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President's Column – New Developments

Amid all the accelerating war and chaos on the international stage, there have been some exciting and hopeful developments in connection with our world federalist movement. One is the birth of the Atlas Movement, the first *global* political party that I know of, being launched in Australia this November. Please take a look at the following news item in this Bulletin, and consider seriously whether you might join the party! It advocates global action on many of the critical issues of our time.

Second is the renovation and reinvention of the world federalist movement WFM-IGP headed by John Vlasto, Amy Oloo and Donna Park. Their bi-annual Congress will take place early in November. We are an Associate Organization of the WFM-IGP, and Luiz Bispo is their Communications and Outreach officer. He will tell us more about this in his piece later in the Bulletin.

On the home front, our associated organization the Institute for Global Peace and Sustainable Development (IGPSG) has been taken over, made more independent and rejuvenated by Zeny Edwards and her team. For the first time, the IGPSG has held a separate AGM and separate election of officers, as detailed later in the Bulletin. They have taken over the organization of our Model Global Parliament program in Sydney, and supported the first schools-based MGP at Unity Grammar in May, which was a huge success. The event was featured in our last Bulletin.

Also, there is a possibility that the MGP program in Melbourne might be revived by Peter Mousaferiadis and his team. Watch this space!

Finally, I would like to give a warm welcome to Nadia Toumi, who has joined our WCAA team as Treasurer. She is the daughter of Liliane Metz-Krencker, who was an officer of the World Citizens Registry in France, and urged me on to the initial foundation of our WCAA. Liliane is a life member of our association, and Nadia is imbued with the same ideals, and also brings a wealth of practical experience to the role. Welcome, Nadia!

Chris Hamer

The Atlas Movement – A New Global Political Party

We have recently been contacted by a team from Argentina, Andrea Venzon and Colombe Cohen-Salvador, who are coming to Australia to try and recruit members for a new global political party, the **Atlas movement**.

The Philosophy of Unity - A Summary

Today's problems know no borders, and we need a global political force to deal with them. It's as simple as it gets.



That's why we are building Atlas, the **global political party in the making** **uniting** people worldwide **to create a freer, better and more equitable planet.**

We will run for elections from India to Kenya, Italy to Costa Rica, and even challenge undemocratic processes at the UN. Accessing parliaments and governments will allow us to advance our political vision - [the Philosophy of Unity](#) - and bring about change worldwide!

Atlas' 24,000 supporters in over 134 countries will only stop once they succeed.

Their goal in Australia is simple: to establish a stronger foundation for Atlas to start operating in Australia. Besides, they want to learn from best practices in the country and connect with great people.

The provisional schedule for public events includes:

Nov 2-6: Melbourne. They are organizing a Unity Day event on Saturday the 4th;
Nov 6-10: Canberra. An event on the 9th;
Nov 10-18. Sydney. An event on the 12th.

Please find below links to:

- * Their [website](#) ;
- * The [announcement](#) of their decision to become a global political party;
- * Their [political philosophy](#) in short and longer format.

This is a bold new venture, which could potentially lend great impetus to our movement. We urge all our world citizens members to consider seriously enrolling as members of this new global party! What could go wrong?

A Possible Referendum to End the Ukraine crisis?

I discussed this idea in my President's Column last time. Basically, the proposal is to end the horrific carnage in Ukraine by beginning with a ceasefire, followed by a legitimate, UN-supervised referendum in each of the disputed territories to see whether the residents would prefer to be citizens of Russia or Ukraine. My article on this subject has now been published [here](#)

I have since discovered that essentially the same idea (slightly less elaborate) has been floated by Alfred de Zayas, the former UN Expert on International Order. His article "A Blueprint for Peace in Ukraine" can be found [here](#). Even Elon Musk has recently aired a somewhat similar proposal!

