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President's Column:



'2119 – The Year that Global Democracy Will Be Realized.'

This is the title of a recent book by Leif Lewin who argues that 'a democratic world order is feasible, provided that a long-term perspective is employed. Why 2119? Lewin argues that it took 200 years from the emergence of democratic theories in the Enlightenment to the emergence of a significant number of popularly-elected governments after World War 1. If the same process is followed at an international level, then starting with the Treaty of Versailles in 1919 we could expect a democratic world order by 2119.

Well, we know there is nothing magical about the date 2119. The point Lewin is making in his book is that a democratic global order is something that will take a long time, but it is something worth striving for. We live in an increasingly globalized world in

which we face "problems without passports", global threats that can affect us all no matter what country we live in, such as nuclear war, climate change, pandemics, cyber-meltdown and financial crises. Also, as George Monbiot says, we live at a time when "everything is being globalised, except our consent." This means that the democratic power that those of us possess, who are lucky enough to live in a democracy, is being eroded as more and more decisions that affect our lives are being made by big international organisations and transnational corporations who are accountable to no-one.

For these reasons, the World Citizen's Association of Australia needs to educate the community about how we can work towards a democratic world order. We are not a large organization, so we need to seek out the most effective ways of getting our message out there, whether it be by partnering with other organisations in some events, writing articles for the media, creating resources for teachers, running competitions for students, using social media more effectively, or getting high-profile people to speak at our events. We, the membership, need to have a discussion about the best way to proceed and then to work towards short and long-term goals in the implementation of our plan.

Daryl Le Cornu



News and Events

Global News

United Nations Parliamentary Network

[extracted from a report on the website of the Campaign for a United Nations Parliamentary Assembly (CEUNPA)]

June 16, 2015. As part of a revitalization of the United Nations, the report of the Commission on Global Security, Justice and Governance that was presented in the Peace Palace in The Hague recommends the establishment of a "UN Parliamentary Network." According to the report titled "Confronting the Crisis of Global Governance," such a new parliamentary body would constitute a "pragmatic approach toward strengthening UN-citizen relations and overcoming the world body's democratic deficit."

The document explains that the parliamentary network could be established by the UN General Assembly according to Article 22 of the UN's Charter. "It would bring together parliamentarians elected from their national legislatures, to discuss and advise on issues in UN governance that concern citizens worldwide," the report says. The establishment of this body is understood as "a vital step that can be taken in the immediate term" that is complementary to long-term efforts towards "the creation of a standing, formally constituted UN second chamber." The Commission points out that the parliamentary network would focus "on UN governance itself, and on facilitating more accountable and inclusive decision-making at the global level."



The Commission's co-chairs: former U.S. Secretary of State Madeleine Albright and former Nigerian Foreign Minister Ibrahim Gambari in The Hague

The report and the Commission's key findings were presented by its Co-Chairs, former U.S. Secretary of State Madeleine Albright and former Nigerian Foreign Minister and UN Under-Secretary-General for Political Affairs Ibrahim Gambari. According to Secretary Albright, the world requires "more capable tools of global governance, with different kinds of public, private, and mixed institutions designed for twenty-first-century challenges."

The international Campaign for a UN Parliamentary Assembly, an informal network of parliamentarians and civil society organizations, applauded the Commission's support for the creation of a UN Parliamentary Network. "Seventy years after the UN's establishment it is high time for a formal UN body that allows elected representatives to be involved in the world organization's affairs," said the campaign's coordinator, Andreas Bummel.

[Download the full report and summaries here](#)



Further general remarks: The report emphasizes the increasing range of global problems confronting us, and the need for better global governance to deal with them. It suggests a number of reforms to the UN and other global institutions.

Excerpts:

“Humanity today faces a growing range of global problems that require urgent attention—from the multiple terrorist attacks fueled by violent extremism, repression by autocratic regimes, and conflicts in Africa, Eastern Europe, the Greater Middle East, and elsewhere, to the growing global dangers posed by climate change, economic shocks rippling through closely coupled economies, and increasingly sophisticated cyber threats. “

“The Commission on Global Security, Justice & Governance offers pragmatic reforms using new tools and networks to build better global institutions and a new global ethic, with the aim of focusing policymakers, opinion leaders, and international civil society on the need for more dynamic and creative global solutions to looming global challenges.”

