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Commonwealth Association of Surveying & Land Economy (CASLE)

EDITORIAL

It was with great sadness that we learned of the passing of H.M. Queen Elizabeth II on the 8th September. Many CASLE members are not old enough to remember any other Monarch and it was evident from the outpouring of grief, how much the Queen meant to so many people all over the world. On behalf of the members of the CASLE Management Board and Task Force and group and individual members of CASLE I sent our condolences to members of the Royal Family.

As a child, I vividly remember the death of King George VI in 1952 and the subsequent Coronation of the late Queen, when members of my family all gathered around a small greenish tinted television screen. It rained all day and I remember Queen Salote of Tonga riding in the procession in an open carriage without an umbrella.

This will be my last CASLE E-newsletter as Secretary-General of CASLE. As many of you will know I have been trying to retire for some time but it was very important to me to make sure that CASLE is in good hands and financially secure for the future. The administration and financial management of CASLE will be transferred to the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (RICS) in London under the direction of Mr James Kavanagh, Head of Land and Resources, RICS Standards & Practice, ably assisted by Maria Onofrio, RICS Thought & Leadership.

It will be quite a wrench to leave CASLE after 28 years, but I have agreed that I shall be available in the background ready to assist when required.

I have been extremely lucky to have so many very able people around me, both in the Task Force and on the CASLE Management Board, who have been prepared to give up their time to attend, both online and physical meetings, giving their advice when required. I am also very grateful to the Directorate and members of staff in the Faculty of Environment & Technology at the University of the West of England for all their invaluable support, as far back as I can remember.

Alan and I have some very happy memories of our visits to many parts of the Commonwealth and some of the talented people that we have met, many of whom have become friends. Over the years, it has been a great pleasure seeing some of the younger surveyors, developing and progressing into positions of authority and leadership in their own country and beyond.

Alan and I have just celebrated our 55th Wedding Anniversary and Alan's 90th Birthday and we both think that it is time to spend more time with our children and grandchildren whilst we are still able.

From the 30th September, I shall gradually give up my UWE email address and revert to my home email address (susan.spedding@hotmail.com)

I would like to thank all CASLE members who have made Alan and I so welcome at conferences and for continuing to support CASLE. I hope that you will continue to do so far into the future.

Warmest regards

Susan

Mrs Susan Spedding
Secretary General, CASLE

The CASLE President, Mr Joseph Ajanlekoko directed that the following copy of his letter in respect of the retirement of the CASLE Secretary General, Mrs Susan Spedding should be included in this E-newsletter.



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Commonwealth Association of Surveying and Land Economy

THE PRESIDENT

Office: Construction Economists Partnership Ltd

20th September, 2022

Susan Spedding
CASLE- Secretary General

SUSAN RETIRING – THE RETIRING OF AN AMAZON

I never knew it will come too soon that Susan Spedding will retire from CASLE. Although, it has always been on the drawing board that she will retire, but it was contemplated that it will be after my Presidency. This way, she will be able to ensure the continuity and sustainability of CASLE- such is the Pillar of strength that she represents in CASLE.

Susan Spedding has through sheer doggedness, steadfastness and selflessness has performed the duty of Secretary General of CASLE creditably without batting an eyelid.

Susan was the Amazon of CASLE! Throughout her years of working for CASLE, first as admin Secretary and till she became the Secretary General, Susan showed so much commitment and passion in her duties.

Under Her, CASLE continues to wax stronger and her motherly disposition helped to bring together as one family all Member Bodies. During her tenure, some non-Commonwealth countries even joined CASLE. They found in her, someone who one could trust. We all shall miss Susan for her high sense of duty and commitment to CASLE.

She is one who can aptly be described as 'JACK OF ALL TRADES AND MASTER OF ALL'

She is the fabric on which CASLE was woven

Susan, in your retirement, we wish you well, may your health continue to hold for a very long time more to come.

Don't forget, we may be calling on you occasionally to help with some little assignments – that's how indispensable you are!