I have recently been contacted by a young researcher from India, Pratul Mathumkar, asking to work with me on this project. He has a most impressive CV already in international relations for such an early career, and I propose to use some of our accumulated capital funds to employ him as a research assistant on this project on a part-time basis, if our members agree.
[This proposal was agreed at the AGM *nem. con.*]

Chris Hamer



WFM-IGP Congress via Zoom: 11-12 November

The World Federalist Movement global umbrella organization WFM-IGP will host the 2023 Congress on the 11th and 12th of November. One of the major objectives of the Congress will be to approve a new Interim Strategic Plan for the organization going forward, as well as election of the new Board/leadership of WFM-IGP. Topics about peace and security, environmental and social justice will also be discussed. For more information about the Congress, visit [here](#).

Diversity Atlas: diversity is our future

Diversity Atlas is the world's first holistic diversity data and equity tool, underpinned by the Global Database of Humanity: datasets developed over decades with diverse subject experts, comprising more than 42,000 human attributes, including every known language and dialect, non-sectarian and non-sectarian-like worldview, ethnicity and more. This is an integrated, sustainable approach to DEI where diverse people are valued for the very specific attributes they bring to the business.

When companies rush into DEI initiatives they seldom reach their goals, but instead unintentionally perpetuate the marginalisation and dissatisfaction of minority employees. Companies with sustainable strategies are happier, more creative and more profitable workplaces that foster a sense of belonging and reap the rewards of greater market relevance and a positive public image. As our clients have discovered, with the right tool, this is simple to achieve. Diversity defines who we are as humans. It is our past, present and future, so let's embrace it, champion it and let it guide our growth.

Diversity Atlas has been adopted by leading multinationals and others across the world, including supply-chain firm PSA BDP, global technology company Automatic Data Processing Inc (ADP), UNWfP, Converge, Global Victoria, Amazon Web Services (AWS) and many other companies.

Peter Mousaferiadis is the visionary Founder and CEO of cultural enterprise Cultural Infusion (est. 2002 in Melbourne, Australia) and creator of Diversity Atlas, with a passion for embracing diverse cultural expressions as a path to peace and prosperity. Peter had a career as conductor, creative director and is the winner of over 15 international awards, including the United Nations Intercultural Innovation Award, Global Business and Intercultural Peace Award. He is also the Patron of the WCAA Model Global Parliament program!

Visit of Jonas Parello-Plesner

Jonas Parello-Plesner, the Executive Director of the Alliance of Democracies Foundation, has replied positively to the invitation from our associated transnational working group, the Coalition for a World Security Community (CWSC), to visit Australia, but has now indicated that he is



fully booked for the rest of this year. He has now promised to pay us a visit in February next year. This should open the door for us to organize a symposium, roundtable meetings and discussions with government officials involving him during his visit. Rory Medcalf of the National Security Institute at the ANU has expressed interest in helping to organize events during his visit.

JOINT 2023 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (2023 AGM)