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On Care for our Common Home

May 24, 2015. Pope Francis released an encyclical ‘*Laudato Si: On Care for our Common Home*’, calling for concerted global action on the environment. An excerpt:

“Beginning in the middle of the last century and overcoming many



difficulties, there has been a growing conviction that our planet is a homeland and that humanity is one people living in a common home. An interdependent world not only makes us more conscious of the negative effects of certain lifestyles and models of production and consumption which affect us all; more importantly, it motivates us to ensure that solutions are proposed from a global perspective, and not simply to defend the interests of a few countries. Interdependence obliges us to think of one world with a common plan. Yet the same ingenuity which has brought about enormous technological progress has so far proved incapable of finding effective ways of dealing with grave environmental and social problems worldwide. A global consensus is essential for confronting the deeper problems, which cannot be resolved by unilateral actions on the part of individual countries. Such a consensus could lead, for example, to planning a sustainable and diversified agriculture, developing renewable and less polluting forms of energy, encouraging a more efficient use of energy, promoting a better management of marine and forest resources, and ensuring universal access to drinking water.”

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Bill Gates Calls for One World Government



January 29, 2015. Bill Gates was recently interviewed by German newspaper Süddeutsche Zeitung. In the interview Bill Gates responded to the problem of climate change by declaring that a world government is needed to deal with the crisis.

Excerpts:

“The UN system has failed”

“You can make fun of it, but in truth it was sad how the conference in Copenhagen [was] run, how ... the UN system failed,” the 59-year-old said in, referring to the UN Climate Change Conference 2009 in the Danish capital.

In view of the urgent problems in the world a global government is “badly needed,” said Gates. “Take the UN, it has been created especially for the security of the world. We are ready for war, because we have taken every precaution. We have NATO, we have divisions, jeeps, trained people. But what [about] epidemics? How many doctors do we have ... what scientists? If there were such a thing as a world

government, we would be better prepared.”

[Read more](#)

Local News

[World Government Research Network](#)

[Excerpted from the Democratic World Federalists newsletter, August 17]

According to the conveners of the [World Government Research Network](#), "Not since the 1940s world government 'heyday'. . . have so many academics been thinking seriously about global integration." Inspired by what they call "a resurgent interest over the last two decades," two young professors, **Luis Cabrera (Griffith University in Brisbane, Australia)** and James Thompson (Hiram College in Hiram, Ohio) have brought together scholars from many countries for direct exchanges, workshops, and conference panels on theoretical considerations concerning "global state formation." An [international conference](#) of scholars has been set for June 2016 in Brisbane. The group also makes its rich set of [research and teaching resources](#) available to the public--don't miss their excellent "world state debate" articles at [this link](#). It happens that two close associates of DWF, Andreas Bummel and Fernando Iglesias, sit on the WGRN advisory board.

[United Nations Association of Australia](#)

The UNAA has appointed a new Executive including younger people with needed skills. We (WCA) should look at areas where we can collaborate, e.g. the UN Academic Network is running a series of forums in Sydney – we should



be involved and could partner in one on UN reform/global democracy.

Daryl Le Cornu

International Coalition Against Nuclear Weapons

ICAN is making real progress with the ALP – a commitment to a **nuclear weapons ban treaty** is now part of the ALP Platform. Tom Albanese is a patron of the Tom Uren Fund – funds go to ICAN's work on nuclear awareness. Tania Plibersek OK, Mike Kelly is adviser to Shorten, good on nukes. Senator Lisa Singh excellent – great speech in the Senate last week. *[Unfortunately it appears she is likely to be dumped at the next Senate election: ed]*. ICAN sees the next 6 months as critical and that a global treaty may be possible in 2018.