Highest Regards

Joseph Ajanlekoko
President-CASLE

The following photograph of CASLE President Mr Joseph Olusegun Ajanlekoko, meeting Her Majesty the Queen at a reception at St James Palace prior to the Commonwealth Heads of Government meeting (CHOGM) in 2015



FUTURE OF CASLE

On the official retirement of Mrs Susan Spedding, Secretary General of CASLE on 30th September 2022, the administration and financial management of CASLE will be transferred to RICS in London under the direction of Mr James Kavanagh (Email: jkavanagh@rics.org)



James Kavanagh MRICS C.Geog MCInstCES is a Chartered Land Surveyor & Chartered Geographer. James studied at TUD Dublin and University of East London. With over 30 years' experience in the global land and property sectors, James has worked on some of the largest infrastructure projects in Europe before spending several years working on mapping, surveying, and informal land rights issues for the United Nations (UNRWA). James is head of Land & Resources (Environment, Minerals & Waste, Rural land management, planning & development, geospatial surveying) with The Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (RICS). James is chair of the International Land Standard (ILMS) Coalition, vice chair of FIG Comm 9 and is working on further research, insight, and standards on issues of GNSS in geospatial surveying, imagery, neighbour disputes, geodesy, informal settlements, customary land issues, land acquisition and compensation and the process of land and property rights formalisation.

Mr James Kavanagh

CASLE Europe

CASLE Past President and CASLE Secretary General, Professor Dr Alan and Mrs Susan Spedding hosted a Task Force meeting at their home in South Gloucestershire on Wednesday 14th September. It was a beautiful day and the following photographs were taken in their garden.



Mr Joseph Olusegun Ajanlekoko, Dr Jim Mason, Mrs Susan Spedding, Professor Dr Alan Spedding, Mr Tony Westcott



Mr Tony Westcott, Prof Dr Alan Spedding, Dr Jim Mason, Mrs Susan Spedding, Mr Joseph Olusegun Ajanlekoko, Dr Abdul-Majeed Mahamadu



**Professor Dr Alan Spedding, CASLE Past President, Mrs Susan Spedding, CASLE Secretary General
Receiving gifts from Mr Joseph Olusegun Ajanlekoko in respect of Susan's retirement and Alan's 90th Birthday the
following day.**

Minutes of the Task Force Meeting - Wednesday 14th September 2022

Held at the home of Professor Dr Alan and Mrs Susan Spedding

Present: Mr Joseph Olusegun Ajanlekoko (JOA) CASLE President, Mr Tony Westcott (TW) Hon Treasurer, Dr Jim Mason (JM), Dr Abdul-Majeed Mahamadu (AMM), Prof Dr Alan Spedding (AHS), Mrs Susan Spedding (SS) Secretary General.

Apologies: Mr Max Crofts (MC - in communication by phone), Dr Patrick Manu, Mr Brian Waldy.

1. Individual reports

SS reported that she would officially retire on 30th September 2022.

JM said that the Festival of Surveying which had now become an annual event, would be going ahead in 2023 but a lot depended on the future with RICS - what is worthwhile e.g. possibility of a sustainability themed conference. TW said that the Dr Patrick Manu had established a Reviewing committee of a high academic level bringing together universities and the profession where CASLE is acting as Facilitator.

AMM said that UCL is expanding with a global focus on research. He suggested proposing a list of opportunities including Planning & Development, which would be dependent on how RICS develops. There are some aspects of research being undertaken at present by RICS e.g. DATA publishing, implementing Machine Learning re cost information and BCIS who are involved with Artificial Intelligence. CASLE must steer clear of these areas and list particular areas which we wish to pursue.

CASLE could continue the 'Africa' series of conferences which must be self-supporting. Other areas of interest include publications but without 'stepping on the toes of RICS' and Consultancy, using practitioners involved in Education in respect of universities in Commonwealth countries. Depending on what RICS wants, it was suggested that CASLE might collaborate more with the Aubrey Barker Fund in respect of high-level themes in priority areas; to encourage more Commonwealth countries to join in projects.

2. CASLE/RICS

TW posed the question 'What does RICS want?'. The Bichaud report has suggested a fresh outlook, fresh direction and culture change. To what extent is RICS to be a 'learned society or a 'trade association?'

