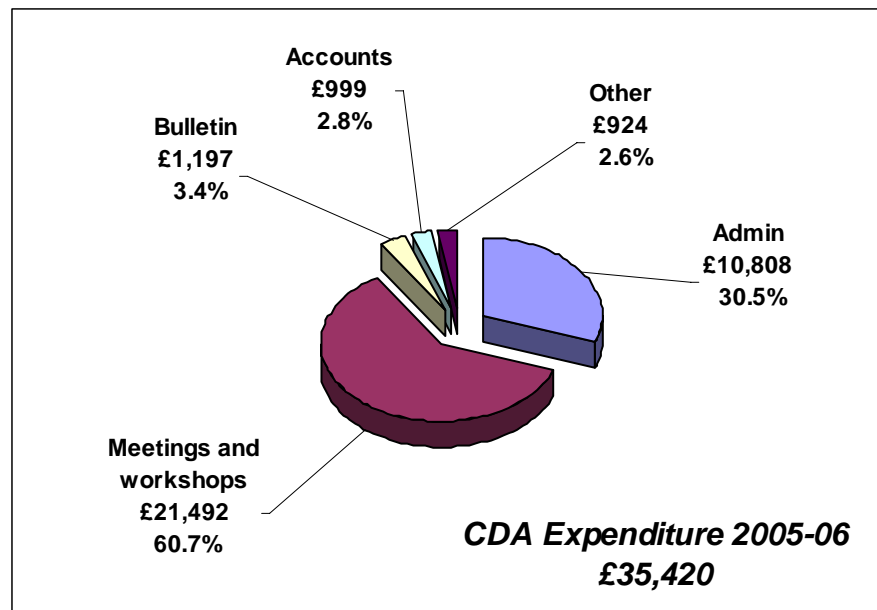
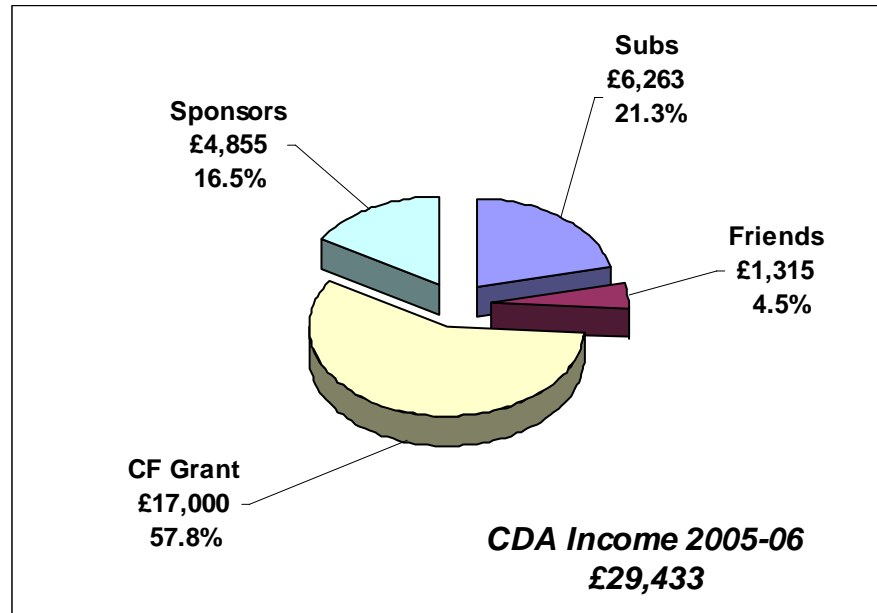
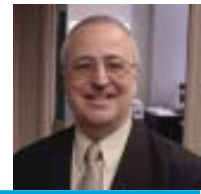
The Triennial meeting agreed a 10% increase in the subscription rate (currently 11p per NDA member), but with the minimum held at £30 and the maximum limited to £1,800.

CDA Friends

The subscriptions for CDA Friends has remained unchanged since 1998, when the scheme started. It was at the Triennial Meeting that CDA Friends Individual subscription would be increased to £20 p.a as from 2007.

THE COMMONWEALTH DENTAL ASSOCIATION ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR 2005-06

Dr Anthony Kravitz (CDA Treasurer)



Note 1: Two thirds of the Commonwealth Foundation Grant (£10,000) is earmarked specifically for Administration and cannot be used for other purposes

Note 2: Most of the deficit arose from a prepayment of income (£4,000) in the previous financial year (when there was a surplus of this amount)

REPORT OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE CDA 5th TRIENNIAL MEETING

1-3 December 2006 - Colombo, Sri Lanka

Dr Sam Thorpe (CDA Executive Secretary)



Introduction

The 5th Triennial Meeting of the Commonwealth Dental Association (CDA) took place at the Bandaranaike Memorial International Conference Hall Colombo, Sri Lanka from 1 to 3 December 2006. The meeting was hosted by the Sri Lanka Dental Association as part of their *Continuing Education Programme*. The theme was: *Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow*.



