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I am delighted to introduce this newsletter, which provides an insight into the extent of our involvement in the activities of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association.

CPA offers us such amazing opportunities, as a small Island to look beyond our shores and access the wide range of opportunities afforded by our membership. We are given opportunities to engage with other Parliamentarians and develop working relationships whilst at the same time showcasing some of what makes Jersey special with our counterparts across the network. Jersey delegates have been active participants in a wide variety of CPA events detailed in this newsletter and our attendance at conferences and training sessions, or indeed as Election Observers in other jurisdictions, allows us to be fantastic ambassadors for Jersey.

There is certainly more to be gained from our participation at these events than an increased understanding of parliamentary roles. The additional positive outcomes are that, in placing us firmly on the world stage, Members have the opportunity to discuss common issues with parliamentarians from other jurisdictions large and small, share experiences and learn from each other. We can be inspired by the direct experiences of our colleagues across the Commonwealth and use what we learn in a local context to improve life in our Island, and we can also contribute to the betterment of others by sharing our own experiences.

Although we are a small jurisdiction, we take our membership of CPA very seriously and our delegates are often asked to make presentations and lead on discussions, as you will see demonstrated across the events we have attended over the past year. From leading on World Café sessions at the CPC Conference to heading up an Election Observer Mission, Jersey delegates have certainly made their mark. It was a very proud moment for Jersey when Deputy Raluca Kovacs was awarded the New Parliamentarian of the Year award at the CPC in Australia and we are also honoured that Deputy Mary Le Hegarat is serving as our Region's representative on the CPA Executive Council, only the second time that a Jersey Member has held an ExCo position.

I thank all Members for their involvement in the CPA in Jersey; for their continued support and for how Jersey is represented so successfully across the Commonwealth.

Deputy Rob Ward

Welcome to this newsletter with information about the work of the Jersey Section of the Assemblée parlementaire de la Francophonie (APF) in 2024.

French was the original language of States Assembly proceedings – and the only language used until 1900. It remains one of the Assembly's official languages (alongside Jèrriais and English) in which States Members may address each other. The linguistic, cultural and historical importance of the French language has allowed the Assembly to participate fully in the work of the APF; and our membership of this organisation provides opportunities for engagement, connection and the sharing of ideas with parliaments from around the world.

The conferences that our Members attend alongside parliamentarians from elsewhere bring us into contact with many countries or regions and their legislatures and assemblies that we would not otherwise engage with if we were a solely English-speaking Assembly. Alongside the increased understanding of parliamentary work these conferences provide, they also allow opportunities to build networks, to share how we approach matters in Jersey and to improve others' understanding of the Island. They allow us to act as ambassadors for our own Assembly and the Island more generally. In 2024, for example, we engaged directly with the work of the APF's Commissions for the first time. I was also delighted that the Island was represented at the Parlement Francophone des Jeunes for the first time in a number of years.

My thanks go to all those Members and officers who have involved themselves in the work of the APF, presently and in the past.

Deputy Montfort Tadier



Event: CPA BIMR Election Observer Training

Location: Virtual

Date: 22-23 January 2024

Attendees: Connétable Richard Vibert, Deputies Hilary Jeune and Raluca Kovacs

Summary:

The two-day online workshop introduced the theory and practice of election observation. The programme aimed to increase the number of Commonwealth parliamentarians able to take part in CPA BIMR election observation missions and strengthen the CPA's interest in promoting democratic elections. The training course comprised theoretical learning and group discussions and was designed to strengthen.



Event: Commonwealth Women Parliamentarians Conference – Resilient Women: Moulding Girls into Strong Women

Location: Floriana, Malta

Date: 6-9 March 2024

Attendees: Deputies Carolyn Labey, Mary Le Hegarat and Barbara Ward

Summary:

More than 30 Parliamentarians met to discuss the resilience and best practices to mould girls into strong women in the context of today's challenges. Among the topics discussed were the impact of the cost-of-living crisis, cultural and societal inequality and discrimination and the challenges of being a female Member of Parliament.

Feedback from Members:

Deputy Labey: "I was honoured to have been chosen to make a presentation at the conference. My subject was on the multifaceted challenges confronting women across the Commonwealth. As Jersey's Minister for International Development, I was able to speak about Jersey's financial inclusion programmes in the developing world and how micro finance can give women access to savings, loans and greater control of their own lives."