19th of October 2023, 18:00 via Zoom

World Citizens Association of Australia (WCAA), www.wcaa.org.au

Institute for Global Peace and Sustainable Governance (IGPSG), www.igpsg.com

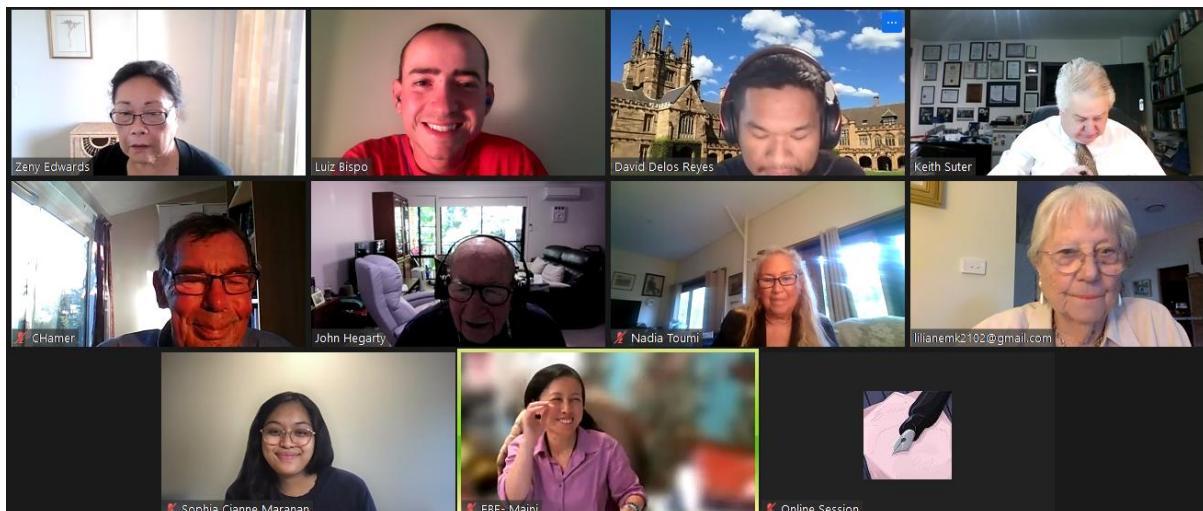


Photo credit: screenshot taken by Mr Luiz Bispo

Present: 1. Chris Hamer, 2. Zeny Edwards, 3. Keith Suter, 4. Luiz Bispo, 5. John Hegarty, 6. Sophia Maranan, 7. Mai ni Pham, 8. Charlene Cai, 9. Nadia Toumi, 10. Liliane Metz Krencker, 11. David Reyes

Apologies: Michael de Mol

REPORTS

Chris Hamer (President WCAA)

See my contributions above. As Acting Treasurer of the WCAA for 2022-23, I attach EOFY financial reports for the WCAA at the end of this report.
[The financial reports were approved by the meeting *nem.con.*]



Zeny Edwards (President IGPSG)



It has been a quiet year for WCAA activities fostering community engagement. There are plans to increase engagement and close cooperation with the programs of the Institute for Global Peace and Sustainable Governance (IGPSG) where they align and support or endorse the activities of other affiliated organisations promoting world citizenship.

GOVERNANCE

I have created a statement on the homepages of WCAA and IGPSG As mentioned in my annual report for IGPSG it was important to clarify the relationship between WCAA and IGPSG, and indirectly, WFM and CWSC based on the summary that Chris has forwarded to the committee previously.

MODEL GLOBAL PARLIAMENT MAY 2023



This year, WCAA's affiliated organisation, the Institute for Global Peace and Sustainable Governance, took charge of Model Global Parliament 2023, the long-held program originally organised by WCAA. WCAA Vice-president and IGPSG President Zeny Edwards reported that MGP 2023 was the first schools-based Model Global Parliament organized by Unity Grammar student Rayaan Nabi and held at Unity Grammar School and included schools from the Greater Western Sydney Region.

A concerted effort between Unity Grammar and the IGPSG Management Committee resulted in a very successful outcome judging from the feedback from the attendees, teachers and school executives, who signified their enthusiasm to participate in the next MGP. Liverpool Mayor Ned Mannoun has indicated further engagement with IGPSG regarding future events in partnership with his local government. Guest speaker Professor James Arvanitakis (Forrest Research Foundation) also confirmed his continued engagement and participation with IGPSG and its educational programmes.



Schools represented were: Unity Grammar (Russia, India); Malek Fahd Islamic School, Hoxton Park (UNASUR); Amity College (Australia); Hurlstone Agricultural High School (Pacific Islands Forum); Malek Fahd Islamic School, Greenacre (China); Malek Fahd Islamic School, Beaumont Hills (ASEAN); Birrong Boys High School (USA).

Speaker David Delos Reyes received acclamation from all the students. David announced that he is willing to train students to be speakers of the house for the next MGP to allow a different speaker to lead for each of the sessions. Preliminary discussions have tentatively scheduled the next MGP to be held in February or March 2024.

MODEL GLOBAL PARLIAMENT 2024



Will be held at the NSW Legislative Assembly in February or March 2024.

Recently, Chris Hamer has made contacts with Melbourne a Melbourne-based branch or affiliate of the World Citizens Association of Australia in order to advance our ideas, and in particular to restart sessions of the Model Global Parliament in Melbourne. Discussions are ongoing.