(left to right) Dr L K Gandhi, Mr R D Maithripala (Deputy Minister of Trade & Commerce), Dr A Sundary (Chairman - Trade) and Dr Hilary Cooray

The Continuing Education Programme was held over three days and included lectures by eminent speakers, symposia, free communications, poster presentations and a trade exhibition.

On Saturday 2 December, there was a CDA Symposium followed by the CDA General Assembly. The Ceremonial Inauguration of the Triennial Meeting took place in the evening.

CDA Symposium

The CDA Symposium took place in the morning of Saturday 2 December with the theme: *Oral Health Workforce in the Commonwealth*. During the first plenary session there were three presentations:

- ◆ *Continuing Education*, by Professor Martin Hobdell;
- ◆ *Dental Auxiliaries Across the Commonwealth*, by Dr Anthony Kravitz;

◆ *The Impact of a World Dental Organisation (FDI) on the Daily Practice of each Dentist World-Wide*, by Dr Michèle Aerden (President, FDI World Dental Federation).

The presentations were followed by three working group sessions to examine the following topics:

Group A: *Training Appropriate Personnel to Demands in each Category including Auxiliaries;*

Group B: *Regulations, Licensing CPD and Ethics;*

Group C: *How the Workforce could be Retained in Their Own Economy.*

There was a second plenary session during which the working groups presented their reports. This was

followed by discussions at the end of which the *Statement on the Oral Health Workforce* was adopted (see page 3).

CDA General Assembly

At the CDA General Assembly which took place in the afternoon of Saturday 2 December, the following countries were represented: *Australia, Bahamas, Botswana, India, Kenya, Malaysia, Nigeria, Pakistan, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Sri Lanka, United Kingdom and Zambia.*

In his report, the outgoing President, Dr L K Gandhi, stated that during the past three years, CDA's vision, aim and objectives were crowned with success and this was made possible through the cooperation and dedication of all the major players. He drew attention to the following activities at which CDA participated: FDI/WHO Planning Conference for Oral Health in the African Region in Nairobi (April 2004); the Commonwealth Health

Ministers Meeting (CHMM) in Geneva (2004, 2005 and 2006); the Pacific Regional Meeting in Fiji (November 2005); and the seminar at the Commonwealth People's Forum in Malta (November 2005) which was organised in collaboration with three other Commonwealth health organisations. He indicated that the CDA Tobacco Cessation Workshop in Geneva (19 May 2006) which prepared *The Commonwealth Chewing and Smokeless Tobacco Cessation Statement*, was a significant achievement. Dr Gandhi thanked the Commonwealth Foundation for their excellent collaboration and continued financial support to the CDA which enabled the association to undertake various activities in its efforts to contribute to the achievement of the *Millennium Development Goals (MDGs)*.



Delegates at the Triennial Meeting (front row left to right) Dr Clement Luhanga, Dato Dr A Ratnesan, Dr How Kim Chuan

Finally, he paid tribute to the untiring effort and zeal of all members of the CDA Executive and the national dental associations of the different regions.

The Executive Secretary, Dr Sam Thorpe, in his report, highlighted some major achievements of CDA during the 2003 to 2006 triennium; these included:

- ◆ The *Virtual* meetings of the CDA Executive Committee conducted by e-mail;
- ◆ The preparation and adoption of CDA Standing Orders; development of CDA Strategic Plan for the period 2004/2005 – 2008/2009;
- ◆ The development of the CDA Funding Strategy for 2005/2006 – 2009/2010;
- ◆ The continuation of the CDA Distance Learning Initiative;
- ◆ The CDA seminar on oral cancer during the FDI World Dental Congress in New Delhi, India (2004);
- ◆ The CDA/Caribbean seminar on HIV/AIDS organised during the FDI World Dental Congress in Montreal, Canada (2005).

He stated that UK-based CDA Executive members regularly represented the Association at various meetings and functions in London organised by the Commonwealth Foundation, the Commonwealth Secretariat and other organisations. Dr Thorpe also thanked the Commonwealth Foundation for their funding and support for the CDA and its projects, the Commonwealth Secretariat, Dr Michael Knowles, Quayle Dental Manufacturing Company, GlaxoSmithKline, sponsors of the CDA Bulletin and all others who have supported CDA financially and otherwise during the past three years.



(left to right) Dr Kumar Warnakula (President, SLDA), Dr Sama Weerapperuma (Chairperson, Tsunami Relief), Dr William O'Reilly, Dr Anthony Kravitz

The Treasurer, Dr Anthony Kravitz, reported on CDA's income and

expenditure a breakdown of which is shown elsewhere in this issue. Dr Kravitz highlighted the increase in contributions from Sponsors during 2006/2007 and thanked them for their support.