Deputy Ward: "It felt we were more connected as a group, more bonded and that it wasn't about us but about coming together to lead the way for our young people [and] the laying down of positive foundations."





Event: 72nd Westminster Seminar

Location: Westminster, London and Cardiff, Wales

Date: 11-15 March 2024

Attendees: Deputies Hilary Jeune and Karen Wilson

Summary:

The theme of the seminar was effective parliaments, and the five-day programme offered delegates an opportunity to immerse themselves in the world of parliamentary democracy, practice and procedure. It served as a platform for parliamentarians and clerks from across the Commonwealth to learn from one another, discuss shared experiences, and address the unique challenges they encounter in carrying out their parliamentary duties.

Feedback from Members:

Deputy Jeune: "The second day was the most interesting – the role of select/scrutiny committees and how to hold the executive to account and follow up to recommendations – I learnt a lot of tips that I will be utilising to the full."





Event: CPA BIMR 53rd Conference

Location: St Helena

Date: 18-25 May 2024

Attendees: Deputies Sam Mézec and Mary Le Hegarat

Summary:

The conference provided delegates with the opportunity to strengthen their regional network and benefit from peer-to-peer exchange on issues affecting parliaments in the British Isles and Mediterranean region. The theme of the conference was *Addressing Challenges to Sustainable Development in Times of Global Uncertainty*.



Event: CPA BIMR Election Assessment Mission to the UK General Election

Location:

Date: 29 June – 6 July

Attendees: Deputies Inna Gardiner, Hilary Jeune and Tom Coles

Summary:

The event comprised a two-day training session before delegates travelled to a constituency to meet election officials, parliamentary candidates, civil society organisations and youth and business groups. The mission was designed to publish a report on the UK General Election containing observations and recommendations for improvement in line with international best practices.



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Three deputies from [#JerseyCI](#) are among the [@CPA_UK](#) team who are **observing and assessing** the election process during the **UK Parliamentary elections**, this week.

Deputy Tom Coles (far left), Deputy Inna Gardiner [@innagardiner](#) (second from right) and Deputy Hilary Jeune... [Show more](#)



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It's polling day in the UK.

Impartial Commonwealth observers are present at polls across the UK to assess the electoral process.

Tomorrow at 4 pm, we will report on their initial findings and advice to strengthen the UK's democracy.





Event: 12th Commonwealth Youth Parliament

Location: Wellington, New Zealand

Date: 31 August-6 September 2024

Attendees: Jack Duncan and Jade Hahn

Summary:

Youth participants aged between 18 and 29 from across the CPA's 180 branches met in New Zealand to develop skills in democracy, good governance, networking, diplomacy, leadership and empowerment.

Feedback from participants:

Jack Duncan: "The event was incredibly valuable for its networking opportunities in meeting not just all the impressive young people there with such a multitude of perspectives, experiences and priorities, but also the seasoned and accomplished professionals we had the opportunity to talk to and learn from throughout the week, including diplomats, parliamentary clerks, speakers, young leaders, sitting MPs and many others".

Jade Hahn: "My favourite part of the debates was hearing many of the delegates make some inspired, passionate and humorous speeches, reminding us that humour and delivery can sometimes be more persuasive than facts and figures!"



Event: Legislative Strengthening Seminar to Address Gender-Based Violence and Modern Slavery in Supply Chains

Location: Westminster, London

Date: 22-24 October 2024

Attendees: Deputy Beatriz Porée

Summary:

The three-day seminar explored the development and scrutiny of robust legislation, among other measures, to bring about a reduction in modern slavery in supply chains. It followed the CPA UK's workshop held in Nairobi, Kenya in November 2023. The project was designed to enable Commonwealth parliaments to be more active in addressing modern slavery.





Event: 67th CPA Conference

Location: Sydney, New South Wales, Australia

Date: 3-8 November 2024

Attendees: Deputies Mary Le Hegarat, Elaine Millar, Inna Gardiner and Tom Coles

Summary:

The conference was attended by more than 700 parliamentarians and officials from across the Commonwealth. The theme of the conference was *Engage, Empower, Sustain: Charting the Course for Resilient Democracy*. Some of the key decisions made during the Conference included the approval of the 2023 CPA Annual Report and the endorsement of reports from the three CPA networks – the Commonwealth Women Parliamentarians, the Commonwealth Parliamentarians with Disabilities and the CPA Small Branches.