Daryl Le Cornu

Human Survival Project

The film – *'The Man Who Saved the World'* - is to screen at Australian Catholic University North Sydney at 4.30pm on 25 September 2015. WCAA can be a supporter. There will be two speakers – John Hallam (HSP) and Sue Wareham (ICAN). Other supporters – MAPW and PND – are donating money. Also, UNAA, CPACS, WILPF. We need to mobilise our members to support this and be there on the night to mix with people and talk. We need our pamphlets there etc.

Daryl Le Cornu

Coming Events

Model Global Parliament, Sydney, September 18



The theme of our next Sydney MGP will be *'Our Common Home'*. Topics to be debated this year involve peace, climate change, reform of the United Nations and the global financial system.

Model Global Parliament, Canberra, October 9 - Details TBA.

Global Week of Action for a World Parliament, October 16-25



Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting was held on Sunday August 16th at Coogee. Minutes have been circulated, and many news items are given elsewhere in this Bulletin.

Election of Officers

A new team of officers was elected for the WCA:

President - Daryl Le Cornu



Dr Daryl Le Cornu has had over 30 years' experience teaching high school humanities subjects especially Modern History and Legal Studies. In 2011-2012 he was a Senior Curriculum Officer for HSIE for the NSW Department of Education. Over many years he has given lectures at HSC study days for students and professional workshops for teachers in both Modern History and Legal Studies. In 2005 he completed his doctoral thesis in History on the topic of 'American Intervention the First World War and the prospects of a negotiated peace.' In 2001 he was awarded the NSW Premier's Scholarship and undertook a study tour of the US and Britain researching peace activism in WW1. He has acquired a strong interest in Cold War

history, United Nations history, international law, global governance, and movements for world democracy. He is currently a Curriculum Lecturer at the Australian Catholic University (ACU), on the board of ICAN Australia (International Campaign Against Nuclear Weapons) and the Secretary of the Institute of Global Governance and Sustainable Peace. His current projects are the development of curriculum resources for high school teachers and student on peace movements, the United Nations, human rights, nuclear war, and international law.

Secretary - John Hegarty



John Hegarty has been passionate about a more peaceful and cooperative society since his early teenage years. He is an octogenarian and has many decades of experience in community groups and roles in education including teacher, Principal and School Counsellor covering K to Year 12 and TAFE. He is an 'aspiring elder'. He describes himself as "Teacher, counsellor, dreamer, achiever, ordinary, extraordinary & unique. Just like you!" Re all people, he quotes "It's not them and us, it's just us".

[Note: subsequent to the AGM, John has tendered his resignation as Secretary, on the plea that the position needs someone with more IT skills. He



will continue on the WCA Council, so we will still have the benefit of his enthusiasm and positive thinking.]

Treasurer - Radhiga (Rada) Dey

Rada Dey is a World Citizen. Born in India, raised in the Middle East and calling Australia home, from her childhood she experienced a sense of belonging to the world sans borders, cultures, customs and all that brings out the diversity in the human population. It is this connection to what unites us as humans that led her on the path to seek a career in Governance and dreams of one World one Order in her lifetime.

Having earned a Master's degree in Public Administration, she found there were gaps in the 'Public' aspect of Public Administration and further educated herself towards a Master's degree in Psychology, gaining an insight into human behaviour as individuals and how we function as a society. Rada worked in various corporate sectors overseas as a Management Consultant assisting Public and Private organisations in the field of Systems implementation and change, Quality Assurance and Risk management. Currently a Public Servant of the NSW State government, she works with vulnerable children, families and Communities at the frontline of Child Protection services changing the lives of children one at a time.

Her interests in influencing change at the macro level brought her to the World Citizens Association and the Institute of Global Peace and sustainable Governance.

Wali Islam continues as Vice-President. Congratulations to the new team.

Life Memberships



Life Memberships were unanimously approved for Michael De Mol and Michelle Cavanagh, our outgoing Secretary and Treasurer, respectively. They have given ten years' steadfast and devoted service to our Association from its very foundation, and we applaud and give heartfelt thanks for their commitment and dedication.

Wheelchair Project

The \$3000 we raised for 160 wheelchairs to be donated to disabled children in Bangladesh has not yet been spent. Wali has asked a medical association in Bangladesh to compile a list of prospective recipients. This is taking some time.