After presentation of the reports of the President, Executive Secretary and Treasurer, the General Assembly adopted an amendment to the Resolution regarding the Emeritus Founder President (Dr S P Akpabio). The last paragraph of the Resolution now reads: *'It is now the wish of the General Assembly that Dr Akpabio relinquishes his work for the CDA, in retirement, except when asked by the Executive Committee to carry out specific duties on behalf of the CDA, in pursuance of its objectives and goals'*.

The General Assembly further adopted an amendment to the CDA Constitution which introduces a new class of membership, 'Associate Membership' for smaller countries.

Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia (SE Asia Region) and Sydney, Australia (Pacific Region) had submitted bids to host the CDA 6th Triennial meeting in 2009. The two countries were requested to make short presentations to support their bid.

The General Assembly then confirmed the constitutional requirement that the CDA Executive Committee should determine where the CDA 6th Triennial Meeting will take place.

The election of Officers for the period 2006 to 2009 was then conducted. The new CDA Executive committee and those appointed to support the Officers are listed elsewhere..

The election of officers was followed by the installation of the new CDA President for the 2006-2009 triennium by the outgoing President.

In his installation address, the new President, Professor Jacob

Kaimenyi, expressed his thanks for being elected as President and paid tribute to the founding fathers of CDA for their vision, guidance and leadership. He indicated his intention to strive to make CDA more visible as an international association by participating at meetings of Commonwealth leaders such as Commonwealth Health Ministers' Meetings and Commonwealth Heads of Government Meetings, so that participants would be aware of what CDA stands for and its achievements to date.



(left to right) Dr L K Gandhi and Prof Jacob Kaimenyi

He also stated that at such meetings CDA should urge countries to:

- ◆ Increase the budgets allocated for oral health;
- ◆ Urgently address oral diseases which are malnutrition related such as Noma;
- ◆ Ensure tax waivers on dental items so as to make dental treatment affordable and accessible to many people especially the poor;
- ◆ Empower dental personnel to participate in the detection and management of child abuse;
- ◆ Ensure dentists participate effectively in the management of patients during national disasters. Professor Kaimenyi further emphasised the need to:
- ◆ Ensure wide circulation of CDA technical reports and the CDA Bulletin, which address various oral health concerns in the Commonwealth as current and future activities of CDA;
- ◆ Raise funds for projects in Commonwealth countries which are related to the Millennium Development Goals;

- ◆ Participate in scientific conferences/meetings so as to publicise CDA's agenda and appeal for support for its activities;
- ◆ Attract more membership, especially corporate and CDA Friends.

Finally, he appealed to all newly elected officers to be fully committed to achieving the aim and objectives of CDA.



(left to right) Prof Jacob Kaimenyi, Hon Mr Nimal Siripala De Silva (Minister of Health & Nutrition), Dr Michele Aerden, Dr Hilary Cooray, Dr Kumar Warnakula

Ceremonial Inauguration

The ceremonial inauguration of the Triennial Meeting took place in the Bandaranaike Memorial International Conference Hall in the evening of Saturday 2 December, under the patronage of the Minister of Health & Nutrition, Hon Mr Nimal Siripala De Silva.

The programme started with a traditional candle lighting ceremony. This was followed by speeches and a cultural show. Finally, there were three

presentations one of which was a plaque which Professor Kaimenyi received on behalf of CDA. There was then a reception for all the guests.

First Meeting of CDA New Executive

The new CDA Executive held its first meeting in the Cinnamon Grand Hotel, Colombo on Sunday 3

December 2006. Among the issues discussed were:

- ◆ CDA projects and funding submissions for 2007/2008;
- ◆ Commonwealth membership;
- ◆ Guidelines for hosting CDA Triennial Meetings;
- ◆ Commonwealth Health Ministers Meeting (CHMM 2007);
- ◆ Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM2007);
- ◆ National Dental Associations' subscriptions to CDA.

◆ A number of task groups were also appointed.

Conclusion

The CDA 5th Triennial Meeting was very successful. CDA would like to thank the Sri Lanka Dental Association for the excellent arrangements they made to host the meeting; the obvious result of systematic and meticulous planning. Everybody enjoyed the very polite and extremely warm Sri Lankan hospitality.

New Regional Vice Presidents

East, Central, Southern Africa



Dr Clement Luhanga
(Botswana)

South East Asia



Dr How Kim Chuan
(Malaysia)

Caribbean / Canada



Dr Derwin Munroe
(Bahamas)

Pacific / Australasia



Dr William O'Reilly
(Australia)

Triennial Meeting Programme 'Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow'

The delegates were welcomed by the CDA President and the Keynote Address 'Current Dilemmas in Dental Education - How Global Influences are Impacting Dental Education' was given by Professor Martin Hobdell.