Future role of CASLE Management Board & Task Force

AHS said that we need to define what CASLE should be doing, using email communication. JA asked 'what kind of structure do we want for CASLE in the future?' Do we continue to have a top-end Management Board structure or run CASLE differently. RICS will be funding CASLE in future and using it to gain access to many Commonwealth countries.

AHS suggested that the effective geographical span of CASLE, is mainly Africa, and the Caribbean, bearing in mind that there are other institutions in the field. He suggested that Europe might also be an area for collaboration.

3. Future of CASLE

For the future relationship between CASLE and RICS we need to 'firm-up our expectations' Implementation of the Bichaud report will involve an 'Appointments Committee' and progression for the future, based on the membership vote. It is intended that RICS should become more transparent and democratic.

It was agreed that we should organise a meeting with James Kavanagh to discuss expectations including a debate on the 'Future of CASLE' and set out our aspirations. JA suggested that we should move quickly to craft a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and ask RICS to sign it. JA also suggested that we should approach universities e.g. UWE, Manchester, UCL and Salford to gain support and add weight to the MOU.

Consider academic v Practice – getting the money and Identifying other sources of finance. Emphasise a Commonwealth dimension to future research in collaboration with RICS. Help James Kavanagh to encourage some joint research in Commonwealth universities. CASLE to investigate possibilities of adding weight to bids when universities seek funding. When pitching for funding e.g. European funding, consider partnering with EU countries such as Portugal and Ireland.

4. Future links

The aims of the AB Fund are more socially inclined, but we might be able to come to a reciprocal arrangement, including RICS, to develop a policy for the future and ensure that there is an annual programme of 'pump priming' and financial support to achieve research and other CASLE goals.

5. General Assembly in 2023

All members of the Task Force including the President, Mr Joseph Ajanlekoko agreed that the best way to confirm the new relationship between CASLE and RICS would be to have a future project in view. The suggestion is that we organise a Conference and General Assembly in London in September 2023 (Suggested dates 14th and 15th September 2023)

It was generally agreed that Education and Research will be high on the agenda for the future direction of CASLE and that our links with universities, both in UK and the Commonwealth will be fundamental to implementation of our aims. Dr Jim Mason from UWE, Dr Patrick Manu from Manchester University and Dr Abdul-Majeed Mahamadu from UCL are all members of the Task Force and they are now investigating what level of involvement their universities would be prepared to take in the proposed event.

6. CASLE/RICS event.

It is recommended that CASLE should act as a facilitator in bringing together UK and Commonwealth universities for the promotion of practice-based research. AMM has agreed to investigate whether UCL will be prepared to host part, or all of the conference at its new campus at Stratford (East London), which would be very convenient.

We have yet to discuss these proposals with Patrick Manu, who is on vacation at present, but we are anticipating that he will be available to set-up a similar Peer-Reviewing committee to that which was so efficient throughout the 'CASLE Africa' series of events from 2015. There were no suggestions for a title for the event, but it was agreed that it should appeal to all or most surveying disciplines.

JA said that he was certain that this proposal would attract a high level of delegates from CASLE member associations in the Commonwealth and beyond.

7. CASLE/UWE Webinar

JM has agreed to look at whether the annual 'Festival of Surveying' which has previously been very successful, could be incorporated into the CASLE/RICS event above.

8. Research projects

This item was covered in items 1, 3 & 5

9. Any other business

AHS informed members that the Secretary General had used the dedicated Government web-page to indicate the sadness with which members of CASLE had received the news of the passing of H.M. Queen Elizabeth II. SS communicated with MC to inform him of the progress of the meeting. There was no further business and the meeting closed at 4.30pm.

FIG Working Week



At the FIG Working Week in Warsaw Dr Diane Dumashie, the new President of FIG presenting Adamu Balu with the Survey Review Prize for 2022



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MESSAGE OF CONDOLENCE



Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II

It is with great sadness that RISM learnt of the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. Our thoughts are with His Majesty King Charles III and the royal family at this very difficult time.

RISM joins the rest of the nation and people the world over in mourning her death.