Advertisement

We need a volunteer to act as Secretary of the WCA. If you are interested, please contact Daryl at djlecornu@hotmail.com



Treasurers Report

World Citizens Association Australia

Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at 30/06/2015

CURRENT ASSETS

Brought forward 1/7/2014	390.83
Cash at bank	2882.10
TOTAL ASSETS	\$3272.93

TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$2768.19
NET ASSETS	\$504.74

Statement of Income & Expenditure as at 30/06/2015

INCOME

Membership fees	552.10
Donations	330.00

TOTAL INCOME	\$882.10
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EXPENDITURE

Admin Expenses	9.60
Postage	197.05
Printing	299.20
Transfers WCA Aid Fund	170.00
Pay Pal charges	6.34

TOTAL EXPENDITURE	\$768.19
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WCA Aid Project Fund

Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at 30/06/2015

CURRENT ASSETS

Brought forward 1/07/2014	1351.01
Cash at bank	6145.00
TOTAL ASSETS	\$7496.01
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$5664.30

NET ASSETS \$1831.71

Statement of Income & Expenditure as at 30/06/2015

INCOME

Donations	6145.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$6145.00

EXPENDITURE

Bangladesh school support	1800.00
Wheelchair Appeal	3000.00
Cyclone Pam Appeal	250.00
Nepal Relief Appeal	250.00
Miscellaneous	300.00
Transfer	10.00
Pay Pal Fees	54.30
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	\$5664.30

Michelle Cavanagh

Education Report

CHOICES EDUCATION

I spent a week at Brown University in July with academics and US teachers doing 'The Middle East in Transition' – their latest unit. Their program is a model for us for the IGGSP – based on academic experts creating high quality curriculum resources for teachers on contemporary topics

I proposed to them that they should do a unit on the nuclear disarmament movement in the 1980s. I put them in touch with Lawrence Wittner, who is happy to contribute to this. Once completed such a unit is marketed to 8,000 schools across the US

Can we conceive of a unit on world government/global governance that we could propose to them for a unit?



There is a possibility of getting a Choices branch in Australia if we can get funding and a university to back it.

WCAA FACEBOOK PAGE

Nearly 3000 have 'liked' the page started by Juwaid some time ago. We should look at a strategy of how to use it and have someone to manage it

Daryl Le Cornu

Institute for Global Peace and Sustainable Governance (IGPSG)

Our website is finally ready, and looking very smart. See <http://www.igpsg.org/>

Centre for Global Governance and International Peace

Tam has held renewed communications with UNSW on this project, and received sympathetic hearing. More details may emerge later.

IGPSG Trust

The purpose of the Trust is to raise funds for the Centre project above. We won DGR status (tax deductibility) for the Trust last year. After long delays, we finally have a printed brochure, a project proposal, and a website in place, and we are ready to go out and try to raise funds from foundations and charities. That will be out priority in the next year.

All donations this year have been directed towards the Peace Journalism Project of A/Prof Jake Lynch at the Centre for Peace and Conflict Studies, University of Sydney.

Coalition for a World Community of Democratic Nations

After long vicissitudes, the website for the Coalition is finally live, see <http://c4wcdn.org/>

Election of Officers

As no other nominations for the Management committee were received, the previous committee was re-elected unopposed.

Editor's Corner

There was a change of the guard at the Annual General Meeting, with the first change of executive officers since the Association was founded more than ten years ago. Michael de Mol is moving up to northern NSW for the time being, and Michelle Cavanagh felt it was time to give up her post as Treasurer. Both have been rock-solid supporters and activists within the WCA, and we owe them great thanks. Hopefully they will still be able to remain involved as members of Council.

I have also given way as President to Daryl Le Cornu. I think it is important for the continuity and health of the WCA that a younger team take over, and Daryl has all the right qualities of commitment and initiative to make an ideal President. I will continue to do all I can to further the agenda of the WCA.

John Hegarty stepped into the breach at the AGM as Secretary, but now feels someone with more IT skills is needed for the position.

Best wishes to the new team as they take the WCA on to the next level!

Chris Hamer (filling in for Aisyah)