Some of the presentations at the Triennial Meeting are recorded in the supplement to this issue of the CDA Bulletin..

The Commonwealth Dental Association (CDA) would like to thank the following for their support and funding towards this 5th Triennial Meeting: The Commonwealth Foundation, Glaxo-SmithKline, Dr Michael Knowles and Mr Andrew Quayle and Quayle Dental Manufacturing Company. We would also like to thank the Sri Lanka Dental Association for hosting the meeting.

Commonwealth Dental Association Statement on the Oral Health Workforce

Oral health is an integral part of general health and a fundamental human right. National policies or strategies that promote oral health are essential if governments are to exercise their international responsibility to ensure the right of the population to oral health. Policies or strategies that reflect a common risk factor approach to a number of chronic diseases, are to be encouraged.

In addition to promoting oral health it is necessary that governments ensure the availability of a safety net of essential oral health services.

In this context the Commonwealth Dental Association recognises and fully endorses the principles of the Primary Health Care Approach as defined by the *Alma Ata Declaration* (WHO, 1978), to make essential health care (including oral health care) universally available and affordable through practical, scientifically sound and socially acceptable approaches with the full participation of the communities concerned.

For many communities, both in developing and developed countries, oral health care services are neither available nor affordable. This, in part, results from a lack of appropriately trained and equipped oral health personnel. In addition, health workers in many countries of the Commonwealth are experiencing increasing stress and insecurity as they react to a complex array of social, economic and political forces. As a result many are seeking opportunities and greater job security elsewhere in the dynamic international labour markets that are part of the global economy.

Not only is there a need for national workforce plans that ensure sufficient numbers to be recruited and trained, careful attention needs to be directed towards achieving a mix of skills within the national oral health workforce that reflects the needs of the populations.

The right to migrate for professional, economic or personal reasons is recognised, but all countries are urged to plan accordingly as international recruitment of oral health professionals can only be a short-term solution to domestic shortages.

It is essential that international recruitment is not carried out to the detriment of countries. The Commonwealth Dental Association endorses the 57th World Health Assembly resolution (WHA57.19) that recognised the place of government-to-government agreements in helping to manage migration and to consider independent monitoring of these agreements.

The Commonwealth Dental Association calls upon Governments to:

- Promote national policies or strategies that improve oral health, increase awareness of oral health needs and enhance demand and stimulate the development of local oral health professional educational programmes.
- Consider the development of new educational programmes for oral health personnel in order to extend and sustain the network of oral health services.
- Promote policies:
 - ◆ To lessen the adverse effects of migration of oral health personnel and minimise their negative impact on health systems.
 - ◆ That could enhance effective retention of oral health personnel in their countries including, strengthening of human resources for health planning and management, and review of salaries and implementation of incentive schemes.
- To develop and monitor national agreements to ensure that personnel legally recruited from abroad are protected by the employment law in exactly the same way as applicable to all other health professionals including the same support and access to continuing professional development.

Dr George Gillespie BDS DDS MPH

On 25 September 2006, George Gillespie, a co-founder of the Commonwealth Dental Association and former Treasurer, was honoured with a Special Recognition for “*exemplary dedication, pioneering leadership and outstanding scientific contributions to Oral Health*” by Dr Mirta Roses Periago, Director of the Pan American Health Organization / WHO in Washington DC, on the occasion of the 47th meeting of the Directing Council of that organisation and the 50th anniversary of the oral health programme.



Dental Books and Journals for Tanzania



Mr Andrew Quayle (left) collecting a donation from Dr Glen Rochester

The CDA is delighted with the response it has received to its request for dental books and journals for the School of Dentistry in Dar Es Salaam, Tanzania. An appreciation, from the Dean of the Dental School, for the donations so far received was published in the October 2006 issue of the CDA Newsletter.

Through the generosity of Andrew Quayle this scheme continues whereby the books and journals are transported to Tanzania as part of Quayle Dental Manufacturing's consignments of dental equipment to the Dental School.

If you are based in the UK and would like to donate dental books and/or journals please contact:

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National Dental Associations

CDA Bulletin: We like to print articles and news from the various regions of the Commonwealth. If you have any projects or events you would like to write about and have published in the CDA Bulletin please let us know. The Bulletin is distributed electronically, by CDA, and we ask you to please circulate it amongst your members. It can also be downloaded from the CDA website: www.cdauk.com

CDA Website: If you would like to have particular events, conferences, workshops posted on the CDA website please send them to us giving details of the event, location, dates and who to contact.

Email Addresses: Please let us have your main contact email address. If it changes, please update us. As you know, CDA's main form of communication is electronic.

CDA Triennial Meeting: We will shortly be contacting National Dental Associations with optional locations for the next triennial meeting (2009) for you to give your views and preferences.

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