HIGHLIGHTS OF RISM EVENTS

1. *24th International Surveyors' Congress*

Date : 23rd – 24th June 2022

Venue : Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre (KLCC)

The 24th International Surveyors' Congress (ISC) was held in Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre on 23rd and 24th June 2022. The theme of the congress was "Calibrating Surveyors for Recovery" officiated by YBhg. Datuk Ir. Haji Mohamad Zulkefly bin Sulaiman, Director General, Public Works Department. 27 papers were presented by speakers from various professions and keynote by the Chief Executive Officer, Construction Industry Development Board Malaysia (CIDB). The Organising Committee Chair was Sr Dainna Baharuddin, Deputy President of Session 2021/2022 and now President of RISM for Session 2022/2023.



Welcoming Address by the
Organising Chair, Sr Dainna Baharuddin



Congress Participants reached about 400



VIPs and Guest of Honour with President and Deputy President



Photo wall with Sponsors List

2. Annual General Meetings for Divisions and RISM Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting for four Divisions i.e Geomatics and Land Surveying, Quantity Surveying, Property Surveying and Building Surveying were held on 23rd June 2022 whereas for the RISM Annual General Meeting was on 24th June 2022.



3. 61st RISM Anniversary Dinner on 25th June 2022

The 61st RISM Anniversary Dinner was held on 25th June 2022 at the Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre. In conjunction with the Anniversary Dinner, a presentation of the RISM Excellence Awards was held for the winners of the awards and below are the recipients:



"Tokoh Juruukur Malaysia" for 2021
Assoc. Prof. Sr Dr. Noushad Ali Naseem Ameer Ali



Lifetime Achievement Award
Dato' Sr Hj. Rozali bin Mohamud



Lifetime Achievement Award
Sr Oh Chin Choo



**Young Surveyor of the Year
Sr Melissa Felix Lee**



**Outstanding Writer in Property and Construction
Ariel Chew Yan Tai**



**Outstanding Contribution Towards Sustainability
Iskandar Puteri City Council, Johor**



**Posthumous Award
Late Sr Siew Yee Hoong**

And by tradition, the Anniversary Dinner will welcome RISM's next President. For Session 2022/2023, Sr Dainna Baharuddin takes the helm. She's the third lady President of RISM.

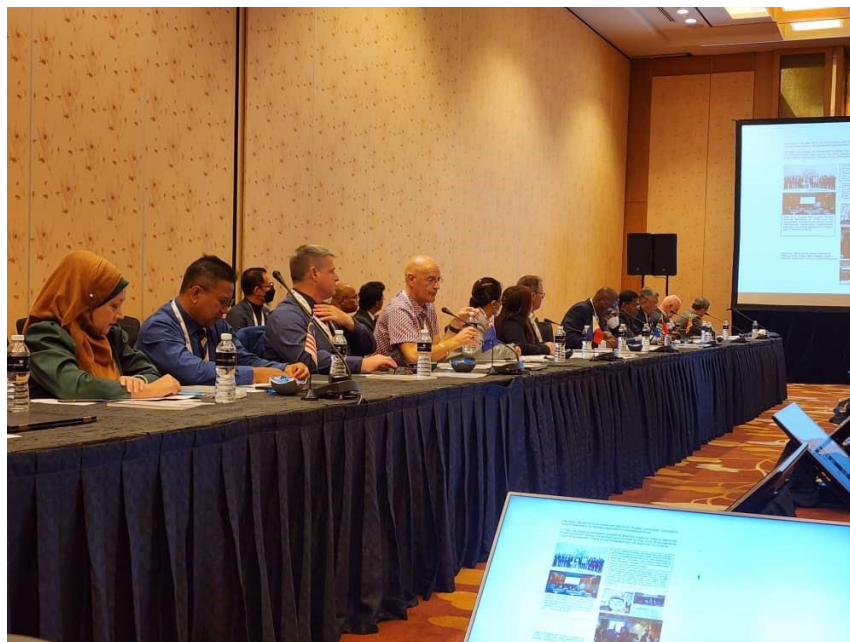


Sr Dainna Baharuddin (in red) being welcomed by RISM Past Presidents

ACTIVITIES BY DIVISIONS
Quantity Surveying Division

Pacific Association of Quantity Surveyors' Congress 2022 (PAQS)

The Pacific Association of Quantity Surveyors' Congress consisted of 14 countries has been hosted by the Singapore Institute of Quantity Surveyors (SISV) from 9th till 13th September 2022 in Marina Bay Sands, Integrated Resort and Convention Centre, Singapore. The theme of the Congress was "Disruption and Transformation in the Built Environment"





Sr Wan Ainon Zuraiha Wan Abdul Khalid, who is an RISM Councillor has been awarded with the PAQS Excellence Service Award this year.