UN OBSERVANCE DAYS AND COMMEMORATIONS

- Anniversaries and festivals in other countries e.g. New Year celebrations in China, Korea and Vietnam.
- Ongoing discussions with Ku-ring-gai Council regarding the creation of a Peace Park as the site for planting six olive trees (propagated from the oldest olive tree in Australia growing at Elizabeth Farm). Continue promoting the importance of commemorating peace through tangible means and particularly encouraging students to participate. Example is Calder Yeung, an outstanding youth advocate who has convinced his school (North Sydney Boys High) to commemorate the International Day of Forests by planting a tree in their school grounds.
- International Day of Peace representations in schools.

REPRESENTATIONS

- Regular attendance of Lowy Institute conferences on various global issues e.g. AUKUS, China and G7, G20 meetings.
- Attended the 75th Anniversary of Jewish Independence on 3 May 2023.



- Joined as supporter of Climate Council of Australia – The Climate Council is Australia's leading climate change communications non-profit organisation formed to provide independent, authoritative information on climate change and its solutions to the Australian public. It advocates reducing greenhouse gas emissions.
- Continued to monitor Australia's relationship with Asian and Pacific countries particularly in relation to peace, economic stability i.e. climate, peace, security and human rights.
- Continue to seek partnerships and to endorse related advocacies of like-minded organisations e.g. Rotary Sydney, Amnesty International.
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Luiz Bispo (Secretary)

Other than the 2023 Congress, as explained previously (under Chris Hamer's report) the World Federalist Movement-Institute for Global Policy (WFM/IGP) has recently organized two events. One on *Ecological Agriculture and the Earth Constitution* orchestrated by Dr Guido Montani from the Union of European Federalists (Italy) and another one on *the International Launch of Legal Alternatives to War – Towards universal jurisdiction of the International Court of Justice (LAW not War)*, orchestrated by Dr Alyn Ware.

Keith Suter: "I must say that WFM is now progressing well"

Zeny Edwards: "I was really impressed with the document currently shared by John Vlasto, every makes sense. I would suggest inviting him to visit Sydney Australia at some point."

ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 2023-2024

Institute for Global Peace and Sustainable Governance (IGPSG)

President: Dr Zeny Edwards

Vice-President: Dr Keith Suter

Treasurer: Dr Chris Hamer

Secretary: Mr Luiz Bispo



World Citizens Association of Australia (WCAA)

President: Dr Chris Hamer

Vice-President (Community Engagement): Dr Zeny Edwards

Vice-President (Bangladesh Aid Project): Dr Wali Islam

Treasurer: Dr Nadia Toumi (welcome!)

Secretary: Mr Luiz Bispo

Director of Education: Dr Daryl Le Cornu

Advisory Member: Dr Keith Suter

The meeting closed at 18:58pm

19/10/2023

EOFY Financial Reports

Reports for the WCAA and IGPSG follow.



WCAA Account

Statement of Income and expenditure for financial year ending 30 June 2023

	2021-2022	2022-2023
Funds carried from previous year	40,575.35	37241.30
Income		
Membership fees and donations	671.10	2270.00
Capital gains +distributions	[2205.15]	4,966.78
Sundries		
Luiz support donations	2100.00	5150.00
Total	565.95	12,386.78
Expenditure		
Luiz support	3900.00	4800.00
NDEVR donation		1500.00
Total	3900.00	6300.00
Surplus(Deficit) for the year	[3334.05]	6,086.78

Balance Sheet for the year ended 30 June 2023

	2021-2022	2022-2023
Assets		
Cash at Bank	766.44	1886.44
Perpetual Wholesale Fund	36474.86	41441.64
Total	37241.30	43,328.08
Liabilities		
Net Assets	37241.30	43,328.08
Funds carried forward	37241.30	43,328.08