Event: Conférence des Présidents

Location: Chisinau, Moldova

Date: 17-21 March 2024

Attendees: Deputy Montfort Tadier



Summary:

The Conférence des Présidents brings together the Presidents of all jurisdictions in the APF's European Region. During the 2024 conference, there was a seminar on how parliamentarians can combat disinformation. The delegates received presentations on the situation in Moldova and the status and use of French in the country. Consideration was also given by the delegates to the impact of the War in Ukraine on Europe and the response of the European Union to foreign interference. Plans for the regional conference later in the year were also discussed and projects put forward by Sections for APF support were considered and approved. As the delegates were together on 20th March (the Journée Internationale de la Francophonie), they visited the Alliance Française of Moldova and met representatives from the Moldovan humanitarian organisation, Vent d'Est.

Event: Commission de l'Éducation, de la Culture et de la Communication

Location: Bucharest, Romania

Date: 2-4 April 2024

Attendees: Deputy Raluca Kovacs

Summary:

During this two-day event, several topics related to Francophonie and education were discussed, ranging from school inclusion, through disinformation, to digital transformation. There were also guest speakers present who shared their expertise on these topics and who provided areas for reflection with regard to education and development in the francophone world.

Feedback from Members:

Deputy Kovacs: "A great opportunity to hear on the subjects above on practical experiences/ policies of the countries taking part, to contribute with our own experiences and to hear directly from the Romanian Ministers, Deputies or Officials, on best practices used by their parliament regarding education and multilingualism".



Event: 49th Assemblée
Parlementaire de la Francophonie

Location: Montréal, Canada

Date: 5-9 July 2024

Attendees: Deputy Helen Miles
and Deputy Raluca Kovacs

Summary:

This event brought together nearly 400 participants representing 49 jurisdictions from the French-speaking world and saw various agreements adopted in the pursuit of democratic vigilance. This event also saw the addition of three new parliaments to the APF: the National Assembly of Angola as a member section; the House of Representatives of Cyprus as an associate section; and the Legislative Assembly of Pondicherry as an observer. The institution's membership thus increased to 95 parliaments. During the plenary session, delegates considered the expanding use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) and the impact of its use on parliamentary work. Prior to the plenary sessions, Deputies Helen Miles and Raluca Kovacs attended meetings of the Réseau des Femmes and the Commission de l'Éducation, de la Culture et de la Communication.

Feedback from Members:

Deputy Miles: "I was impressed by the quality of speakers and the intensity of debate across the chosen topics. I appreciated the academic approach to the presentation of evidence – particularly regarding bilingual education and artificial intelligence."

Deputy Kovacs: "I had the honour of representing Jersey, alongside Deputy Helen Miles, at the 49th session of the APF, in Montreal, Quebec, Canada CA. The schedule was intense, with very useful presentations of factual expertise, insightful debates, and important agreements being adopted in many areas of common interest in the Francophone countries".



Event: 10th Parlement
Francophone des Jeunes

Location: Montréal, Canada

Date: 4-9 July 2024

Attendees: Edith Brown and
Tanguy Billet-Masters

Summary:

The Parlement Francophone des Jeunes is an initiative run by the APF every two years. Jersey was represented in 2024 for the first time since 2015. The event lasted a week and saw the representatives divided into four commissions: Economic affairs; Political affairs; Parliamentary affairs; and Education, culture and environment. The members of each commission debated topics and prepared proposals and resolutions for presentation to the plenary session of the Parlement des Jeunes. Another key element was the 'Joutes Oratoires', a debating competition involving all of the delegates that ran throughout the week.

Feedback from Members:

Edith Brown: "As for my personal development, it was greatly accelerated thanks to meeting of talented and caring people whom I would never have met otherwise. Moreover, I would say that it pushed me to improve myself and develop more political and individual projects in my everyday life. Indeed, I believe that the greatest benefit that Jersey can gain from this conference and conferences with the same focus is the recognition of us as a country in general and then as a player in the French-speaking world. Furthermore, the association of Jersey with positive things by young people likely to acquire positions of influence is a good step forward for Jersey's international reputation".

Tanguy Billet-Masters: "To be able to participate in the Youth francophone parliament is an incredible opportunity. Not only was the event an opportunity to have an enriching social experience but the Parlement Francophone des Jeunes was an opportunity to learn about politics and parliamentary life. All the young representatives were brought together in a common interest in fighting for the young francophone world and its future. The experience enabled me to learn about distinct cultures and encounter young people from all around the world. I was furthermore introduced to ideas and perspectives that I had never come across before, so it was a great learning curve for me as well as a deeply thought provoking one".