RISM had attended several events and visits as follows:

Professional Discourses

1. *United Nation Habitat*

A Professional Discourse was held with the Executive Director of UN Habitat Dato' Seri Paduka Maimunah Mohd Sharif, Tan Sri Jamalia and Tan Sri Zakri on 4th August 2022 with the President of RISM and Chair of Green Building Technology and Initiatives Committee, Past President Sr Kwan Hock Hai.



The following matters were discussed:

- a. World city report, humanity will live in urban area cities, poverty, sustainable and integrated.
- b. Role of Professionals – Lead, Game Changer, Governance, Capital (need for leaders willing to make change) bring fund to correct leaders who are committed, sincere, honesty, trust deficit issue.
- c. World habitat Day – Engage the youth, invest in the young, Resilient, Collaboration and partnership 2650+ days to 2030.

Visits Hosted by RISM

2. *Wanita Industri Binaan Malaysia*

Delegates from “Wanita Industri Binaan Malaysia” led by President Sr Dr. Hajjah Wan Maimun Wan Abdullah and the committee members were Sr Noor Azmi, Sr Azmiah, Sr Nor Afidah and Datin Sr Sofia and discussed about current business challenges especially the QS consultancy fees.





3. Visit to RISM by the Chartered Institute of Building

Chartered Institute of Building Malaysia (CIOB) and led by President, Ts Ho Chee Leong and participation of Council Members who were Sr Ong Bok Siong (Imm. Past President), Sr Wong Khin Yip (VP Admin), Dr. Tan Hai Chen (Senior Council), Ts Ahmad Zalene Alias (Senior Council), Sr Eric Khoo Sui Lai and Sr Neoh Wen Wan from RISM on 12th August 2022, 2.30 pm at the President's Lounge. The delegates had an opportunity for collaboration in providing speakers at events and mutually disseminating CPD information to members.

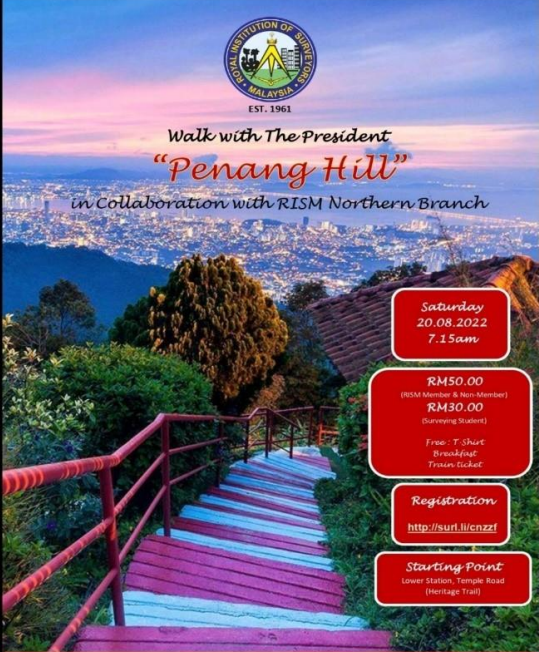


Walk with the President to Penang Hill in Collaboration with Northern Branch

Walk with the President at Penang Hill was carried out on 20th August 2022 in collaboration with RISM Northern Branch and attended the Branch's Annual Dinner as well. Madam President also took the opportunity to meet the younger members and to promote RISM's membership as well as create awareness on the portal amongst them.