WCAA Aid Project Account

Statement of Income and expenditure for financial year ending 30 June 2023

	2021-2022	2022-2023
Funds carried from previous year	26900.00	12900.00
Income		
Donations	13,140.00	4,050.00
Total	13,140.00	4,050.00
Expenditure		
Library project	7,500	
Aid project support	19,640.00	
School event		190.00
Total	27,140.00	190.00
Surplus(Deficit) for the year	[14,000]	3,860.00

Balance Sheet for the year ended 30 June 2023

	2021-2022	2022-2023
Assets		
Cash at Bank	12900.00	16760.00
Total	12900.00	16760.00
Liabilities		
Net Assets	12900.00	16760.00
Funds carried forward	12900.00	16760.00



Institute for Global Peace and Sustainable Governance

Statement of Income and Expenditure for the Year Ended 30 June 2023

	2022	2023
INCOME		
Interest	2.21	404.22
Donations	586.00	0.00
Dividends	359.39	137.9
Capital appreciation	[2379.96]	6,605.50
Franking credit refunds	0	810.00
TOTAL INCOME	[1432.36]	7,957.62
EXPENDITURE		
IGPSG TRUST		
Edwards donation transfer to Trust	2000.00	
Fiducian donation transfer to Trust	5000.00	
Transfer to MGP account		5000.00
Printing costs		303.14
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	7000.00	5303.14
SURPLUS (DEFICIT) FOR THE YEAR	[8432.36]	2,659.15
Accumulated Funds at the Start of the Year	77356.48	68,924.12
ACCUMULATED FUNDS AT THE END OF THE YEAR	68,924.12	71,583.27

Balance Sheet for the Year Ended 30 June 2023

	2022	2023
ASSETS		
Cash at bank	12485.68	8,539.33
Hybrid bank shares	12884.00	13321.00
Perpetual Wholesale Australian Share Fund	43554.44	49722.94
TOTAL ASSETS	68,924.12	71,583.27
LIABILITIES		
TOTAL LIABILITIES		
NET ASSETS	68,924.12	71,583.27
ACCUMULATED FUNDS	68,924.12	71,583.27



IGPSG TRUST

Statement of Income and Expenditure for the Financial Year Ended 30 June 2023

	2022	2023
INCOME		
Donations	12420.00	10000.00
TOTAL INCOME	12420.00	10000.00
EXPENDITURE		
Gawura Learning Project	3000.00	
IGPSG Sponsorship	900.00	
KAPWA event		4,108.25
Sydney U, Womens College event		636.75
BANTU support		500.00
MGP training day expenses		811.65
MGP schools event		2,778.51
Website redevelopment		543.60
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	3900.00	9,378.76
SURPLUS (DEFICIT) FOR THE YEAR	8520.00	621.24
Accumulated Funds at the Start of the Year	2545.73	11703.55
ACCUMULATED FUNDS AT THE END OF THE YEAR	11065.73	12,324.85

Balance Sheet for the Financial Year Ended 30 June 2023

	2022	2023
Cash at bank	11065.73	12,324.85
TOTAL ASSETS	11065.73	12,324.85
LIABILITIES		
TOTAL LIABILITIES		
NET ASSETS	11065.73	12,324.85
ACCUMULATED FUNDS	11065.73	12,324.85



REGISTRATION FORM

I would like to join/renew my membership in the World Citizens Association (Australia)

Surname: _____

First Name: _____

Occupation: _____

Postal Address: _____

Email Address: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Subscription Rates: Full	\$40
Juniors, seniors, unwaged	\$10

Funds transferred:

Subscription

Donation to World Citizens Aid Project

Total

Please complete this form and send together with your cheque made out to 'World Citizens Association (Australia)' to:

Nadia Toumi, Treasurer, World Citizens Association (Australia),
4 Fern Creek Rd., Warriewood NSW 2102
nadiatoumi56@gmail.com>

Alternative methods of payment: (please still send in the form)

Online via <http://www.wcaa.org.au>, hit the 'Member Login' button at the top of the page, and then either the 'Join Us' or the 'Donate' button (no password necessary).

Or use direct electronic funds transfer to
BSB: 633000, account: 122927916