Event: 36th Assemblée régionale
Europe APF

Location: Pristina, Kosovo

Date: 11-13 November 2024

Attendees:
Deputy Montfort Tadier,
Connétable Michael Jackson,
Deputy Kristina Moore

Summary:

The presentations and seminars took place in an open forum in the Kosovo Parliament as a series of mini lectures with more than 40 parliamentarians collaborating on discussions around the theme "Hybrid War: A Danger for Security and Democracy." Various experts were invited to present at the conference with discussions focusing on actions to consider and strategies for defense alongside preservation of democratic values.

Feedback from Members:

Deputy Tadier: "Both the location of the conference and the subject matter reinforce in my mind the value of Jersey's adherence to the membership of the APF, as it gives our parliament reach far beyond the usual remit of countries we would otherwise come into contact with, and discuss geo-political issues of shared relevance that we perhaps would also not discuss."

Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (Jersey Branch) Executive Committee - 2024 Conference and Events

Conference / Event	Date	Venue	Attendees	Hotel Cost	Flight Cost *
CPA BIMR Election Observation training course	22 & 23 January 2024 (afternoon's only)	Virtual	Deputy Raluca Kovacs	-	-
			Deputy Hilary Jeune	-	-
10th British Islands and Mediterranean Regional Commonwealth Women Parliamentarians Conference	6-9 March 2024	Malta	Deputy Mary Le Hegarat	Paid for by Malta CPA	£387.35
			Deputy Barbara Ward		£380.42
			Deputy Carolyn Labey		£376.08
			Grefe officer		£334.38
72nd Westminster Seminar on Effective Parliaments	11-15 March 2024	Westminster, London	Deputy Hilary Jeune	London £597.00 Cardiff £142.54	£139.80
			Deputy Karen Wilson	London £597.00 Cardiff £142.54	£120.46
53rd British Islands and Mediterranean Regional Commonwealth Conference	18-25 May 2024	St Helena Island	Deputy Mary Le Hegarat	Paid for by CPA Johannesburg Airport Hotel 17th & 25th May £230.96 per person per night	£2,295.27
			Deputy Sam Mézec		£2,295.27
			Grefe officer		£2,314
CPA BIMR Election Assessment Mission to the UK General Election	29 June - 6 July 2024	United Kingdom	Deputy Hilary Jeune	Paid for by CPA	£195.46
			Deputy Inna Gardiner		£196.38
			Deputy Tom Coles		£363.08
12th Commonwealth Youth Parliament	31st August – 6th September 2024	Wellington, New Zealand	Two attendees	Paid for by CPA	£4,017.39
					£4,092.77
Legislative Strengthening Seminar to Address Modern Slavery in Supply Chains	22-24 October 2024	Westminster, London	Deputy Beatriz Porée	£1,036.00	£324.38.00
67th Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference	3-8 November 2024	Sydney, New South Wales, Australia	Deputy Mary Le Hegarat	2 nights paid for by CPA. 3 nights paid by SG £898.56	Paid for by CPA
			Deputy Elaine Millar	£1,347.84	Economy flights paid for by CPA and upgrade to Premium Economy paid for by SG £1,410.00
			Deputy Inna Gardiner	£1,347.84	Economy flights paid for by CPA and upgrade to Premium Economy paid for by SG £1,489.30
			Deputy Tom Coles	£1,347.84	Economy flights paid for by CPA and upgrade to Premium Economy paid for by SG £1,576.00
			Grefe officer	£1,347.84	Economy flights paid for by CPA and upgrade to Premium Economy paid for by SG £2,125.00

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Assemblée parlementaire de la Francophonie 2024 Meetings

Conference / Event	Attendees	Venue	Flights *	Hotel	Other	Total
Conférence des Présidents	Deputy Tadier	Moldova	£336	£341	£95	£772
Commission de l'Education, de la Culture et de la Communication	Deputy Kovacs	Romania	£327.33	£463.05		£790.38
Assemblée Générale	Deputy Miles Deputy Kovacs Greffe Officer	Montreal	£5,869	£2,670	£20	£8,559
Parlement des Jeunes	Two attendees	Montreal	£4,413	Paid by APF		£4,413
Assemblée Régionale Europe	Deputy Tadier Connétable Jackson Deputy Moore Greffe Officer	Kosovo	£1,705	£2,080	£172	£3,957

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