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Walk with The President "Penang Hill" in Collaboration with RISM Northern Branch... see more



**Walk with The President
"Penang Hill"**
in Collaboration with RISM Northern Branch

**Saturday
20.08.2022
7.15am**

RM50.00
(RISM Member & Non-Member)
RM30.00
(Surveying Students)

Free: T-Shirt
Breakfast
Train Ticket

Registration
<http://surilicenzf>

Starting Point
Lower Station, Penang Road
(Heritage Trail)

CLOSING DATE: 14.08.2022
For any inquiries, please email to event@rism.org.my | 03 7954 8358 / 7955 1773

Walk with The President
Penang Hill
5km 3hours 15mins
We leave no one behind

Pertubuhan Juruukur DirajaMsia
Photo credit Sr Amnah Salleh







OUR GRATITUDE

RISM records its appreciation to Mrs Susan Spedding, for committing nearly 20 years of her time serving selflessly and efficiently as the CASLE Secretary-General. RISM will miss her upon her retirement end of September 2022. RISM certainly wishes her the best of health and is very sure she will continue to serve CASLE in an advisory role. God Bless!

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RISM Past President
President, CASLE Asia Pacific Region

ASIA REGION

Singapore

Recently PAQS congress was held in Singapore Marina Bay Sands Convention Centre. Professor Mrs Chitra Weddikara, Past President of CASLE was the PAQS Chair for the countries participating and all the presidents of the member countries including The Institute of Quantity Surveyors of Sri Lanka (IQSSL). Representatives of RICS, CASLE, and ICEC were invited as guests for the Congress. The Honorable Ms Indranee Rajah, 2nd Minister for National Development and 2nd Minister for Finance in the Prime Minister's Office was the chief guest. Prof Roger Flanagan (from Reading University, UK), Dr Ong See Lian (past PAQS Chairman and Mr. Zhou Feng, Vice President of International Business Development from Glodon, China) were some of the guest speakers at the Congress. The Institute of Quantity surveyors (IQSSL) signed the reciprocity agreements with RICS, AIQS and NZIQS and some pictures are sent here with. The theme of the congress was **DISRUPTION AND TRANSFORMATION IN THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**



Centre, Professor Mrs Chitra Weddikkara with Ms Indranee Rajah and including Mr. Zhou Feng, Vice President of International Business Development from Glodon, China, Prof Roger Flanagan (from Reading University, UK), Dr Ong See Lian (past PAQS Chairman)

CASLE Individual Associate Members

We shall comply with legal requirements in the transfer of data and documentation from CASLE to RICS and we hope that the transfer will be completed by the end of September 2022. If you do not wish to have your contact details transferred to RICS would you please contact the Secretary General as soon as possible.

CASLE E-newsletter

We would greatly appreciate information on events and activities in the regions, any photographs, news reports, amusing incidents and anecdotes. We hope to send out the next E-newsletter within the next three months. Email: susan.spedding@hotmail.com

For further information on events and activities please see the CASLE website – www.casle.org

Secretary General's Task Force – current members



Mr Max Crofts



Mr Tony Westcott



Mr Brian Waldy



Prof Dr Alan Spedding



Dr Patrick Manu



Mrs Susan Spedding



Dr Jim Mason



Dr Abdul-Majeed Mahamadu

Mr Max Crofts - Past President RICS, International Liaison, Chairman of the Standard Setting Committee of the International Property Measurement Standards Coalition (IPMS), Adviser on Valuation and Property.

Mr Tony Westcott - Honorary Treasurer, Webmaster, Education Adviser - Construction Economics/BIM.

Mr Brian Waldy - Commonwealth Liaison, CASLE Europe President, CASLE representative on BEPIC (Built Environment Professions in the Commonwealth), Commonwealth Secretariat, Commonwealth Foundation & Habitat Professionals Forum .

Dr Jim Mason - CASLE Europe Vice President, Associate Head of Department, Built Environment Programme, U.W.E.

Professor Dr Alan Spedding - CASLE Past President, Education Adviser (Construction Economics), Adviser to the S.G.

Dr Patrick Manu - Academic Conference Organiser, Chairman CASLE Academic Review Panel.

Dr Abdul-Majeed Mahamadu – Senior Lecturer, UCL London, CASLE Research Liaison

Mrs Susan Spedding - Secretary General, Administrative Secretary to Survey Review Ltd & Administrative Secretary to CASLE.

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